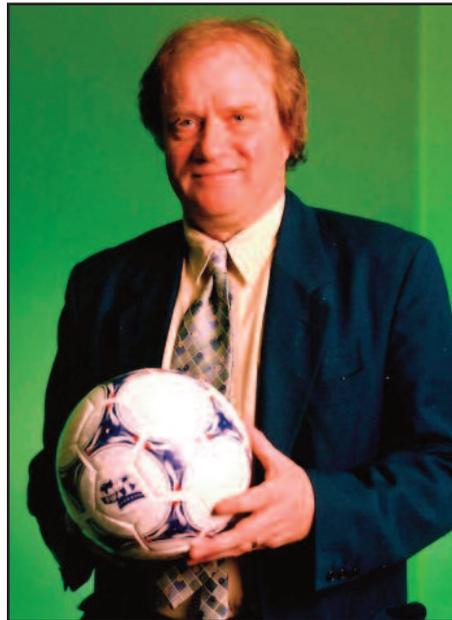


A Charity Lunch to remember!

The 2015 Annual Lunch is now booked, however, there is some good news and some bad news. The good news is that the luncheon will be held on Friday 6th March at The Park Plaza Riverbank Hotel, 18 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TJ, in the stunning Thames Suite with its excellent views overlooking the River Thames. The bad news is that unfortunately despite our best efforts the ticket price has had to increase. Sadly inflation has caught up with the lunch and it will be necessary to increase the ticket prices: for Members £85, for Retired Members £70 and for Guests £100.

However, another smidgeon of good news is that in an effort to ensure we maintain the high standard set by this year's guest speaker, Garry Richardson, we have already booked an equally talented and seriously engaging speaker for your entertainment.



Peter Brackley

Peter Brackley has just returned to the after-dinner speaking circuit after taking a step back from football commentating. He has spoken at dinners with former Prime Ministers along with numerous top sport and celebrity figures such as Alex Ferguson, Geoff Boycott and Will Carling - and even Elton John at a Watford FC dinner!

His CV is quite impressive – working mainly for ITV, Sky and Eurosport, covering several World Cups and European Championships - he probably became best known for his irreverent style on Channel 4's much revered Football Italia programme in the 1990s. He was also co-writer and a lead performer on the 'Sporting Night to Remember' nationwide stage tour with George Best, Rodney Marsh and comedian Mike Osman. Peter also once stood in for an indisposed Jimmy Greaves on the Saint and Greavsie Show, whereby he provided the voice for Greaves' Spitting Image caricature! With such a high profile,

our guest speaker looks all set to give us an amusing ride.

As in previous years the AGM will be held at 11.15 am in the Plaza Suite Six followed by the lunch. We encourage Members to attend this important meeting which is usually fairly short, and along with the other business matters, the new President is inaugurated. The bars open at 12 noon and the lunch itself begins at 1pm. Apart from the anticipated entertainment from the speaker during the afternoon, there will also be the usual raffle, heads and tails and auction to look forward to.

So make a note in your diary now, and contact Anne James for your tickets, and come along in support of PICT for what looks like an amusing afternoon of sporting anecdotes.

Margaret Curle

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trustees' report

This year we have donated in excess of £9,000 to deserving individuals, which includes £3,000 to the Stationers' Livery Company to support Saturday Schools and the Stationers' Crown Woods Academy.

We continue to strive to get the PICT message across to the wider community but as always would ask for your help in doing so by advising your colleagues of the Charity's purpose in life.

The challenges for our Charity remain in competing against all the other very worthy causes we see in all of our everyday lives asking for individuals time and funding, people supporting our flag ship annual luncheon or sporting sections and as mentioned above the ongoing thrust to make more people aware of what we do.

We will during the course of next year be in a position to donate more

funds than 2014, this is due to a very generous monthly donation from one of our members. I would like to place on record our sincere thanks to PaperlinX and Andrew Price for this very kind gesture in supporting our cause.

If you are aware of anybody in the Paper or Paper related trade who you feel could benefit from our support please contact our Secretary Anne James at anne@pictuk.com.

We can assure you that all submissions will be considered and treated sympathetically and in the strictest of confidence.

From the Trustees of PICT

where are they now?



Well 14 of them were at Doggetts Coat & Badge, Blackfriars Bridge on Thursday, 18th September 2014.

The occasion? The annual gathering of Past Presidents who, whilst no longer having any formal say in the proposing of future Presidents, remain determined to continue the social side of the traditional and long established reunion. The view from the terrace takes in EC4 once the very hub of the Paper Trade.

Jeremy Martin "chaired" the proceedings which, as ever, included friendly insults, character assassinations, and much reminiscing.

