

The BASIC Chequered Ball

On Friday the 11th July 2008 Ralli were represented by a table of solicitors at the recent Chequered ball a charity event hosted by their nominated charity for the year BASIC [The Brain and Spinal Injury Centre] which is based in Salford.

Our table was headed by Managing Partner Martin Coyne and consisted of Personal Injury Partners of the practice Victoria Johnson, Emma Hodson and Matthew Clayton and their colleagues in the Department Richard Biggs, Malcolm Trotter and Maria Penny.

In addition Associate solicitor and Head of Employment Mark Higgins was present with his assistant Lisa O'Brien and last but not least from the Commercial Department was Chris MacCafferty.

It was a very successful and enjoyable evening in which motor racing superstar Johnny Herbert both gave a speech of encouragement for the charity and assisted in the never to be forgotten very short and quiet process of auctioneering of a number of fabulous lots put up by fellow sponsors of the event.

At last the noise levels dropped as the shy and retiring compare in her red circus ringmasters costume sold off the last lot. In drifted the 70's superstars "the Drifters" fronted by their original lead singer and lots of fun and dancing followed as Ralli's own Ringmaster Malcolm "the Kilt" Trotter helped to ensure even the most bashful was able to both get to the dance floor and attempt to dance.

The evening ended as is often the case in these types of events with the ubiquitous rendition of "Dancing Queen" and the cheers of more from the happy and mostly sober guests.

The event was a great success for BASIC in particular and helped bring in much needed funds to help keep up their important work in assisting the brain and spinal injured in the North West.

For Ralli it was a fun night and an opportunity for their hard working solicitors to let their hair down but it also helped to cement the great relationship that has developed between the practice and BASIC and was a reflection of their continued support for this charity and its crucial work.