

Sing-along at PICT Lunch



There were no false starts this year for the Annual PICT Lunch – everything as normal - no pandemic not even a snow flake could ruin the 2023 fundraising lunch. Held on Friday 24th March at the Park Plaza London Riverbank Hotel on London's Albert Embankment, once again, the Charity's AGM took place before the lunch, this followed by the obligatory pre-lunch drinks.

Proceedings kicked off with the Loyal Toast given by Joe Piggott in his own inimitable style. A toast was then given to His Majesty the King (still sounds strange to me to hear 'His' Majesty). Following a delicious starter of Red Bush tea smoked seatrout salad, Peter Bothwick announced that the legendary game of Heads and Tails would take place. As always, it didn't take long - only four rounds - and six successful people were left standing and invited onto the stage to continue their agony as to who the winner would be. From six it went to three, then two contestants chose tails and one opted for heads and heads was drawn – the lucky winner won a magnum of champagne.



Heads and Tails - down to three

Peter Bothwick then took the opportunity to auction the first two items – a night at the Park Plaza Riverbank Hotel for two people including breakfast and a round of golf at Westerham Golf Course for four people.

The main course followed, Lamb Shank served with baby aubergine, herb crusted potatoes, shallot confit and a rosemary lamb jus, all very tasty. While the plates were being cleared away, Peter Bothwick again took to his feet to auction off some of the other items – a selection of vintage wines and dinner for two at a top-class restaurant.

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annual lunch

A scrummy dessert of Strawberry and Mascarpone tart with a sweet strawberry compote was then served followed by coffee and petits fours – and a comfort break before the speeches.

Then, continuing in his unofficial role as Master of Ceremonies, Peter Bothwick introduced Mike Gee as PICT's new President, whose first job it was to present a past President badge to Tony Wood.

Before Mike launched into his speech, many of the tables participated in the age-old tradition of timing the length of the speech in the hope that their guess would be closest in order to win a drink off their colleagues!!

Welcoming everyone to the lunch, Mike said that all the guests should remember those in Ukraine as it was over a year ago since it all began to unfold. He said: "Despite all the misery and suffering, these valiant people battle on against destructive aggressors, continuing to fight for their freedom." Adding: "I raise a glass to many of our citizens who have helped the Ukrainians in many different ways."

Mike then continued: "After 53 years in the paper industry and in a trade I am passionate about, I feel honoured to stand here as the new President of PICT. I hope I can contribute to our charitable trust and follow in the footsteps of my worthy predecessors." Then talking about the paper industry itself, Mike said: "The last few years have been a roller-coaster experience for many and we have all had to rely on our experience and tenacity to weather the storms and ensure we have profitable businesses going forward." He then went on to list the many ups and downs that companies have experienced over the past few years, such as Brexit, the Ukrainian war, shortages and increased costs, to name but a few.



The President's guests

But on a lighter note, he added: "So my message to you all is enjoy yourselves today, don't dwell on the negatives, smile and look forward positively." He then went on to talk about the works of PICT and how the Charity helps past and present paper industry employees and their families in times of need. He continued by mentioning the sport sections and how they raise much needed funds for the Charity and urged people to get involved. He also promoted the 200 Club, asking guests to find out more about it and sign up. Adding: "I do hope you and your colleagues can support some of our sporting events and can encourage some of your younger colleagues to come along, enjoy the sport and meeting other people in our industry."

Summing up, he thanked Peter Bothwick for acting as the event MC and then all the PICT Committee for their tireless work, and in particular Anne James, who not only organises the lunch, but works hard throughout the year to ensure the Trust's continued success. He also thanked Tony Wood for all his help in taking up the mantle of President. Finally, Mike thanked all the companies and individuals who generously supported the PICT lunch, by way of sponsorship and auction items.

After enthusiastic applause, Peter Bothwick returned to the stage and introduced the after-lunch entertainer – Bobby Davro.



Bobby, best known for his stand-up comedy and latterly his appearances in Eastenders and Celebrity Big Brother, began his repartee by singing 'If I could walk 500 miles' and got everyone in the room joining in. Amongst his various jokes and quips, he also gave some superb renditions of Hey Jude by the Beatles, Delilah by Tom Jones and Piano Man by Billy Joel. He also did some fun impersonations – Ozzy Osbourne was one in particular. Bobby finished his time on stage with an excellent rendition of Sweet Caroline, even getting the new President on stage to sing along with him. All in all, this all-round entertainer gave an interesting mix of jokes, impersonations and rousing sing-alongs.



Bobby Davro then 'helped' Peter Bothwick to auction the final items, which included a high-end quilted jacket and a week in a villa in

Turkey. Peter then revealed the winner of the table raffle that had been held during the lunch.

Finally, summing up on behalf of PICT, Peter thanked everyone for coming along to support the Annual Lunch and for their generosity in all the monies raised during the afternoon. He then announced that the formal part of the day was over and that people could repair to the bar or a local hostelry to continue their 'networking'!

All in all, it was a great day. An enjoyable afternoon of good food, good company and good fun. And we can now all look forward to next year's fundraising lunch.

Margaret Curle

ANNUAL LUNCH 2024

Stop Press - Diary Date!

A break from tradition!



Florence Hall - the stunning event space



RIBA's lovely drinks terrace

After many years of being held at the Park Plaza Riverbank Hotel on London's Albert Embankment in March – PICT has decided it's time to revitalise its Annual Lunch with an exciting move to an inspirational new venue in Central London and a new date.

The 2024 Annual Lunch will be held on Friday 17th May at RIBA, a stunning venue between Oxford Street and Euston Road in London's West End. Apart from the delightful interior, guests will be able to enjoy drinks on an outside terrace as well – and it was for this reason it was decided to change the event date to mid-May to ensure some warmer weather.

The first-floor terrace is described as a green oasis in the heart of London's bustling West End, while RIBA's architecturally significant building is in easy reach of several tube stations and a short walk from both Euston and Marylebone stations. There are also several hotel options in the area should guests need overnight accommodation.

The lunch intends to follow a similar format as before, but with the added advantage of a stylish new venue. Further details will be given in the Winter newsletter, as well as on the PICT website and Facebook page.

PICT has a number of sponsorship packages available and will also be looking for auction items. So, if you would like to have further information about these and/or would like to reserve a table or places at the 2024 Annual Lunch, please don't hesitate to 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.

