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## **34<sup>th</sup> CLASS AGM**

### **Altrincham – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009**

The 34<sup>th</sup> CLASS Group AGM was hosted by The City of London in early July at the Guildhall. The meeting was held in the Old Library and attendees were also treated to lunch in the beautifully restored West Crypt.

The theme of the meeting was “Preparing for 2012” and a strong line up of speakers including Michelle Lewis of PADA, Richard Wilson of NAPF as well as Mercer and *aquilaheywood* presented on a variety of topics in relation to scheme reform and the potential impact of personal accounts.

Outside of the main keynote speeches attendees were also able to learn more about *altair* and *AX/Se* products with demo sessions including Image, Process Automation, Member Self Service, Word Integration, Payroll and Multiple Employment functionality with a number of *heywood* consultants on hand to help.

CLASS Group members were also invited to bring annual benefit statements along to share examples and information with other users of how they are produced, external companies used and details of any partnerships.

The event was rounded off with dinner aboard the Erasmus cruiser which provided spectacular night time views of the city from the River Thames.

*heywood* would like to thank City of London for their hospitality as well as Barnett Waddingham, Hewitt, Hymans Robertson, Mercer and Prudential for all of their support.

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**Notes to editors****CLASS Group**

CLASS Group stands for Computerised Local Authority Superannuation System and was formed in 1975 with eleven members. The idea behind the CLASS Group was to develop a system to computerise their pensions administration and the selection of *heywood* and the close working relationship *heywood* has had with the CLASS Group since its formation is one of the most successful examples of Public and Private Sector co-operation. The CLASS Group now has 84 members.

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