

# Stratford-upon-Avon Bridge Club

## Newsletter 13 ~ Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016

Issued following the last Management Team meeting



**Free refreshments:** Some comments: 'I don't believe it!' [T.T.] 'My cup runneth over.' [A.W.] 'It's a lot easier now that I don't have to worry about Canadian cents and Euros in the change!' [R.S.] 'Can the Club afford it?' [B.N.] [answer: yes we can]



**Announcement:** The air conditioning company installing a unit in the Events room has given us a quote for the Main Room. We are seeking someone who knows about air conditioning to join a select group to meet up with them and discuss a suitable system [to avoid an 'a/c-gate' scenario]. Please contact Roger Harris

**Treasurer Report - Alison Rigg:** ☞ Alison issued a finance report to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 showing a small variance to the budgeted figures, which basically means that the finance income and expenditure is going according to plan.

**Bridge Report - Peter Randall:** ☞ Monday evening bridge sessions are hotting up. See website for details.

☞ Friday morning bridge has just started. Please support it as we added this after members' consultation.

**Membership Report - Judith Horton:** ☞ some members have not yet renewed their membership but we hope that they will do so soon.

☞ 3 new members have joined. 2 from last month and 1 this month: John & Penelope Singleton and Sheena Griffiths. Welcome to all 3.

**Training Report - Peter Styles:** ☞ It is encouraging that through Supervised Play, on Mondays and Wednesdays, people are now attending regular duplicate sessions. Please make them feel especially welcome.

☞ The Andrew Robson Event is full in the morning, and has some spaces left for the afternoon. Parking will be tight so share if you can please.

☞ We currently have beginners and intermediate courses running. If you know of anyone wanting to learn, or improve, please let Peter know.

**Social Activities - Maggie Bullingham:** ☞ The next social event is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Look out for more info.

☞ We plan to have another quiz in the next year. If anyone has any ideas for social events let Maggie know.

**Property Report - John Caulkin:** ☞ New dishwasher installed with 5 year parts and labour warranty.

Minor operating niggles should wash out and grumbles will hopefully dry up.

☞ Also we have installed a bicycle rack. If anyone wants a mobility scooter shed let us know.

**Chairman's Report - Roger Harris:** ☞ The Building Project: Peter Styles and Richard West [the architect and Project Manager] have been very efficiently updating us on the progress. See website for the latest.

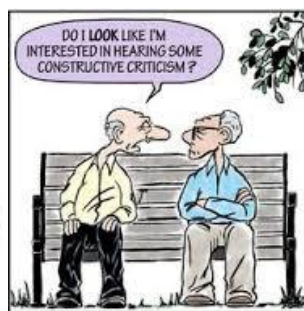
### Cartoon Corner:



"I'm afraid your house insurance didn't cover a wolf blowing it down."



"This really is an innovative approach, but I'm afraid we can't consider it. It's never been done before."



"What if we don't change at all...and something magical just happens?"

### And finally...

☉ Some people's names arrive by coincidence, some arrive by marriage: Jo King, Sue Flay, Alan Key, Nora Bone, Honor Todd, Sue Pine, Pat Head, Lee Gull, Lorna Mower. Does anyone have any similar acquaintances?

☉ As we like to encourage members to get involved - be it Team Leader, assistant, Tournament Director, bridge computer operator or housekeeping. Please consider if you can help the club by offering to do something. We currently only have one full-time female TD [Mary Johnson]. So as encouragement, here are some inspirational ladies:



Julia Gillard



Theresa May



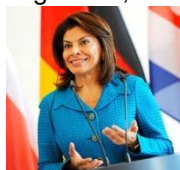
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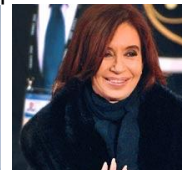
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