Those in attendance this year included Fred Haines, Andy Thompson, Stephen Mason, Barry Fowler, David Houseman, Ron Ingarfield, Neil Haslam, Jeremy Martin, Michael Bairstow, Peter Bothwick, Geoff Poole, Martyn Eustace, Alan Badcock and Jack Perry.

Jack Perry



Firstly I would like to say hello to everyone that knows me, and those that don't, and say how pleased I am to be involved with PICT in this way. To follow in Bev Steele's shoes is a big ask as he has been so brilliant as Editor for so many years. All my working life I have been involved in either publishing or paper and print, so I have a huge interest in all it stands for, and in particular, the promotion of the sustainable product - paper.

Although I may not be as hands-on with the industry as I used to be – I am now working for Safer Life (what was Paper Life) and we sell amongst other things paper testing equipment. I have noticed that over the last six months or so there has been an upsurge in requests from both paper and print companies in the UK for various items of test equipment – now this could point to end-users and/or producers wanting better quality items, and in turn, hopefully, a more buoyant marketplace. Also, in conjunction with Tim Bowler's (ex NAPM) company Focal Strength, Safer Life is still

running the popular Paper Appreciation Courses – and we have seen an increase in numbers on these courses. Both James Cropper and Tullis Russell have been venues for this informative course, which provides a brilliant insight into paper as well as a better understanding of the substrate to those that both sell and use it. Contact Tim Bowler for further information on next year's dates.

Now back to PICT itself, as mentioned on the front page – the Annual Luncheon has now been booked – held in the stunning Thames Suite overlooking the River Thames – it is an excellent occasion - so do contact Anne James and order your tickets. PICT's success relies on donations from both corporate and individuals, as

well as from the sporting sections and events during the year such as the luncheon, so do support your charity and see how you can be better involved.

I think that's enough said from me on this first occasion, however, lastly, I would like to raise a glass of seasonal cheer and hope that all you readers have a good Christmas and let's hope for a brighter 2015. I look forward to meeting you all next year.

Margaret Curle

obituary

JOHN EDWARD (JACK) HUNTER

1st April 1932 – 16th July 2014

It is with great sadness that I record the passing of Jack Hunter. He was so very well known in the London Trade in a sales role and as a great supporter of both the Stationers' Social Society and the London Pride Society.

I first met Jack at the London office of Tullis Russell & Co Ltd, Paper makers, in St Andrews Hill, EC4 in the 1960s. Jack, then in his thirties, seemed the very epitome of what a good salesman should be, impeccably dressed, well informed and knowledgeable of things beyond the Trade. I remember enjoying his company very much.

He was a keen sportsman, something of an all-rounder, good at both cricket and football, was Captain of both games at Ewell Castle School and later captained the Epsom Cricket Club 2nd

eleven. He played tennis and squash at Ebbisham Sports Club where he first met Eileen his wife to be. His other great loves were the theatre, musical theatre in particular, and ships and shipping of which he was most knowledgeable. Jack was the most avid theatre-goer I have ever met keeping a diary of every show he had ever seen from his very earliest days.

He married Eileen in 1968 and they have 2 children, Ian and Elizabeth, both doing well in their own careers. The sad thing was that Jack, at a comparatively young age, contracted a weakness in his legs finally diagnosed as MS in the 1990s but there were signs of this at a much earlier time.

The funeral was held at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on 30th July and was very well attended.

We send our sympathies to Eileen and the Family.

Bev Steele

London Pride Luncheon Club 13th November 2014

I really must try to avoid superlatives here but it is difficult. If the number of attendees is the sole yardstick, this Lunch was the best ever. 38 of us no less sat down to steak and chips, a lot of wine and conversation. We met at the Boot & Flogger Wine Bar in Redcross Way, SE1 at about 12.30 pm for a drink at the bar upstairs before repairing downstairs to the crypt like lower floor. There was a brief meeting for a few of us starting at noon for the business side of things to be discussed, but in truth not much business really as we are now a luncheon club as against a fully structured society so no committee as such, just a few committed volunteers to do the arranging of future Lunches, and such matters. Owen Davis, Mike Rust and Bev Steele do this with Owen really the prime mover. His organisational skills are frankly awesome which, allied to a willingness to do this work make him ideal for this sort of thing. I am sparing no blushes here.

Owen welcomed us all with a brief few words to which Mike Rust followed by making a special welcome to the new members and guests with some very well chosen words. A little later Bev made an invitation

to those seated to make up a London Pride table for the PICT Lunch on 6th March 2015. As a note to Anne James this is work in progress of course. Bev then made the Toast to The London Pride Society, past, present and future.

