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# Monthly Newsletter

*For April 2023*

## International Women's Day event review

On Thursday 9 March 2023, MTYBA hosted its International Women's Day celebration featuring a panel discussion by a group of stellar female speakers which focussed on their respective journeys to the Bar how they got there by overcoming any obstacles that stood in their way.

It was an insightful and inspiring evening. Alice de Coverley of 3PB Barristers was kind enough to share for the first time in public her struggles with neurodiversity during her school years before she received a diagnosis of ADHD. Alice, a champion of Neurodiversity in Law, is helping to break the stigma around neurodiverse barristers. As Alice explained, neurodiversity can be one's greatest strength.

Christina Warner of 33 Bedford Row motivated us all by telling us of her personal journey navigating her practice with a disability and the spoke of the freedom she felt being able to share with others.

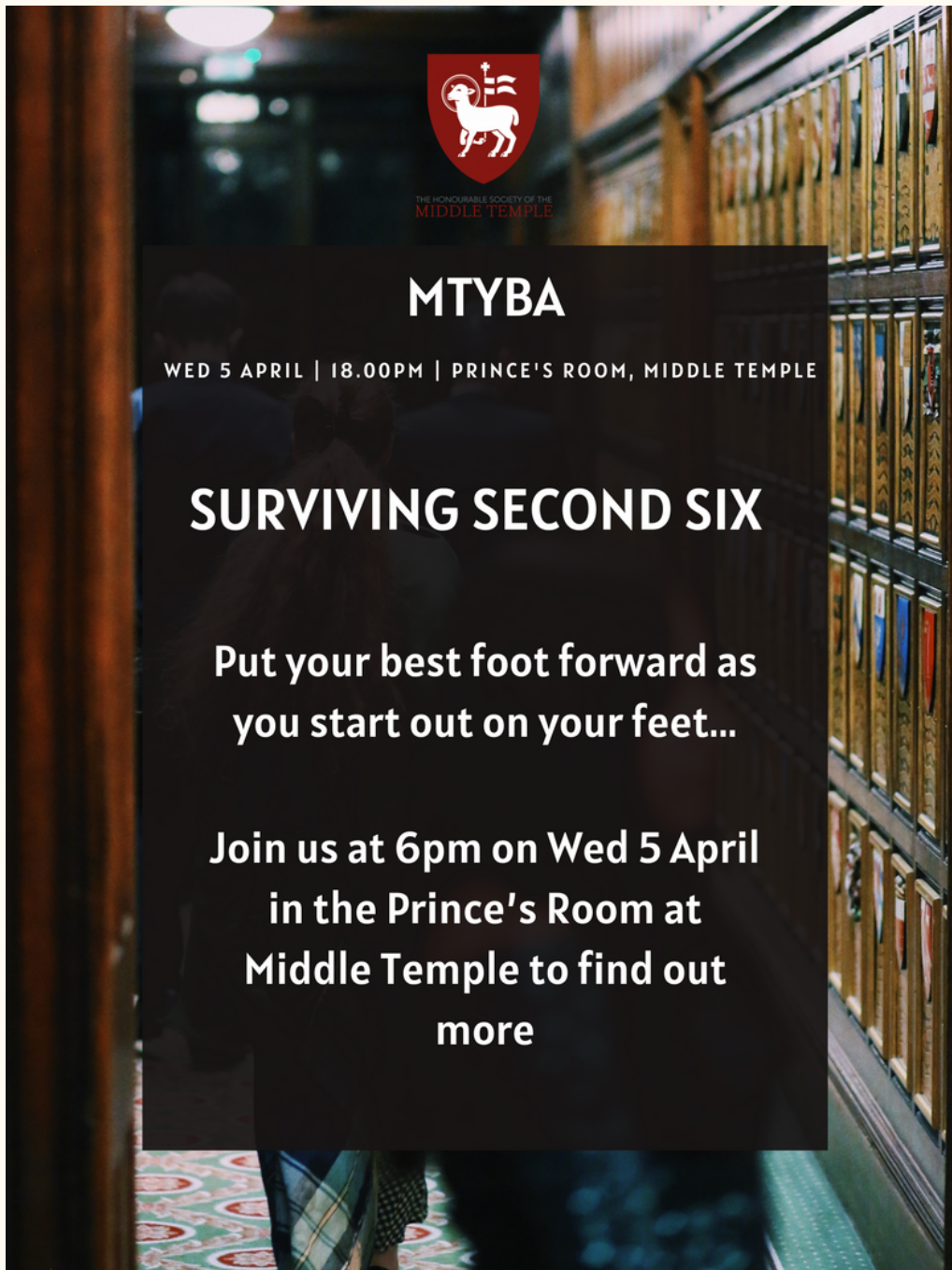


From left to right, Master Elaine Banton, Christina Warner and Alice de Coverley (Mary Prior KC joining via video link off screen).

Master Elaine Banton of 7BR encouraged us all to embrace our differences and not to be afraid to be the first.