Margaret Curle

200 club



200 Club - it could be you!!

Now an established institution, the 200 Club is an important fundraising stream for PICT. At the AGM in March a draw was held and the results are as follows:

1st	£250	Rod Benwell
2nd	£100	Martyn Eustace

Both winners very kindly donated it back to the Charity.

If you fancy being in with the chance of winning, all you have to do is contact Anne James by e-mailing: anne@pictuk.com, who will send you further information and a form to complete. It's as easy as that.

It is worth remembering that you can either join in as an individual or perhaps your company may wish to get involved and block buy some shares. The shares are just £25 per year, and make a much-needed contribution to PICT's funds.

Really it's a win:win situation – you could win in one of the draws and PICT wins by being able to help those in need. Go on – contact Anne now and sign up! You never know at the next draw it could be you!

trustees' report

As we reported at the PICT Annual General Meeting in March, our focus has been to raise awareness of PICT, and to communicate our presence as a charitable support.

We have directly contacted paper company CEOs and HR officers, to encourage them to pass the PICT charitable message throughout their respective organisations.

Of course, we trust that these senior officers will indeed convey that message amongst their staff and colleagues. But we also continue to urge individuals in these companies, who may need help in one form or another, to seek advice from their peers and their management, to find out more about the range of help that may be obtained from PICT.

The process to contact us with a request for assistance remains very

simple, and please let us re-state our firm promise that any approach to PICT shall be treated in complete confidentiality.

We are building some fresh ambitions for our charitable activities over the next 12 months, and we anticipate that this will widen the scope of our donations.

However, you can be assured that we shall not lose sight of our main purpose, namely to assist those colleagues from our industry who may be experiencing difficult times.

Our thanks to all PICT members and friends for continuing to support us.

From The Trustees of PICT



Hopefully by the time you read this comment, the weather will have picked up a bit. After a glorious June we descended into rain and more rain – however, I think I would prefer that as opposed to the 40 plus degree heat and wild fires experienced by vast areas of Europe and beyond.

Since the last newsletter, we enjoyed a great day at the PICT Annual Lunch in March – good food and good company, which helped raise much needed funds for the Charity. I hope you all had as much fun as me.

Since then, there has been some newsworthy events: The King's Coronation – an amazing day of pomp and pageantry – attracting a myriad of tourists and hopefully helping in part to boost a flagging hospitality industry; and the Women's Football World Cup and Women's Cricket, both of which have enjoyed amazing TV coverage – something that has taken a long time in coming, showing that times have definitely changed and, I for one, believe for the better. And on the subject of Cricket, once again the PICT Cricket section has been unable to hold an event this year – but, just as a suggestion that maybe rather controversial, why not hold a mixed cricket match or perhaps men vs women match?! What do you think – could this be an idea going forward?

While on the subject of sport, the PICT sporting sections have enjoyed a good year so far. However, as always, they would like more

I have recently returned from a few days away in Somerset. We took the caravan and stayed in a picturesque campsite just outside Wells. I noticed that just across the fields was a chimney and my intuition kicked in ... hmmm that looks like a paper mill ... and yes it was, the historic St Cuthberts Mill.

In all my time in the paper industry, not only for many years as Editor of Paper Focus magazine but also at The Paper Trail – I had never visited this mill – so gave them a call to see if I could pop along and have a quick look round and see the lovely papers they produce. Unfortunately, even after explaining my background and that I had visited and written about most of the UK's mill, and had worked at an historic paper mill, and that I would love to have the chance to see their mill and the papers – and still after using all my best blagging skills - the receptionist ... she said ... no...!

How sad ... this mill has been making paper since the 1700s. It has one of the only Cylinder Mould machines left in the world and produces the best watercolour papers, including the famous

people to get involved, which in turn helps the Charity raise further monies for good causes. For example, the Angling Section has two further events coming up this year, so why not find your inner fisherman and join in. While the Annual PICT Tennis Tournament takes place in September and they are always looking for extra players, and as its Secretary says, you can go along and he will find you a partner. And as for Shanks, as you will see from the report, they always have a fun day ambling around a lovely golf course, which inevitably ends up in the 19th!! Come on give it a go – just contact the relevant sports Secretary to find out more information.

With regards PICT itself, we have some great news. After many years at the same venue, the 2024 Annual PICT Lunch is moving to an inspirational new venue and a date change. Next year's Lunch will be held on Friday 17th May at the stunning RIBA building in London's West End. Apart from its light and airy dining room, guests will also be able to enjoy drinks on an outside terrace - described as an oasis in the heart of London – hence the date move to May in the hope of better weather. I, for one, am excited at the prospect of attending next year's lunch. See page 3 for information, while further details will be in the Winter newsletter. Alternatively contact PICT's Secretary, Anne James, for details and bookings.

PICT has also announced that to ensure everyone is kept up-to-date with all the news and views – it has revamped its Facebook page – so for all those that love their social media – you can now follow all the PICT news on Facebook.

Anyway, enough of me – I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and manage to join in with some of the PICT sporting events, which in turn helps to raise much needed funds for the Charity and don't forget to make a note of the 2024 Annual Lunch date. Until next time.

Margaret Curle

a missed opportunity

Bockingford brand. I, for one, was very disappointed – it was literally a stone's throw from where we were staying and even my other half would have been interested. Oh well ... it was not to be – a real missed opportunity.

Margaret Curle



St Cuthberts Mill from the campsite

paper and print courses

Following the success of both the Paper and Print Courses held earlier this year, Tim Bowler has organised two more courses in 2023.

The next Paper Appreciation Course will take place at The Paper Trail near Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire on Wednesday 20th September. This course is unique in that it focuses on the benefits that paper and its attributes bring to the end-uses. So, whilst the many elements of paper production are discussed, at each stage it is described how this process affects the paper, for example, formation, opacity, thickness, stiffness and so on. The key objective of the course, is not to produce budding papermakers, but for the delegates to better understand the attributes of the various grades of paper and what they bring to the end products.

This one-day course is ideal for employees who would not normally have the chance to visit a fully working paper mill but are working within the paper merchanting, printing or associated industries. Comments from recent participants include: "This course gave me a different view on the paper I deal with, into how it was made and the role it is destined for", "Fantastic, enjoyed my day and will definitely recommend" and "This course will help me focus more on the end-

users requirements – customer first!"