This was one of those events, which, once launched, runs itself like a sort of avalanche, and a very similar noise! Wonderful. It has been said before about fellowship within an industry that has seen its share of trouble that this LPS Lunch is the closest thing to those functions in the "old days" when it was all so different. Nobody seemed to want to go home.

The next London Pride Society Lunch will be held on 30th April 2015, same place and time. Gentlemen, please make a diary note now and book early to avoid disappointment as we are very close to the maximum seating capacity of the Boot's largest room. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you next year.

Bev Steele



The faces say it all



Mike Rust welcomes the new members and guests



There were more round the corner!

River Test Friday, 17th October 2014

The morning dawned bright and clear and with temperatures well above normal for the time of year, the prospects for a good day's fishing looked really excellent.

Our annual outing to the River Test, one of the outstanding chalk streams in the country, is always very popular and this year we had access to the whole stretch of river below Broadlands, which gave us about 3 miles of double bank fishing for Trout, Grayling and anything else that might fancy an artificial fly! When I arrived just before 8am there were already three early birds waiting at the gate and by 8.50 the remainder of the 21 anglers had arrived and I was able to join them in the car park to tackle up. A lot of people decided to try the stretch of river that

we had not fished before with a few making their way back to the familiar old stretch.

We were delighted to have the PICT President, Alan Badcock, in attendance. He had been presented with a fly rod and reel when he retired and was determined to take up the challenge that is the River Test. Such is the appeal of this venue that we were also pleased to welcome another new member, Nick Boyle, who had travelled all the way from Yorkshire to be there. As always, our numbers were swelled by guests including a number from the MTSFC, nice to see one charity supporting another.

Despite its popularity, the fishing is always very challenging, but slowly news filtered along the bank that the first Brown Trout had

been caught and returned as is standard practice. I managed to raise two very small fish that jumped after the fly as I lifted off, a classic case of bad fishing!

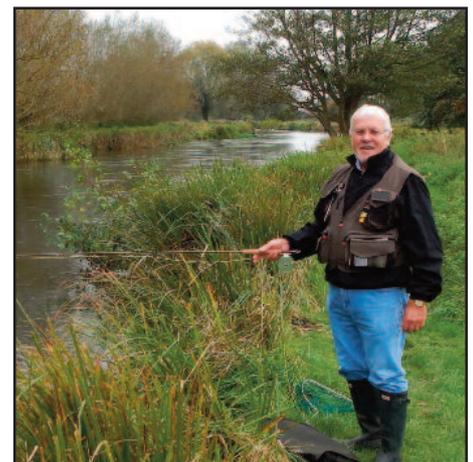
River angling tends to be a rather solitary sport so it was good to see most people meet up at lunchtime to discuss tactics and generally have a good old natter, made even more pleasurable by the very mild climate.

The general feeling appeared to be that heavy flies weighed down with a tungsten bead were the ones to use and a guest, Bill, managed to land a grand total of seven Trout during the day. However, just to show how perverse fishing can be three of my guests spent the afternoon using small dry flies and not only had some success but a lot of fun casting to rising fish. Thus ended another super day with a good turnout, a good number of fish caught, good weather and happy faces all round leading to a surplus going to the PICT charity.

My thanks to David Gould for making the arrangements with the fishery and to all participants who made it such a successful day.



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Alan Badcock - PICT President



Tim Homer with a good sized
Brown Trout



Anglers discussing tactics over lunch

Frensham Lakes

Thursday, 6th November 2014

Clear skies brought the first frost of the autumn indicating the prospects of a fine days fishing once the hard ice had been cleared from the car windscreen. With a good turnout of 13 members and guests I was really looking forward to returning to what is one of my favourite trout fisheries with its 6 small to medium lakes and abundance of hard fighting fish.

Sadly it was not to be for after starting my car without problem, I had only gone a few hundred yards when it started misfiring badly, a very intermittent problem had suddenly become very severe. I drove for several miles hoping it would clear itself but no luck so after half an hour I was back home waiting until 8.30 before phoning the fishery and one or two members, so this report is written 'in absentia'.

Keith Huxtable returned my call and had already landed 3 good fish and reported that others were also catching thus increasing my frustration at not being part of the action. Dennis Cole also made a successful start to the day and had 3 fish by 9.45 but found it more difficult as the wind increased bringing down lots of leaves, the bane of an anglers life.

In contrast to this Andrew Smith and his guest did not catch anything until the afternoon but then had a couple of fish weighing 3.5 and 4lb

respectively. President Alan Badcock caught his first PICT fish on only his second outing with us, sorry I wasn't there to witness it.

Gerry Overy fought his way through the traffic but after a mid-morning start managed to net three by lunch which he tells me was the usual sociable event.

