

PICT shows talent at Annual Lunch



Held on Friday 8th March, PICT's Annual Lunch, once again, took place at the Park Plaza Riverbank Hotel on London's Albert Embankment – and this year, thankfully, there wasn't even a hint of snow in the air as there had been the year before.

This, the 10th Annual Lunch, following the earlier AGM and the customary pre-lunch drinks, began with the Loyal Toast. This was followed by the President's toast to the past-Presidents and the Committee after which the starter was served, a tasty ham hock terrine. As the plates were cleared, the legendary game of Heads and Tails took place – five calls of Tails on the trot gave rise to some jovial heckling from the assembled guests – ending with seven entrants on the stage for the final rounds. Following two calls of Heads, the eventual winner won it with a Tail. (once again your Editor was out in the first round!)

After everyone had re-taken their seats, Peter Blakeley, who had assumed the mantle of MC for the day in the absence of Andy Thompson, gave details of the fundraising auction and the table raffle that would be

taking place during the afternoon. He also took the opportunity to kick-off proceedings by auctioning some of the donated items before the main course was served.

After a delicious chicken dish, followed by a warm Victoria plum tart – all very yummy - Peter Blakeley, gave a witty dialogue of the new President before announcing him to the assembled guests.

Thanking Peter for the introduction, Peter Bothwick, PICT's new President, took to the podium.

Peter began by saying that it was a real pleasure to welcome everyone to the Annual Lunch of the Paper Industry Charitable Trust and that he was delighted to see so many at the lunch this year. He then introduced PICT's official guests – Andy Buxton, President of the Birmingham Paper Trade Society and Nick Murphy, President of the Lancashire 25 Club. He also thanked PICT's officers, board and committee members, as well as past-Presidents Paul Johnston-Knight, Nick Gee and Joe Piggott.

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annual lunch

He continued by saying that he did not propose to speak about the conditions in the paper industry, or equally to speak about Brexit – “Except to give you my answer to what appears to be the biggest question, which is, should there be an Irish backstop? And my answer to that is yes, there should be especially if the Irish wicketkeeper is crap!” Adding: “For those of you unfamiliar, that was a little cricket joke – apparently!” Although the start of his speech caused much hilarity – Peter’s focus throughout his address was to promote PICT’s mission as a charity, the vital work it does and the way forward.

He said that many at the lunch would already know the work that PICT does, however, some may know very little, or worse, “might still think that we are just an old boys club!” He explained that PICT aims to raise money through its events, in order that the charity can consider requests from, or on behalf of, paper industry personnel, past or present, who have found themselves in difficulty. “Please if you know of someone who might need our help, give us the information, which will be treated with the utmost sensitivity”. He continued by saying that everyone’s support at the lunch, and for the sporting events, enabled PICT to generate the income for its charitable assistance. He also thanked those that had donated prizes for the auction during the lunch.

In order to get PICT’s message out there further and increase awareness, Peter believes that there is benefits in working liaisons with other paper industry organisations and, in this respect, the charity has started constructive discussion with the Paper and Board Association, as well as entering into a partnership with Tim Bowler’s organisation Focal Strength Ltd, which runs courses for the paper and associated industries.

As well as increased awareness, Peter wants to elicit the help of the PICT members themselves. “I would like to see PICT make a brief appearance at as many of your internal meetings as possible – to not only keep everyone informed and updated, but also to listen to your thoughts for PICT in the future – perhaps you may have an idea for an activity that we can arrange in the name of PICT.” He added: “Put simply anything can be arranged, if the numbers are there to support it and it can generate some revenue for the charity.” He also wanted to see company managers and team leaders encourage their staff to join in with any of PICT’s events if they had expressed an interest in them.

This plea led on quite neatly for Peter to thank all the sports sections’ secretaries who work so hard in organising the events: Mike Robertson, who looks after cricket; Mike Kerlogue, who looks after Shanks golf; George Fowler, who looks after angling; John Victoros, who looks after tennis; Fred Haines, who diligently organises the charity golf day each year; and finally, Paul Johnston-Knight, who is trying to revive the skiing section. He continued: “Paul is our immediate past-President and I must really thank him for his commitment to PICT throughout his year of office.” Peter then presented Paul with his past-President’s badge.

Peter went onto thank PICT’s secretary, Anne James for all her tireless work, not only with the organisation of the lunch, but throughout the year. Adding: “Anne you are priceless, thank you, from all of us.”

Concluding, Peter thanked everyone who attended the lunch, explaining that by doing so they had already contributed to PICT, adding: “It is now up to us to give back to you, with greater awareness of what we do and can do. I therefore personally look forward to visiting as many of you as possible over the next 12 months.” He also thanked the PICT members who had brought guests with them, and it was to these guests that Peter proposed a toast.



After-lunch entertainer Daliso Chaponda

After much applause, Peter went onto introduce the after-lunch entertainer – Daliso Chaponda.

Daliso, who shot to fame on Britain’s Got Talent – making it to the final of the 2017 series - enthralled the guests with a mix of African jokes and his thoughts on UK life. One amusing annotation was about male contact, commenting: “Men don’t like hugging in the UK – however, there is a 30 second window after a goal is scored in football – when anything goes...!!” And this was only one of his many amusing observations and anecdotes during his performance. And judging by the laughter that ensued around the room all the guests enjoyed his mix of jokes and thoughts.

Once the clapping had subsided, Peter Blakeley once again took to the stage and thanked Daliso



The popular Heads and Tails



Top table guests (l-r) Margaret Curle, Robert Lockwood, Daliso Chaponda, Peter Bothwick, Andy Buxton, Anne James and John Garlick

for his entertaining look at life.

He then proceeded to auction the final items, as well as announce the winner of the table raffle. Finally, on behalf of PICT, he thanked everyone for coming along to support the Annual Lunch and announced that the formal part of the day was now over and that people could repair to the bar or local hostelry to continue 'networking'.