The second course, the Introduction to Printing Course, will be held at St Bride's Foundation, London, on Wednesday 15th November. This course has been developed for people who work in businesses allied to the printing industry including paper merchants. Its aim is to help 'non-printers' understand the fundamentals of how printing works and gain a better insight into the world of print. The course is also suitable for 'starters' in the printing industry. The intention is not to make delegates experts in printing but to give them knowledge to understand and converse with printers in making the right choices for products and end-use, particularly paper for printing. With regards this course, Tim Bowler, said: "Feedback for the printing course, which includes a guided tour of St Brides, was excellent, one such comment was: "Brilliant, it was really interesting and I've learned a lot."

The lecturer for both of these courses will be Don Turner, who has worked extensively within the paper industry and for many years has been involved in training and team building. For further information on either of these courses or to book your place, please contact Tim Bowler on 0115 960 9595; e-mail: trb@focalstrength.co.uk. Or visit the website www.focalstrength.co.uk

annual general meeting

A view of the PICT AGM

Once again, PICT's AGM was held in the morning of the Annual Lunch, this is meant to encourage members to take part without having to make a separate journey to do so. Held in one of the hotel's meeting rooms, a goodly number of members did attend, however, after the apologies were given out – someone did add "and Uncle Tom Cobley and all!" then Joe Piggott quipped that there were almost as many apologies as those attending!!



Tony Wood awards Mike Gee his President badge

But, the AGM is an important meeting, reporting on all aspects of the Charity, including its benevolent distribution, however, it is always interspersed with friendly banter by those present. The outgoing President Tony Wood, gave his account of his time in office, this was followed by the election of officers, with it being announced that Mike Gee would be the new President. After being awarded his badge of office by Tony, Mike thanked the now past President for all his work during the year and announced that John Haslam would be his Vice President.



John Haslam becomes Vice President

Then as quickly as it had begun, the AGM was over and everyone could repair to the bar for pre-lunch drinks with colleagues and friends.

Oh, and by the way – the hotel supplied those lovely cookies again well worth attending just for the cookies!!



Those yummy cookies

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 24TH MARCH 2023 IN PARK SUITE TWO OF THE PARK PLAZA RIVERBANK HOTEL, 18 ALBERT EMBANKMENT, LONDON SE1 7TJ

The meeting commenced at 11.15 am.

The President, Tony Wood, took the chair. There were 20 members in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence were recorded from: O Davis, C Duncan, B Fowler, P Gupta, D Houseman, R Ingarfield, R Moore, J Perry, M Randall, P Shorten.

2. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th March 2022 were proposed by J Piggott, seconded by R Benwell and unanimously approved.

3. The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported on his year of office. (report in Newsletter 33).

4. Presentation of Accounts for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022. The Accounts were then proposed by M Eustace, seconded by P Bothwick and unanimously approved.

Robert Lockwood and Peter Blakeley were thanked for their work on the Accounts.

5. Election of Officers.

The President announced that the Committee recommended that Mike Gee be elected as President for 2023. This was proposed by J Piggott, seconded by R Bennett and unanimously approved. Mike Gee was invested with his badge of office.

Mike Gee then took the Chair. He thanked the meeting for this honour and his first duty was to announce that it was the committee's recommendation that John Haslam become Vice President for 2023. This was proposed by P Bothwick, seconded by P Blakeley and unanimously approved. The new President invested John Haslam with his badge of office.

The appointment of the Treasurer, Robert Lockwood was proposed by T Wood, seconded by R Benwell and unanimously approved. The President thanked Robert Lockwood for all his hard work as Treasurer.

The appointment of the Secretary, Mrs Anne James, was proposed by P Blakeley, seconded by M Curle and unanimously approved. The President thanked Anne James for all her hard work as Secretary.

According to the Articles of Association the longest serving Elected Director, Peter Bothwick, had to retire but was re-elected. This was proposed by R Benwell, seconded by M Gee and unanimously approved.

The election of Peter Blakeley as Independent Examiner was proposed by J Piggott, seconded by P Bothwick and unanimously approved. The President thanked Peter Blakeley for examining the Accounts.

6. Report on Benevolent Fund Distribution by Peter Bothwick:

" As we all know, through the last 12 months there have been a number of challenges facing individuals in our industry and many others.

However, whatever the future holds within the paper and board industry, the presence of PICT as a charitable support vehicle will be maintained.

We have issued a number of reminders, re-stating our purpose and our determination to support our industry colleagues. We have also communicated directly with paper company CEO's and HR officers, to encourage them to pass the PICT charitable message throughout their respective organisations.

Of course we trust that these senior officers will indeed convey that message amongst their staff and colleagues. But we also urge individuals in these companies, who may need help in one form or another, to seek advice from their peers and their management, to find out more about the scope of help that may be obtained from PICT.

Everyone will find a lot more about our charitable support in today's menu card, and contact to us with a request for assistance is very simple. And please let us re-state our firm promise that any approach to us shall be treated in complete confidentiality.

Our thanks to all PICT members and friends for continuing to support us."

Various suggestions were then made from the floor concerning possible ideas for donations:

J Piggott - donation to a specific charity

L Robinson - ask members to nominate a charity

J Haslam - contact Stationers Hall to help with student education

M Eustace - contact CPI

These ideas to be discussed by the PICT committee but the first course of action was to follow up letters and leaflets being sent to CEO's and HR Departments of all the main paper companies raising the awareness of PICT and its aims.

The meeting closed at 11.46 hours.



PICT's new President, Mike Gee, was born in January 1953, in Dartford, Kent. His father came from Wrexham in North Wales and was a master mariner, while his mother came from Easky Sligo in Ireland, and was a career nurse.

When Mike's father was at sea, the family lived in Gravesend, and when he came ashore, they lived in Romford. When Mike was five, the

family moved to Billericay, home for 15 years, until his Dad was offered a job to be in charge of the frozen lamb trade at Sheerness Docks, which meant the family moved to Halfway on the Isle of Sheppey. Mike has two brothers – Nick and Robert. Nick is in the paper trade and Robert in avionics.

Mike said his entrepreneurial spirit was there at an early age. "I had a paper round at 12 years old, a car washing business, with other kids involved, gardening, and for a while on Saturdays, I was in charge of the butter cabinets and got the nickname of Kerrygold!" The whole family was very active in the Scout organisation.

At school, Mike's favourite subjects were Geography and English Literature and he was accepted to Dartmouth as a trainee but declined. So he went to a careers advice centre in Basildon and told them he wanted to be in sales, they suggested he might be a little young, so he ended up as a sample boy at Inveresk Paper Company in Tudor Street, London EC4. After only three months, he was asked to move into sales, but the following week, around 25% of the workforce were made redundant. Disillusioned with the paper industry, Mike was offered various jobs, but the man at Drake Personnel, told him: "You have a very good reference why not stay in an industry where you have knowledge, experience and contacts." As it transpires, it was very good advice.

