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## PICT's got talent!

It's that time of year again, when we are looking towards PICT's Annual fundraising event – and it looks as though it's all set to be a fun filled time.

But why I can hear you ask, well... the guest entertainer will be comedian Daliso Chaponda, who shot to prominence with his appearances during the 2017 season of TV's Britain's Got Talent programme.



Daliso Chaponda

The PICT Annual Lunch, to be held on Friday 8th March 2019, will once again be at the Park Plaza Riverbank Hotel on London's south bank, in its Plaza Suite. As in previous years a great day is in store. Not only excellent food and comradeship, but there will be the enjoyable Heads and Tails, a table raffle and an auction, with, as usual, an eclectic mix of items up for grabs. And all in a good cause – to help those in our industry that need our support.

Now back to the entertainer – Daliso Chaponda was originally from Malawi and moved to the UK in 2008, where he learned his trade on the comedy circuit. As mentioned, he became more well known with his appearances on TV's Britain's got Talent,

where he wowed TV audiences with his hilarious material, which culminated in him finishing third in the BGT grand final. He has since embarked on a multi-date, UK-wide tour, where he has continued to amuse and entertain huge numbers of appreciative audiences. All in all it sounds as though Daliso Chaponda will add just what we need to make it an excellent afternoon. So don't miss him – book your tickets now with Anne James either by e-mail or telephone.

As always, PICT's AGM will be held before the lunch in one of the hotel's meeting rooms (details available closer to the time). This is, in part, to encourage members to come along to this important meeting prior to the lunch. For those that aren't aware, the AGM is kept short, there are refreshments on arrival before the business matters commence, along with the inauguration of the new President. And as quickly as it starts, it is finished – so you still have plenty of time to mix with colleagues and enjoy a drink before the delicious three-course lunch at 1.00pm. Tickets for the Annual Lunch are now available and are: Members £95; Retired members £80; and Guests £110,

So hopefully, all of this detail will have whetted your appetite and you will have made a note in your diary of the date and will be contacting Anne James to book your tickets. And remember, PICT needs your support so it can help support those that need it. Therefore, it is a win:win situation – you get to have a great day of good friendship, food and fun .... and it helps a good cause. So see you all in March at the Annual Lunch and ... go on, break the habit of a lifetime, come along to the AGM as well.

*Margaret Curle*

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## trustees' report

As in previous years, we continue to support fellow colleagues and ex-colleagues from the industry who for one reason or another fall upon difficult and testing times and need some help to cope.

Whilst the charity has, for many years, promoted the purpose of its existence, we feel that your help in advising your fellow workers of

PICT will assist in getting our message across to a wider audience, which will allow us to support more people who may need our help.

*From the Trustees of PICT*

## trustees' case study

As Trustees of PICT, our consideration for deserving cases is on a strictly confidential basis. However, in order to widen the awareness of the Trustees' scope and responsibilities, we felt that it was important to highlight an individual case study, as an example of our work. Of course, identities will remain anonymous.

The PICT Trustees were contacted by the family of one individual, who had served in the paper industry during the 1970s and 1980s. The individual had unfortunately contracted a severe illness, and was unable to move or sleep without pain.

The request from the family was very specific – they asked if we could provide a specialist medical blanket, which would assist in providing warmth and dedicated comfort. We were able to source such an item, which was promptly delivered directly to the individual, and, according to the family, gave much needed respite, making the individual's suffering more manageable.

This is just one example of the kind of assistance that PICT can give to former or current members of our paper industry, who may be facing difficulties. If you know of anyone who might need such help, do please contact the Trustees of PICT :

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To repeat, any applications will be treated on a strictly confidential basis. Thank you.

*From the Trustees of PICT*

## 200 club

Now an established institution, the 200 Club helps raise much needed funds for PICT. If you fancy joining the 200 Club and be in with a chance of winning contact Anne James by e-mailing [anne@pictuk.com](mailto:anne@pictuk.com) who will send you further information and a form. It's as easy as that.

### **Draw at the August 2018 Committee Meeting**

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| 1st Prize | £250 | - Bev Steele      |
| 2nd Prize | £100 | - Melissa Shorten |
| 3rd Prize | £50  | - Neil Entwistle  |



Gosh, where does the time go – it only seems a short while ago I was writing the comment for last year's winter newsletter. However, there does appear to be a few things to report.

