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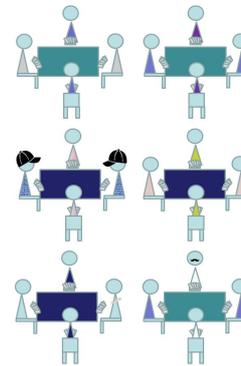
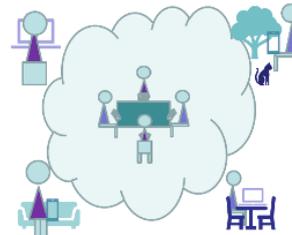
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Opening Up Face to Face

There are now more than thirty clubs offering around eighty face to face sessions.

Summertime Blues

Last week we had a full, and record for recent times, Monday Afternoon. Five tables!

However, we failed to reach three tables for the Bridge Club Live session on Tuesday Afternoon.

Thursday Afternoon was barely viable with only two tables including Jim and I playing.

Bridge playing numbers have always been quieter in the summer. "Freedom Day" is at once a positive allowing us to increase our capacity ALTHOUGH still a half what it was, so double the space, and much ventilation! However, of course there are many other possible things to do with your time.

There are still a lot of players who prefer not to come to play in person just yet. My personal view is that we will never feel quite the same about it. There is no return to former times. I have been filled with sorrow at news of players I have known for a long time who presently feel that they will not return to bridge.

Over a decade we have always found the formula that suits our players, eventually! Along the way, we have tried plenty of things that didn't work. Being able to change plans and try new things quickly has been key to survival. So here are some ideas.

The Tuesday afternoon on Bridge Club Live may be too long. We could reduce the number of boards to 20 or even 18. I know some players have given up coming because they found it too slow. These days the play is actually pretty quick, and the 24 boards are usually completed in 2h30m. So if you like it quick, you might give it another try.

We have our online Thursday practice for players still building their skills and confidence, and I do recommend that. I welcome the Thursday Afternoon restart of a U3A bridge group. This is brilliant! Rugby has always been well provided with chances to play the game unlike some other towns.

This Thursday is already looking better, so I will give it another week or two.

Let me know your thoughts by reply to this newsletter.

Let's get new players going.
A free course of beginners lessons twice a week, Tuesday and Friday
evenings at 7pm online.
FREE FREE FREE.

Bridge Refresher.
Twice a week, Tuesday and Friday evenings at 8.15pm online.
£20 for TEN LESSONS.

Accounting for your Bridge

The accounting module in BridgeWebs is enabled! It's keeping track of each member's attendance, and the associated fee from this month. It will automatically apply payments from the club's bank statements if it can work out who you are!

It's tracking all the sessions you played in since 1st July. However, I am still getting to grips with transferring your opening balances and payments so these won't be right yet. I will contact you when I think the balance is correct to check you agree.

To give it a chance please edit the "Reference" on your bank transfers to the club to be "EBU 123456" only the 123456 bit should be your EBU number. We plan to feed the payment list to the system about once a week, so they may take up to 10 days to show up.

You can check the situation for yourself by logging on to the web site. Click the "Payment" tab in the members area.

It will automate a lot of work we are doing by hand. With over 90 of you active (hooray!), it's getting to be quite a big job!

Tickets

Tickets are not presently on sale, and won't be until the end of the current membership period. It's just not at all clear what the future holds.

You can still use tickets, with any date. 1 for Dunchurch sessions and 1/2 for Tuesday online). It doesn't matter where they come from, so you are free to get them from other members.

In the absence of tickets, please transfer payments to the bank account. Dunchurch table money is £4.50, and if you want to transfer enough for two or three sessions please do, equally Tuesday afternoon online fee is £2. Again multiples are welcome and I will keep track.

Face to Face is Back



MONDAY 2PM

THURSDAY 2PM

Booking into a face to face session

[Click for YouTube video](#)

If you use YouTube, you can watch Bernard Magee's free Monday morning seminars.