All in all, an excellent day was had by everyone, and we can now all look forward to next year's fundraising lunch.

Margaret Curle

from the editor's pen



Well here we are again – summertime and lots of things happening, especially sporting wise, and I don't just mean the Ashes Tour.

PICT's sporting sections are all in full flow, with lots of events to join in over the next few months, as well as lots of reports to read from those that were held earlier in the year.

Cricket secretary, Mike Robertson, is once again endeavouring to get a cricket match back on the agenda – so please do join in – perhaps your company can get a team together? That would be great news – ask around – and remember you don't have to be a top-notch player to join in.

Another area where you don't have to be adept, is to join in with Shanks. Mike Kerlogue, Shanks' secretary, has put some words together to let everyone know what Shanks is about - have a read of it - you could find that Shanks would be an enjoyable pastime and you never know you may find it good practice if you fancy playing 'real' golf at the Charity event organised by Fred Haines, which by the way still has spaces.

Both the Tennis and Angling sections have events coming up too – both looking for participants – so please do have a look and perhaps give it a go. Anyone can join in to any of the sporting sections –

young, old, male, female – they are not exclusive clubs, they are all trying to achieve the same end – to raise monies for PICT, so the charity can help those in the paper industry that that have fallen on hard times and need some help or support in one way or another.

Of course since the last newsletter, PICT has held its Annual Lunch – a hugely successful day, and with more guests attending this year as well. This, the charity's main fundraising event, raised more than £8,000 this year. So thank you to everyone that supported it. Details of the 2020 Annual Lunch is in this newsletter, so be sure to make a note in your diary of the date.

The charitable trust, Apsley Paper Trail has also got some interesting news. In association with The Stationers' Company, it is holding a Dinner in November to celebrate the life of entrepreneur John Dickinson, entitled 'The Celebration of Paper', details of how to get involved are on page 13.

Unfortunately with all this good news comes some sad news too – since the last newsletter we have lost some of our well-known faces from the paper industry, namely Doug Brown, John Garlick, Ivan Gunn and Alan Ward. All of them will be sadly missed by family, friends and colleagues.

Finally, on that sad note, I hope you all enjoy reading this newsletter and why not join in with the sporting events, even if it's only one! But whatever you decide to do have a great summer. Happy reading!!

Margaret Curle

profile new president



Peter Bothwick presents Rod Benwell the VP badge

Our 2019/20 President can hardly be referred to as the 'new' President, as this is Peter's second stint in the role. His previous Presidential tenure was back in 2009, when he presided over the last occasion on which the PICT annual event was held as a Dinner. It has been staged as an Annual Lunch since 2010.

Peter retired from the paper industry in March 2018, after 49 years of service! He started with Wiggins Teape originally, and progressed through Stora, Stora Enso, Grycksbo Paper, Arctic Paper, and, for the final five years of his working life, Burgo UK, the last two years of which as Managing Director.

Peter has retained many paper industry contacts, and he says that retirement has allowed him more time to attend various little 'lunch clubs' with those contacts. As

well as being our President for this year, Peter is also a Trustee of PICT, a Committee member of the Birmingham Paper Trade Society, and a Liveryman of the Stationers' Company, all of which keep him in touch with the industry.

One of Peter's other retirement commitments revolves around four grandchildren! He and his wife Glynis have two daughters, Jane and Katie, who have two children each, Lily 6 and Hari 4, and Liam 5 and Grace 3. Peter sees all four regularly, and many babysitting duties are fulfilled!

Peter remains a season ticket holder at Tottenham Hotspur FC, and retirement has enabled him to dedicate more time to European away games. Barcelona, Eindhoven, Dortmund, and Amsterdam were all visited amid high excitement last season, as well as the Champions League Final in Madrid, where the excitement was somewhat reduced! But a new season beckons, so the passport will be needed again.

Peter was absolutely delighted with the increased attendance numbers at the 2019 PICT Annual Lunch, and is conscious that such a result truly gives us a platform on which to build. Having said that, PICT is still anxious to update its age profile, so it is vitally important that more young people from our industry are given the opportunity to get involved with PICT.

Peter would very much like to remind everyone of the main objective for PICT – namely, to consider and provide where appropriate support and/or assistance to past or present paper industry colleagues who have fallen on difficult times. As a Trustee of PICT, Peter says that the satisfaction in witnessing the results of providing some meaningful help to a deserving case is immense. Peter makes no apology for repeating his plea from this year's Annual Lunch – if you know of any paper industry colleague, past or present, who may need the help of PICT, do please get in touch. Enquiries will be dealt with sensitively and confidentially.

On that note, we all wish him a very successful and fulfilling year as PICT President.

Margaret Curle

200 club

Now an established institution, the 200 Club helps raise much needed funds for PICT. Since the last newsletter, there have been three prize draws and the winners are as follows:

January 2019 draw

1st Philippe Gibson
2nd John Alexander
3rd Andria Turner

March 2019 draw

1st Bev Steele
2nd Tina Dodsley
3rd Mike Gee

July 2019 draw

1st Neil Entwistle
2nd John Turner
3rd Carrie Frost

If you fancy joining the 200 Club and be in with a chance of winning – first prize is a princely £250, 2nd - £100 and 3rd - £50, so it's definitely worth giving it a go – all you have to do is contact Anne James by e-mailing anne@pictuk.com who will send you further information and a form. It's as easy as that.

A window on the PICT AGM

PICT's AGM is held in the morning of the Annual Lunch – in part to try and attract more members to attend – unfortunately this never has the desired effect, which is a shame as you are all missing out on the finest cookies I have eaten in a long while!! Amongst other things of course



Some 20 members came along to this year's AGM, as well as there being quite a few apologies for absence.

With friendly banter as ever, the meeting took its usual course – outgoing PICT President Paul Johnston-Knight gave his report on his year in office, and added it was sad that we don't have as many paper industry people attending the events.