Obviously top of the list is the announcement of PICT's Annual Lunch, all set for Friday 8th March, with tickets now available. The entertainer, Daliso Chaponda, sounds as though he should make us all laugh – adding to the whole fun factor of the afternoon. So order those tickets now.

All the sporting sections, apart from the Cricket unfortunately, appear to have had fairly good turnouts at their events. And, of course, the weather was pretty good all summer as well, which adds to the enjoyment. With regards the Cricket Section, Mike Robertson is not one to give up and again has put out a plea for people to come forward to play cricket – guests are invited too – so let's hope 2019 will be the year Cricket comes back on the agenda.

In the wider world of the paper industry, a couple of interesting stories have come to my notice. I read that Tetra Pak and Veolia have partnered to recycle all components used in beverage cartons within the EU by 2025. Sounds like an interesting project. Closer to home, Smurfit Kappa states it is reducing its carbon footprint by at least 15% with its new CHP plant, which has just come online at its Townsend Hook paper mill in Kent.

And finally, it has been announced that the German papermaker Zanders is set to be acquired by a new company Zanders-Paper, headed up by Norwegian pulp and paper businessman Terje Haglund. Haglund is Chief Executive of Virginal Paper, which earlier this year bought a Belgium paper mill formerly the home of Idem papers. However, it is intended that the two companies will remain separate entities.

Moving away from the industry, the PICT Committee were sad to hear that the former TV football commentator Peter Brackley had

passed away on 14th October, aged 67. Many readers will recall that he spoke at the PICT Lunch in 2015. He was a lifelong Brighton & Hove Albion supporter, and was best known as the voice of Channel Four's Football Italia. On this sad note, I must mention that a new report has been included in this newsletter to promote the charitable work of PICT and make everyone aware of how monies raised are used. Please read it.

Finally, don't forget to book your place at the Annual Lunch and why not make it your new year's resolution to support the PICT sporting events during 2019. So until next time, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year – and look forward to seeing you all in March at the lunch and hopefully the AGM too!!

*Margaret Curle*

## past presidents' lunch



The Boot and Flogger in Southwark, London, was once again the venue for the PICT Past Presidents' lunch held on Monday 29th October 2018. Hosted by Joe Piggott, those in attendance were (l-r): Ron Ingarfield, David Houseman, Barry Fowler, Neil Haslam, Kevin Dewey, Peter Bothwick, Joe Piggott, Nick Gee, Goeff Poole, Peter Chilton, Nick Steidl, Brian Henry and Richard Cossens.

TRINGFORD TROUT LAKE, TRING, HERTS  
- Thursday 6th September 2018



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Largely due to holidays, a rather depleted group of four members and two guests met at Tringford Lake on a lovely sunny morning, to be met by the smell of bacon and the sizzling of sausages, the usual greeting from Head Bailiff Bob Menzies and his cheerful band of helpers.

With our appetites duly satisfied, we returned to the car park to tackle up before heading for the rowing punts that make this different from our normal bank fishing. Guests Granville and Chris Ainley took one boat, Alan Badcock and Tony Spicer the second, while Gerry Overy and I shared a boat.

It took a bit of getting used to rowing these punts because of their width but with Gerry raising arms windmill fashion to point me in the right direction, we made some progress towards the middle of the lake, where we dropped anchor. Tringford

is actually one of a number of reservoirs supplying drinking water and is fed from the Grand Union Canal. The water was crystal clear and the bottom was very visible, with only a slight ripple on the surface in the light breeze.

The first excitement came to Gerry in the form of a 3" long Perch, not at all what we wanted but a beautiful looking fish nonetheless. Unfortunately, this set the pattern for the rest of the day and despite changing flies regularly, type of line once and rowing to other spots several times, we could not get a take from the elusive Trout.

Lunch was traditional Tringford with smoked salmon and egg sandwiches, a huge slab of pork and egg pie plus all the trimmings, followed by a selection of cheeses and grapes and washed down with a choice of beverages.

After almost clearing the spread, we returned to our punts for much of the same action as the morning. It was clear that the other two boats had been more successful with each angler catching Trout and the final tally was - Granville two, Chris one, Alan three, Tony two, whilst Gerry had six Perch of varying sizes and all I could manage was a 2" Perch!

We packed up just as the first spots of rain were felt, having had a very enjoyable day and great thanks go to Bob Menzies and crew for making us feel so welcome.