Mike joined Lepard & Smiths based in Covent Garden, where he progressed as a Sales Clerk, from there Mike moved onto Bowaters, starting in Inside Sales in Sittingbourne. But Mike wanted to become an outside sales representative, and although only 21, the Group Personnel Director, thought he had what it took and Mike got the job. From Bowaters, Mike went on to join M6 Papers, where he and Gordon Elliot ran its London Office in Mitre Court, off Fleet Street, with Mike becoming a frequent visitor to El Vinos wine bar!!

When he was 19, Mike met his wife, Denise, on a Midland Bank Riverboat Cruise on the Thames. Mike states: "It was really love at

first sight and she has put up with me for 45 years." They were married at Pinner Church on the 3rd September 1977.

From an early age Mike had always wanted to start up his own company and, in 1980 when he was 27, an opportunity came knocking when a family friend, Alan Newman, started importing garden furniture from Italy. Mike went to see Alan and his wife Maureen, and became very interested in the garden furniture products (the margins on which were a lot better than those on paper) and started selling them to garden centres and garage forecourts in Kent.

Cutting a long story short, Mike agreed to form a joint company with Alan to sell paper and garden furniture. But what to call the company? Mike was concerned that his father-in-law would not be in favour of him leaving a secure job to paddle his own canoe! But after much thought, over a couple of pints, the name Denmaur was born. Mike thought that Eric might like a company named after his daughter Denise and the other part was Alan's wife Maureen.

Alongside the paper and garden furniture, the Gee brothers also opened one of the first Bargain £1 shops in Chatham. While his wife, Denise, who had worked for Midland Bank, became the bookkeeper ensuring Mike and Nick kept their expenses in order.

Mike quipped that time and space does not allow the whole story to be told in this article, but perhaps one day him and his brother Nick might write a book.

Although the retail and wholesale business was fun, it was often seven days a week. So, in 1983, they decided to concentrate on paper - once in the blood, difficult to leave.

Mike said that the decline in graphic paper has led to many changes and challenges, but he believes that Denmaur has always evolved to be relevant to the market at the right time. He thinks the main reasons for its success are: "Employing good people and having a sense of humour; Keeping your word to all your trading partners; Having a good right-hand man in my brother Nick and, never giving up."

With regards his family life, Mike and Denise have two sons Andrew and David - David works in sales at Denmaur. They have three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He has many interests including being a Liveryman of The Stationers' Company and involvement in Rotary, and he enjoys skiing, golf (he's a committed Shanker), reading, travel, and fine wine and food.

Mike, we wish you a very successful and fulfilling year as PICT President and I, for one, look forward to the book in due course!!

Margaret Curle



Tony Wood

Ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to you all to the 2022 AGM after probably the first 'normal' PICT year since 2018. It's nice to get back to the normal activities of arranging events, raising funds and have some fun along the way. Hopefully, you will all enjoy today's luncheon event, the centre-piece of the PICT year.

During 2022, I have had the pleasure of presiding over a successful lunch and many sporting events including tennis, trout fishing and various golf events including the resurrected PICT Golf Day at Rothley Park in Leicestershire, where we had our best attendance ever. All of these events are held to promote and raise awareness and funds for the PICT Charity whilst having the added benefit of providing a social fun atmosphere for members to meet and enjoy themselves. I was pleased to have attended all of the PICT events during the year except the trout fishing on the River Test, which regrettably I could not attend.

The Charity is very grateful to the hardworking Sports Section Secretaries who did a fantastic job of promoting the Charity, namely John Vic for the Tennis Section, Gerry Overy and Alan Smith for Trout Fishing, Mike Kerlogue for Shanks Golf and Fred Haines for running the PICT Golf Day at Rothley Park. Thanks to them all for their hard work ensuring that all participants had fun while thinking of others. Also, a very big thank you to those who attended and supported the Charity at our various events.

You will hear later from Robert Lockwood on the financial position of the Charity, which has been

relatively stable during a difficult period but this stability has been due to relatively low if not non-existent requests for help from potential beneficiaries. Talking to other charitable bodies this is not a problem exclusive to PICT other than the perennial problem of scammers trying to elicit funds from charities fraudulently, which we have to be watchful of. As a result, we are embarking on some campaigns to raise awareness of the PICT Charity and who, and how, it can help in the right circumstances. This help will be sought from companies within our industry to make their employees aware of PICT and the help we can potentially offer. Hopefully 2023 will show an improvement in our charitable contributions.

I would like to thank the Committee for being there with me during my tenure as President and I have found it rewarding and enjoyable working with such a great team. I would like to thank them all for the support they gave me in their roles as Committee Members, Trustees, Vice President, Sports Section Secretaries, Editor and, most importantly, Charity Secretary, Anne James, who without any shadow of doubt, keeps our Charity going. I will continue to support the Charity to the best of my ability in the future.

As usual, we will be holding events in 2023 and I hope you find time to support them as funds are desperately needed for the Charity to do its good work. As Rod said last year please bring colleagues, customers and friends, the more the merrier.



Geoff Poole at last year's lunch

Lastly, and rather sadly, I would like to take a moment to remember Past President (1983) and Life Member of PICT, Geoff Poole, who passed away earlier this year. I attended his funeral on behalf of PICT, a lovely service of remembrance well attended by family and old friends. Geoff was a true gentleman, paper man, a dead keen golfer with an unmistakable laugh, it was lovely to see him at last year's PICT lunch and in such good form, regrettably just before his passing. May he rest in peace.

Thank you all again.

Tony Wood

tennis



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Tennis Secretary, John Victoros has announced that the PICT Tennis Tournament will be taking place at the Northampton County Lawn Tennis Club, Church Way, Weston Favell NN3 3BX, on Thursday 14th September 2023.

Meet and greet with tea, coffee and biscuits will be at 9.15-10.00am. A pre-lunch round robin will then take place, followed by lunch at 1.00pm. The quarter and semi-finals of both the PICT Trophy and PICT Plate will then be played. Tea and cakes will be served as the finalists prepare to play. The presentations will be held in the bar, or outside if the weather is lovely, 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 Marketa Vondrousova or Carlos Alcaraz to play – just come along and enjoy yourself with fellow colleagues and friends and help raise much needed funds for PICT.

