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THE YEAR ENDS



Simon Evans

There is much to report, but dear reader, most of that can be read elsewhere in the Newsletter. What I really want to tell you here is what will be happening in that Year of Grace that will be 2012. Unless you've been living the last few years on Mars you shall be aware that we, the Brits, that race that seems, despite all, to do this sort of thing just so well, are fielding the Olympic Games. PICT have chosen the Games as our theme and are calling our premier event the Olympic Lunch. Will it be special and spectacular? My friends, you can bet on that and I ask you to make an indelible note in your 2012 diaries of the following details.

It will be held on **Friday, 9th March 2012** in The Ballroom of the Riverbank Park Plaza Hotel, 18 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7JT. The AGM will start the proceedings at 11am

sharp in Plaza Suite 1 as before. All Members are welcome to this. It is a generally short meeting where we elect our new President and Vice-President and present the out-going President with his badge plus some other business. The bar will be open for pre-lunch drinks at 12 noon.

Ticket Prices

(and no change from last year) are:

Members	£75
Guests	£85
Retired	£60

I must tell you that at the time of writing this 340 of the maximum 400 tickets have been sold so do please contact Anne James very promptly to avoid disappointment. There will many entertainments, distractions whatever but the main attraction is Mr Simon Evans our Guest Comedian, a very, very funny man indeed. He is an established act on the stand up circuit, the Edinburgh Fringe and the Comedy Store and others, has been described as sardonic, aloof and sharp-witted. (I've known a few guys in the Trade that could answer to that description). He writes for and has appeared in several TV shows such as Mock the Week and Dave's One Night Stand. Not to be missed.

Finally and most importantly we thank our donors and supporters for all you do for the Charity. It is very much appreciated. Without you none of this would be possible. We at PICT wish you all Christmas greetings and an abundance of health and happiness.

Bev Steele

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

We are writing this message to ask for your co-operation in finding colleagues and ex colleagues and their families who might have fallen on hard times – whether through illness, economic reasons caused by the recession, or just because they are finding rising prices outpacing their pensions and it is causing hardship.

Should you know of anyone who falls into these categories please contact Anne James, who in turn will notify the Benevolent Fund Trustees. All such applications and details are always handled in the strictest confidence.

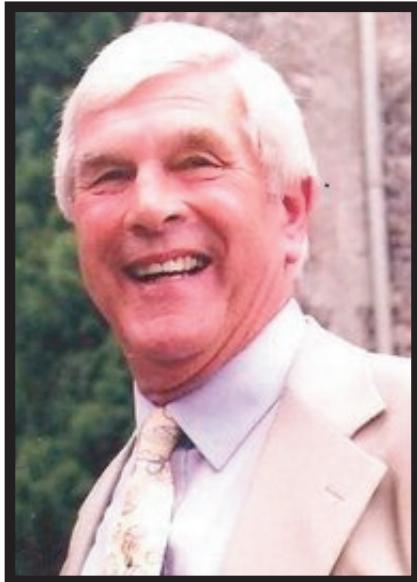
So far during 2011 we have made grants totalling well in excess of £6,000 and we think this figure will be over £7,000 by the end of the year.

We do have funds to distribute comfortably above this figure as of today, and the Trustees would not like to think that anyone is suffering hardship when PICT could ease the situation. That is one of the reasons for us being here!

So in addition to helping raise money to meet the expected increase in requests - especially by joining the 200 Club (vital for us), please try to think of those whom you know who do need help and may be just a bit reticent in making a request themselves.

*From the Trustees of
the PICT Benevolent Fund*

obituary



Barry Aplin first joined the paper trade with John Dickinsons in 1956 where he learned about grain direction of paper and a little about the marketing of Basildon Bond.

After only two years, his pal Peter Chilton persuaded Barry to join him at the tiny paper merchant Robert Horne where he quickly established himself as a successful salesman for the Huntsman and Foxhunter brands. These products proved to be the building blocks for the early development of the company.