The election of the officers took place with it being announced that Peter Bothwick would be the new President for 2019, "not the first recycled President but the youngest" one of the members quipped Peter thanked Paul for his year in office and his youthful energy and announced that Rod Benwell, who had left the paper industry but had slipped back in, would be his Vice President.

And then as quickly as it had begun, the AGM had finished and everyone repaired to the bar for pre-lunch drinks with colleagues and friends.

AGM minutes 2019

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 8TH MARCH 2019 IN THE PARK PLAZA RIVERBANK HOTEL, 18 ALBERT EMBANKMENT, LONDON SE1 7TJ COMMENCING AT 11.15 AM

The President, Paul Johnston-Knight, took the chair. There were 20 members in attendance.

1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9th March 2018 were proposed by B Fowler, seconded by N Gee and unanimously approved.

2. The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported on his year of office. (The full report is in Newsletter No. 25).

3. Apologies for Absence were recorded from:

Alan Badock, Richard Bennett, Jill Bolton, Richard Bolton, Barry Campbell, Owen Davis, Norman Dinnadge, Clive Duncan, George Fowler, Fred Haines, Ron Ingarfield, David Kentish, John Leahy, Peter Penke, Jack Perry, Lionel Scott, Tony Spicer, Bev Steele, Andy Thompson.

4. Presentation of Accounts for the period 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018 by Robert Lockwood

The adoption of the Accounts were then proposed by M Gee, seconded by J Piggott and carried unanimously. There was

discussion about the low interest rate being received but the Treasurer confirmed that he was looking at moving monies into a better rate interest account as a matter of urgency. Robert Lockwood was thanked for his presentation of the Accounts.

5. Election of Directors

The President announced that the Committee recommended that Peter Bothwick be elected President for 2019. This was proposed by B Fowler, seconded by M Kerlogue and unanimously approved.

Paul Johnston-Knight then invested Peter Bothwick with the Badge of Office. The new President thanked the meeting and was warmly applauded. He congratulated Paul on an excellent year of office.

Peter Bothwick then took the Chair. His first duty was to announce that it was the Committee's recommendation that Rod Benwell become Vice President for 2019. This was proposed by N Gee, seconded by P Shorten and unanimously approved.

Peter Bothwick then invested Rod Benwell with the Vice President's Badge.

The appointment of the Treasurer, Robert Lockwood, was proposed by J Garlick, seconded by M Gee and unanimously approved. Robert was thanked for his work as Treasurer.

The appointment of the Secretary, Mrs Anne James, was proposed by Peter Bothwick, seconded by J Garlick and unanimously approved. Anne was thanked for her work as Secretary.

According to the Articles of Association the longest serving Elected Director, Peter Bothwick, retired but was re-elected, proposed by B Fowler, seconded by M Gee and unanimously approved.

The election of John Garlick as the Independent Examiner was proposed by P Bothwick, seconded by P Johnston-Knight and unanimously approved. John was thanked for examining the Accounts.

6. Report on Benevolent Fund Distribution by Peter Bothwick

"Our numbers of new approaches or applications for charitable assistance have been disappointing during 2018/19. This highlights our need to reinforce the charity message through our membership and events. Where we have had requests, often they are from other charities, most predominantly military charities, and of course in these cases, the paper industry validity of the individual case has to be carefully scrutinized. We are currently maintaining two regular payments to qualifying individuals. Although the amounts paid are modest, these cases are continually subject to review.

In the most recent PICT magazine, we included a case study which gave brief details of specific charity assistance which PICT provided for an individual. This case was featured in order to demonstrate an example of the help that can be given, and to further stimulate the search for additional requests. Naturally, to conform to our strict confidentiality guidelines, in the article the recipient remained anonymous.

It is hoped that the entire PICT membership will continue to remind any colleagues in need, past or present, about the charitable purpose of PICT, and how we could potentially be of some help."

There was a question from the floor of the meeting concerning those who can benefit from the Trust. Peter Bothwick responded that these were set out in the Memorandum of Association and were for:

(a) relief of hardship for those who had been employed in the paper industry or their widows and children.

(b) the advancement of education for individuals with a view to their entry into the paper industry'

PICT was working with The Paper Trail to promote the Trust to new members through their Paper Appreciation Courses and looking at new ways to encourage younger members to join in the activities of PICT."

The meeting closed at 11.50 am.

trustees' report

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From the Trustees of PICT

COLTSFORD MILL
- Thursday 14th March 2019

I left home with dire weather warnings ringing alarm bells, forecasts of 40mph winds and heavy rain showers, which are not ideal conditions for casting a delicate fly on the water!

The journey round the M25 was its usual ghastly self, with a huge tailback to the Dartford Crossing and I sat in miles of traffic wondering whether the abolition of tollbooths has made one iota of difference.

When I arrived at Coltsford I was greeted by Neil, the fishery manager, who was somewhat surprised to see me as he thought the forecast would have put people off. This was somewhat surprising as he was in a short-sleeved shirt, it was dry and the lakes were looking as pristine as usual.

At one time I had expected 11 anglers but due to illness, weather, holidays and dare I say age, we ended with five intrepid enthusiasts who all had a splendid day with everyone catching lovely Rainbow Trout.

The forecast was about 30% accurate as we did have the odd shower and there were occasional gusty squalls, two of which threatened to push Robert Taylor and myself into Willow Pool but on the whole conditions were fine for casting, with a good ripple on the water.

After a morning fishing the three lakes, we all adjourned to the lodge to eat our lunch and to have a good natter on a wide range of subjects, before returning for a short afternoon session that saw more fish caught.

Once again we were shown the way by a guest, Bill Berboth, who caught a total of seven including the biggest fish of the day of about 4lb. Yours truly was the best of the PICT members with four, one of which weighed 3lb and is now sitting in the freezer as Gravlax – delicious!

