

In Brief Newsletter

Promotion for Andrew and Chris

Chris Crystal, who works in Rollits' Property Department and Andrew Digwood who works in the Dispute Resolution Department have both been promoted to Associate.



Andrew Digwood, Chris Crystal

Chris, who joined Rollits in 2006 is a commercial property lawyer specialising in secured lending and corporate support in transactions work.

Andrew specialises in intellectual property and property disputes. He spent three years in the Commercial and Intellectual Property Department of a national law firm before moving to Rollits in 2004.

Managing Partner Richard Field said: *"Chris and Andrew are both talented lawyers who perfectly understand the Rollits culture and the way we do business with our clients. We congratulate them on their well-deserved promotions which are an acknowledgement of the hard work they have put in over the years."*

Rollits Partners singled out for praise

Six partners at Rollits were singled out for praise in the last edition of UK Legal Experts 2009.

They are described as "some of the leading lights in the UK legal profession".

George Coyle, Richard Field, Ralph Gilbert, John Lane, Neil Maidment and Steve Trynka have all been identified by researchers as being highly recommended in their particular areas of practice.

Steve Trynka, Richard Field and George Coyle are acknowledged in the company and commercial section, while Neil Maidment is recognised for his employment work, Ralph Gilbert for commercial property and John Lane is acclaimed for private client work.



Left to right: Neil Maidment, Ralph Gilbert, Steve Trynka, John Lane, Richard Field, George Coyle

Rollits raise cash for Comic Relief

Rollits raised over £400 for charity following a day of fundraising for Red Nose Day in aid of Comic Relief earlier this year. Partners and staff from the firm's Hull and York offices took part in the "Do Something Funny for Money!" day on Friday, 13 March 2009.

The money raised through Red Nose Day is allocated to a wide range of grants and social investments aimed at delivering real and long-lasting change to the poorest, most vulnerable people at home and across the world.

"Red Nose Day" organisers Kerry Horton and Linda Cook said: *"It was great fun. Staff at Rollits raised a*



Dawn Rusling, Gill Fletcher

fantastic £413 for Red Nose Day by wearing red noses and deely boppers, selling cakes, and holding a raffle and a 'Guess the Baby' competition! And two male members of the Dispute Resolution team really did do something funny for money by wearing red dresses for the day."

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Q&A with Douglas Oliver

Partner and head of Social Housing Group

What was your first job?

Filling freezers and unloading lorries for Freezer Fare (Frimley) Ltd.

If not in your present job, what would you like to be?

Independently wealthy.

What would be your ideal day out of the office?

Flyfishing for Trout.

Name one person you would like to have dinner with and why?

Paul Young (presenter of 'Hooked on Fishing') to find out what went on when the cameras were not rolling!

What was your best subject at school?

English.

What are your hobbies?

Coaching junior rugby union, flyfishing, shooting and ferreting.

How would you describe yourself in a personal advertisement?

Tall 50's epicure with figure to match and gsoh, loves country sports and rugby union.

What's your top time saving tip?

Delegate.

What would you do if you won the national lottery?

See that my family and friends were alright, reduce work commitment (but not retire) visit the remote places in the world where I can't afford to fish now!

Which political, legal, economic or sporting event would you most like to see happen in your lifetime and why?

Scotland to win the Rugby World Cup. To prove miracles can happen!

What is your favourite garment and why?

My fishing waistcoat. It means I'm not at work!

What was your worst mistake and why?

Not sitting my motorbike test in 1979 – it is now so regulated, I doubt I will ever bother and so cannot have the male menopause Harley.



What is your favourite time of day and why?

Dawn and Dusk – times of peace and beauty – and the fishing is usually best then!

What is the best thing about being in business in Yorkshire?

Good honest folk, good food, good beer, marvellous countryside – God's own county!

What would you like your epitaph be?

Here's tae him, wha's like him – damn few and they're a' deid.

Rollits advise Angling Trust on angling merger

Rollits has advised on the merger of six of the largest angling and conservation bodies in England.

Angling Trust has been created out of the merger of the Anglers' Conservation Association, Fisheries and Angling Conservation Trust, National Association of Fishing and Angling Consultatives, National Federation of Anglers, National Federation of Sea Anglers and Specialist Anglers Alliance. The new body will build on the benefits that the legacy organisations delivered to their members and will be a unified, powerful voice to protect fisheries, the sport they offer, and the environment on which they depend.

Stephen Marsh, the first Chairman of Angling Trust said "It is an organisation angling has needed for many years. It represents more than a million regular coarse, game and sea



anglers in England. Angling contributes £3.5 billion to the economy and supports 37,000 jobs".

Mark Lloyd, Chief Executive of the Angling Trust said: "The formation of the Angling Trust is a very exciting development because it will at long last offer a professional, high-profile and powerful voice for everyone who fishes with rod and line. Rollits were invaluable to the merger, steering the

Angling Trust through a difficult and complicated process with quality commercial advice delivered without fuss or commotion. Their lawyers deserve great credit for the success of this process."

Corporate Partner Richard Frogson, said: "This has been an unusual and exciting transaction to work on. We have been involved in the transaction from its inception and are delighted that the merger has successfully completed. We are sure that with the commitment shown by the board in completing the merger the organisation will be a very powerful force for anglers."