Barry was a person with a genuine warm personality, always smartly dressed with a passion for nice clothes. He built himself a formidable reputation as he travelled

through a number of management positions while always continuing to spend most of his time doing the sales job that he did best, face to face with customers.

Barry loved his work in the paper trade so much that, even after retiring from Robert Horne after 40 years of service, he spent another dozen years out on the road, part time, winning orders in the publishing trade for another merchant, Davies Harvey & Murrell.

He was elected President of the former Stationers' Social Society in 1992.

Barry was always a cheerful companion, good at telling stories with a hearty laugh at stories told by others. Loyal to his

company, loyal to his friends and loyal to his beloved football team Sutton United. He was Chairman of the club for over 10 years and a regular supporter, whether home or away, as he established a reputation for shouting his encouragement from the stands with his booming voice 'Come on you Sutton lads'. He didn't need a microphone and it's so sad that he wasn't able to join in the celebrations when Sutton ended the 2011 season with promotion. future for the next fifty years, a lasting tribute to his contribution. Barry was a true gentleman, a description of him that required no effort. It just came naturally. His general manner was always congenial, his politeness sincere, his smile warm and his handshake firm. A handshake that didn't crush but spoke in a silent way, I'm pleased to see you.

A family man whose passing will leave an enormous gap in the lives of his wife Jackie, and his three children Suzie, Jayne and Stephen.

By Michael Bairstow

The local papers paid considerable tribute to Barry, praising his contribution to the Sutton club over four decades. He has been credited with spearheading the club's ten year negotiations with Sutton Council for a renewed lease which has secured the club's



and change and the grim news from Europe is not helping but we are a charity and our focus as ever is on the needs of others. To this end you will note within this Newsletter there is a formal request for help in finding folk that have fallen upon hard times to whom some assistance could be given. It is surprisingly difficult to find these needy folk though your committee is exploring ways and means to do exactly that. We are aware it is a sensitive issue but we do ask the broader membership to think carefully about this and to contact Anne James with your nominees.

Cricket and Tennis were played this year and we thank Mike Robertson and John Victoros for their sterling efforts. Regarding golf, Mike Kerlogue led the SHANKS high handicappers who proved yet again why their handicaps are so high. Thanks also to George Fowler, whose reports on all things Angling are about the closest thing to literary

perfection. A special mention must be made regarding Fred Haines' Charity Golf Day at Rothley Park. In round figures an amazing £3000 was raised for the Charity. This is terrific stuff and our thanks go to Fred and his band of supporters whose generosity has made this such a successful event.

I do hope you enjoy the continuation of the "Where are They Now" feature and it was good to report on a somewhat transformed London Pride Society. Long may that continue.

For those interested in sports cars that green thing I'm leaning on is a Morgan 4/4, the very apple of its owner's eye. Getting in and out of it is a bit of a trick these days but I can still manage. Every home should have one.

Bev Steele



LPS EGM and Lunch - 27th October 2011
the waitress took this one so we are all in it.....

In the period commencing April this year Owen Davis and Paul Woollett, with able support, went to work to bring about this meeting. As a Society we have accrued funds in trust which we must disperse charitably and this EGM was about putting a proposal on the table for our AGM in April when final decisions will be made. The meeting was brief and businesslike despite drink being taken. The Editor will report on that AGM in due course.

The real business of the day commenced at about 12.30pm in the back room of the Boot & Flogger wine bar in Redcross Way, SE1 just across the street from Borough Market... and what a fascinating place that is by the way. The lucky 15 were, in no particular order, Richard Fowler, John Fowler, Chris Wakelin, Jeremy Holroyd, John Garlick, Harry Miller, Mike Rust, Ken Howard, Stephen Vail, Paul Woollett, Dave Cole, Gus Ek, Barry Staddon, Owen Davis and Bev Steele.

The food and service (good wine is a given at the Boot & Flogger) were very good indeed, particularly the service. A grand time meeting old Trade friends full of stories of characters and events of the past. This really is what it is all about .