A wonderful day that defied the forecast and from all the comments, everyone enjoyed themselves.



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Robert Taylor on Willow Pool



Guest Bill Berboth and David Gould on Mill Pool



First of the day

RIB VALLEY LAKES

– Thursday 16th May 2019

Seven members and one guest turned out for the meeting at Rib Valley on a lovely sunny morning with a pleasant ripple on the water. I was pleased to welcome John Cane for the first time and also regular guest, Granville Ainley.

That is where the fishing side of this report ends as there was only one bent rod all day and that was Granville's. It was a strange day with fish moving but none attracted to our flies. We had a very relaxed lunch, nobody too keen for more of the same. I was able to present the Monk Trophy to Alan Badcock for the third year in succession, which was very well deserved as usual.

With nothing else to report on the fishing scene I intend to indulge my passion for all things to do with nature and being a 'quiet' day I had plenty of time to roam around with my digital camera. It is amazing what else there is to see on the bankside and I was greeted by two pairs of Greylag Geese that between them had produced no less than 25 goslings, all seemingly happily mixing together.

The other sightings tended to be smaller and needed to be searched for, although it is amazing what one notices out of the corner of one's

eye whilst waiting for that pull on the line that never comes! A mahogany coloured Cream Spot Ladybird was first, nestling on the seed head of a reed. Then an Orange-tip Butterfly which most people will know from the bright orange tips to its wings, only this one was a female, which has no sign of orange on it at all.

There were dozens of Dock Bugs adorning the leaves of Dock and Mallow, an orange Soldier Beetle seen hanging upside down from a nettle leaf and a tiny moth, only 7-8mm long seen landing on a grass stalk.

All the usual fishing flies were also present, Mayflies hatching from the reeds and spiralling up into the sky, blue flashes of Damselflies and the rather static dark Alder flies.

Despite the poor fishing, it was a wonderful day for me with new species seen and photographed. I hope this may awaken an interest in the smaller things in the animal world and you don't have to venture beyond the garden gate to find lots of them. I arrived home to find four Rosemary Beetles chomping through our Rosemary – beautiful but a pest!!



Greylag Geese



Orange-tip butterfly - female



Soldier Beetle - Cantharis livida



Dock Bugs

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019

Saturday 14th September – Tringford Trout Fishery, Tring, Herts

Tringford is an excellent day out - fishing from boats with ghillies and breakfast and lunch provided by the Tringford Crew. There is a maximum of 12 anglers allowed – so it will have to be on a first come, first served basis.

Thursday, 17th October - River Test, Romsey, Hants

More details closer to the time.

Don't forget guests and new members are always welcome.



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SPRING MEETING

Reigate Hill Golf Club

– Wednesday 8th May 2019

Fighting the monsoons on the M40 on the way to Reigate Hill in the quaintly named Gatton Bottom, it did cross this scribe's mind that he could be doing something less damp with his time, particularly as the packed wet gear was for moderate British weather rather than Arctic convoys !

I had, of course, failed to take into account Mike 'Kit Kat' Kerlogue's remarkable network of contacts, as the rain miraculously ceased on entering the golf club car park and we were even treated to bursts of spring sunshine as we made our way around the green and pleasant land that is Reigate.

Although one or two fairways carried surface water and bunkers were puddled, the course was in very good condition with sub aqua gear not being required. The greens, with their interesting contours, proved a test for all of us.

It was disappointing that there were only 11 players and that we had not received sick notes from a number who had indicated they would turn up on the day. No doubt this was due to the early inclement weather but it is insensitive to Kit Kat who puts a lot of effort into organising the day.

Sick notes that were proffered came from: Mike Windett (alias Divot) who had a starring role as a wizard in Dialysis Alley in a Harry Potter remake; Peter Bothwick (alias Nick Faldo), yes him, Captain, Both, President, him, who had a sporting engagement in Amsterdam – nudge, nudge; Andy Thompson (alias the Norwegian Eurovision score) who did show to cheer us off but pleaded a medical infirmity which precluded him participating.

At this juncture we would normally have a group photo but our organiser was fed up with members not making the first tee on time. He just took a photo of his starting group so they could start playing (I use the term loosely)!

Team A: Mike Kerlogue; Chris Bell; Graham Warley

Team B: Alan Badcock; Bob Green; Nigel Howl; Mike Jones

Team C: Rod Benwell; Gary Brady; Justin Lawes; Keith Spiers.

All the above teams had a Yellow Ball to love and nurture round the course and all duly lost them!

Team B were the Yellow Ball Winners managing to keep hold of it until the eleventh and amassing a few points on the way. Shown below receiving their prizes from Deputy Captain Rod Benwell.

The winner of the Syd Humphries Trophy for the best stableford score by the high handicappers (24 or over) was Justin Lawes with 25 points after countback.

Overall winner on the day was Graham Warley with some score that was too high for us to remember.



Yellow ball winners – Nigel, Bob, Alan and Mike with Deputy Captain Rod Benwell (2nd from left)



Team A: Graham Warley, Chris Bell and Kit Kat



Overall winner of the day on countback Graham Warley



Winner of the Syd Humphries Trophy Justin Lawes

Contenders for the Steve Beckett Trophy for Shanker of the Day were: The President, him, Captain Faldo, Bothwick, for non-attendance due to a sporting fixture on foreign soil; Nigel Howl for playing on any fairway but his own; Keith Spiers for peppering Alan Badcock's buggy on the 15th (whilst Alan was in it); and Bob Green for stealing Alan Badcock's buggy on the 11th and then trying to play with Alan's clubs as well.

It was judged by all that the theft of another's buggy and not knowing your own golf bag was a most serious offence and very worthy of the Steve Beckett Trophy, which will be presented to Bob

Green once it has returned from its spiritual home with Andy Thompson. The evening was rounded off with a chicken pie dinner and a hearty dessert served with relish by the Reigate Hill GC staff. We were joined by Mike Gee who generously provided wine and conversation to round off an excellent day - just in time to tune into Talk Sport and listen to Tottenham's famous victory against Ajax – our President's voice (yes him, Faldo, Captain, him) was in there somewhere, shouting on his beloved Spurs.

