

**TEWKESBURY BRIDGE CLUB  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 14th JUNE 2023**

<b>PRESIDENT'S WELCOME</b>	Ann Bruckshaw welcomed members to the 56 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and thanked Dennis Dudley, the retiring President, for all his years of service to the club.
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Ann Bruckshaw – President Sheila Johnson – Chair Jeff Smithson – Secretary Cathy Powell-Chandler – Treasurer  And 18 members
<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	Dennis Dudley            Irene Fort Nick Bridges            Margaret Jones John Hendy              Diana Davies Hilary Morgan          Lesley Mitchell Jeff Chaplin
<b>MINUTES OF 2022 AGM 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2022</b>	These have been displayed on the notice board and the club website and were accepted as accurate.
<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	No matters were arising from the 2022 AGM minutes.

<b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b>	<p>It has been another busy year for our club with a steady average of 20-24 people attending each session. There have been occasional dips in attendance due mainly to illness or holidays particularly when Roger Gamage goes on holiday!</p> <p>We have had five new members joining us: Jeanie, Roger, Nick, Mark and Lesley. We have lost three members: Gary who got a new job, Jeff who moved house and sadly Lawrence who died earlier this year.</p> <p>Dennis, who had been our President for eight years, decided at 93 it was time to step down. I passed on all our best wishes and thanked him for all his service to our club. The committee unanimously decided to invite Ann to become our new President and she accepted.</p> <p>The average age of our members has been increasing and unless we can do something about this i.e. attract newer younger members to the club, then the club will die. To an outsider we are a bunch of old folk (nice old folk) but old nevertheless! Younger people considering joining the club find this off-putting. However, I believe we have two ways forward to counteract this decline. Firstly, I would like to modernize some of the ways we organize our Bridge games and use the technology that is already in use in most other thriving clubs. We have made a start already by the acquisition of a Duplimate machine which has cut out the tedious and old-fashioned curtain cards and we are in the process of putting our banking online which will be easier for the incoming Treasurer to manage our income and expenditure. The system will be more streamlined and less reliant on bits of paper and cheque books.</p> <p>We will also be looking into the possibility of buying a Bridgemates system should we acquire some funding to support this.</p> <p>Secondly Jeannie has put herself forward for Teacher Training with the EBU and we are happy to be her sponsor. This may prove to be fruitful in the future in providing the new younger members we need. We will also be supporting her with advertising and materials she may need.</p> <p>I would like to thank my committee who have each worked hard to help with the duties that are entailed with a busy club. Also I would like to thank those people who are not on the committee but nevertheless each week help by providing the refreshments (Audrey and Gill) or by organizing partners (Roger) or the sending of birthday or get well cards, even visiting! (Doc Martin). Thank you also to those of you who come early and help to put out the chairs and tables and those who stay behind to clear up. Our club could not manage without the efforts of all of you.</p> <p>Finally, last week David Hobbs, who allocates rooms for the Baptist Church, informed us that the Church Leaders had decided that they needed this venue on a Wednesday evening for Church activities. We have been offered Thursday night or Wednesday afternoon as an alternative. When</p>
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	considering other alternatives we must consider the following criteria: size of room; cost; central location in Tewkesbury; no stairs; parking and storage facilities. Alternative options are invited from members. Members will be invited to express their preference by the end of July. A decision does not need to be made before 1 <sup>st</sup> September.2023.								
<b>TREASURERS REPORT</b>	<p>Cathy Powell-Chandler presented the Income and Expenditure report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023</p> <p>In summary:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Income.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3702.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3215.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Surplus.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£486.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total in Bank and cash as at 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2653.08</td> </tr> </table> <p>Details are at page 3.</p>	Income.....	£3702.00	Expenditure.....	£3215.06	Surplus.....	£486.94	Total in Bank and cash as at 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 .....	£2653.08
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<b>PAYMENT OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	<p>Membership subscriptions are now due, at £10 per person, and will cover the period 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 to 31st May 2024.</p> <p>Payments should be made to the Treasurer in cash or by cheque.</p> <p>Alternatively payments can be made by bank transfer, and appropriate details can be obtained from the Treasurer.</p>								

<b>ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE</b>	The committee for 2023 / 2024 will be as follows: (Proposed Bob Singleton, seconded Peter Jones, unanimously accepted )			
	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>NOMINATED BY</b>	<b>SECONDED BY</b>
	President	Ann Bruckshaw	n/a	n/a
	Chair	Sheila Johnson	Roger Martin	Bob Singleton
	Secretary	Jeff Smithson	Sheila Johnson	Roger Martin
	Treasurer	Roger Martin	Jeff Smithson	Sheila Johnson
	Committee Member	Phil Rattenbury	Sheila Johnson	Jeff Smithson
	Committee Member	Jeannie Worsfold	Diana Hiles	Diana Davies
	Committee Member	Gillian Griffiths	Eileen Bruce	Sheila Johnson
<b>DATE OF NEXT AGM</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023. Traditionally, the AGM is held 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in June.			
<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<p>Richard Booth proposed a vote of thanks to the committee, seconded by Junie Arnold, which was unanimously accepted.</p> <p>There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting.</p>			

Dated.....

Signed.....

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**Tewkesbury Bridge Club Income and Expenditure 1/4/22 to 31/5/23**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>
Membership Subscriptions	120.00
Table Money	3496.00
Donations (Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal)	75.00
Other Donations	11.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3702.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Bank Charges	41.03
Bridgewebs	48.00
Donation to Earthquake Appeal/Part Children in Need Appeal	103.00
Engraving and Gifts	114.00
Refreshments	236.63
Rental for Tewkesbury Baptist Rooms	1493.38
EBU	799.14
Stationery and Equipment	173.88
Training	190.00
Christmas Party	0.00
Printing	16.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3215.06</b>
<b>Excess income over expenditure</b>	<b>£486.94</b>

Explanatory Notes re Income and Expenditure for Tewkesbury Bridge Club 1 April 2022 to 31May 2023.

**1. WHY IS THE MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION AMOUNT SO LOW ?**

The amount under membership subscription (£120 ) is the amount paid on or after 1 April 2022. The collection of subscription money was started on 2 March 2022; during that month a total of £240 was received, representing 24 members, while the payments after 1 April represent 13 members (two joined in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 14 month period so paid £5 each)

**2. WHY IS THE CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL NOT DISPLAYED IN THE USUAL FORMAT ?**

The collection for Children in Need on 9 November raised £80 from Club members; in the past the amount sent to the appeal has been rounded up. Email discussion with Anna Gudge , one of the organizers, showed there had been an increase in costs in arranging the Appeal so an amount was added to help cover these costs. The sum of £108 was sent by BACS transfer from my bank account to Ecats C-I-N appeal on 17 November 2022 (rather than a cheque ) to help reduce the time taken for the total money collected countrywide to be known. The amount (£28) not covered by the collection of the £80 from TBC members was subsequently refunded to me in cash from the Club fund.

**3. WHY WERE BANK CHARGES BEING PAID ?**

Most Banks began charging Charity and community groups for the use of the bank's facilities in late 2021. On an annual basis this was estimated to cost around £100 per annum to the club. As Lloyds Bank had not introduced this we transferred from HSBC to Lloyds on 12 August 2022. The amount transferred was the deposit and current account (combined) of £2,275.37.

Cathy Powell-Chandler  
Treasurer