

Chairman's Christmas Message - 2016

As another year-end approaches, I thank everyone who has helped to make it yet another successful year for Wallingford Bridge Club.

I have always believed that playing bridge in a friendly atmosphere, in quality facilities, are some of the key factors in making a successful club. Each year seems distinguished in different ways. Much time has been spent this year on planning major refurbishments to the building. The work is expected to start in the new year, which includes replacing the cladding and installing double glazed windows.

An issue that never seems never to go away is the poor condition of the overflow car parking in the winter months. This has been a problem because of the high-water table and poor drainage. Hopefully, after the recent investment made by the club in improving access, things will be better this winter.

I am delighted to see many new faces at the club. We have continued to grow but are ironically faced with some problems of success. Wednesdays and some other evenings tend to be overcrowded and this problem is further compounded by trying to fit in Wessex league matches. In the new year, the management committee will be looking at how we might overcome these issues.

Christmas is a time to give thanks. I am very grateful to those members who have given their time to make the club so successful.

I wish you all a merry Christmas, good health, and happiness in the new year... (and good bridge!)

Colin Jones

Chairman