John has also mentioned that an evening get together can be arranged for any that wish to stay overnight locally.

cricket

Unfortunately, once again, it has not been possible to organise a cricket match this summer, however Mike is definitely not one for giving up and is forever hopeful that he will be able to arrange a game for 2024. But, he does need your help in doing this. So, if you are interested in being part of a cricket team, or indeed can get together a team from work colleagues and/or friends, why not contact Mike.

Just to reiterate, you don't need to be a hot shot cricketer to join – you just need to want to have an enjoyable day out with colleagues and friends in your industry – and most importantly help raise much-needed 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.

As ever, we all agree that it would be great to see cricket back on the PICT sporting agenda. So contact Mike now and let's get things moving....



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Paul Johnston-Knight, the Skiing Section's Secretary, does not give up lightly and hopes that he can arrange a trip for 2024. Keeping his fingers crossed he just needs your help to organise this.

So, if you are interested in joining in or would just like further information about the skiing section, please contact Paul to register your interest and hopefully 2024 will see the inaugural skiing trip take place.



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SPRING MEETING

The Abbey Golf Club, Redditch

- Thursday 18th May 2023

It was a gloriously sunny day when I turned into the Abbey Hotel and Golf Course complex, wondering again about the other worldly contacts that Mike 'Kit Kat' Kerlogue must have to ensure splendid weather for our Shanks golf days! Walking into the foyer I bumped into past President, Rod Benwell, who had allegedly been for some early practice on the golfing range. As this is contrary to Shanks' behaviour, I repaired immediately for strong coffee and a bacon bap in the golf lounge where other Shankers were already attending to dietary requirements rather than practice routines.

This was an opportunity to catch up and exchange pleasantries but when conversation moved on to medical conditions, it was swiftly decided to curtail this avenue of discussion as it would have necessitated moving tee times to Friday morning!

Kit Kat thanked everyone for supporting the event and advised that PICT President, Mike Gee, was disappointed at not being able to attend but had sent his apologies. He then

handed out scorecards having made a stab at handicaps, wittering on about Handicap Index, Course Slope Ratings and some general theory of relativity. Either because he remembered the last time we played this course (September 2017) and all yellow balls were lost by the 7th hole; or the budget wouldn't stretch to yellow balls and free kit kats; or he couldn't be bothered; the Secretary decided there wouldn't be a yellow ball competition but just a team competition where two scores per hole from each team would count. The party then made their way to the first tee, fearing more mental torture if they stayed in the lounge! Ten players assembled with your scribe (hors de combat and unable to play) assigned to chauffeur duty for the Captain – him, Faldo, Bothwick.

The obligatory 'before' picture was taken of the relaxed crew as they prepared to tee off. Kit Kat was on camera duty, while Tim Bowler refused to be in shot muttering something about image rights and Robert Moore was caught in traffic on the M40.

The teams were as follows: Team A: Gary Brady, Ryan Langworthy, Peter Bothwick + his chauffeur Nigel Howl; Team B: Chris Godfrey, Paul Tooby and Phil Trudgeon; and Team C: Tim Bowler, Rod Benwell, Robert Moore and Kit Kat.

The Captain, him, Faldo, Bothwick was the first to get us underway and lashed one 40 yards down the fairway.

I have to say that my companions, Gary, Ryan and Peter, epitomised everything about a Shanks' golf day – camaraderie, conviviality, and joviality with golf a distant fourth! In fact, the golf was so relaxed that I was minded to take a G&T refresher in the Clubhouse on the ninth, feeling that I wouldn't have missed much by re-joining them on the eleventh. However, the architects had changed the layout at the Abbey and the ninth is now in the middle of the housing development, so that was another good idea shelved.



Shankers on parade

When Gary Brady hit an excellent straight down the middle shot, we wouldn't normally have included a picture of such an out of character shot but we understand Gary needed photographic evidence to be able to claim the bet for those shorts!



It must be Brinks Mat gold that Kit Kat is looking for

Talking of cameraderie, in the picture on the left, Rod and Mike can be seen doing some synchronised aquatic golf ball retrieval. Great effort chaps but the Commonwealth Games in Brum was last year.

The golf course was in a much better condition than the last time we played here and it was obvious that some money has been spent on drainage and maintenance.

Nevertheless, the smidgin of water round the course, as the Secretary called it, accounted for a number of lost balls. Having lost many yellow balls on previous Shanks' days, I should note that I found two yellow balls whilst perambulating the course, so came back with positive yellow ball figures for the first time ever.

Team B obviously contained the 'professional' golfers and they showed their class by winning the team competition by some considerable margin, without the aid of the Duckworth Lewis method. Yorkie bars all round to keep up the sugar intake. The overall individual winner with 27 points was Tim Bowler, who received a bottle of fizz from the Captain.

The Syd Humphries Trophy for the best score for those with a handicap of 24 or higher, was contested by Phil Trudgeon and Paul



Phil Trudgeon winner of the Syd Humphries Trophy

Tooby both on 33 points, with Phil being triumphant on countback. If the smiles look a little forced in the picture, it's understandable as they had to hold hands for five minutes whilst the Secretary got his shutter release in order.

The Mike Windett Divot Trophy, awarded for visiting as many bunkers as possible, was won by Paul Tooby and his great effort in visiting three on the 18th to secure the trophy is noted. We

would like to show you a picture of the presentation but the Secretary's shutter release (*Is that a technical term or medical condition? Ed*) was not functioning correctly and the image is unfit for publication.

This left the Steve Beckett Memorial Trophy for Shanker of the Day. The nominations were: Rod Benwell for practising prior to play; Ryan Langworthy for needing goal line technology to tee up on the 2nd; and Mike Kerlogue for his Barnes Wallis shot on the 17th, which skipped neatly over the water and onto the fairway.

As it was almost exactly 80 years to the day of the Dambusters mission on 17th May 1943, it was unanimously agreed that Mike



Kit Kat winner of the Steve Beckett Trophy

Kerlogue should win the trophy he last held in May 2021. Note shutter release worked perfectly to take this picture when phone passed to competent person!!

A very pleasant dinner of Coq au Vin followed by apple tart and ice cream was enjoyed by all and the presentations were watched with some amusement by a young family enjoying dinner on a nearby table – let us just say they tolerated us admirably.

Our thanks to the Abbey Golf Club for looking after us and to Mike for organising another fine and entertaining day, which raised over £285 for the PICT coffers.