Gerry on oars



George happy with a small Perch



Alan and Tony enjoying themselves

## RIVER TEST, ROMSEY, HANTS - Thursday 18th October 2018

This annual meeting always means an ultra-early start for many anglers and, this year, I heard talk of 4.00 am but even this becomes acceptable on a glorious day with wall-to-wall sunshine, little wind and the expectation of the magic that is the River Test.

The dry conditions meant no hold-ups on the motorways and, just after 8.30 in the morning, I shepherded the last of the 21 participants through the gate and joined them to tackle up. To my surprise, one Brown Trout had already been landed and returned by one of the early arrivals, so the signs were even better for a good day ahead.

The river rises at Ashe and is always in full flow on our beats, as it has only a short stretch to go before joining the River Itchen and flowing into Southampton Water, a total distance of 40 miles and we have the pleasure of fishing both banks for about 2 ½ miles of it.

It means that there is plenty of space for everyone and when one does meet up there is always time to stop and swap experiences of flies, etc. On one such occasion, I was able to slide my landing net under a beautiful Brown Trout as Gerry Overy guided it in.

This year, about a dozen or more met up for lunch and to hear the usual fishy stories of ones that had been caught, ones that had got

away and ones that never came near an angler, as in my case! The general consensus was that it was a superb day with everyone enjoying the ambience as much as the angling.

The final news of the day was one of our guests, Ian Hoper, landing a 7lb Salmon and congratulations to him.

Our numbers were swelled by members of the MTSFC and I would like to thank every one of them for their support and generous contributions, all of which will go to PICT after paying the Estate.

Finally, our usual thanks have to go to David Gould who is in charge of negotiations with said body and who makes this annual visit possible.

### MONK TROPHY

The Monk Trophy is presented annually to the member with the highest weight of fish combined with the number of fish caught over the season and has been won for the third year running by Alan Badcock.

Congratulations to Alan who is a stalwart supporter of the Angling Section and very much deserves this award.



Gerry's lovely Grayling



Gerry with the Brown Trout in the landing net



Lunch, a time to relax and swap experiences

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2019**

**Thursday 14th March – Coltsford Mill, Oxted, Surrey**

**Thursday 16th May – Rib Valley, Ware, Herts**

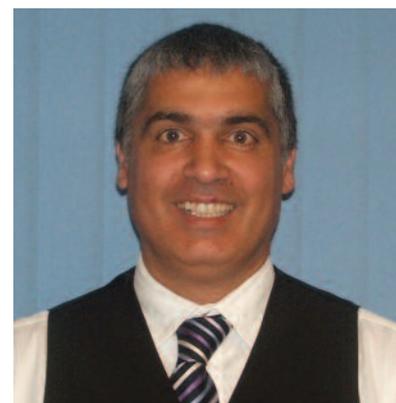
**Thursday 12th September – venue TBA**

**October – date TBA – River Test, Romsey, Hants**

## ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT - Thursday 13th September 2018

Usual concerns as this year's event approached - will the weather continue to be kind to us? Are there any last minute injuries? And how are we going to get more ladies to take part in this annual event?

The one thing I did not anticipate was the arrogance of the Penman Trophy winners to not bring the trophy as last year's holders to present to this year's winners, on the basis that they assumed it would save them carrying it around all day! I'm not going to mention any names, as this year it was only one of the pair, but in previous years the other of the pair admitted to doing the same. As Brexit approaches the previous year's foreign influx are conspicuous by their absence this year. Once Mother Theresa May has sorted it, hopefully normal service will be resumed next year....yeah right. Here's the traditional 'before' photo.



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Very welcome newbies this year included Mike Dobson and Eric Keane, along with some past players that paired up together in Phil Trudgeon and Paul Williams. I was almost about to relinquish my partner as I feared Mr Trudgeon had mixed his day up but local traffic released him and the day was under way.

May I, at this point, say a thank you to Paul Johnston-Knight, this year's President, for not only attending the majority of the day but also for kindly presenting the trophies.

An amusing aside was that Martin Dibsdale, who this year retires from the industry from Premier Paper, thought that it was his last appearance and that he was quite sad and assumed once retired would not be allowed to frequent the PICT tennis. Martin, have you not seen the fossils you are surrounded by on the courts! Bless him, he was so pleased and we look forward to you and Martin Lloyd Hagger playing for many years to come.

