

Stratford-upon-Avon Bridge Club

Newsletter 10 ~ Friday 1st July 2016

Issued following the last Management Team & Board Meeting



Announcement: there will be no written reference to any form of 'exit' in this newsletter.

Treasurer Report –Alison Rigg: ☞ Alison has prepared the financial statements to 31st May which have been submitted to the Club accountants. These will go into the AGM pack sent out to members.

Bridge Report -Peter Randall: ☞ New packs of cards will shortly be issued. Please look after them and do not bend them, especially when placing them on the table.

☞ We are currently looking for TDs prepared to run the proposed Friday morning duplicate bridge session. If any member is interested in becoming a TD the club will give their full support and pay for the official EBU training.

Membership Report –Judith Horton:

☞ Judith has been busy compiling the documents for this September's AGM.

☞ One membership application form was approved. Welcome to Geoffrey Colquitt.

Training Report -Peter Styles: ☞ Peter reported that supervised play attendees were 76 [Monday am] and 110 [Wednesday pm] in May, both up on 2015 numbers.

☞ Andrew Robson has been booked for Friday 28th October. Look out for the notices in due course.

Social Activities –We have not had any social events since the last newsletter.

☞ A notice has gone up for the Bournemouth 30th October to 1st November bridge visit, and an advance notice has gone up for next year's Grantham bridge weekend.

Property Report -John Caulkin:

☞ A major upgrade of the emergency lighting system is planned, following a report by our electrician.

☞ Also we are seeking to purchase a new dishwasher as we believe that the old one needs replacing.

Chairman's Report –Roger Harris:

☞ The Building Project: we have now received the building tenders and were prepared to award the works to a local contractor. Unfortunately we have hit a snag as the preferred builder is currently unable to confirm when they can start due to personal circumstances. The Board will have to weigh up all the options in the next few weeks.

☞ The Board would very much like more members to put themselves forward to join the Committee so that we have fresh ideas and a better representation of the membership. Application forms will be sent out with the AGM papers.

And finally...

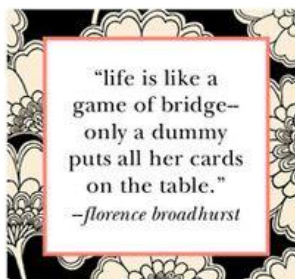
*Did you know that according to the Lonely Planet poll Warwickshire is listed as the 6th top destination to visit in Europe. The top 5 were Peloponnese [Greece], Aarhus [Denmark], Venice, The Dordogne and Lviv [Ukraine].

*As we're into the cricket season, did you know that there are 10 ways for the batsman to get out. The 5 most common ones are **caught, bowled, lbw, run out & stumped**. The 5 less common ones are **hit wicket, handled ball, hit ball twice, obstructing the field**, and the rarest- **timed out** [you only have 3 minutes to get to the crease].

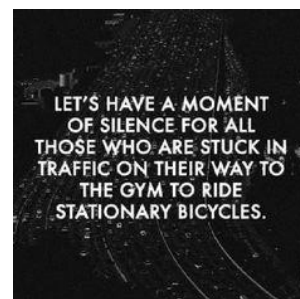
*If you think things are not going so well over here, spare a thought for the captain of the Taiwanese warship that accidentally fired a Hsiung Feng III missile towards the Chinese mainland the other day. The Taiwan Navy blamed it on human error during an inspection drill. That's all right then. ["Whoops" comes to mind]. It actually tore through a fishing boat and landed just before the Taiwan Strait border. Sort of puts other matters into some prospective I suppose.



"For Heaven's sake Gerald, we all lead in the wrong suit some evenings."



Who needs words...



LET'S HAVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE STUCK IN TRAFFIC ON THEIR WAY TO THE GYM TO RIDE STATIONARY BICYCLES.



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