

Kent Youth Bridge Report – September 2022

Registration for the Junior Bridge Camp (JBC – 22nd and 23rd October) in Kent – Bowles Rocks – continues (expected to pick up now that schools have returned). About 25 registrations have been received and the National Junior squads have indicated they will attend. The cost for the weekend for juniors is £75 (residential) and £40 (non-residential). Adults pay £90 (residential).

William and Joan Bennett of EBED have rebranded the Junior Calendar, with JBC being one of three “residential weekend events”. Besides the JBC a Spring (Cheltenham) and Summer (Northampton) events, in England, are being held in 2022-23. Discussions are ongoing regarding improving the child safeguarding policies for oversight at these events.

England had a good showing at the European Championships (for which Kent sponsored Tom Gardner and Tom Furness) and the World Youth Transnational Championships. The participants are listed below. In the European Championships, the Under 16 Team, Under 21 Team and Under 26 Women's Team all finished in the top 8 places in their category and so have qualified to play in the World Youth Championships. The under 16 team won Silver. In the World Youth Transnational Championships, Thomas Bradkin won a bronze medal in the U16 Individual. William Battersby and Aman Parekh won a silver medal in the U16 pairs. Andrew and Thomas Bradkin qualified for the U16 final. In the U21 pairs, Charlotte Bedford and Ventia Anoyrkatis and Henry Rose and Imogen La Chapelle qualified for the final.

Yours in Bridge, Anton

England Team in European Youth Bridge Team Championships, Netherlands:

Under 16

Charlotte Bedford and Lucy Norman, Tom Furness (Kent) and Aman Parekh. And William Battersby

Under 21

Imogen La Chapelle and Henry Rose, Andy Cope and Thomas Gardner (Kent), and Liam Fegarty and Jamie Fegarty

Under 26

Aaron Hutton and Oliver Powell, Kripa Panchagnula and Jonathan Clark, and Ewa Wieczorek and Charles Bucknell.

England Team in 7th World Youth Transnational in Salsomaggiore Terme from the 7th to 14th August:

Under 16

William Battersby, Andrew Bradkin, Thomas Bradkin, Aman Parekh

Under 21

Imogen La Chapelle, Henry Rose, Liam Fegarty, Jamie Fegarty, Rufus Barnett, James Cater, Raffy Sinclair, Venetia Anoyrkatis, Charlotte Bedford, Tom Furness (Kent), Lucy Norman