A major thank you to Fedrigoni UK, which once again sponsored the gorgeous lunch. An equally grateful sponsoring of balls, courts, trophies and bar person (me) from a combination of The Navigator Company and Mitsubishi HiTec Paper UK, means that we are able to donate the sum of £300 to PICT.

A big thank you to you all!

Now to the tennis...

We had nine pairs this year. Well, that's not entirely true as we allowed a trio to enter in the shape of Ace Bothwick, Brian Garson and David Kentish, who were allowed to field any two of the three squad based on fitness checks before each round. The hidden agenda here was that they had their eyes on the coveted wooden spoon all along as they amassed two points in the round robin section. Not sure who got the two wooden spoon trophies to keep but here they proudly pose.



Wooden Spoon Winners

In the Johnston Cup, we had Mike Dobson and Eric Keane facing the holders Martin Dibsedale and John Lloyd Hagger in the final. Amazed that after a day's tennis they opted to play a best of three sets final, the experienced holders were too wily for the newcomers, who I hope return to try and reverse the result – of 6-3, 6-3 - next year.



Johnston Cup Winners



Johnston Cup Runners-up

Now to the Penman Trophy, which was to be contested for the third year in a row by the holders against yours truly and my partner Matt Kidd, in an attempt to grapple the Trophy from their clutches.

It was Matt Kidd's and my turn in the semi-final to knock out Tony Wood and Steve Maher 6-4, whilst the other semi-final was won by Andrew Dunning and Jonathan Clay, again 6-4, against Paul Williams and Phil Trudgeon.

Seeing as Andrew Dunning left his trophy at home, Matt and I thought we would not complicate things by beating them this year. Jonathan and Andrew ran out worthy winners 6-2, 6-2, well done, but we will be back!



Penman Trophy Winners



Penman Trophy Runners-up

Once again thank you to all the players, sponsors and Northampton Lawn Tennis Club.

I can confirm the date for the 2019 Tennis Tournament is Thursday 12th September 2019. Save the date now!

*John Vic*

## SHANKS AUTUMN HACK

### Aldwickbury Park Golf Club

– Wednesday 26th September 2018

An impressive location is Aldwickbury Park, nestled into the side of the rolling landscape at Harpenden in Hertfordshire and, for our Autumn meeting, we were also blessed with a fabulous sun drenched day. We couldn't ask for better conditions and the greens were something else – despite the fairways having suffered from drought and the blistering heat in the summer. These greens were VERY GREEN, and many had split levels, with dips, hollows and burrows to test even the very best of the putters.

I must give Michael Black a mention, as it was his suggestion that Shanks should try out this course, and thanks Michael for the recommendation. By the way, if any Shanksers or anybody in PICT can suggest golf venues for Shanks golf days I would be grateful if you would let me know. We try to have courses close to motorways, (but not too close), and ideally around the M25 so that we attract as wide an audience as possible who can easily commute to the venue for a 12.00 noon kick off.

One small downside for our golf day was the lack of players, which seems such a shame, as the absentees missed a great day of golf. So, we had 12 players, which dropped to 11, when our Captain (Peter Bothwick – alias Nick Faldo) decided that for medical reasons he couldn't raise his golf club higher than his waist – but if the truth be known his beloved football team



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Shanks Team Autumn 2018

– Spurs – were playing Watford that evening at the MK Dons stadium just up the road from Aldwickbury. But he did act as our starter for the day, so thanks Peter for making the effort. Our regular starter – Mike Windett (alias Divot) had declined attendance on the basis that he would be in Dubai – with the presumption he must have got a better offer as starter for a camel race!!

Just a mention on the group photo – you will see two players missing – Keith and Gary who were late on parade; I can only assume their lateness was due to an extended stay at the hairdressers – but as you will see from the 'extra' photo they were

certainly well coiffured when they eventually turned up.

When back in the golf club we found that most golfers had an average day, and more importantly for the first time no howlers of wayward golf balls or the like. However, it was well known that Andy Thompson was missing the Steve Beckett Trophy from his mantelpiece. It was therefore evident that having an exemplary score card with the same 'lowly' number stableford point on both the front and back nine holes, plus finding on or about 50% of the bunkers on the course – and Aldwickbury was well endowed with plenty of sand traps – it was the unanimous decision that Andy be

awarded the Steve Beckett Trophy for Shanker of the Day. The citation on the roll of honour to read: For consistency in not scoring and hitting over half the bunkers on the course.

