Celebrating 40 years of success: Severn Valley Branch anniversary

Briefings



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What started as months of meticulous planning, culminated in a spectacular evening as the CIOT/ATT Severn Valley Branch celebrated its 40th Anniversary.

The event, held at the Revolution Bar in Cheltenham, proved a resounding success, in a night dedicated to honouring the past and embracing the promising future of the Branch. Hosted by the new Branch Chair Gina Gardner, attendees were welcomed by an incredible display of balloons in CIOT/ATT colours.The Committee expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support from attendees. The celebration offered a fantastic atmosphere and an opportunity for Branch members to network with fellow local professionals, all complemented by delicious food.

A series of heartfelt thanks are extended to those who played pivotal roles in ensuring the event’s success, especially Emma Barklamb, Head of Member Services at CIOT, and Andrea Gale, Branch Network Manager, for their months of support leading up to the celebration. Their infectious energy undoubtedly contributed to the

positive atmosphere of the evening.

Special recognition was given to Simon Groom, Senior Tutor at LexisNexis, and Helen Whiteman, CEO of the CIOT, for their insightful speeches and unwavering support. Lynne Poyser, Tax Manager at Tolley, and Sarah Hewson, Tax Technical Lead, shared words of wisdom for the future, adding depth to the evening's reflections. We were also delighted to be joined by the Mayor, Councillor Matt Babbage, and his wife Suzy, who admired the strong community spirit being displayed that evening.

Ballards LLP sponsored the drinks reception allowing guests to mingle, exchange ideas and form new professional connections. We then welcomed Elaine Warwicker from Canny Conversations who provided her top ten networking tips. Her interactive session provided valuable takeaways in our post pandemic world.

New committee members Joe Newton and Harriet Turner were commended for their enthusiasm and willingness to contribute to the event's success, and we were delighted to be joined by a new member. The evening concluded with an unexpected highlight – as Alex Nelmes, the recipient of the Branch Prize, received a bottle of prosecco with a fountain candle as a huge well done for a great exam result.

The Committee look forward to the continued success and growth of the CIOT/ATT Severn Valley Branch. The 40th Anniversary celebration served as a testament to the commitment and shared passion that defines the Branch's journey over the past four decades. Here's to the next 40 years of excellence!