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of Procurators in Glasgow

Newsletter

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Bicentenary of the Royal Faculty library (1817-2017)

At 200 years old the library is one of the oldest in Scotland. Prior to the establishment of the Faculty library, law books were housed in Glasgow Cathedral. A law library for the Faculty of Procurators in Glasgow was first proposed in 1736 but it was not formally established until 27 February 1817. Between 1817 and 1857 the Faculty library moved a further couple of times until the Faculty Halls were built at St. George's Place (later renamed Nelson Mandela Place).

Today the library is rightly viewed as the jewel in the crown of the Royal Faculty. It now contains over a kilometre of shelving of legal textbooks, case reports and journals, which are continually updated, with every Scots law publication taken as well as a wide range of UK and European publications and also access to a number of electronic databases.

To mark the bicentenary the Royal Faculty has organised a number of events during the course of this year, beginning with the sell-out Triennial Dinner which was held in the Barony Hall in February. Other events will include a networking reception to showcase the building, a series of lunchtime concerts held in the Royal Faculty building, a quiz night, a pro bono Initial Advice Centre event, an opera night in the Faculty Hall, and finally a civic reception to be held in December in the City Chambers.

For over 200 years the library of the Royal Faculty has been an institution which its members have been justifiably proud of. To ensure that the library and other services provided to members continue to meet their needs and expectations a survey of the membership will shortly be carried out. All members are urged to submit a response to this survey when it is released.

Showcase Networking Reception (Wednesday 29 March 5.30-7.30)

The Royal Faculty of Procurators in Glasgow has been based in the heart of Glasgow city centre for over 160 years. The Royal Faculty's building has a number of rooms available for hire in an ideal location in the city centre, very close to both Central and Queen Street railway stations.

The rooms are suitable for a range of different types and sizes of events (including seminars, meetings, parties, receptions, consultations and mediations). Each room has its own unique atmosphere and can be hired by itself or in conjunction with any of the other rooms and can be set up to fit the requirements of your event.

The Royal Faculty is holding an open evening networking event to showcase the building and we would be absolutely delighted to welcome you to this event. To book a place please email the library – library@rfpg.org

Inter-firm Quiz

As part of the celebration of the library's bicentenary the Royal Faculty and TANQ Society are holding an inter-firm quiz on 11 May from 6.30pm.

Tickets are £50 per team (maximum 6 to a team) and include a welcome drink, nibbles and a donation to the Reid Law Endowment Fund. Will your team win the Bicentenary Shield?

Composite teams are also welcome, individual tickets are £10 (please contact tanq@rfpg.org if you would like to take part but can't put together a firm team).

The evening will be fully licensed and there will also be a raffle. All the profits from the evening will go to charity - including the Royal Faculty's Reid Law Endowment, which provides grants to law students who are in need of financial assistance.

To enter a team please fill in the form at www.rfpg.org/tanq

Brodie Cup

The Royal Faculty's inter-firm golf tournament will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday, 10 May 2017 at Pollok Golf Club. A team can comprise of 2 or 3 players (best 2 count) and joint composite teams are welcome. If you intend to enter a team please send your details with the players' names and club handicaps to Paul Carnan (Blaney Carnan Solicitors) pbcb@blaneycarnan.com

Tuesday Tunes

The Royal Faculty in association with Classical Musicians Scotland will play host to a series of lunchtime concerts showcasing a variety of Scottish-based classical musicians

- 21 March 2017 1-2pm - classical guitarist duo Allan Neave and Matthew McAllister
- 25 April 2017 1-2pm - AdLibitum, violin and classical accordion duo Andrea and Djordje Gajic
- 23 May 2017 1-2pm - Sirocco Winds, wind quintet

Tickets - £10 (including tea/coffee/baking) at door and in advance from daisy@classicalmusiciansscotland.com

Royal Faculty Pro Bono Event

The Royal Faculty, in conjunction with the University of Strathclyde Law Clinic, is to hold an Initial Advice Centre (IAC) event in the Royal Faculty building on 14th June. The IAC is a drop-in legal surgery for members of the public who have a legal problem but cannot afford a solicitor to get some information to help resolve their issue. The event will be staffed by volunteer solicitors and trainee solicitors, and run from 6pm to 7.30pm.

IACs cannot deal with every legal issue but do regularly deal with enquiries in the following areas:

- Consumer Protection (defective goods and services)
- Housing Issues (relating to tenancy agreements; factors and management companies)
- Small Claims (pursuing money which is owed to you or defending an action where someone is claiming against you)
- Employment Issues (claims for unfair/constructive dismissal)

Anyone wishing to volunteer for this event should contact Lorelle Doyle (IAC Coordinator)

enquiries@lawclinic.ora.uk

A Night at the Opera

The Royal Faculty in association with Classical Musicians Scotland is to hold an opera gala in celebration of the bicentenary of the Royal Faculty library.

A spectacular concert of opera classics with orchestra and singers on Saturday 24 June 2017 from 7.30pm in the Royal Faculty Hall.

Tickets £35, includes "nibbles and bubbles" interval

For tickets, please contact – daisy@classicalmusiciansscotland.com

RFPG Council

The Council is the governing body of the Royal Faculty and represents the interests of the membership, taking decisions on its behalf and formulating responses to consultation documents as required. As your local law society we are keen to represent members' interests as effectively as we can and use the considerable potential influence of the of the Royal Faculty to lobby for local legal interests at local and national level. We therefore invite members to raise concerns or voice their opinions on local and national issues. Members can contact the Dean and Council by emailing council@rfpg.org

The Royal Faculty AGM will take place at 1pm on Thursday, 1st June 2017. As there will be six vacancies on Council nominations are sought for members to serve on Council. Nominations should be made to the Chief Executive and would be welcome before 20th May 2017; there is no requirement for a proposer or seconder.

The offices of Dean and Vice-Dean also fall vacant at this time. In terms of the Bye-laws nominations are also sought for candidates to fill these vacancies. Nominations must be signed by the member nominated (or if appropriate the practice unit) and proposed and seconded by two other members. They must be lodged with the Chief Executive not less than three weeks before the AGM.

Charitable Funds

The Royal Faculty operates two charitable funds (the James Caldwell Bequest Fund and the Benevolent Fund) which provide grants to members of the RFPG, past or present, and the spouses/civil partners or dependants of such members whom the RFPG Council considers to be in need of assistance. At present the income available for grants exceeds the amount of grants paid and applications for grants are invited from RFPG members, past or present and other eligible. You are also requested to make those who might be entitled to these funds aware of them. The RFPG Council as the trustees of the funds have full discretion in the awarding of grants. Grants can be made singly or on a continuing basis. They may be made for a wide range of purposes including paying rent, council tax, the costs of house repairs, education and medical treatment. Applications for grants and any enquiries should be directed to the Administrator of the Charitable Funds, Kathryn Bready of Mitchells Robertson kb@mitchells-roberton.co.uk. Applications are dealt with in strict confidence.