Robert Taylor usually gets himself into the photos due to his success in winning the Monk Trophy for the past two years, this time he was grateful that I wasn't present with the camera as he somehow ended up in a bog up to his waist!!!

MONK TROPHY

After two remarkably successful days at Coltsford Mill and Frensham the clear winner of the the trophy for this year is Keith Huxtable - congratulations from all the angling section. Gerry Overy and Robert Taylor ended up in 2nd and 3rd places.

All in all it has been another successful year with some good turnouts and it was very nice to see some new faces at our 4 events of the year. Everyone has to travel a long way to get to the venues which I try and spread around geographically as much as possible so thanks to you all for your support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thursday 19th March 2015 – RIB VALLEY, Ware, Herts

Thursday 21st May 2015 – FRENHAM LAKES, Churt, Surrey

October – RIVER TEST – date to be confirmed

Thursday 5th November 2015 – COLTSFORD MILL, Oxted, Surrey

Annual Tennis Tournament Thursday, 11th September 2014

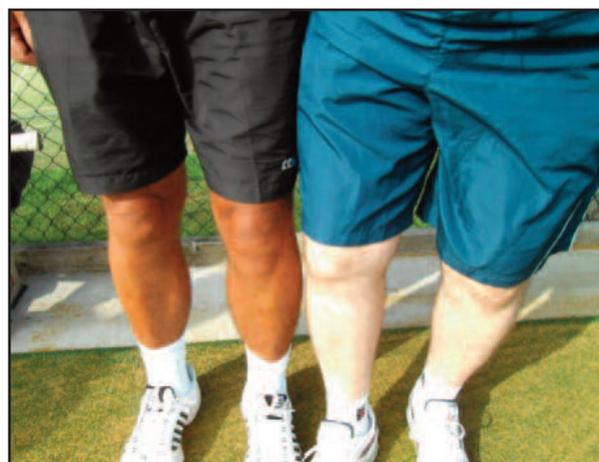
On Thursday 11th September 2014, for the first time since Jack Perry handed the baton over for the PICT Tennis Tournament, the one thing I always fret about, the weather, was for once almost a guarantee.

I still, however, worry about the numbers year-on-year, especially when I hear about clashes with cricket and past presidents' lunches possibly leading to double booking or having to choose one or t'other. Talking of presidents, many thanks to Alan Badcock who spent a large part of the day with us and kindly said a few words.

Well, the day itself graced us with 18 players, 9 pairs and amongst them as you see below 4 ladies who look as fresh and lovely as the flowers they hold!



The 'before' photo below shows many of our regulars but also some very welcome 'newbies' whom I hoped enjoyed the day enough to become regulars in years to come. Ace Bothwick was the official David Bailey for the day whose presence as a player once again will hopefully be soon, but he will still be official photographer!



Dodgy picture of the day goes to: 'holiday legs' vs 'no holiday legs'. Guess who they belong to, answer at the end.

Virgin PICT tennis players this year included: Sara Gladstone, Dan Barrett and Sam Thomsett who travelled at least 22 yards to join us with hubby Mike.



Returners from years gone by included Ken Jones and Lee Smith whose company also made a separate donation to the charity.

The Round Robin with 9 pairs played beautifully into the system. Top 4 fight it out in semi-final of the Penman Trophy, with next 4 fighting it out for the Johnston Cup, with 9th place an outright winner of the Wooden Spoon 2014.

I was fortunate enough to recreate the pairing that lost in the final of the Penman Trophy a few years back, as Jonathan Clay's regular partner Andrew Dunning was double booked for the day, and as Andrew Veasey hooked up with my wife's partner from last year, Claire was paired with the returning Lee Smith which ended up a very formidable team! Meanwhile Tony Wood & Tim Bowler returned to defend the Johnston Cup whilst Ken & Sam Thomsett allegedly were to fight for the right of the Spoon with Brian Garson & Mike Thomsett; little did they know how it would finish.

Sadly Paul Le Serve was diverted to an impromptu Head Office meeting so we adapted the Round Robin to an invitation cameo appearance each round from the pair that sat out to play each round with Karen. We hope to see the return of the aptly named Mr Le Serve in 2015.

In reverse order then, congratulations to Ken Jones & Sam Thomsett on certainly Ken's sole intention to win the 2014 Wooden Spoon to add to previous conquests that adorn his work.

The semi final of the Johnston Cup saw a very pleased Brian & Mike await the outcome of Andrew & Ray versus Sara & Dan. This was because Karen had disqualified herself due to no more cameo



partners, besides she'd seen the cakes set aside for afternoon tea!