July 19th

We are legally obliged to continue our present precautions next week. However, it seems that most legal restrictions will be lifted on July 19th and we make our own decisions. Here's how we intend to balance caution with comfort:

- We will make sure all bridge rooms are thoroughly ventilated, so you may still need that extra layer.
- We will continue to provide space around the tables by raising our limit on tables in the room from four to five. We will keep availability to members only, and require that all attendees have been fully vaccinated at least three weeks prior to playing.
- We will continue the booking system for now.
- We have booked the Sports Lounge on Monday Afternoons from 19th July. On 19th July we are offering a strictly for fun and practice session in the Sports Lounge where people will play some of the boards, but will not be scored, will help each other, and help will be available.
- After the 19th July the Sports Lounge will be used as additional capacity for Monday, so we can have five tables in each room! We will set up two "events", one for each room, so if the first room is full, book into the second one.
- We ask you to keep a space of at least one metre between you and all other players.

- We will not use the cross table screens.
 - We do ask you to bring and use a face mask as much as possible and always when moving around the room.
 - At the table, please agree on at least pair wearing face masks. Perhaps North/South could mask up on odd number boards, and East/West on even number boards.
 - We will continue to provide individual hand sanitiser at the table, as well as in the room. Please use it when you arrive, when you leave, and each time you move.
 - We will ask you to take your bidding box and sanitiser when you move from table to table.
 - Boards will move and be used by more than one player (up to five).
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Weekly Topics Tuesday and Thursday Mornings

Tuesday 27th July & Thursday 29th July - Planning Your Defence

Tuesday 3rd August & Thursday 5th August - U C B

Tuesday 10th August & Thursday 12th August - McKenney Leads

Tuesday 17th August & Thursday 19th August - Splinter Bids

Tuesday 24th August & Thursday 26th August - Count Signals

Tuesday 31st August & Thursday 2nd September - Cue Bids

Get on the list!

These sessions are included in your membership. There's no extra cost. These are relaxed chatty sessions, and a chance to see and speak to other members. Come to some sessions or few, just as it suits you. You don't need a partner.

Click the button below to receive the weekly email containing the links for Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The invitations will arrive every week unless you tell me you don't want it any more.

Please send the links for Tuesday and Thursday weekly topics

Save the date, I have booked the main hall for 11th December. I am talking to caterers. Three players have reserved a place. Let me know if you would like a provisional reservation.



Tuesday Afternoon on Bridge Club Live

This YouTube video shows how to join (our) face to face session on Bridge Club Live.

If it's useful, please do share the link with others. It is "unlisted". That means you can't find it with a general search, you need the link to view it.

[Click for YouTube video](#)

Tea Towels

We award Mr Bridge puzzle tea towels to each new player coming top on a Tuesday Afternoon.

There are three left!!



[Click for all the Details about Bridge Club Live](#)

[Timetable](#)

Mondays

14.00 Pairs at Dunchurch (Members Only - Booked in Advance)

Tuesdays

10.00 Tuesday Seminar (Facebook, Zoom & demo on BBO)

13.10 Tuesday Afternoon RVBC Duplicate (Bridge Club Live)

Thursdays

10.30 Thursday Practice related to Tuesday topic (RealBridge)

14.00 Pairs at Dunchurch (Members Only - Booked in Advance)

Other news

Bernard Magee's YouTube Channel

Do you meet friends to play in the Social Room on Bridge Club Live?

Have you tried the audio/visual feature?

When all four of you are seated, all players click the red speaker symbol bottom right.

The system will start a new tab in your browser where you can see each other.

Probably more useful, return to the "Play Bridge" tab, and trying talking to each other.

Let me know how it goes.

I would love to hear your news and pass it on here.

Or good experiences with any local business. They need our support.

How are you coping? Doing anything bridge?

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Nicky

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