Captain Faldo - biggest swinger of the day



Winner of the fancy dress - Gary Brady

Scribe for the day - Nigel Howl

Shanks Diary Dates and News

Autumn Meeting

Mid Herts Golf Club - Tuesday 5th September 2023

It's not too late to sign up for Shanks Golf in September. We are back in Hertfordshire, at the Mid Herts Golf Club in Wheathampstead, which is at Lower Gustard Wood, Lamer Lane, AL4 8RS. We will meet up at 12.00 noon for coffee / tea and bacon rolls. Tee off from 1.00pm and after ambling around a prestigious parkland course we'll have a 2-course early dinner, at 6.30pm-ish. Cost £75.

All are welcome – guests are most welcome and there is a prize for best guests score.

Please let Mike Kerlogue know that you are coming, and remember new golfers are always welcome regardless of your golf prowess.



Mid Herts tees and approaches

JOB VACANCY

After 20 years plus of organising twice a year Shanks Golf I reckon it's time for new blood to reinvigorate our golf section, and the burden of supplying players with their Kit Kat fix!! Seriously, I feel honoured to have been allowed to organise Shanks golf for so long, but anno domini is catching me up and I hope that somebody out there younger and a like-minded golfer will accept the challenge.

Give me a buzz or drop me an e-mail to discuss. I await the deluge of interest or suggestions of potential candidates.

My contact details are - Mike Kerlogue - mobile 07970 148056, or e-mail: michaelkerlogue@outlook.com

charity golf day

P ICT is delighted to announce that its Charity Golf Day will be held on Wednesday 4th October. The event will be returning to Rothley Park Golf Club, Rothley, Leicestershire, which is a few minutes from Junction 21 of the M1 and centrally located. Fred Haines, who organises the event, said: "I am sure, as always Rothley will be in a great condition and we will get our usual warm welcome."

Arrangements have been made for a 9.30am start with lunch and prize giving to follow the golf. The cost to enter a team of four players, which includes bacon roll and coffee on arrival, 18 holes of golf and a buffet lunch will be £360 - unlike everything else this year there is no increase to the cost! As always, this event is looking for company sponsorship, in the form of prizes for the golf.

If you wish to enter a team please e-mail Anne James – anne@pictuk.com and she will send you an entry form so that you can advise your team details. Please confirm as soon as possible and no later than the end of September. Fred said: "We had a great turnout last year so I hope to see many of you once again this autumn." Adding: "We hope the day will prove to be well supported and valuable for the Charity as it is one of the key events for fundraising this year."

If you wish to stay locally The Rothley Court Hotel is next door to the Golf Club and offers comfortable accommodation at reasonable prices. For further information on the golf day or if you can help in the form of sponsorship, please contact Fred Haines by e-mail f.haines@icloud.com

COLTSFORD MILL, OXTED, SURREY

– Thursday 23rd March 2023

The weather was very different from a year ago when we were 'basking' in warm spring sunshine. This year we had gale force winds and heavy squally showers. However, the eight fishermen that braved the storms had a good day with plenty of chat and a good few fish caught, many of a very good size. We gathered for lunch in the 'fishing hut' and, of course, while we were in there the sun came out!

George Fowler sent me his recipe for Gravadlax, which we are both using on a couple of our fish. The hardest part being the filleting of the fish, which is very difficult if you are not an expert. Also, I found you need to use a very sharp knife.

Gerry Overy



A lovely Brown Trout

DIARY DATES 2023

Albury Fisheries, Albury, nr. Guildford, Surrey – Wednesday 20th September

River Test, Romsey, Hants – Tuesday 24th October

For further information on either of these events or any aspect of the Angling Section, or just to register your interest in joining this enthusiastic band of anglers, in the first instance contact either Alan Badcock (alanbadcock@btinternet.com) or Andrew Smith (smithac452@ntlworld.com).

And don't forget guests and new members are welcome too.

The London Pride Society Lunch - Thursday 20th April 2023



Looking forward to our lunch

Though a few less attendees this time, 15 in all, a splendid lunch was laid out for us at our traditional 'home', the Boot & Flogger wine bar in Southwark. The lunch held on Thursday 20th April, is one of the two lunches organised by The London Pride Society, always on a Thursday, to coincide as closely as possible with St George's Day and Armistice Day.

Owen Davis, our organiser (without parallel), welcomed us all. It is not a platform for speeches but we do have certain formalities such as Absent Friends, Apologies for Absence, etc. Owen did the honours for all of this, while Bev Steele made the Loyal Toast and the Toast to the Society. Mike Rust, our other great organiser, was absent having very recently lost his father Dennis, who passed away at the age of 101 and his presence was required elsewhere. You were missed Mike.

The traditional steak and kidney pie was served after the seafood starter, and a cheese platter as dessert. Wine was not short in supply and the afternoon became very jovial indeed.

For those that wished, there was a final pint to be had at the Kings Head pub across Borough High Street, a 10 minute walk from the Boot & Flogger. A good few of us showed up for that. It was a very pleasant LPS event.

The next lunch will be on Thursday 9th November. In an ever-changing world it is good to see that some things change a little less.

*Bev Steele
LPS Past President*



Owen opens proceedings



Bev makes the Loyal Toast



John Watson, The Paper Trails'
Chair of Trustees

Where to begin the fire damaged area of January 2022 is now cleared, where once the visitor centre stood is now our 'Zone 3', more on that a little later. Despite the protracted and sometimes frustrating discussions, Apsley Paper Trail (APT) has recently accepted a £2.1 million final settlement from the insurers. An advance of some £700K had allowed us to demolish the visitor centre and make good the surrounding area. It is our intention to use part of this settlement fund to carry out necessary repair work particularly in the areas where the temporary visitor centre and route through the mill is planned.

In order to ensure the necessary resources are in place to take this new and exciting episode of The Paper Trail forward, two new Trustees have been appointed. These are Peter Burford, The Paper Trail's one-time General Manager, a very knowledgeable person on many aspects of APT, and Jacob Colton, who was a COO in the technology industry and is commercially astute.

Whilst there is much work and time being allotted to the design, functionality and positioning of a new purpose-built visitor centre, some immediate objectives are being worked through, namely the construction of the temporary visitor centre, tour route and the working up of the three designated zones. These are:

Zone 1 - the visitor/education centre and exhibition on the history of paper making, and the part played by the Gade Valley, along with the future concepts and uses of paper/board.

Zone 2 - is the working paper mill, which since June this year includes our second small Fourdrinier machine (PM5) making seed paper. The Charity is immensely grateful to its major customer, Lush, for its significant cash contribution towards the build cost of this machine.