Report by Bev Steele



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On a beautiful day on Thursday, 15th September 2011, the motley crew pictured below descended from all parts of Europe at Northampton County Lawn Tennis Club. Twenty fit-ish individuals paired up to form 10 pairs, as you can see all chomping at the bit like coiled springs, some rustier than others.

There would have been another three pairs but for the call of impromptu workload, interviews and injury.

A big thank you to a few people. Brod Geary for stepping in at the last minute for Paul Le Serve, but then again who would not do so to spend a day playing tennis with Karen Scurfield!

Lee Smith and Nick Henry who paired up for the first time as both individually either lost their usual partner through injury or the pleasant return of Patrick Gazut who paired up with Lee's intended partner Tim Winstone.

Lastly Ace Bothwick who stepped into the breach as official photographer as Ken Jones swapped his camera for a couple of crutches this year.

My partner of last year, Michael Allan ditched me (don't blame him) for an all Dixon & Roe team with Eric Tunbridge. This left me with the pleasure of playing with my official partner, 'er indoors, Mrs Vic.

This year again we had many kind sponsors in the shape of Fedrigoni UK, Sam UK Ltd and Sappi UK with balls once again flown over from the USA by Mohawk Paper all helping financially towards the running of the day. This enabled the majority of the fees paid by the participants to go towards two very worthy causes. £275.00 to go towards the PIC Trust, whilst the same amount goes to Breakthrough Breast Cancer. Thank you all so very very much.

The 10 pairs proceeded to play each other in early combat this year which saw the pairs almost perfectly split by the end of this section into 2 sectors; the serious Penman candidates and the blatant Johnston Cup crew.





Winners Penman Trophy

Andrew Dunning & Tony Worthington

Every pair played each other in an 8 game set with sudden death on the 2nd deuce. This culminated in the semi-finals of the Penman Trophy pitting Jonathan Clay & Chris Diacon vs. Steve Dunford & Del Salter in one and Andrew Dunning & Tony Worthington vs. Michael Allen & Eric Tunbridge in the other. Well the welcome return of Steve & Del after many years absence saw the shock of the tournament as a closely fought short set ended 6 – 5 to Steve & Del taking them into the final. The other semi-final was a little less close with Andrew & Tony seeing off the new Dixon & Roe pairing of Michael & Eric, (you did get to the final with me Michael), only joking. In the best of 3 set final the score 6 – 2, 6 – 3 belied the fact that both



Runners up Penman Trophy

Steve Dunford & Del Salter

sets were close. Well done Andrew & Tony!

The Johnston Cup semi-final line up saw the return after a year's absence of Fred Haines & Tony Wood who saw off the re-formed pairing of Patrick Gazut & Tim Winstone 5 – 0. The other semi saw the only lady in the latter stages Claire and myself well beaten by Lee & Nick 6 – 1.

The Final was shaping up to finish in 2 sets also, or was it? Lee & Nick took the 1st set comfortably and were leading in the 2nd as Fred & Tony fought back to force a tie-break. As I watched the tie-



Winners Johnston Cup

Fred Haines & Tony Wood



Runners up Johnston Cup

Lee Smith & Nick Henry



John Vic with Karen Scurfield



Mr & Mrs John Vic

break I thought if Tony & Fred take it we'll transfer courts back up to centre court for the final set where the Penman Trophy had already finished and the crowd were enjoying tea and cakes whilst watching. It was not meant to be as Lee volleyed a fantastic point winner in the closing stages of the tie-break his ankle went one way as he went the other. The face said it all, excruciating pain was replaced by Lee and Nick forced to retire hurt halting a thrilling encounter which gave the Johnston Cup for the second time in three years to Fred Haines and Tony Wood.

The important presentation of the sought after PICT 2011 Wooden Spoon was to be between the Brodster and Karen from Mondi UK and Brian Garson and the man trying to replace the irreplaceable Ace Bothwick, Mike Thomsett. Poor old Patrick flew from Germany to be with us for the 2nd time whilst Mike jumped over the garden fence as he lives in one of the houses bordering the tennis club. So along with Brian Garson I expect him to make the long journey again in 2012 to defend his and Brian's wooden spoon.