Finally, Mary Prior KC of the 36 Group spoke of her own imposter syndrome and how throughout her career she felt as though she "shouldn't be here". Mary reminded us that there is space for everyone at the Bar, no matter who you are or whatever your background.

MTYBA thanks all of our wonderful speakers for celebrating IWD 2023 with us and looks forward to next year.

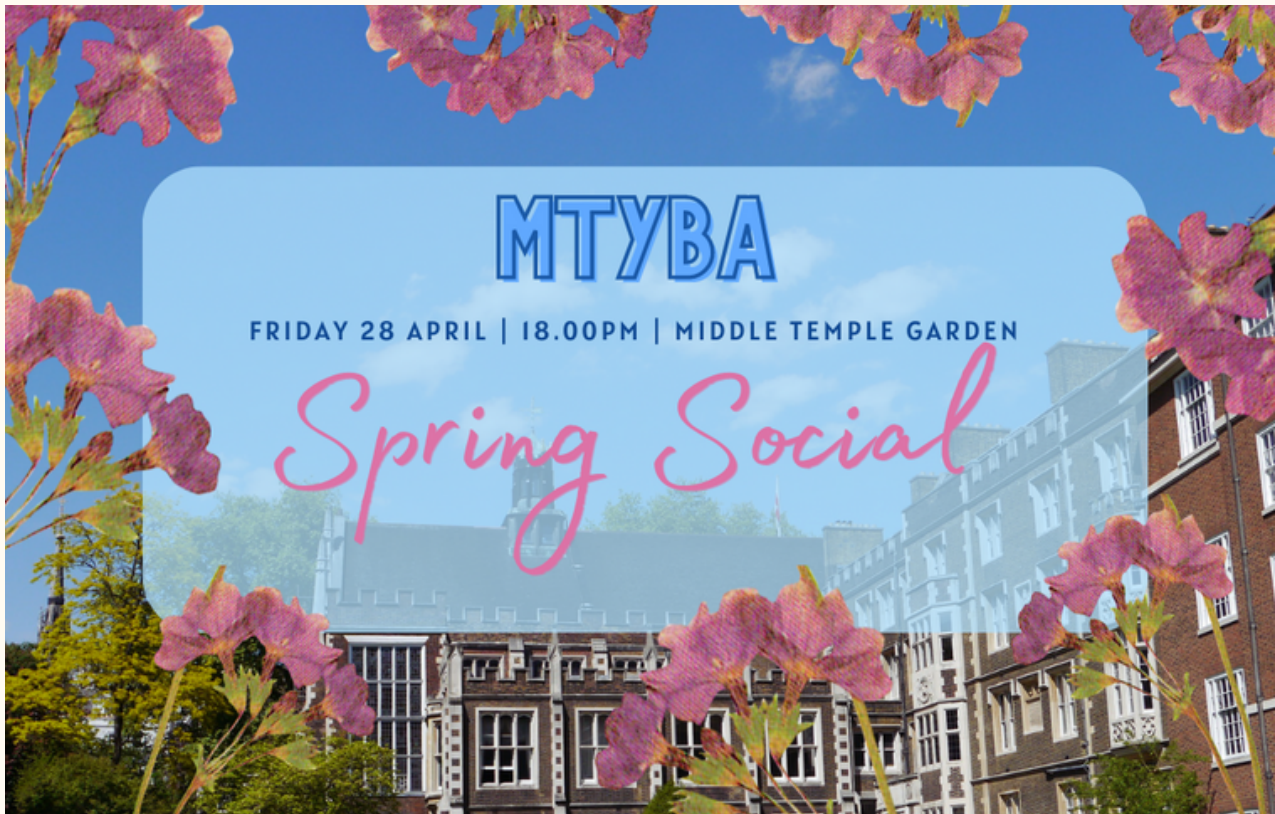


Join us 6pm on Wednesday 5 April for a panel discussion and Q&A with:

- Alice Whyte – Gatehouse Chambers, 2019 Call (commercial, insolvency)
- Thomas Mallon – Henderson Chambers, 2019 Call (commercial, consumer)
- James Harrison – Six Pump Court, 2021 Call (crime, environment)
- Amy McClean – Gatehouse Chambers, Practice Manager

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# Spring Social, 28 April



**MTYBA is looking forward to hosting its first social of the year on Friday 28 April in Middle Temple garden with use of the Garden Room.**

**Kick start your weekend at our champagne and canape reception with as we enjoy the gardens in full bloom and hopefully some good weather too.**

**Tickets for this event are 3/4 gone so don't miss out!**

**The dress code for this event is cocktail. Please email [enquiries@mtyba.org](mailto:enquiries@mtyba.org) with any questions.**

**[TICKETS](#)**

# Middle Temple Student Open Day, 26 March



**MTYBA Tenancy Officer Jaysen Sharpe, a chancery barrister at Gatehouse Chambers (pictured second from left), speaks to undergraduate students at the Middle Temple Open Day on Saturday 26 March 2023.**

**Jaysen spoke about his route to the bar and gave students with an insight into the breadth of work and opportunities available at the chancery bar.**

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