Nigel 'the scribe' Howl

What and why is Shanks?

Way back in 2003 two past-Presidents – Kevin Dewey and Nick Steidl – had the vision to establish the Shanks Golf Section for like minded golfers who were not eligible for any serious golf activities and just wanted to have a day out with other hackers to enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship of paper trade chums in the fresh air.

Over a decade later we continue with those objectives by playing golf at a number of courses around London and the South East and into the Midlands; meeting around midday then wandering around the golf course and finishing with an early dinner in the evening – which of late we have managed to retain at a price of £55 for the day.

Everybody and guests are welcome, the good and the bad and those who are new or cautious about giving golf a try. You don't need an official handicap, membership of a golf club or even a set of clubs – it's all about the enthusiasm of enjoying a day of relaxation with colleagues that is the driving force. We'll find you some clubs and introduce you to other rookies so that you can get the flavour of Shanks golf. Shanks is for all genders and ages, which is another plus point.

Come and give us a whirl at one of our next Shanks Golf Days.

Mike Kerlogue (alias Kit Kat)

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY 2019

Wednesday 25th September

Badgemore Park Golf Club

Nr. Henley on Thames, Oxon RG9 4NR

Meet at 12 noon for the obligatory bacon roll and coffee, tee off at 1pm and dinner approx. 6.30pm, and all away by 8.30pm latest.

Cost has been kept at £55 for the day. Buggies are available – let me know.

Following the success of the previous golf days, PICT is once again holding its Charity Golf Day at Rothley Park in Leicestershire. This England Golf Championship venue is a parkland gem, and always in great condition - take a look at www.rothleypark.co.uk. PICT is hoping to get a good number of teams to participate and to have, as usual, an enjoyable day whilst raising funds for the Charity.

This year, the golf day will be held on **Friday 11th October** with coffee and bacon rolls from 8.30am. First tee time is 9.30am and there will be a rolling buffet as the teams come in, followed by the prize presentation. So all should be finished with participants able to get away by 3.30pm latest. There has been a small increase from Rothley this year, so the cost will be £375 per team of four, which includes bacon rolls on arrival and lunch.

Please let PICT know if you are able to enter a team this year - team details and handicaps can be given nearer the time. Also if accommodation is required locally, Fred Haines is happy to advise. As always PICT is looking for sponsorship, whether in the form of prizes for the golf or a raffle, please let Fred Haines know if you can help in this way.

The event is a good fun day and a valuable fundraiser for PICT – so please support it in any way if you can. For further details contact Fred Haines on f.haines@icloud.com, or to book your team's place e-mail anne@pictuk.com

tennis



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Tennis secretary, John Victoros has announced that the PICT Tennis Tournament will be held once again at the Northampton County Lawn Tennis Club, Church Way, Weston Favell, NN3 3BX, on **Thursday 12th September 2019**.

Meet and greet with tea, coffee and biscuits will be at 9.15-10.00am. A pre-lunch round robin will take place, followed by lunch at 1.00pm. The Quarter and Semi-finals of both the PICT Plate and PICT Trophy will then be played, with tea and cakes being served as the finalists prepare to play. The presentations will be held in the bar, or outside if the weather is good, at around 6.30pm.

If you would like to join in and enrol for this year's PICT Tennis Tournament, with or without a partner (we will find you one!), please send an e-mail to john.vic@paper.co.uk and remember you don't have to be a budding Novak Djokovic or Simona Halep to play – just come along and enjoy yourself with fellow colleagues and help raise much needed funds for PICT.

cricket

Mike Robertson, secretary of the Cricket section is trying to arrange a T20 Cricket Match on Tuesday 17th September, to be held in the Northampton area with a 5pm start.

He is looking for 22 players and 2 umpires. So, if you are able to play or know of others that would like to, please send Mike an e-mail: mike.robertson@ipaper.com or give him a call on 07831 351465.

Unfortunately, if he doesn't have 22 players by the end of August, the game will not be able to go ahead, which would be a shame.

Remember you don't have to be a hot cricketer to join in – you just need to want to have an enjoyable day out with colleagues and friends in the industry – and most importantly raise funds for PICT. And don't forget, guests are also welcome to join in. So, go on, why not contact Mike now and let him know you are interested. We all agree it would be great to see cricket back on the agenda.



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president's report 2018



Everyone, thank you all so much for the invitation to join and act on behalf of PICT over the last year. Twelve months ago I was excited and nervous in equal measure, anticipating not only the big day ahead but a year filled with official engagements both at PICT events and attending outside occasions on behalf of the Trust. The year has passed incredibly quickly, no doubt a sign of age, but also I feel, a signal of how busy and

enjoyable it has been. I have met many new friends, reacquainted myself with old contacts and I've really enjoyed working with all the members of the Board and Committee over the last 12 months. The charity lunch 2018 went very well, and all our members and their guests clearly enjoyed it hugely.

Having settled into position as PICT President I was keen to get started meeting the members and guests taking part in the sporting section events during the warm weather we enjoyed over the extended summer last year. So, over two consecutive days in May, I observed a difficult day out golfing for Mike Kerlogue's Shankers at Grim's Dyke in Middlesex – they told me it was indeed a course befitting of its name – and then a day angling with George Fowler at Frensham Trout Fishery in Surrey. I have to say, the weather favoured the anglers – I recall a beautiful, warm, sunny day sitting and wandering around the lakes, thinking that this was a lovely way to spend a weekday! Sadly, a planned summer cricket event did not take place due to a lack of support.

