



Out and about: Last month was a busy one in terms of seasonal festivities, mixed with a liberal sprinkling of hearings. The ALMR Christmas lunch was the usual opportunity to catch up with friends. There was also the Association of Independent Festivals 'speed dating' event in London which was a very enjoyable afternoon, meeting organisers of some fantastic festivals.

Hearings this past month have included hearings in Wantage, Hammersmith & Fulham and Cardiff and meetings for various clients as far afield as York.

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Alcohol & entertainment licensing news

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From the 1 January 2016, the total number of temporary event notices (TENs) a premises can apply for a year has increased from 12 to 15. However, the number of days available over which TENs can be held remains 21.

The rules in relation to notice periods for TENs remains the same, at 10 working days notice required before the event, or between 5 and 9 working days for a late TEN.

Remember that if a late TEN is submitted, then any representation from the police or EHO leads to its rejection, so if possible, apply early!

Updated alcohol guidelines published

The government has published new alcohol guidelines for adults and now claims there is no safe consumption level. The number of recommended units for men has been cut to 14 per week- the same as the guideline for women. In addition, there have been subtle changes in the way these recommendations are given, with weekly rather than daily limits introduced as the main measure, alongside a recommendation to have at least a couple of days a week alcohol free. The changes have been introduced following on from better medical evidence since the guidelines were last updated in 1995.

Unsurprisingly, there has been a backlash from the industry, querying whether the advice is balanced or indeed a fair reflection of the evidence of the actual harm caused by drinking in moderation. Critics of the new guidance claim that the government's advisors have ignored surveys that found moderate drinking improves health and life expectancy.

Gambling news

Gambling Commission produces quick guide to machines in pubs

The Gambling Commission has produced a helpful guide to premises licensed under the Licensing Act for the sale of alcohol on the premises. It includes sections on entitlements for machines and, more interestingly perhaps, guidance on responsibilities of those providing gambling by way of machines. It also includes a useful link to the code of practice for gaming machines in clubs and premises with an alcohol licence.

The guide can be found [here](#).

Other news

TLT welcomes new licensing solicitor Luke Elford

We are delighted to announce that Luke Elford has joined TLT's licensing team from the start of January. Luke is a solicitor with four years' experience in licensing, having previously worked in private practice and at a London local authority. He brings a vast amount of experience with him in relation to licensing premises, advises a range of clients including pubs, nightclubs, galleries, theatres, venues and hotels and will be based out of our London office. You can reach him directly on +44 (0)333 006 1358 or luke.elford@TLTsolicitors.com.

If you would like any more information on the information in this bulletin, or would like to seek legal advice on any form of licensing law, please feel free to get in touch.

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TLT's Leisure team is made up of over 50 lawyers. We provide clients with a full service including licensing, real estate, corporate M&A, finance, equity investment, competition, commercial services, franchising, intellectual property, planning, dispute resolution, employment and pensions. Our clients appreciate the seamless service that we can give them through our innovative approach. Our specialists help some of the sector's leading pub companies, hotels, clubs, restaurants, visitor attractions, festivals and tour operators to stay ahead in this highly competitive industry.

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