The Steele Bowl, for the best stableford score by the high handicappers (H/cap of 24 or higher), was deservedly won by Chris Godfrey. The photo shows Chris being presented by the past holder of the Steele Bowl, Martin Stears.

John Ladd, a guest, was the Overall Winner with a stableford score of 34. While the Yellow Ball team competition was won by the team of Keith Spiers, John Ladd and Kit Kat who were the only team who managed to coax the ball round the course with the original yellow ball.

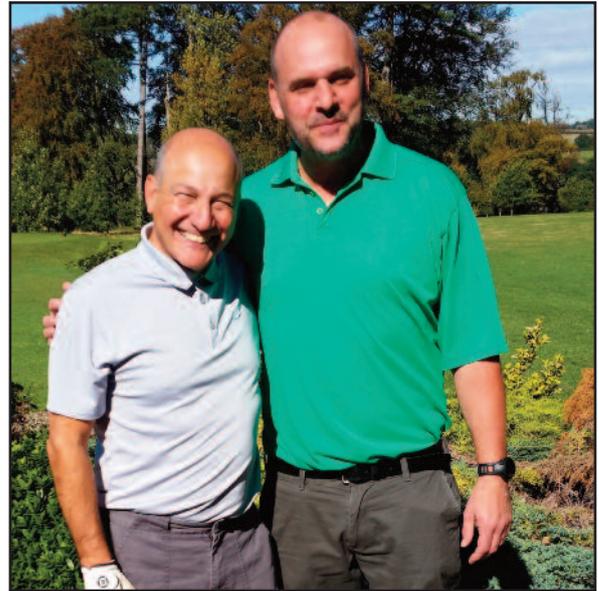
Aldwickbury Park did us proud with an evening meal of Shin of Beef, followed by Bread and Butter pudding – proper grub for golfers of our ilk.

Thanks to everybody who supported the golf day, which regretfully didn't raise as much as we have seen from previous Shanks outings, but at least we had a positive contribution to our charity funds. Clearly the more that play the more we raise for PICT. So we'll do it all again in Spring 2019, details of venue and date are below.

*Kit Kat (alias Mike Kerlogue)*



Steve Beckett Trophy winner, Andy Thompson



Keith and Gary well coiffured!



The Steele Bowl awarded to Chris Godfrey



Overall winner was John Ladd

## Spring Meeting – Wednesday, 8th May 2019

Shanks Spring Meeting will be held at Reigate Hill Golf Club on Wednesday, 8th May 2019. Please contact Mike Kerlogue – mobile 07970 148056 or e-mail [mike@kerlogues.plus.com](mailto:mike@kerlogues.plus.com) to book your place or for further details.



John Watson, co-chair of Trustees

Although we've experienced some change in the weather, it is business as usual at mill! Following on from my previous report, I'm pleased to say that The Paper Trail continues to receive its record number of visitors and outreach presentations. This is an expression of the work rate of its staff and volunteers, and all goes well for the rest of this year and far into the future as positive bookings are illustrating.

The staff at The Paper Trail can never be accused of standing still. September 7th saw, for the first time, the hosting by the Mill of a Street Food Market. It witnessed over 800 people through the gates in the evening. So successful was it that another took place on November 30th. No doubt there will be dates set for 2019, so watch this space.

As a showcase venue, The Paper Trail is often called upon to receive County and local Council dignitaries. Its most recent was a visit by

the Chair of the Hertfordshire Council along with the Dacorum (Hemel Hempstead and District) Mayor. Both the new Chair and the Mayor were very impressed with the various exhibits at the Mill and commented on it being such a fascinating visit, and were struck by its subject matter and their previous ignorance of the production and history of paper. Sentiments expressed so often by visitors.

In October, the British Fire Services Association (BFSA) held its AGM at Frogmore Paper Mill. This is a national association that represents the Industrial Fire Brigades and includes those of the Forces and all UK airport fire brigades. Its history goes back to a time before the public fire brigades were formed. It was first registered in 1887 and was then known as the NFBU (National Fire Brigade Union). The Public Fire Brigade Association was not registered for a further 15 years (1902). John Dickinson, as a company, was an active member of the BFSA, and it is many of its retired firemen that are members of The Paper Trail's own Heritage Fire Brigade.