Ray & Andrew quickly saw off Sara & Dan and in the final swept aside an elated Brian & Mike who were very chuffed to get the runners up mantle in the Johnston Cup. Very well done to Andrew Veasey and Ray Williams a new pairing on the Johnston Cup but not new names to it.



Now for the Penman Trophy. First semi final saw 'er indoors with new tennis partner Lee Smith up against Barrie Farnsworth & Graham Hall, last year's losing finalists! Well, boy did they not want to have that losing feeling again. A close fought battle went in favour of Barrie & Graham 6 – 4. I can admit now that the psychology of possibly meeting my good lady in the final was occupying my mind a little in the semi-final, not sure why 'cos we had to get past Tony Wood & Tim Bowler first. But we did get there although the score flattered us a little after a tentative start 6 – 1.

Well here were Jonathan and I again, once upon a time losing Penman finalists against last year's losers. As the first set unfolded my thought process as organiser and playing a final against a pairing that are also customers, was to say you've got to let the customers win, haven't you? The thought was far from my mind, but in a 3 set final the first set was over before I could even have such a thought 1 – 6! Barrie & Graham were high fiving and full of confidence, whilst Jonathan and I discussed what went wrong. I must admit I was a little worried about the time and my co-organisers, Ace & Claire, began the presentations whilst Jonathan and I needed to focus on the task in hand. Well, set 2 saw us dig in and turn it around 6 – 2 and momentum continued with the same score in the final and deciding set. Thank you to the opposition for a knacker but enjoyable final and hope to see you try for third time lucky in 2015. Congratulations to Jonathan Clay and yours truly Winners of the Penman Trophy 2014.



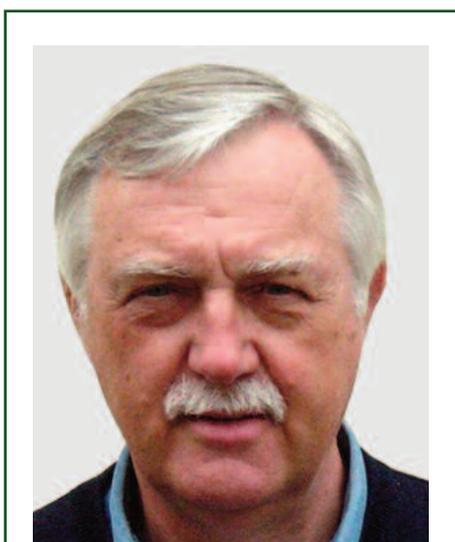
Most importantly I would like to thank all the sponsors for the day: Lunch, Courts, Trophies, Flowers, Balls, Bar Staff etc do not come free. Thanks to Fedrigoni UK, Mondri UK, International Paper, Sappi UK, Premier Paper & Warings, most of the subs for the day are donated to PICT for all the good work they support.

The total on its way to Anne James is £340.00 + £100.00 raised from our FA Cup Final Wembley Onesie Day from Barry Gregory + £100.00 donation from Lee Smith's company Webmart Ltd taking the grand total up to an impressive £540.00.

At the end of the day it looked like we needed a combination of Voltarol and Ibuprofen as sponsors with support from St John's Ambulance. I do hope all enjoyed the day enough to save the date for next year which I can announce will be:

Thursday 17th September 2015

PS those legs belong to Tony Wood and Mike Thomsett but not telling you which one's which!?



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SHANKS Autumn Golf Meeting

Badgemore Golf Club, Henley-on-Thames
9th October 2014

This was our first outing to Badgemore Park Golf Club, founded in 1972, a parkland course situated a few minutes from the centre of Henley-on-Thames. A little worrying that their website mentions their ability to provide funeral receptions but thankfully we all survived the day!

The course was designed by Robert Sandow (1922-2011) an ex-touring professional who spent most of his career playing in Canada and on the USPGA tour. Notable playing partners included Sam Snead, Byron Nelson and Gene Sarazen. He was also the Director of Golf to the Shah of Iran until the arrival of Ayatollah Khomeini. Thereafter he returned to the UK and designed golf courses (sometimes with the help of Robert Trent Jones), leaving behind a small fortune and dreams shattered. He was also ex-RAF, was a fighter pilot during WW11 and fought in the Battle of Britain. Quite a life!!



The Shankers "Grand Day Out"

15 stalwarts turned up to challenge this par 69 – 6,129 yard course, in immaculate condition (the course that is), in changeable wet and windy conditions. Coffee and slimline bacon baps were eagerly consumed before battle commenced.

I think all that read this will already know the format of the day, although this time we didn't have "the longest drive" or "nearest the hole" competitions – perhaps looking after a badly behaved yellow sphere was challenge enough!