Finally, Zone 3 - approximately third of an acre, encompassing the concrete slab that once supported the visitor centre. It also includes the River Gade and backstream that envelops the wooded area at the end of our island. This whole area is the nature zone, more on its purpose as an educational element will be published soon.



Zone 3

There has been other good news. The Trust's two off-site buildings, the JDEC and the Cottage, which both contain offices for let, are now both fully rented out! Also, through crowd funding and a recent auction held at St. Brides Museum, the Charity has raised a further £52,000 towards the rebuild costs. The Trust also wishes to thank Two Sides for its generous donation.

All in all, very positive but also challenging times. More news in the next newsletter.

John Watson

Once again, the usual suspects have furnished me with some great material to share with you, our members.

The Doodle Bug Summer Of 1944 by Bev Steele



Bev with his beloved Morgan

We are recently returned from a week's tour of Haute Normandie, organised by our Kent-based classic car club the Maidstone Historic Vehicle Group. The tour itself was a very well organised affair made more so by splendid weather. The hotel was on a golf course on the edge of Ste Saens, a pretty market town, within a few miles of a V1 launch site in a clearing in the woods called Val y Got, which was scheduled as the first visit of the tour.

Looking around this largely destroyed site, taking in the calibration shelters, crew quarters and the launch ramp with a replica bomb in place (see picture below) took me back to being at the target end of these, the first cruise missiles.

I was five years old in 1944 living with parents and elder sister in Norbury, SW16. On Sundays, my father worked a six day week in those days, he would generally (hopefully) take me with dog Susan for a walk of about one and a half miles across school playing fields to the Horse & Groom pub on the edge of Mitcham Common.



V1 Doodlebug

On this particular day, we had reached the playing fields stepping off towards the pub when we heard a strange noise and saw a small clipped wing aircraft, low and fast with a flame at the rear, clearly

seen against the blue sky on this bright summer's day. The dry staccato roar, once heard, and when heard again on film today, still sends a chill down my spine.

Within a very short while another from a slightly different direction came over - these my first sight but not the last, of the V1, aka Doodle Bug, Buzz Bomb and doubtless other less printable names. They went on to detonate way over in central London, scarcely heard from our position other than a strange double bang like a door being slammed in the sky.

Father, with more than three years' experience on the Western Front in WW1, realised very quickly his weekly pint was forfeit and we headed back home and as we did so another came over.

In getting back to the house, I remember my white-faced mother, her eyes tracking these things across the ceiling, the first time I saw fear in an adult's eyes.

They were a weapon of terror spreading fear across the populous causing a second wave of evacuations of children from London, including my sister and myself a very few weeks later.

Oh, Bev, thank you for this story, we can only imagine how terrifying this must have been for everyone. Thank you for reminding us that things like this shouldn't be forgotten.

And with an appallingly bad link (!) – talking of bugs – George Fowler, the doyen of the bug world, gives us his latest report.

Bugs and all that by George Fowler

This year seems to have been very poor for inhabitants of the natural world, with reports of low sightings from all parts of the country. The sightings of moths has been very low and having just returned from our annual trip to France it was the same there.

It used to be the case that the windscreen and grille were plastered with dead insects of all kinds but not this year, so it comes as a pleasant surprise when unexpected things turn up of the blue.

I regularly put out a moth trap for scientific purposes with records eventually finding their way into the National Archive. These light traps can only be put out when the overnight weather is going to be dry, not too windy and when the moon is not bright enough to distract moths – a poor year on all counts!



Lunar Thorn moth

The trap went out on 17th May and the following morning there were just two moths, but one of these was a Lunar Thorn, which is quite a rare moth in Hertfordshire and was confirmed by the County Moth Recorder.

Then off to France where the weather was bad at times, enough to lose our aerial when a thick branch fell on it. However, one evening we were able to sit outside and heard a whirring noise and what I thought was a beetle crashed into the flyscreen on the caravan door. It turned out to be a very large Weevil.

Anyone familiar with weevils will know that they can be 1.5mm up to 10mm long in the UK but this was 40mm long. Photos were taken and I thought nothing more of it until we had two more fly by and a few days later another crash land on an outside table.



Red Palm Weevil

This one was put into a container and taken to the bureau because by then I had discovered that they were Red Palm Weevils, which are another seriously destructive insect that is expanding its territory and must be reported to authorities and sadly despatched. It lays eggs on Palm trees and the larva can burrow into young trees up to one metre. The strange thing is that no other sightings had been reported, so once again I seem to attract these creatures. Living in a conifer next to us was a Praying Mantis, which was another unusual sight. You just have to keep your eyes open to enjoy the wonders of nature!



Praying Mantis

Now a point for any technical people reading my news. We came across the channel on P&O Pioneer, which was a huge car ferry that

had a different 'feel' about it, the main point being that there was no vibration or throbbing normally felt on ferries.

It was only after we got home that we discovered that this is a new ship built in China and had its maiden voyage just two weeks before our crossing. It is the first RoRo ship to be commissioned for the Dover-Calais crossing, meaning it has a 'bow' and a bridge at each end thus eliminating the need to turn round in the harbour. (Apparently Caledonian McBrayne have had such vessels for some time).

To any of you who are Dirk Cussler readers it is all getting very like some of his NUMA novels as it is powered by diesel-electric Azipod propulsion with four Azipods, one on each corner of the hull and no enormous engine churning away in the bowels. A second ship is due on the route in a few months time.

Thank you George for your bug update – always an interesting read. In fact, George has sent me a little extra information - when they returned from holiday, there was an article in the July issue of



Fungi growing on a tree

Hertfordshire Life magazine entitled 'Where have all the insects gone'. So those interested maybe able to take a look for themselves at this item.

I too have been continuing my flora and fauna fascination. I walk a friend's dog and have become a bit obsessed with looking out for interesting things while walking in the surrounding countryside – such as fungi, butterflies/moths and wild flowers. When walking, as soon as I get my phone out to take a picture, I can see the dog, Colin, look at me as much to say – oh no here she goes again! One slightly weird thing recently was a tree just covered with fungi – it looked even stranger as the sun was shining on it – almost looked alien-like!

Recently, we had an interesting moth in the house and I managed to take a picture of it on the window – it was a Scarlet Tiger. I had never seen one of these before – as George said in his report – keep your eyes open – you never know what you might see.