PICT Wooden Spoon Winners
Brian Garson & Mike Thomsett

A big big thank again you to my gorgeous wife for ensuring the smooth flow of the day and partnering me cos no one else would, ensuring the timetable was kept to and to County Lawn Tennis Club for once again hosting our day. Also to Karen for being the other brave lady amongst loadsa blokes.

As the sun set it was pleasing to see that the majority made the short journey to the Holiday Inn, Bedford Road, where lots of good food, good wine and good company ensued. Presentations to all Finalists were made and although our legs felt like it was the Last Supper we all enjoyed a well deserved 3 course meal, a glass or two of vino and the presentations ensued.

Once again, thank you to all that participated and facilitated. I hope a great day and evening was had by all. I look forward to the numbers increasing for 2012 so please keep spreading the word. Just to reiterate the date for next year of Thursday, 20th September 2012, maybe the same venue, similar format, spread the word please.



Penman Trophy 2011 Finalists

River Test

Monday, 11th October 2011

angling

There were heroic tales of people getting out of bed at 5.00 am to drive to the River Test in Hampshire, from places as far as Ipswich and Ashford, just to enjoy a day's fishing on one of the foremost chalkstreams in the country. It was rather more leisurely for me because my wife and I decided to take the caravan to stay a mere 15 minutes drive from the river – in fact I was quite upset when the gas ran out halfway through cooking my porridge and I had to venture outside to change the cylinder!

However, it was a beautiful morning with the sun shining and very little wind during the morning, so perfect conditions to cast a fly on

the water. A record number of 28 anglers were all present and correct by 9.03, which meant I could leave gate duty behind and join in the fun.

Despite fishing over a mile of the river on two banks, it is amazing how news travels and before I had even parked, rumour was that a good brown trout had been caught by one of our regular guests, Roy Burgess.

I worked my way downstream enjoying a chat to people on the way but not catching anything. I crossed over and worked back up the other side and started to fish the rapids opposite Roy and it was not long before I



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Gerry Overy with River Test Brown Trout

I landed a small but beautiful wild brown trout, only about 7" long. This was followed by another weighing about 1-1/2 lbs, both of which were returned.

It was getting towards lunchtime and after the pre dawn start some people felt an early bite to eat was in order. Gerry Overy came in with a lovely 3 lb brown trout and as more people gathered it was clear that it had been a good morning. Lunch was enhanced when another guest, Nigel Allum, produced a large saucepan of stew, which he generously ladled out on a first come, first served basis.

Soon the early lunchers were on their way back out for an afternoon session which turned out to be cloudier, windier and even produced a few spots of rain but it didn't lessen the desire to catch fish.



Lunch on the River Test

More news came down the grapevine that David Gould had caught a 5 lb Grilse which is a salmon that is making its first return to the river of its birth after being at sea for a year. This was carefully returned so that it can go through the cycle again and come back as a fully-grown salmon. The last anglers finally managed to tear themselves away about 6.00 pm after a wonderful day with good fishing, good company

and pretty good weather, the final returns were: - 1 Grilse, 14 Brown Trout, 14 Grayling and 1 Perch – a very good tally.

My thanks to everyone who supported this event and contributed to PICT, also thanks from all present to David Gould who arranges the day with the fishery manager.

CHIGBORO LAKES

- 10th November 2011

Having ventured North, South and West on our earlier outings, it was time to give those anglers living in the East a chance of a lie-in, so our last fly-fishing trip of the year was held at Chigboro Lakes, near Maldon in Essex.

This is usually a very productive water, but on a rather still and very misty morning it proved much more difficult to catch the elusive trout that were evident by noisy splashes and bow waves showing in certain parts of the lakes.

Keith Huxtable did have early success, but unfortunately the trend did not continue. After trying a number of different fly patterns, I did finally manage to coax a fish to the net and to be honest I should have had two more had it not been for bad technique – must try harder in future!