Those with replacement hips/knees and other worn out parts departed the first tee by buggy, along with those who could still remember when most paper merchants were owned and run by their founders and not multi-national conglomerates. The younger, fitter members and guests used the more traditional shank's pony, which seemed more fitting for this particular event! Our regular starter Mike "Divot/Niblick" Windett was there to officiate and to make sure that Badgemore Park members on an adjacent tee to the first were either well protected or fully insured!



Alan Badcock, Alan Piper and Barry Gregory



Martin Stears, Captain "Faldo" Bothwick and Barry Gregory

The standard of Shanks's golf was in line with general expectations although our two guests, John Ladd and Stuart Palmer, broke with tradition in appearing to take more conventional routes from tee to green without disturbing the local flora and fauna, in this area of "outstanding natural beauty". On the other hand Barry Gregory decided that his hatred of a particular Pedunculate Oak knew no bounds, but even then, after hitting it with three consecutive strokes, and giving slumbering squirrels a headache, decided enough was enough and moved on. This brave effort was however properly recognised later when Barry was awarded the Steve Beckett Trophy for clot/shot of the day.



Barry Gregory receiving the Steve Beckett Trophy

PICT President Alan Badcock made a return appearance but unfortunately was teamed up with "Commodore" Green whose expertise in driving the buggy was not matched with his ability to drive a golf ball. Nevertheless, with the considerable help of third team member, Alan Piper, the threesome somehow managed to come second in the yellow ball competition.



Geoff Parnell is awarded the Steele Bowl by Captain Bothwick

Rory McIlroy recently stated that it was his skill with a club that made him desirable to the fairer sex, which I guess is why Shanks members are more attracted to the Anne Widdecombes of this World rather than a Caroline Wozniaki. Nevertheless, clubs were wielded with great enthusiasm and Geoff Parnell fittingly won the

Steele Bowl with the best score of 33 points. Amazingly most teams retained their yellow ball for most, if not all, of their rounds but Team E consisting of Kit Kat, John Ladd and Geoff Parnell won the day. The guest prize went to Stuart Palmer, who somehow managed to get invited by Chris Bell, even though he played off 17!!

Captain "Faldo" Bothwick presented the prizes consisting of various red wines from a recent Sainsburys offer – buy one get six free - with the Hardys VR Merlot probably given to Barry as the tasting notes mentioned "a toasty Oak flavour on the nose".



Team E - winners of the yellow ball competition - John Ladd, Geoff Parnell and "Kit Kat" Kerlogue commended by "Faldo" Bothwick

Also mentioned in dispatches should be Mike Gee, John Vanderpump, Tony Spicer, Martin Stears and Martin Triggs for not winning anything, missing all the trees, and greatly contributing to an extremely fun and enjoyable day. An extremely pleasant dinner in the converted 18th century coach house completed the event with the next gathering announced as 'probably' Tuesday 12th May 2015. After the bribe paid to the Club Secretary for allowing us to play his course and the purchase of fine wines from Sainsburys, a profit of £124.96 (who owes the 4p??) was made on the day for the PICT fund.

As always a big thank you to Hon Sec Mike "Kit Kat" Kerlogue for his considerable effort in arranging another great Shanks event and for the use of his Nectar card. Also to Captain "Faldo" Bothwick for actually playing this time, being in all the photos and generally being HIP.

Bob (Commodore) Green

DATE FOR 2015

SHANKS Spring Meeting - Tuesday 12th May at Reigate Hill Golf Club

Annual Cricket Match – PICT v PaperlinX

Thursday, 11th September 2014



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PICT was hosted by PaperlinX at Wollaston Cricket Club for its annual 20-20 Cricket match on Thursday 11th September at Wellingborough, Northamptonshire. In view of the late date for this year's match, the two sides assembled to start at 4.30 pm.

PaperlinX lost the toss and were put into bat by PICT Captain Mike Robertson. Amongst those representing PICT were: Mike Robertson and Matthew Boyle, International Paper; Stewart Marshall, Darren Hinchcliffe and Tom Boyle, Riasca Paper and Print; Joe Collins, Vince Collins; Steve Adams, Stora Enso; Ian Huskinson, Iggesund; and Alan Winn, Devon Consulting.

Whilst those representing PaperlinX included: Richard Wilson, M. Mayes, David Riddle, Mike Swann, Marcus King, M. Duckworth, B. Caheill, D. Melville, Darren King and S. Laundon. PICT started with great gusto and had PaperlinX on 2 runs for 2 wickets after 2 overs, thanks to some good bowling from Darren Hinchcliffe. PaperlinX then got into their stride, pushing their score along with both David Riddle & Mike Swan retiring at 31. They were both backed up by Marcus

King (son of Darren) whom batted well before retiring at 35. He did, however, manage to run his Dad out for 2 - no pocket money for Marcus. In an effort to give PaperlinX a high scoring last over, Mike Robertson decided to bowl this himself. With his strange bowling action he managed to baffle the batsmen taking 3 wickets - to restrict PaperlinX to 121 runs. A very credible total, but one, which PICT felt they could chase down.

