

OUR GREEN STORY

9a ROYAL PARADE APARTMENTS, HARROGATE

Green Tourism Silver Award

CULTURE COMMUNITY & DESTINATION

Our Green Story started in 2020. With lockdown we were forced to close our apartments. In these seemingly adverse circumstances, I had time to follow my passion for researching the history of our fine period house and to look at finding our place in Harrogate's Spa History.

We have always been proud to honour Harrogate's history by acknowledging that its fame and wealth are rooted in its reputation for its medicinal spa waters. 9A Royal Parade directly overlooks The Royal Pump Room with unique views of its copper domed tiled roof. The Royal Pump Room was built in 1842 over the original Sulphur Well in Harrogate and subsequently became the leading Spa in Europe in the late 19th Century. Royal Parade was aptly named as the principle promenade for the Royals who came to take the 'waters.'

However I didn't know our part in this story, so in 2020 I had time to follow my passion to research our history. I first looked at tracing the deeds through our family solicitor. However, again because of lockdown they were in store and not accessible. Several months later eventually I received a call to say they had retrieved the original handwritten deeds from 1855 (see image below) for the purchase of the land for 8 and 9 Royal Parade which were bought by Pickersgill Palliser. Result!

1855

Abstract of the Title of Mr. Pickersgill Palliser & his Mortgage to a dwellinghouse and Shop situate in Royal Parade in Harrogate in the County of York Copshold of the Forest of Thirlestroth

By Deed of this date in conson of £1000 to John Harrison Tho Harrison & John James Harrison of Ripon & Thirlestroth in the County of York Bankers & Partners who had survived Jos. Devereux Terry their late Copartner deced (first mortgagees of the piece of Ground hereinafter desc^d along with other tenes by virtue of a Deed dated the 2 of Feb 1850 for securing the sum of £1200 & int) paid by Pickersgill Palliser of Britain with Harrogate in the said Coy Testamask (by the dison of Mary Thackeray of Low Harrogate in the parish of Sunning in the s. Coy Widow & with the pivity & approbation of Arthur Thackeray & Frederick Thackeray Gent & Lucinda Thackeray Spinster all of Low Harrogate a/s Test. By their severally signing the now abstr. Deed) the receipt of which is the sum of £1000 to that the same was in full of all moneys & int monies

More research revealed that Pickersgill Palliser had come to Harrogate from Yarm as a young man with 2/6d in his pocket. He was the first person to list the Royal visitors to the Pump Room. He then founded the Harrogate Advertiser newspaper to record them. In 1840 he published Palliser's History and Directory of Harrogate. In 1855 he purchased the land for 8 & 9 Royal Parade and had the buildings erected. In the 1871 Census he is recorded as living at 9 Royal Parade and running the shop below.

I contacted Harrogate Civic Society with our news. The late Malcolm Neesam (Harrogate Historian) came to visit our building and gave it a great big Yes! He wrote the brown plaque Honouring Pickersgill Palliser who is recognised as having a life of dedicated service to Harrogate. As a result, on 8th June 2022, the Mayor of Harrogate unveiled the plaque and we had a reception party to share our news on our destination and our place in Harrogate culture and community. We are now included in the Montpelier plaque trail in Harrogate.

And finally we got a mention in the Harrogate Advertiser!! Founded by Pickersgill Palliser to Share the news!



This all reinforces 9A Royal Parade Apartments Green Ethos Statement:

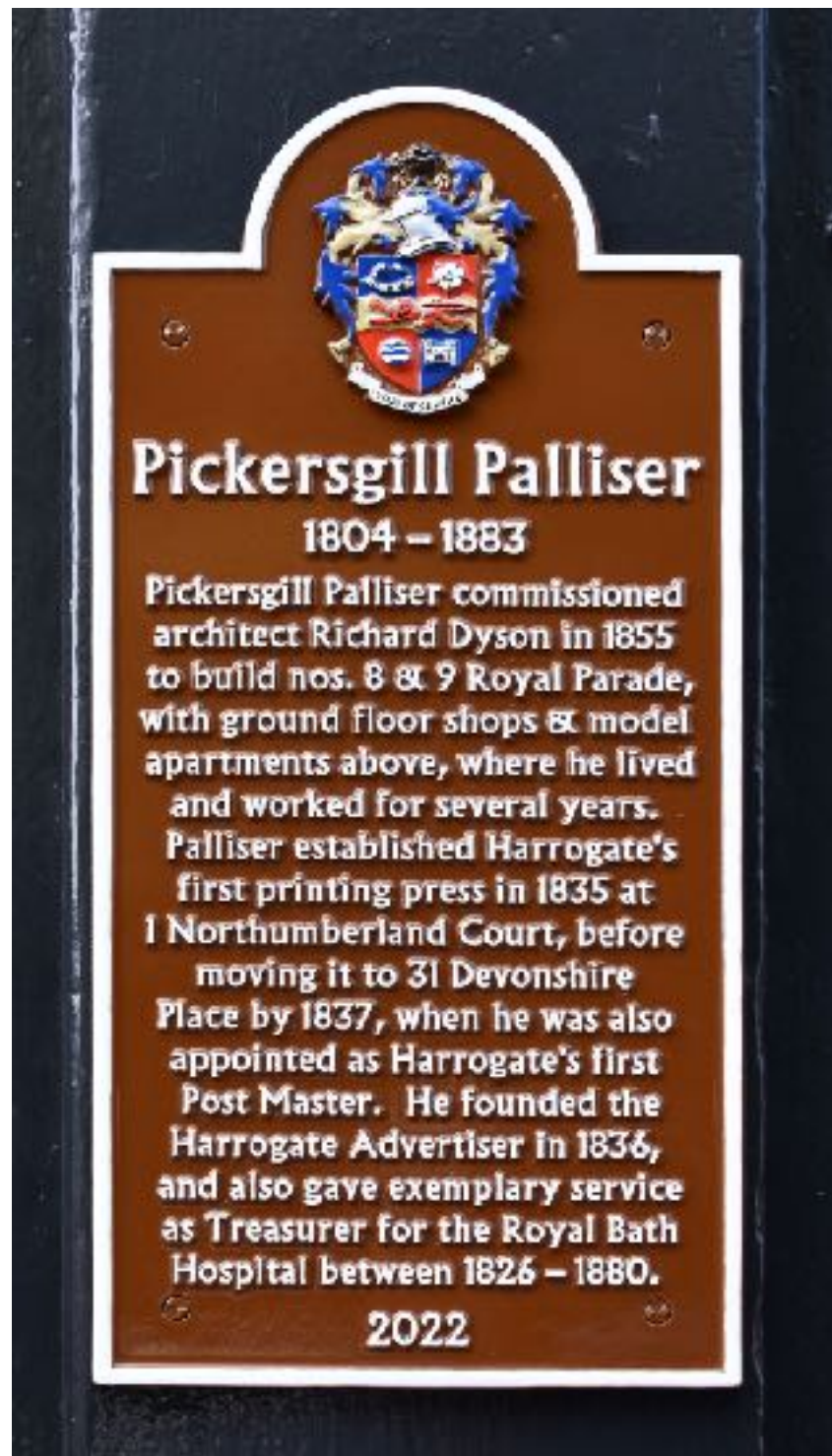
We are a Small Green Independent Family Business. We have tirelessly restored the original period building. We put green values at the heart of everything we do.

We promote Walking for Health and Happiness in Harrogate as was always promoted with taking the Spa waters.

We Honour Our Unique Place in Harrogate's History.



The plaque is now there for all to see.



Pickersgill Palliser

1804 – 1883

Pickersgill Palliser commissioned architect Richard Dyson in 1855 to build nos. 8 & 9 Royal Parade, with ground floor shops & model apartments above, where he lived and worked for several years. Palliser established Harrogate's first printing press in 1835 at 1 Northumberland Court, before moving it to 31 Devonshire Place by 1837, when he was also appointed as Harrogate's first Post Master. He founded the Harrogate Advertiser in 1836, and also gave exemplary service as Treasurer for the Royal Bath Hospital between 1826 – 1880.

2022