The Rollits legal team was led by Richard Frogson and included Gerry Morrison (Charities), Craig Engleman (Corporate) Neil Maidment (Employment) and Alison Munro (Commercial Property).

Rollits staff take on the three peaks challenge

Seven members of staff at Rollits have tackled the Yorkshire three peaks challenge for charity.

On Saturday 25 July, Emily Garner, Jennifer Sewell, Clair Douglas, Mike Wasling, Zoe Spinks, Rebecca Latus and Mark Dixon challenged themselves to climb the three peaks in one day in aid of The British Heart Foundation.

Emily, who organised the event said: *"This was the first time we had attempted the three peaks and were all looking forward to the challenge. We received great support and sponsorship from our colleagues, friends and family."*



The team climbed the well known three peak mountains of Whernside, which stands at 736 metres high, Ingleborough at 723 metres and Pen-y-ghent at 694 metres.

Emily added: *"We hoped to complete the gruelling 37.5 km (23.5 mile) circuit of the peaks within 12 hours – but unfortunately it took just a bit longer than that!"*

The team raised over £1000 for their efforts – and were rewarded with very sore feet!

Life swap in the park



Volunteers from Rollits' York office pulled on their warm clothes and waterproofs in March when they helped to plant trees in a park in York.

Richard Stirk, Alison Munro, Clair Douglas and Emily Garner swapped their desks and PCs for wellies and spades when they headed down to Hob Moor Local Nature Reserve in York to take part in a team challenge during the "Life Swap in the Park Week" as part of the York Cares initiative.

Richard Stirk said: *"The York Cares initiative is a fantastic project to be involved with. It gives us the opportunity to get involved in different activities and make a positive contribution to the city in which we work."*

York Cares is an independent registered charity which promotes

volunteering to people at work. Led by local employers, York Cares brings businesses, employees and community organisations together to run activities and events throughout the year in over 100 community projects throughout York.

As part of York Cares, Rollits have previously painted a local community centre, helped to clean up a local park in Acomb Wood, supported Christmas Sherry Parties in elderly peoples' homes and visited a school where staff talked to primary school children about careers and skills for work.

More recently Linda Cook, Emily and Richard attended a York Cares celebration event on 29 June 2009 to recognise and showcase volunteer achievements over the past year. Both Linda and Emily were presented with certificates to thank them for making a difference in the local community.

RNLI Award

Linda Cook, office manager at Rollits York office recently received a Bronze Award in recognition of her valuable support of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) from Andrew Freemantle, Chief Executive, RNLI at an awards luncheon held on 7 June 2009 at York Racecourse.

Linda has been involved with the RNLI for 10 years as a Committee member of the Hull Business Branch.

As a Committee member, Linda organises and attends committee meetings and takes minutes. Linda, together with other committee members, organise a golf day annually in May at Brough Golf Club, together with an annual dinner in January at the Willerby Manor. Both events are very well attended by local businesses, raising around £10,000 each year for this worthwhile charity from the proceeds of the two events.



Linda Cook, Andrew Freemantle, Chief Executive, RNLI

Charity golf day raises £4,000

Yorkshire businesses helped to raise around £4,000 for charity at our annual charity golf day on 2 July 2009.

Twenty six teams took part in the event at Brough Golf Club, which raised funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign, the only UK charity focusing on all muscular dystrophies and allied disorders, and Dove House Hospice, in Hull, which offers palliative care to adults with life limiting illnesses.

The winners of this year's competition, with a winning score of 121 (15 under par) was the team from Rixons Matthews Appleyard who were Andy Morley, Roger Gillingwater, Rory Clarke, Martin Wilson.

Senior Partner Steve Trynka said: "This year's tournament was a great success. We had fantastic weather and excellent support from businesses

around the region and are pleased to be able to support the two charities by presenting them with the proceeds of our golf day. Thank you to all those who entered teams, donated prizes and sponsored holes, without whom this day would not be possible."

From it's inception in 1988, the event has helped to raise almost £100,000 over the last twenty one years.

Next year's competition will again be held at Brough on Thursday, 1 July 2010.

Left to right: Brian Deehan, Linda Cressey (Muscular Dystrophy Campaign), Martin Wilson, Rory Clarke (Rixons team), Steve Trynka (Rollits).



TSC Foods MBO

Rollits' Corporate team acted for the shareholders of TSC Foods, led by Bill Morran, in the recent sale of the company in a £24m deal. Five members of TSC's management team and new MD Jonathan Skofic, backed by Key Capital Partners and Yorkshire Bank, completed the MBO in mid-July.

The Rollits legal team was led by Steve Trynka and included Nasim Sharf and John Flanagan (Corporate), Neil Maidment (Employment) and Rachael Noton (Property).



Dates for your diary...

Seminars

30 September 2009 at York
1 October 2009 at Hull

Back to Basics: Planning your Financial Affairs

Wills, Trusts, LPAs and more

10 November 2009 at Hull
11 November 2009 at York

Charities Update

1 December 2009 at Hull
2 December 2009 at York

Planning & Development 2009

Law Fairs

15 October 2009
University of Northumbria

4 November 2009
University of Hull

11 November 2009
College of Law, York

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