Ian Huskinson and Tom Boyle opened the batting with Ian reaching 30 before he had to retire. Matthew Boyle scored 25, Joe Collins 16 but

PaperlinX bowled and fielded very well and as with most years the match came down to the last over. PICT managed to get over the winning line with 1 ball to spare reaching 122 runs. The match was played in great spirit with some high class cricket played by both teams.

Thank you to Wollaston Cricket Club for again allowing us to grace their wonderful ground. Thanks also to Nick Boyle and PICT President Alan Badcock for their support. A donation of £70 will be made to PICT.

jap matchplay final



The 2014 Jack Perry Matchplay Competition reached its final stages on Tuesday, 16th September at the famous Walton Heath Golf Club, once the venue for the Ryder Cup. The conditions were as near perfect as any in recent years. Warm sunshine throughout, no wind, the fairways immaculate and cut a bit lower than usual. The heather though, of which there is much, remained as intrusive as ever and did its best to hide and keep wayward balls.

For the first time in its 20 year history three of the days four matches went to the 18th. The exception was the semi-final in which the fired up Tim Elliott made full use of his shot advantage over Robin Sponder who never quite got to display why he is a 6 handicap player. A friendly and sporting competitor though.

In the other semi-final Roger Grant, the shortest driver and highest handicapper, gave a master class in course management and found himself one up going into the 18th. Kieran Ferguson who played so solidly throughout, unfortunately suffered a meltdown and, after three shots he will wish to forget quickly, conceded the game.

Robin and Kieran went off first after lunch to do battle for 3rd and 4th place prizes but finished all square and opted to share the 3rd position rather than battle on.

The final proved a keenly contested and very watchable match. Tim found trouble more than the consistent Roger, but produced some excellent recovery shots, and putted very soundly. None better than the last stroke on the 18th when he needed to sink his putt in order to claw his way back to level the match. The ball had a good look round the rim of the hole before finally dropping.

Again, given the option of fighting on or sharing the trophy, the players decided, after a brief huddle, to call it a day and respect each others efforts. Because 300+ club members were attending the funeral and wake of a Past President probably explains why the course was unusually quiet, another bonus for the players. 2014 will go down in the history books as one of the best Finals Days.

Jack Perry



As mentioned in the last PICT newsletter, although I no longer work at The Paper Trail, I still believe in its concept, especially that of promoting the paper and print industry to a wider audience and as such want to keep you, the paper industry, informed with all its news. And, as it is only just down the road from where I am working now it is easy to keep in touch.

Since the sale of its surplus land at Apsley (as mentioned in my last Letter back in July), The Paper Trail Visitor Centre at the historic Frogmore Mill near Hemel Hempstead is going from strength to strength.

This unique site has become quite a hive of activity for the film industry – recent filming at the mill has included *Silent Witness*, *Flog It* and *Salvage Hunters*. Also, during the week before Halloween, the mill was hired out to a company called Scarenation, which held a series of scary evening tours – which involved darkened mazes, dressed up actors and lots of other things to generally scare the public – apparently over 2,000 people booked to literally be frightened senseless!!! Oh well - each to their own, and after all Frogmore Mill is the perfect venue for such an event ... cold, damp and extremely old and eerie.... Of course, all this publicity by a well known company helps to raise the visitor centre's profile as well.

As well as the Scarenation event, once again, the Visitor Centre ran its Halloween activities for the children during the Autumn half term – and these were as popular as ever – with both children and adults making a variety of scary masks and cards and anything gruesome.

A couple of months ago, The Paper Trail was the destination of some of Hertfordshire's top VIPs.

During a conversation with Jacky Bennett, The Paper Trail's Chair of Trustees, she informed me that the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire had visited the mill, along with the Mayor and Deputy Major, as well as the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire – this visit was all part of a tour of Hertfordshire, whereby the group of VIPs visited different boroughs in the county, and Frogmore was deemed an important site to visit in the Borough of Dacorum.

Back at the Visitor Centre itself, the trip boat – the Bryan Donkin – has recently had a complete makeover – new roof/cover with windows, flooring and a toilet on board. This upgrade now enables the boat to be hired out to potential day trippers, as well as being able to be used in all weathers for visitors to the mill – again all helping to add extra income.