One of our guests, Granville Ainley caught on just about his last cast of the morning, so when the eight of us sat down to lunch we had just 3 fish between us and the lunchtime photo sums up the mood with rather long faces. Nevertheless, we had a good natter as usual and I was being asked whether I had the programme for next year which goes to prove that the lack of fish will not curb the enthusiasm of an angler!

Chigboro consists of three lakes and having tried the large Home Water in the morning, after lunch I decided to fish the smaller but deeper Rook Hall and almost immediately caught my second. There is a third small lake and it was amazing how many people had gravitated to it in the hope of catching, but even this was not proving easy.

Just to prove that it is all a combination of fly choice, depth and retrieve one angler who was not a member of our party was seen to be catching fish almost every cast from a point vacated 5 minutes earlier by one of

our members who shall remain nameless!

With dusk closing in, we said farewell to each other at the end of another fishing season which has seen good turnouts to each event, a record number on the River Test, a lot of fish caught and a good contribution to PICT.

A FISHY STORY (with golfing and paper trade connections)

Since 1993 I have regularly fished my local water, Rib Valley, and have seen a lot of changes in that time. In 2000 they opened a new lake which is devoted to trout fishing and which is part of a sports complex that includes a golf course that overlooks the lake.

In all that time I had never ventured to the very far end of the lake, but on a recent visit it seemed to be the most productive spot, so I wandered up there. As I walked through the long grass, my eye was drawn to a bright white object, which turned out to be a lost golf ball which must have strayed at least 50 yards off course.

When I picked it up I found that it was a Titleist 3, whatever that might be, but to my astonishment it was also stamped with Howard Smith Paper and their logo – talk about coincidence.

I don't suppose anyone would dare admit to being so wayward with their shot, but if they do, I have it waiting to be claimed!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2012

Thursday 22nd March - Coltsford Mill, Oxted, Surrey

Thursday 3rd May – Frensham Lakes – Churt, Surrey

Monday 15th October – River Test, Hants

Thursday 8th November – Rib Valley Lakes, Ware, Herts.

Whilst our meetings are based on fly-fishing, there are coarse lakes at Frensham and Rib Valley



Les, Malcolm, Andrew, Sandy, Robert, Granville, Keith - Chigboro 2011



My 2.5 lb Brownie



The face says it all...David Gould and the Joy of the Catch

MONK TROPHY 2011

After a year that saw the lead change after each of our 4 meetings, the Monk Trophy was finally retained by George Fowler (28lb 10oz), who just pipped Keith Huxtable (26lb 11oz) with Dennis Cole in third spot (22lb 9oz). Just to remind everyone that the trophy is based on the total weight of fish caught at all 4 meetings plus an additional 1lb for each fish caught.



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In the "From the Editor's Pen" feature I alluded to the difficulties experienced by the PICT Golf Section. The fact is the number of golfers putting themselves forward to play for the Charity has dwindled to the point where only 5 or 6 have attended the Spring & Summer meetings and just 2 at the Autumn outing. Roger Grant and Richard Bennett have been in discussion and they proposed to the PICT Committee that the golf section should stop these golf meetings and concentrate on one charity golf day a year. As PAGS are relatively strong it was suggested that the PICT

players that wished to continue playing in these seasonal matches should become members of PAGS. If the committee were in agreement Barry Campbell would bring this matter to the attention of the PAGS AGM on December 1st. This proposal was agreed and Anne James has informed Roger Grant of this agreement. Anne will email all PICT Golf Members of the committee's decision.

Bev Steele

The PICT Summer golf competition shared with PAGS was well supported with 28 participants taking part. The meeting was held at Guildford Golf Club, a lovely golf course which held up well in spite of very poor weather conditions. The Club provided an excellent ham, egg and chips to send us on our way in good spirits. The first of many spells of torrential rain arrived soon after play started and continued on and off for the next 5 hours, umbrellas and waterproofs very much the order of the day. However the usual fighting spirit of the golfers prevailed and all arrived back at the clubhouse eventually for a somewhat delayed prize giving attended by Andy Thomson PICT Vice-President who presented the prizes and trophies.