In September, however, I attended another pair of events, first John Vic's tennis at Northampton Tennis Club, which was a great success, not only because I sat in the sun while my colleague Andrew Dunning came away with the victor's trophy, and then Fred Haines' charity golf day at Rothley Park Golf Club. The charity golf was also well attended and much enjoyed by those present. Such sporting events are important, not least for the funds which they raise for the charity but also for the communication and understanding which they foster among those in our businesses. These events are run very well by those who volunteer their time and efforts to bring the industry closer

together and to support the charity. Sadly, most attendees for these days continue to come from outside the pool of those currently employed in the paper and associated industries. We're delighted that these people can take part, whether from outside our sector or following retirement, however, we must acknowledge there is more we can do to promote and support PICT by encouraging colleagues and employees to take the opportunity to attend these events and the others that will be held in the future.

In October, I attended the Birmingham Paper Trade Social Society lunch on behalf of PICT and then, later that month, I joined the past-Presidents' lunch at London's Boot & Flogger. I can't recall an awful lot about the discussions that took place over the meal, but I do know that many of my predecessors in this role have an awful lot more staying power than I ... I can only assume that practice makes perfect!

We are incredibly fortunate to have dedicated and competent people running the Paper Industry Charitable Trust. It has been my privilege to watch them work over the last year. Anne James has done a sterling job organising and promoting the events which the charity has held – thank you Anne for also ensuring that I stayed on track and on message most of the time. I must also thank Peter Bothwick as he has generously agreed to give more of his time to the charity as the incoming President of PICT. I am personally delighted that his choice of Vice President is another current member of the paper industry. Thank you, Peter.

During the last year, I have sought to further the links that PICT has with other similar organisations that serve the paper industry. I hope we can continue these efforts to support each other and achieve our common goal – to further those within this and associated sectors.

All that remains for me to say is that we all know how important the work of PICT is to the industry. We can each do something to support that work further, whether it is in encouraging people to attend sporting events, being more generous with the auction or bringing more guests to the lunch next year. I would ask you to enjoy the event today and remember how important it will be to those of our colleagues who find themselves in financial difficulties in the future. Let us redouble our efforts to ensure the charity thrives for the long term.

Paul Johnston-Knight

bptss annual charity lunch

The Annual Lunch of the Birmingham Paper Trade Social Society (BPTSS) will be held on Friday 11th October 2019. The venue will once again be The Bank Restaurant, Brindley Place, central Birmingham. Reception is from 12.15pm, with Luncheon at 13.00pm. The dress code is normal business attire.

Our guest speaker this year will be Mike Olley, who is the Chief Operating Officer for Westside Business Improvement District. This means that he is effectively responsible for the area of Birmingham around Broad Street and Brindley Place, where most of the hospitality and entertainment business is centred.

Mike is a respected speaker and will undoubtedly have some interesting stories to tell about this area of the city.

Tickets for this highly popular Lunch are priced at £55.00, and can be obtained from the Society's Secretary, Paul McDermott, at paul_mcdermott.t21@btinternet.com

We look forward to seeing you.

Peter Bothwick

Heritage Award Winner!

It has been a most rewarding 2019 so far for the Apsley Paper Trail (APT), culminating in June when the Engineering Heritage Committee of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers awarded APT's Frogmore Paper Mill the 126th Engineering Heritage Award. It was presented by its Chairman, John Wood, to Peter Burford on behalf of APT. By receiving this prestigious award, it ranks Frogmore Paper Mill alongside The Woolwich Arsenal, Concorde, the Enigma code-breaking Bombe Computer at Bletchley Park, and the Falkirk Wheel among others.



Peter Burford (3rd from right) accepting the award on behalf of Apsley Paper Trail

In his presentation speech, John Wood explained that the Institution believes passionately in recognising the importance of the rich and varied engineering heritage that we have in the UK, of which Frogmore Mill is a splendid example. And that these sites and artefacts and, of course, the story behind them, can be a source of inspiration to the coming generation of young engineers who are so

vital to our future. Innovation and manufacture is high on the Institution's list, but little wonder as its first President was George Stephenson.

John Wood went on to say: "It is terribly important for the heritage landscape that we do all we can to encourage the retention of a good cross-section of historic factories and plants. This is often much more of a challenge than preserving an individual artefact." (A fact very well known to APT!) He continued: "But what is a delight to find is an important historic manufacturing site, like

Frogmore, that is still very much alive, which still contains the appropriate machinery and where a visitor can still see it doing what it was designed to do when it was first built." Adding: "Better still, here you have all the surrounding infra-structure, the river, the canal and even the mill manager's house, which add up to the complete story." The citation on the plaque reads:

Frogmore Paper Mill Site of the first mechanical papermaking machine, installed in 1803. The Fourdrinier machine was invented by Louis Robert and perfected by Bryan Donkin. Frogmore is the current home of PM4, the earliest paper machine built specifically for research purposes in 1902.

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Celebratory Dinner on 4th November

The Apsley Paper Trail, in association with The Stationers' Company, is hosting a dinner at Stationers' Hall in London on 4th November 2019, titled 'The Celebration of Paper'. It marks the 150th anniversary of the death of John Dickinson.

The John Dickinson Company has been well known for its various stationery products such as Basildon Bond, Three Candlesticks and, of course, its Duplicate Books as well as its range of boards, papers, and envelopes. John Dickinson himself was at the forefront of paper's revolution. He was an exceptionally talented inventor, entrepreneur, innovator, and became an influential Victorian. In addition to inventing the cylinder mould machine, developing a quality gun cartridge paper, and effecting the process by which silk thread was introduced into paper as a security measure, he had at the age of 19 commissioned his first engineer, and by 21 was considered the world's leading authority on gun cartridge paper. He and his peers, such as the Publisher Longman, the Fourdrinier brothers and many more Victorians, helped kick start the communications revolution, but more on that at the celebratory dinner.