Other activities taking place at the mill include the popular seasonal Fayres – with the Christmas Fayre to be held at the end of November – these events in particular attract a lot of local people that would otherwise not visit the mill.

And don't forget – The Paper Trail still has its conferencing facilities at both the Apsley Mills' site and Frogmore Mill – so if you require meeting facilities near the M25/M1 or next to a mainline train station (Apsley is on the Euston to Birmingham line) – then remember to contact The Paper Trail on 01442 234600 to find out what they offer you.

The Paper Trail's Heritage Fire Brigade has been out and about with the 1938 Dennis Ace Fire Engine – the latest jaunt being a 47 mile round trip to Hitchin. They were asked by Hitchin Historical Society to attend a book launch – the book called 'Fire Fire' by Paul Howard, is the story of a Hitchin Fireman from 1926 to 1929. The Heritage Fire Brigade was pleased to oblige and as ever attracted lots of interest from shoppers in the town – again brilliant publicity not only for the book but The Paper Trail as well.

Anyway, I think that's all the news from The Paper Trail for the time being, but I will, as ever, keep you updated with all the news next time.

Margaret Curle



The Paper Trail's 1938 Dennis Ace fire engine

We at PICT feel a strenuous, even herculean effort should be made to persuade Members to join this virtually pain-free means of making a few bob and helping the needy.

The Rules which are shown below are pretty self explanatory I think with £25 as the minimum share. There is currently no upwards limit on share holding.

Little more can be said other than it needs more share holders to become properly viable so do please have another look at this. Contact Anne for the joining paperwork and there will be more of the same on the tables at the PICT Annual Lunch on 6th March 2015 when the next draw will be held.

There is no escape!

PICT 200 Club Rules

1. The name of the draw is the 200 Club regardless of the number of shares.
2. The 200 Club will be administered by PICT.
3. The purpose of the 200 Club is to raise funds for the sole benefit of PICT.
4. Participants are entitled to hold any number of shares. Participants who resign their membership of PICT may retain their share(s) in the 200 Club.
5. The number of shares in the 200 Club shall be unlimited and each share shall be allocated a unique number but tickets will not be issued.
6. The Lottery shall run from 1 January – 31st December each year. There shall be a quarterly draw and the prize value shall be:
1st Prize £250 2nd Prize £100 3rd Prize £50
The number and value of the prizes may be amended by decision of the Board.
7. Prize-winners will be notified at the last address held by PICT. It is the responsibility of a Participant to advise PICT of any change. PICT will use their best endeavours to locate prize-winners but any prize cheque not cashed (or any winner not located) within 6 months will be deemed a donation to PICT. A list of prize-winners will also be posted on the PICT website.
8. The subscription for each share is £25.00 per annum payable annually in advance by standing order.
9. All draws to be held in the presence of at least 2 members of the PICT Board.
10. PICT will not pay a prize to any Participant other than the purchaser(s) of a winning share.
11. No subscription will be refunded.
12. PICT will determine any dispute. An appeal may be made to the PICT Board, who will convene a sub-committee consisting of the President and two other members of the Board whose decision shall be final.
13. PICT may amend or vary the rules of the 200 Club at any time. The Rules will be available via the PICT website.
14. The 200 Club is intended to be a private lottery under the provisions of the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976, as amended.

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO BE A PICT MEMBER TO JOIN THE 200 CLUB

The latest draw of the 200 Club took place after the committee meeting in November

1st Prize £250 - Dennis Cole

2nd Prize £100 - Alan Badcock

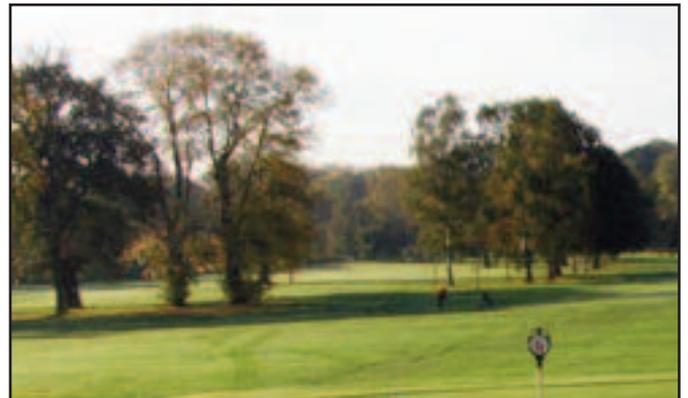
3rd Prize £50 - George Dean

charity golf day



Fred Haines will again be organising the Charity Golf Day at Rothley Park Golf Club in Leicestershire on Thursday, 4th June 2015.

If you would like to enter a team please contact Fred direct by email Fred_Haines@fedrigoni.co.uk.



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