The Griffin Trophy (Scratch Competition) Winner David Houseman
The Doorbar Salver (Handicap Competition)
Winner PICT Captain Roger Grant (30 points)
Nearest The Pin David Houseman
Longest Drive Neil Skelton (PAGS)
PAGS Competition Winner PAGS Captain John Bardsley (38 points)

The annual Dandy Roll match between PICT and PAGS was also played during the meeting. PICT the 2010 winners of the trophy were well beaten by PAGS who are now the proud holders of the much coveted Dandy Roll Trophy.



Roger Grant presents the Dandy Roll Trophy to John Bardsley



David Houseman, Barry Fowler and Roger Grant with PICT Vice President Andy Thompson



Roger Grant receives the Doorbar Salver



David Houseman receives The Griffin Trophy

PICT/PAGS GOLF DAY - Thursday 22nd September

The Autumn meeting was the third of the year combined with PAGS held at Copthorne Golf Club near East Grinstead in Sussex. The course was in magnificent condition on a beautiful sunny day. The overall turnout was disappointing with only 19 players and even more disappointing only 3 PICT players including one at the very last minute.

Morning Competition

Horsburgh Salver Handicap 17 and below

Winner Alistair Nicoll with 31 points a trophy he has won for the last 4 years.

Runner Up Richard Bennett 29 points
Steele Bowl Handicap 18 and above Winner Roger Grant 30 points

Moxon Orford Jug Best combined Autumn and Spring score Roger Grant

Coronation Cup 9 hole St Andrews Greensomes played in the afternoon was won by Rod Gill and Phil Scullion with 22 points

Our special thanks go to the society secretaries who work very hard to organise these events.

Report by Roger Grant

PICT CHARITY GOLF DAY

The Pict Charity Golf Day was once again held at Rothley Park in Leicestershire, on a fine day and with the course in great condition. 14 teams from all over the UK supported the day. With benign conditions there were some very high scores on the day and the winning team, aptly named 'Crossleys utilising new technology swings' were led by Martin Fagan. The rest of the team, John Turner, Iain Booth and Kieran Ferguson all contributed and posted a terrific score.

Last year's winners the aptly named the 'NAPM Bandits' were the runners up, led by Tim Bowler supported by the Legal Eagle Phillip Raven, Peter Morley and John Marshall. The Longest Drive was boomed out by Darren Wheeler from Gould Paper.

Many thanks to Jeremy Martin from Burgo and Colin Williams from GPS who both had to withdraw their teams due to business commitments but generously donated the fees to the charity. Also many thanks to Fedrigoni, International Paper, Billerud and Koehler who all donated prizes. The day boosted the charity coffers by just under £3000 so a very worthwhile day all round.

Special thanks to all at Rothley Park Golf Club for helping us put on a really enjoyable and profitable day for PICT.

Report by Fred Haines



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SHANKS Autumn Golf Meeting Welwyn Garden City Golf Club Wed, 28th September

An excellent day out for the Shanks Autumn golf gathering at Welwyn Garden City Golf Club on Wednesday 28th September. Everything about the day was just tickety-boo – the course, the weather and evening meal. The only blip was that we had perhaps the smallest field out on parade – just 9 shankers and one guest.

It was an honour for the Shanks guys to be playing at Welwyn Garden City the home of Nick Faldo, and more relevant to today the home course of the young Tom Lewis who this year won the amateur cup at The Open at Sandwich, Kent and only just this week was winning his first professional – The Portugal Masters.

If only we could have replicated the performance of this guy; alas the scores in the main were to the usual Shanks standard – rubbish. The course plays an easy front 9 holes and then the back 9 really is the challenge – well that's how I found the course.

But once all the players were back in the club house – before the light failed – it was time to reminisce with a beer or two on a beautiful sun drenched patio overlooking the course.