John Dickinson was apprenticed at Stationers' Hall and went on to become Master of The Stationers' Company. Many of his peers and business associates were also Stationers and they all played a significant part in his success. In addition, he and the John Dickinson Company hold a great significance for the Apsley Paper Trail. When

the Apsley Paper Trail Charity was set up in the year 2000 it acquired two of his Apsley Mill buildings. Later in 2003 the Charity added to its assets by acquiring the facilities at Frogmore Paper Mill, the site of the world's first commercially operated Fourdrinier paper machine in the year 1803,

and for a brief period, Frogmore Paper Mill was once leased by John Dickinson to boost his output. Several events will be taking place this year in honour of John Dickinson, including the renovation of his grave in the Kensal Green cemetery. The culmination of



these events being the dinner on 4th November. Tickets for the dinner will be on sale from mid-August – so make a note now and get involved. For any further information on this celebratory event please e-mail to johnd_watson@yahoo.co.uk

John Watson

Unfortunately the paper industry has seen a rash of deaths over the last few months and here we pay tribute to a few well-known faces from our industry, all of whom will be sadly missed.

JOHN GARLICK



It was with great sadness that PICT heard of the passing of John Garlick on 26th June. John was involved with the charity right up to the end and will be sadly missed.

Born in 1931, John found his way into the paper trade via paint manufacturing, electrical wholesaling, clothing and office equipment. Being involved in the distribution of spirit duplicators was his first contact with the Paper Trade. At the time his employer shared an office with Percy Haines & Co Ltd

and thus he found himself working alongside such well-known trade figures as Ian Haines, Geoff Poole, Charles Howard and Robert Wright.

The transfer into the team duly took place and John stayed with the company as Financial Director for 30 years during which time he played an active role in the acquisition and mergers of, and with, George Mawson, George Bromley Paper, PF Bingham and William Morris and ultimately, when the organisation became part of the WWF Paper Corporation of Philadelphia.

As mentioned, John was a well-known figure in PICT and was

actively participating with the charity right up to his passing away. His association started in 1969 when it was the Stationers' Social Society. He served as an Auditor for three years in the late seventies, became a Committee Member in 1980, Assistant Honorary Treasurer in 1981 and then took over the financial reins of the society in 1982, where his accuracy and attention to detail became legendary.

In earlier years, apart from his 'official duties', John was also a staunch supporter of the society's social and sporting functions often accompanied by his wife Doris whom he married in 1955.

Like many other members of PICT, John was also a member of the London Pride Society, which he joined in 1967 and went on to become President of in 1984. He was also its Honorary Treasurer in 1978, a position he held for two terms.

John decided to take early retirement at the age of 61, but on a personal basis, retirement seemed an inappropriate word when looking at his list of pastimes. Apart from his family, he had three daughters, and the monetary affairs of two societies, he played bowls in the summer, enjoyed walking, travel, astronomy, computer studies and African culture.

John was elected a Life Member of PICT in 1993, and continued to be involved until his death in June. He most recently was the Independent Examiner for PICT's accounts, a role he relished and had been doing for some years.

John will be sadly missed by all that knew him.

Margaret Curle

IVAN GUNN

It was announced earlier this year that Ivan Gunn had passed away. Ivan had spent his working life in the paper industry with various companies over the years. His outside interests included working in scouting, not only with his scout group, but as a commissioner and a leader trainer. He played rugby and was also a referee coach.

Friends and colleagues referred to him as a larger than life character in the paper industry. He was a great supporter of PICT and was a past-President of the London Pride Society,

which he still supported at the bi-annual luncheon club held at the Boot and Flogger.

Ivan lived his latter years in Dulverton, Somerset, a place he first experienced when he was evacuated to the area towards the end of WW2.

Margaret Curle



ALAN WARD

Alan started out in the paper industry in October 1958 as a 'Trade Boy' at Grosvenor Chater, paper merchants in Cannon Street, in the City of London. He then spent a brief period with Davies Harvey and Murrell in St Andrews Hill, Blackfriars, before returning to Grosvenor Chater until mid-1966, when he left to work for the London office of East Lancs Paper Mill in Blackfriars Lane.

In mid-1968, he moved to a packaging and box making company, H W Chapman, of Wellingborough, but returned to East Lancs a year later as Assistant Manager to Ronnie Gayler (a flat green bowler who played in the paper trade competition for the Corder Cup, which he won on one occasion). Ronnie so inspired Alan, that he joined the Stationers' Social Society (SSS) and thought that he would like to win their bowls trophy, the Woollacott Cup, even though he had never played bowls. He joined the Woolwich and Plumstead Bowling Club, and became competent at it within a short space of time. He played in the SSS competition that year and reached the semi-final at Bellingham.

On 1st July 1974, Alan joined FJ Beswick in Northampton, and within two years he was promoted to Office Manager.

Meanwhile, Alan's interest in bowls continued to grow and he joined the prestigious Abington Bowls Club. He quickly progressed winning his first ever trophy in 1977. He moved swiftly through the Club's ranks becoming President in 1988. He was also building a reputation with the County and over the years achieved many prestigious bowling awards. He also played bowls in the paper industry competitions with the Stationers' Social Society and the London Pride Society, winning the Woollacott Cup on a record 20 occasions, and the Corder Cup on seven, also a record.

Alongside his many successes in bowls, Alan was also improving his prospects at Beswick's, becoming Credit Manager in 1981, initiating the first credit control at Northampton, looking after all aspects of sales ledger and cash collection, mainly single handedly. He was proud to say that he had probably the lowest bad-debt record in the whole paper trade. He also produced their first published price-list (a major effort), calculated and produced and printed all updates (quarterly), managed the annual stock-takes manually, until he devised a computer programme to ease the burden of this, although it still entailed working all over a weekend, mostly on his own.

Beswick Paper was sold in 2004 and after 31 years service to the company, Alan was made redundant by the new owners in June 2005. However, he was fortunate to find another job at the end of June 2005 with National Grid until he retired at 67 in November 2009. He was always proud to say that in 51 years of working, he was never out of work and had never claimed any unemployment benefit.