The Paper Trail is still very much in the sights of the film industry. In the past two months it has seen a visit by one of TV's auctioneers, Charlie Ross, during a take of *Antique's Road Trip*. It also received film crew and actors during a shoot of the next series of *Endeavour*, the ITV detective series.

All such activities help in supporting the on-going running costs, but of course whilst these events are beneficial, plans are being considered that will deliver the long-term aims and objectives of the Trust to a national audience. Paper's history, its place in our present society, and its future is a fascinating story, and is one The Paper Trail is determined to broadcast.

*John Watson*



Peter Burford and Paul Botje with the local dignitaries



The first of the Street Food Markets

## bptss annual charity lunch

**P**ICT's sister Society, The Birmingham Paper Trade Social Society (BPTSS) held its Annual Lunch at The Bank Restaurant in Birmingham, on Friday 12th October 2018.

The BPTSS President, Paul Tooby, welcomed over 70 Society members and their guests who had gathered for a splendid afternoon of plentiful cuisine, great social camaraderie, and important charity support.

After the traditional Heads and Tails game early in the proceedings, Andy Thompson kept all tables busy with his quiz, which ran throughout the lunch, and proved to be highly competitive!

The BPTSS special guest for the lunch was former England and Leicester Tigers forward Graham Rowntree. Graham achieved 54 international caps for England in his playing career, along with 398 appearances for Leicester Tigers. He is now an established coach, and has held senior coaching roles with Leicester, England and Harlequins. His latest interesting venture is as the forwards coach to the Georgia national team, leading up to the 2019 Rugby World Cup.

Graham Rowntree is patron of the charity supported at this year's lunch, namely the 'Keep the Beat' charity. This charity was inspired by the circumstances of Graham's good friend Adam Tansey, whose son was born with virtually half a heart. 'Keep the Beat' strives to raise money for support, after care and continued research into congenital heart disease.

The BPTSS always prides itself on supporting charities local to the Midlands, so 'Keep the Beat' was a worthy beneficiary of the Society's charitable support in 2018.

Graham Rowntree received several questions from the audience on matters relating to rugby, coaching, behaviour on tour etc, and did not disappoint with his responses!

Graham had brought along with him some high quality sporting memorabilia items, for which there was some energetic bidding during the post-lunch auction!

The funds raised from the auction, together with the Heads and Tails game, plus the table raffle, will mean that a donation approaching £3,000 can be made by the BPTSS to the 'Keep the Beat' charity.

The lunch formalities closed just before 5pm, with everyone fully satisfied that they had once again enjoyed an excellent lunch, with a top quality guest.

Please watch for details of the 2019 BPTSS Annual Lunch, and get involved – you will be most welcome.

*Peter Bothwick*

## paper appreciation courses

**T**he popular Paper Appreciation Courses will once again be held in 2019. These informative courses are organised by Tim Bowler, through his company Focal Strength, and held at the historic Paper Trail near Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire. The next course is scheduled for Wednesday 20th March 2019.

The lecturer is John Watson, who presents these one-day courses in his own inimitable style. Commenting, he said: "The objective of this course 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."

The syllabus includes a mix of technical and useful information, along with the chance to see paper being made on a small historic Fourdrinier paper machine.

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

Two more paper courses are scheduled for 2019 in July and November. Tim Bowler is also planning two new courses for next year – 'Paper and the Environment – All you need to know', which will be run by Bob Latham in May and 'Printing Processes' run by John Watson in September. Both of these courses will be held at The Paper Trail in Hemel Hempstead.

For further information on any of the above courses or to book your places, please contact Tim Bowler on 0115 960 9595; or e-mail: trb@focalstrength.co.uk

This year's PICT Charity Golf Day was held at Rothley Park Golf Club on the 28th September. As always, the course was in great condition and we were well looked after by the team at the Club.

With six teams competing, two from both Devon Consulting and Fedrigoni, and one each from Denmaur and Antalis, the golfers headed off with high hopes, but the Antalis team proved a cut above and won the day by a large margin. Hopefully, some handicaps will be reviewed as a result!

Congratulations to Bruce Munro, Stephen Paul, Simon Crowther and Bill Richards who scored very well in the lovely conditions. Special thanks to Paul Johnston-Knight and Papico for their generous donation of the prizes and to Paul, for taking the time to present them to the winners on the day.