So to the results. In true Shanks fashion everybody was a winner, and heading the table was Mike Gee – who played out of his skin; followed by Neil Haslam (The Count) and 3rd position went to Peter Bothwick. Now to the award of the Steve Beckett Trophy for Shanker of the Day. Many incidents were reported – but wait for it – and perhaps the best ever “performance” on record. On the 8th tee the honourable “The Count” (Neil Haslam) placed his ball on the tee and promptly faced the 7th fairway and as we understand played the best drive of the day towards the 7th tee. Needless to say Neil was presented with the Steve Beckett Trophy for the most notably shanks moment of the day.

In addition to the singles competition we played the yellow ball competition which has become a must for Shanks Golf Days, where teams compete with each other to bring the same ball home to the clubhouse, by each member taking it in turns to play the yellow ball. Team A gave up at the 6th and went home. So it was between Team Alpha and Team One – and the winners with the most points were Team One – Mike Gee / Peter Bothwick and Keith Spiers.

Although we were lacking in the number of players, everybody enjoyed themselves and it was a universal agreement that we had a magnificent day.

If you are ready with your 2012 diary, please pencil in Wednesday 9th May as our planned Spring Shanks Golf Day – venue still to be decided (or perhaps more like which golf club will have us tear up their course). Finally, we are always looking for new recruits, so please spread the word and better still bring a friend to our next bash.

Report by Kit Kat Kerlogue



PICT v Robert Horne
23rd June 2011
Wollaston Cricket Club, Northants

Cricket secretary Mike Robertson tells us the 20-20 over match PICT versus Robert Horne was held on Thursday 23rd June at Wollaston Cricket Club in Northants.

On a very sunny evening there was a good turnout of both players and spectators for this the 3rd annual match.

He reports that there were three very experienced cricket umpires on duty for the match namely Vince Collins, Mike Windett

and Peter Bothwick. Illustrious is probably a better adjective!. Mathew Ingram, the Robert Horne Captain lost the toss to Mike Robertson whom, on strong advice from his team mates decided to bowl. The excitement round the ground grew as the opening pair of K & R Lawson got off to a great start scoring 33 and 43 respectively followed by N Saint who scored a cracking 40 runs. PICT however were given a real boost when Mathew Ingram, the great threat, was out for 11 runs.



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Top scorers for Horne were :

K Lawson.....33	S O'Brien.....28
S Lawson.....43	A West.....26
N Saint.....40	P Fletcher.....14
M Ingram.....11 (what a relief for PICT Mike says)	
M Swann.....9	
Horne total was 159 runs for 6 wickets.	

The PICT team went into bat and started well and at the halfway stage were ahead of the targeted run rate with M Boyle of International Paper scoring 48. Mike adds that Horne played well in preventing him from reaching his 50. The other top scorers for PICT were:

As in previous years it came down to the last over and Robert Horne were the victors again when PICT closed their innings at 153 runs for 6 wickets. A close run thing indeed. All in all a very good evening's cricket. The players enjoyed some refreshments and a grand total of £130 was raised for PICT funds. Well done Mike and all of those attending.

Report by Bev Steele



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ski-ing

Richard Fowler tells us despite no snow in the Alps just now he is planning a trip to Austria during early March. For all details, dates, venue etc., please keep your eye on the PICT webpage.

Report by Bev Steele



Yours truly with James May and camera crew after filming Manlab at Frogmore Paper Mill

Once again - hello to all PICT members from Frogmore Paper Mill at The Paper Trail (birthplace of mechanised papermaking).

Where is the time going I ask? Perhaps it seems to go quicker the busier you are – and we have been really hectic with lots of adult groups and schools visiting. The promotion of the Visitor Centre through a leaflet distributor seems to be working – with visitors picking the leaflets up at various venues within a radius of Apsley – places including Premier Inns, hospitals, tourist centres etc. And again all the visitors that have come along leave absolutely fascinated about paper and how it is made – which can only be a good thing.

School visits are still buoyant – although some schools, especially from further afield, still have issues about being able to afford the cost of a coach – which is a shame as all the children (whatever age) do enjoy their time with us and obviously learn lots about paper, recycling and sustainability. With regards schools – our Heritage Fire Brigade is putting together a tableau in the mill's stock room – a World War II scene, incorporating our Dennis Ace Fire Engine – which should be brilliant when finished.