Scarlet Tiger moth

I have also been expanding my artistic skills (artistic I said!!) and have been trying out some new crafting – macrame (yes those of a certain age will remember doing this at school..) and Dorset Buttons, these intricately designed buttons have quite a history and it's definitely worth googling their origins.



Dorset Button

Also with the summer months, come the various county shows and fayres, and recently I went to a local steam rally (Potten End Steam Rally) and the Frogmore Paper Mill fire engine was on display, not only promoting The Paper Trail but delighting all the visitors – as of all the fire engine styles over the years, I think it is definitely the most akin to the Trumpton fire engine and not only attracts a lot of attention but it makes everyone smile!



The Dennis Ace fire engine out and about

Well readers, I hope you found these stories of interest and remember if you have any intriguing or entertaining stories or tales, or even what you enjoy as a hobby, please do e-mail them to me and I will include them in the next newsletter. And if you have accompanying pictures – then even better.

Margaret Curle

bptss lunch 2022

The 2022 Birmingham Paper Trade Social Society's Annual Lunch was held on Friday 14th October at Bank restaurant in the Westside area of the city.

The Society's President, Carl Barritt, made an excellent and inclusive welcoming speech to about 80 guests, including PICT President Tony Wood and the Chair of Birmingham MIND, Rev. Frank Longbottom. The eagerly anticipated General Knowledge Quiz was masterfully presented by the event's co-ordinator on the day, Andy Thompson, with Treasurer Nigel Howl and Secretary Paul McDermott in attendance to help with the marking.

Heads and Tails before lunch and a brief but successful auction afterwards enabled the BPTSS to contribute £3,800 to Birmingham MIND, specifically to support MIND's work in the region via its Helpline. The Helpline's work was outlined to the gathering as a service that had seen unprecedented volume growth since the start of the COVID pandemic with resources strained to maintain this valuable work.

In summing up, Joe said that the convivial surroundings and chat were supplemented by excellent food and wine, which all make for a great afternoon.

Joe Piggott

Birmingham Paper Trade Social Society Annual Charity Lunch 2023

Our sister Society, The Birmingham Paper Trade Social Society (BPTSS) will hold its Annual Lunch at The Bank Restaurant in Birmingham, on Friday 13th October 2023, reception at 12.15pm for lunch at 13.00pm.

The BPTSS President, Carl Barritt, looks forward to welcoming Society members and their guests for a splendid afternoon of plentiful cuisine, great social camaraderie, and important charity support.

The traditional Heads and Tails game will feature early in the proceedings, and the Society's resident quizmaster Andy Thompson will keep all tables busy with his quiz, which is sure to be as competitive as ever! We shall also include a table raffle, and an auction, items for which are kindly donated by Society members.

This year, the BPTSS Lunch will once again include a guest speaker, and more specific details on this will follow in due course, together with the named Charity to be supported on the day. All funds raised from the day's activities will be donated to the Society's chosen Charity.

The Lunch formalities normally close just before 5pm, and regular attendees will know just how enjoyable this occasion is, a truly civilised way to spend a Friday afternoon.

Tickets can be obtained from BPTSS Secretary Paul McDermott – paul_mcdermott.t21@btinternet.com and reservations are strongly recommended as there is a limit to the seating capacity at Bank.

Please support our local industry Society - you will be most welcome

Peter Bothwick

obituary

JEREMY SIMON HOLROYDE



Jeremy Holroyde left school at age 18, not wishing to go to university, and preferring to enter the commercial world.

Jeremy joined the paper industry in 1967 at Wiggins Teape Mill Sales, in Watling Street, London. His daily commute to London was from Liphook in Hampshire, and such dedication was rewarded as he progressed through the ranks, quickly becoming a telephone sales representative. This was soon followed by promotion to field sales, where Jeremy developed many beneficial customer relationships.

Jeremy was an active participant and Committee member of The Stationers' Social Society, the previous incarnation of PICT. He regularly played in the Society's bowls section, often with great success. He also represented the Society in the annual match against Aylesford Paper Mill. Jeremy was also President of The London Pride Society.

After Wiggins Teape, Jeremy moved on to Empire Paper Mill, where he spent a few years, before deciding that he needed a complete change of career direction. He started a gardening business, or as Jeremy put it in his own words, he became 'a horticulturalist'.

As a family man, Jeremy married Caroline in May 1980, and they had two sons, Jack and Tim. When Caroline became ill, Jeremy made a promise to his boys that he would dedicate his time to look after her. And, as Jack Holroyde recounts – "Dad proved that he was a man of his word, and a man of integrity".

Sadly, Caroline Holroyde passed away in July 2022. After the many years of care that Jeremy had given to Caroline, he could have been forgiven for getting involved in new pastimes for himself. But, none of it – Jeremy was never happier than enjoying a family lunch with one or both of the boys. Such lunches often took place at a pub in Guildford, on a Saturday, where a decent steak and a couple of pints were consumed.

Fittingly, a lunch as described above took place the weekend before Jeremy passed away – on 1st February 2023.

Jeremy Holroyde was without doubt a larger-than-life character, who graced the paper industry with his own unique style. Those of us who knew him enjoyed his ebullient personality. But clearly the love and care for his family was Jeremy's overriding priority, a quality that he demonstrated so admirably.

Peter Bothwick

PICT Diary Dates for 2023

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

September

Tuesday 5th – SHANKS – Mid Herts Golf Club, Hertfordshire

Contact Mike Kerlogue for details – michaelkerlogue@outlook.com

Thursday 14th – ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT – Northampton Lawn Tennis Club

Contact John Vic for details – john.vic@paper.co.uk

Wednesday 20th – ANGLING SECTION - Albury Fisheries, Surrey

Contact Alan Badcock – alanbadcock@btinternet.com or Andrew Smith – smithac452@ntlworld.com

Wednesday 20th – PAPER APPRECIATION COURSE – Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire

Contact Tim Bowler for details – trb@focalstrength.co.uk

October

Wednesday 4th – CHARITY GOLF DAY – Rothley Park Golf Club, Leicestershire

Contact Fred Haines for details – f.haines@icloud.com

Tuesday 24th - ANGLING SECTION – River Test, Hampshire

Contact Alan Badcock – alanbadcock@btinternet.com or Andrew Smith – smithac452@ntlworld.com

November

Thursday 9th – LONDON PRIDE SOCIETY LUNCH – Boot & Flogger, London

Contact Owen Davis for details – owenjavis56@btinternet.com

Wednesday 15th – INTRODUCTION TO PRINTING COURSE – St Bride's Foundation, London

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