

# OXFORDSHIRE BRIDGE

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## What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to feel spring in the air?

To celebrate spring our quiz offers you roses, magnolia... birdsong.

On an **OBA map** of Oxon, with a thick crayon, **draw a line** from Highworth and Faringdon to Aylesbury. And from Bicester to Wallingford. **See where they cross?** Add lines from Carfax Tower to Thame. Witney to Princes Risborough. Wantage via Abingdon to Quainton. King's Sutton to Mapledurham. Summertown to Chinnor. Where will this get you? To Wheatley, one source of our **spring prizes** (see p. 2).

Entry is for OBA members and is **free**. - David Bygott

### Dates for your diary?

- April-May OBA sim pairs (in clubs)
- Sun 20 May Oxford Times Cup  
**for newcomers only**
- Sun 10 June OBA mixed pairs
- Tues 12 June OBA AGM + bridge
- 16/17 June congress, Steventon

See brochure: [www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk](http://www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk)

### A pub with a fine chef

At Wheatley's smartly refurbished **Plough Inn** Fitz cooked for your editor (and his guests). John, a crossword whiz, served. After paying the bill we shopped over the road at **Wheatley**



**Farm Shop**. It sells all kinds of local produce as well as hanging baskets full of flowers.

*Guess what you can win in our quiz? (see p.2)*

[www.theploughinn-wheatley.co.uk](http://www.theploughinn-wheatley.co.uk)

(photo: the editor)



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<http://www.wheatleyfarmshop-oxford.co.uk>

### Exciting times

With spring here many players are involved in promotion or relegation battles in the OBA's Wessex League or have progressed in KO events, such as the President's Cup.

Here are some dates to remind those who have qualified for ongoing events or hope to...

- Sun 18 March National Pairs regional final
- Sun 1 April County Pairs final
- 14-15 April National Pairs final
- Sun 15 April Beck Cup final
- Sat 19 May Garden Cities regional final
- 26-27 May Corwen Trophy
- Tues 5 June OBA championship play-off
- 9-10 June Pachabo Cup

Meanwhile, the OBA's A team, boosted by a 'transfer' from a rival county, may for the first time top the Dawes League. Fingers crossed...

## OBA success

EBU events in March saw pairs of equal rank vying with each other. Among the OBA members who did best were:

McPhee/Wilson (*Grand Masters*)  
Jones/Weatherley (*Life Masters*)  
Randall/Thorne (*National*)  
Lucas/Potter (*Regional*).

Special mention goes to those who did well in the lowest (*Masters*) section - perhaps our champions of the future:

Covill/Lishkov  
Gasser/Withers-Green  
Dixon/McAllister  
Adams/Pulford.

*But can they win a nest box?*



## Caption contest

For the **photo below**, taken at [Chinnor Garden Centre](#), send in a caption with a bridge theme. The entry deemed best will win a nest box and 2kg of bird food. Entries to arrive **by April 10**.



nest box



A fujima in blossom

Our quiz prizes include a meal for two at [The Plough](#) and a hanging basket from [Wheatley Farm Shop](#).

And a fujima, a magnolia sieboldii and a wisteria from an ace tree specialist...

[Silk Tree Nurseries](#)

Ladder Hill, Wheatley OX33 1HY.

[www.silktree.co.uk](http://www.silktree.co.uk)

Extra quiz prizes : two pots of English-grown [Top Marks](#) dwarf roses. For a patio?

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## Fun with bridge

On 25 March more than 30 children from South Oxon [primary schools](#) will contest a mini-bridge event at [Wallingford BC](#). In May mini-bridge will be combined with a [BBQ](#). July will see a trip to the [House of Lords](#). Bridge challenges the mind, fostering [logical thought](#) and [maths](#). It's also [fun](#)! And did you know Wallingford now runs an **afternoon session on Fridays**?

## Prize quiz

1. [Alfredo Campoli](#) lived in Thame in...  
a) Bridge Terrace b) Kings Rd c) North St
2. [Campoli](#) died on his way to play...  
a) darts b) bridge c) dominoes
3. A concerto was dedicated to [Campoli](#) by...  
a) Bliss b) Beethoven c) Mendelssohn

Entries to [viccy@octon.eu](mailto:viccy@octon.eu) by March 28 or to the editor by April 3. With [EBU no](#), please.