

Stratford-upon-Avon Bridge Club

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Issued following the last Management Team & Board Meeting



ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS: We have asked TDs to announce our plea for help from members to run our club. We have had one positive response which was much appreciated. Please remember that any club is only as good as its members and give your support if you are able to.

Treasurer Report –Alison Rigg: Alison submitted her financial report and all expenditure items over £500 were checked and approved by the Board. [A good treasurer gives the appearance of gliding along on the surface with a lot of hard paddling going on underneath.]

Bridge Report –Peter Randall: A big thanks to Dominic Connolly for another 4 entertaining and informative ‘Master Duplicate’ sessions. If any member want to borrow a set of boards please contact Peter directly. The proposed Friday morning duplicate bridge session will proceed if we find more TDs.

Membership Report –Judith Horton: Judith reported that there are now 412 members.

Also Judith now prepares a monthly list for the TDs to announce. Apologies if you hear these more than once, but many members wish to know what’s going on without wanting to read the notice board or look on our excellent website [updated very efficiently by Peter Styles].

Training Report –Peter Styles: Congratulations to Jane Harris and Pam Croft having successfully completed their EBU teacher training course at Aylesbury.

Social Activities –Our Queen’s Birthday/Shakespeare Celebration lunch & bridge Event “Comedy of Errors” on 22nd April run by Gay and Gordon Fox was enjoyed by all and some photos reached the website. A surplus of £64.70 was achieved due to careful purchasing, and £49.80 was raised on the day by members. We announced that this would be given to a breast cancer charity in memory of our former members. This is worthwhile finale to the event.

Property Report –John Caulkin: the hand drier in the gents has a tendency to stay on, the electrician could find no fault but we know better. Replacements are being looked into [seriously – it’s important].

Chairman’s Report –Roger Harris:

Proposed Building Project: a full members vote is to go out as soon as the paperwork is done. This is becoming more complicated than the Brexit referendum [well OK, maybe not, as I’m totally confused about that].



Charities: members have asked us to clarify which charities we support. Some are chosen by EBU, ECats <http://www.ecatsbridge.com/contact/default.asp> and Warwickshire CBA, some by us. In 2015-16 [our club year runs September to September] we supported Shakespeare Hospice, Kidney Research, Mayor’s Charity, Warwickshire Air Ambulance, Stoke Mandeville Spinal Research and Children in Need. The Board will be agreeing next year’s charities at the next meeting.

And finally...

Seen in the Times newspaper: amended posters

[1] a railway advert said: “Harwich for the Continent.” Beneath someone had added: “Frinton for the Incontinent.”

[2] Old tube advert with a picture of Henry VIII and a speech bubble saying “Return to Tower Hill please.”

This was adapted to include: “And a single for the wife.”

some things we realise as we get older:

- *I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.*
- *I don’t need anger management, I need people to stop annoying me.*
- *The biggest lie I tell myself is “I don’t need to write that down, I’ll remember it.”*
- *When I was a child I thought that nap time was punishment. Now it’s like a mini-vacation.*
- *“Getting lucky” means walking into a room and remembering why I’m there.*



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Ollie, ever the bridge expert, startled: “What did you say?”

Stan, without a hint of irony: “I said: we had a Moysian fit due to your Leaping Michaels bid when you should have used 2 way reverse Drury, or Bergen if you prefer.”

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