With the support of the companies, which entered teams and the help with the prize fund, the day raised £1,274 on a day of sporting

fun in the sun! It would, however, be great to see more teams competing next year.

*Fred Haines*



Simon Crowther and Stephen Paul

## cricket

The cricket match that had been arranged for the 4th September did not have enough support to go ahead and had to be cancelled. However, Mike would like to thank all of those that had agreed to play and is hoping to get a match organised for 2019.

Just to reiterate, you don't need to be a hot cricketer to join in – you just need to want to have an enjoyable day out with colleagues and friends in your industry – and most importantly, raising funds for PICT's good causes. Remember, guests are also welcome to join in – so why not get a few mates together and have a fun day out.

If you are interested in being part of a cricket team in 2019 why not contact Mike now. We all agree it would be great to see cricket back on the PICT sporting agenda.



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## London Pride Luncheon Club

- 8th November 2018

Thirty six of us met at our very traditional venue, the Boot & Flogger wine bar in Redcross Way, Southwark, for our second lunch of the year. What a joy it was to meet and greet old friends, some with their guests in the bar upstairs prior to going down to our tables. These were beautifully laid and set up crosswise down the room about 7/8 to a table. It all worked very well I think.

Owen welcomed all in his usual friendly, all-encompassing way and Norman Dinnage said grace most eloquently. It was left for Mike Rust to speak of Absent Friends.

With the centenary of the Armistice ending the First World War in just three days time, special mention was made of this. Bev Steele stood and made a short homily in remembrance of those that fell and to those that returned to face life at home in a country so

radically changed. It was to those that returned that he made a Toast, which was received in a most heartfelt manner.

The repast began with a smoked salmon starter followed by the traditional (back to traditional) steak and kidney pie and assorted desserts all washed down with commodious amounts of wine.

Somewhere down the afternoon Jon Worsley toasted the Luncheon Club and John Rayner invited us to join him in visiting the Beyond the Deepening Shadow Exhibition at the Tower of London after lunch. In the event, several of us went along and saw the candle lighting ceremony and the most deeply affecting sight of so many of these burning in the moat. It was a very special occasion.

The next lunch will be held at The Boot & Flogger (where else?) on Thursday 25th April 2019. It would be good to see you there.

*Bev Steele*



Owen welcomes us all



Norman said Grace



John Rayner invites all to the Tower



Bev toasts those that returned from the Great War

I represented PICT at the Lancashire Paper Trade 25 Club Lunch in November. It would be true to say, that for some years this historically well-known and well-attended annual trade lunch, like many others, has had its challenges.

However, I am pleased to report that this revitalised occasion, held at the very smart 57 Restaurant in Manchester, was well

attended and with excellent food. It was a great success enabling all to have a very enjoyable afternoon raising money for a local charity. Very well done to all concerned.

*Andy Thompson*

## Shout out for new sporting sections

It was recently discussed about starting-up some new sporting sections – namely Bowls, Skiing and Walking Football.

**Bowls Section.** Alan Ward is happy to organise a competition for the Woollacott Cup, which is a singles competition played to a finish on one day. It would be on a handicap basis with PICT members and/or wives/husbands/partners being eligible to compete. Those knocked out in the morning sessions would play in a triples competition in the afternoon so that everyone has a full day of bowling.

Alan would need at least 20 interested players so that there would be 16 or more to play on the day. Players can be novice or experienced and the only requirements would be grey trousers/skirts, white tops and flat-soled shoes – no heels! Commenting Alan said: "We always had great days with competitive bowls played in a friendly and sociable atmosphere. The handicap system would be generous to novices!" If you are interested in being involved please e-mail Alan Ward to register your interest [alan.ward53@ntlworld.com](mailto:alan.ward53@ntlworld.com)

**Skiing Section.** Richard Fowler has come forward looking to re-instate the Skiing Section. So if you fancy a long weekend of fun and skiing in the Winter months, in the first instance contact PICT Secretary Anne James by e-mail [anne@pictuk.com](mailto:anne@pictuk.com)

**Walking Football.** PICT member Philippe Gibson has stepped up to the plate and has offered to get this section up and running. So if you are interested in playing this popular new sport please e-mail [philippe.gibson@koehlerpaper.com](mailto:philippe.gibson@koehlerpaper.com)

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