Extracts taken from the Northampton Chronicle and Echo Newspaper 11th July 2019

DOUG BROWN

In May it was announced that Doug Brown had sadly passed away. Born into a military family in 1943, Doug was born in Lancashire, near Manchester, hence a lifelong supporter of Manchester United. Post war his early years were spent in various Middle East and Far



East countries depending upon where his father was posted. His UK schooling was spent entirely at Kimbolton School on the Cambs/Northants/Beds borders, where sport became a major interest, in particular football, hockey and cricket. He was, by his own admission, a doughty competitor – a trait he certainly took with him into his business career and onto the golf course.

On leaving school he joined, firstly Crossleys and then Spicer

Cowan, where he picked up a grounding in the packaging side of the industry before joining the Norwegian company in the mid 1970s, which today is known as Norske Skog (NS). He was to spend 35 years with NS, latterly mainly involved with newsprint and mechanical printings, selling throughout the length and breadth of Great Britain and Ireland. His engaging and forthright

personality was quickly noted by his Norwegian bosses, which saw him eventually made MD of NS (UK), a position he held until his retirement.

A period as President of the Norwegian British Chamber of Commerce clearly brought him to the attention of a 'higher authority' in Norway, and shortly before his retirement in 2008 he was appointed to the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit, Knight 1st Class, at a ceremony at the Norwegian Embassy in London and which subsequently led to an audience with King Harald V in Oslo.

His popularity was superbly acknowledged at his funeral when over 150 folk from all aspects of his life attended. Former work colleagues from Norway, South Africa and London attended, along with colleagues from his early employers, former customers and former competitors, amongst which were members of the Paper Trade Golf Society and PICT. Away from business, his outside interests amongst the mourners, apart from family and personal friends and neighbours, were represented by members of Upminster Cricket and Golf Clubs, Worthing Rugby and Golf Clubs, Sussex County Cricket Club and the East Preston Boules Club. It would be remiss not to add to this list his many pals at the Seaview and The Clockhouse, also in East Preston.

Clive Duncan

London Pride Society lunch – Thursday 25th April 2019

Good fun and good fellowship was again much in evidence at this, the Spring meeting held as tradition dictates at the Boot & Flogger wine bar in Red Cross Way, Southwark, close to the Borough Market. First timers, Ian Braithwaite and Andrew Horn, were welcomed by Owen, who went on to announce that our final donation had been made to the St Mary le Bow Young Homeless Charity and gratefully received. The cheque was handed over by Bev Steele a few weeks ago. This news was greeted with unanimous approval. The Luncheon Club, though not a charity, has been very charitable over the past few years as it approaches its tenth anniversary later this year.



A good excuse to catch up

Mention was made during the Absent Friends address of Ivan Gunn (a past-President) who recently sadly passed away. Ivan was a larger than life character and a true LPS stalwart. Forty apologies (Easter week) had been received. In particular, John Garlick was missed, another past-President and firm supporter. Attendees wished John a speedy recovery. (Unfortunately since this report was written John has sadly passed away, an obituary is in this issue – Editor)



Mike and Owen caught in the spotlight

John Rayner introduced a guessing game of 'how many Paper Merchants were operating in London in the decade 1960-1970'. While Paul Woollett concluded by toasting the Luncheon Club and

announcing that the next gathering will be on 7th November 2019. These joyful meetings of old paper trade mates usually comprise of the working, the retired and the consultants as they say every picture tells a story.

Mike Rust



Ron Ingarfield cornered

PS In answer to the guessing game the Benn Publication for the period 1960/70 showed there were 86 merchants registered. Ron Ingarfield's guess was the nearest and he received a round of applause!



Some well known faces here



Very photogenic!

Annual Charity Lunch 2020



An early date for your 2020 diary – make a note now that next year's PICT Annual Lunch has been fixed for **Friday 27th March 2020**, to be held in the Plaza Suite of the Park Plaza Riverbank Hotel in London. Ticket prices will remain the same as this year's lunch – Members £95; retired members £80; and guests £110.

PICT has a number of sponsorship packages as well for this event, so if you would like to know further about these or to reserve a table or places at the 2020 Lunch, please contact Anne James at anne@pictuk.com

We at PICT, all hope you will be able to join us and support this very worthwhile charitable event, while enjoying good food, fine wine, and plenty of networking with friends and colleagues old and new.

paper & environment courses

Courses designed for the industry

By the time you read this article, another of the popular Paper Appreciation Courses will have been held at the historic Apsley Paper Trail in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, however, don't fret there is another course already in the diary for 2019 – Wednesday 16th October.

As always, the tutor is John Watson, who presents the courses in his own inimitable style. Commenting on the course, he said: "The objective of this one-day seminar is not to produce budding papermakers, but for the delegates to better understand the attributes of the various grades and what they bring to the end-products."

Comments from recent participants include: "Will help me understand customer's terminology and material terms", "Fantastic. Enjoyed my day and will definitely recommend" and "This course will help me focus more on the end-users requirements – customer first!"

Through his company Focal Strength, and run in conjunction with PICT, Tim Bowler organises both the Paper Appreciation Course and the new Environment Course, the first of which was held at Apsley Paper Trail's Frogmore Mill in May.

This new course entitled 'Paper and the Environment – knowledge for selling, buying and debate' has been devised in conjunction with

course tutor, Bob Latham. The next date for this one-day course is Wednesday 4th December. The key objective of the course is to give greater understanding of the key environmental issues as they relate to how suppliers, customers, pressure groups, even family, view paper in an environmental context. Delegates will leave with a greater confidence in dealing with objections or using environmental arguments in active selling or buying.

For further information on either of the above courses please contact Tim Bowler on 0115 960 9595; e-mail: trb@focalstrength.co.uk



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