

WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2026 – 12:00 FOR 12:45

THE PAVILION BALLROOM, WESTOVER ROAD, BOURNEMOUTH

EARLY BIRD PRICE: **£60** (BEFORE 3 DECEMBER 2025)

£70 (FROM 4 DECEMBER 2025)



We are pleased to confirm that our Annual Lunch 2026 will, once again, be held at The Pavilion, Bournemouth. You are invited to join BDLS President, Mark Proctor, at what will be one of the Society's most prestigious events of the year.



Our speaker is **REVEREND RICHARD COLES**

Reverend Richard Coles is a broadcaster, writer, and former Church of England priest. In a remarkably varied career he hosted Radio 4's Saturday Live for twelve years, found fame as one half of the band, The Communards, has written mystery novels, and came third in I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!

After enjoying three UK Top Ten hits with The Communards, including the biggest-selling single of 1986, Don't Leave Me This Way, Richard took to writing and religion. He trained for a priesthood in the Church of England - becoming what could only be described as a 'very modern' vicar. He was Curate at St

Botolph's in Lincolnshire, before moving to St Paul's Knightsbridge, and becoming Chaplain to the Royal Academy of Music. His career in the church inspired the hit BBC2 comedy Rev. He recounted his journey from 'pop star to parson' in his honest, amusing, moving and best-selling memoir *Fathomless Riches*. In his book *Bringing in the Sheaves*, Richard writes about his first ten years in the ministry, and his continuing career in media. His novel *Murder Before Evensong*, is the first in his Canon Clement Mystery series.

Multi-talented Richard has turned his hand to acting, penned music for film and TV, served up advice as 'agony uncle' on BBC London, and won a Sony Gold for his Radio 5 Live show. He continues to work in broadcasting, frequently appearing on shows including Have I Got News for You, QI and Would I Lie to You? He has co-presented BBC One's The Big Painting Challenge, competed in MasterChef, won Celebrity Mastermind and University Challenge, and has the distinction of performing "the worst Paso Doble in the history of Strictly Come Dancing".

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MENU

Starter

Pressed Duck Terrine (GF)

Balsamic glazed figs, caramelized orange and micro herbs with Cumberland sauce

or

Duo of Parisienne Melon with Whipped Feta (V) (GF)

Cantaloupe and Galia melon, whipped feta cheese, toasted za'atar seeds, sumac, mint and honey dressing

Main Course

Supreme of Cornfed Chicken (GF) (DF available)

Sweet potato dauphinoise, chargrilled courgettes and asparagus with sauce Forestière

or

New Forest Mushroom and Celeriac Suet Pudding (V) (GF/VG/DF Available)

Sweet potato dauphinoise with confit carrot, steamed winter greens and a red wine thyme gravy

Dessert

Chocolate and Salted Caramel Tart (VG/GF)

Textures of raspberries with a chocolate and raspberry ice cream

or

Cherry and Custard Tart (V)

Vanilla meringue pieces, sour cherry gel and chocolate shavings with clotted cream ice cream

Tea or Coffee

Please book your places by email Mandy Heath at mandy@bournemouthlaw.com by Tuesday 16 December 2025 at the latest. Last year was a sell out within days with a waiting list, so book early to avoid disappointment. **Your booking will be confirmed once payment has been received.**

Table Plans to be received by Tuesday 16 December 2025 by email: mandy@bournemouthlaw.com.

Please note: round tables seat 10-12 guests. If your party has fewer than 10 people, you may be sharing with another group. For larger parties who wish to sit together, long tables can be arranged (subject to availability).

Terms and Conditions:**1. Booking Confirmation and Payment Terms**

- All bookings are subject to availability and are not confirmed until full payment is received.
- A confirmation email will be sent upon successful booking.
- Accepted payment methods include BACS and debit/credit card
- Late payments may result in cancellation of the booking.

2. Cancellation Policy

- Cancellations made two months before the event will receive a full refund.
- Cancellations made within two months of the event date are not refundable.

3. Event Conduct

- Attendees are expected to behave respectfully and in accordance with the Solicitors Regulation Authority's expectations of professional conduct.
- BDLS reserves the right to remove any attendee who is disruptive or poses a safety risk.

4. Liability

- BDLS is not responsible for loss or damage to personal property during the event.
- Attendees participate at their own risk.

5. Force Majeure

- BDLS is not liable for cancellations or changes due to circumstances beyond their control (e.g., natural disasters, government restrictions, pandemics).

6. Privacy Policy

- Personal information collected during the booking process will be used solely for event management purposes and will not be shared with third parties without consent.

7. Photography & Media

- By attending the event, you consent to being photographed or recorded for promotional purposes unless you notify BDLS in advance.

8. Contact Information

- For any questions or concerns, please contact us at office@bournemouthlaw.com