The biggest news to tell is the opening of the Peter Ingram Gallery – which has come about from donations from a variety of ways – including many from Peter's friends and colleagues in the paper industry. This Gallery area, will house either exhibitions – art or otherwise - which can be promoted in a variety of ways, as well as being utilised for schools and visitors when required.

Another area we are looking for help, or even donations towards, is a new or newer van. Unfortunately our current van, which was kindly donated over 2 years ago by Thetford-based printer Caligraving, will not meet the Low

Emission Zone standards from 3 January 2012. As many of you will know – our Recycle for Learning Scheme collects waste paper from schools, which is then used within the mill and the schools receive points for their waste paper which can be redeemed for visits to us. The LEZ area is right up to the edges of Watford, Bushey, and Harrow - which precludes quite a few of the schools which are signed up to Recycle for Learning – which means we will no longer be able to collect from them. So if any companies, or individuals, think they can help us – perhaps a newish van which you no longer require – please do let me know.

Once again, Frogmore Paper Mill was a film star – although unfortunately on this occasion small-time, as the BBC decided not to give us a name check (!) – we were the paper mill used by James May on his ManLab programme at the beginning of November – where he handmade a roll of toilet paper!

That's about all the news at the moment, but don't forget – we are still running our Paper Appreciation courses still given by John Watson in his own inimitable style – 2012 dates will be finalised after Christmas, and we still provide conferencing facilities – at either Apsley Mills Cottage or if you would like a venue with a difference – at Frogmore Paper Mill – and you can combine your meeting with a mill tour if required – a great way to promote paper. And on that note ... ! if you would like to know more about how you can help us at The Paper Trail or what we can offer you, please give me a call or e-mail me.

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John Tootle that "Man of Manchester" became, quite early on in his career in the Trade something of a man of action especially on the social front in the Northwest and I am pleased to present to the readership a brief account of the life and times of this most interesting character with whom the editor had the pleasure of knowing and working during some of the times described.

area and he eventually took over the Manchester Office on John Booth's retirement.

When he joined Tait's the annual output of the Mill was in the region of 12000 tonnes. When he retired in 1996 the Mill was producing close to 300,000 tonnes a year thanks to the foresight and enterprise of Thomas Tait.

John tells me he worked with a very dedicated national sales team whose motto was "Work Hard and Play Hard" a dictum he took very seriously indeed. At his retirement "do" Fred Haines the then Commercial Director asked "how can you possibly play any more golf in retirement than you did when working?" It should be said that these were the days when customer and mill golf days were the norm and the Trade social events were very well attended as the companies involved encouraged their staff to take part.

When Federal Paper & Board took over Tait Paper in 1989 they were

He joined Thomas Tait & Sons at their Manchester Office in July 1953 after 2 years National Service. At that time it was run by Charles Foster, a founder member of the Lancashire "25" Club. This must have had an effect on the young J. Tootle given his later involvement with that Club. John Booth joined the firm and was responsible for sales in the Midlands and North of England assisted by John T. in covering the

very supportive of the sales team but when International Paper took over in '96 John was told that he was one of 180,000 employees worldwide which, he says, "put you in your place within the great scheme of things"

He is now 15 years retired and tells us he enjoyed what he believes to be the best years of the Trade wherein he met a lot of nice people whom he remembers with affection.

He is still involved with the Trade having been Hon Sec of the "25 Club" for many years which gives him the opportunity to keep in touch with many friends from business.

He married May in 1958 and they have two children Jane and Timothy and three grandchildren Thomas, Jessica and Jack.

Report by Bev Steele

200 club

The 3rd draw of the 200 Club took place after the committee meeting on 3 Nov The

three winners were:

1st Prize £250 - Mike Kerlogue

2nd Prize £100 - Stephen Mason

3rd Prize £50 - David Houseman

quiz nights

There are no quizzes arranged for this current year but Quiz Czar Andy Thompson tells us there are plans afoot for regional quizzes to take place Spring 2012...watch this space..ie., the PICT webpage.

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