

# Surrey County Bridge Association

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#### **President's Introduction**

by Tim Green

Summer is coming and I am very impressed by all the activities in the various clubs, when often summer is considered to be a quiet time for bridge. A group of Farnham Bridge Clubs have just held the first ever Farnham Café Bridge. Numerous clubs like Leatherhead and Camberley are running very successful Improver / Introduction to Duplicate programmes to increase their membership. Numerous Clubs and Teachers are planning various Taster Sessions and Beginner and Improver Courses to grow the numbers who are playing bridge. There is a full programme of Youth Activities planned for the Summer holidays. Now is the time to get involved with the promotion of your Clubs bridge and continue to enjoy the game with others.

In addition to our Mini Swiss Pairs incorporating the AGM, on 30<sup>th</sup> June, I would like to invite you to our following flagship events in the next quarter:

Blue Pointed Bank Holiday Swiss Pairs 26<sup>th</sup> Aug Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs 14<sup>th</sup> Sep Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams 15<sup>th</sup> Sep

Best wishes

Tim

### Notice of AGM - 30 June 2019

Please note that our AGM is to be held on Sunday, 30 June 2019 at Oxshott (Oxshott Village Centre, Holtwood Road, Oxshott KT22 OQL). The Blue Pointed Mini Swiss Pairs event will start at 13:00 and the AGM will be held in the break around 3 pm. For further details and a booking form, please click here.

The deadline for nominations for officers is 9<sup>th</sup> June and these should be sent to the Secretary, <a href="mailto:secretary.scba@bridgewebs.com">secretary.scba@bridgewebs.com</a>.

# The 2019 Calendar

#### Our events for the next few months are as follows:

JUN	IE 2019				
2	Sun	13:00	Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs		
9	Sun	13:00	Surrey League Finals	Oxshott	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>			Surrey Charity Sim Pairs	Clubs	
17	Mon	12:45	Cream tea and bridge drive Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club	Bookham	
23	Sun	13:00	Surrey Wanborough Cup	Oxshott	
30	Sun	13:00	Surrey Blue Pointed Mini Swiss Pairs (with AGM)	Oxshott	
JUL	Y 2019				
28	Sun	13:00	Richard Millard Swiss Pairs in Aid of Princess Alice	Richmond	
AUGUST 2019					
18	Sun	13:00	Blue pointed Erica Currie & Richard Currie Swiss Pairs	Bourne Club	
26	Mon	11:00	Blue Pointed Bank Holiday Swiss Pairs	Oxshott	
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1	Sun	13:00	Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs	Richmond	
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>		ri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Surrey Club Pairs Challenge heats	Clubs	
14	Sat	Noon	Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs	Guildford	
15	Sun	Noon	Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Guildford	
29	Sun	11:00	Club Pairs Challenge Final	Oxshott	
OCTOBER 2019					
6	Sun	11:00	Wimbledon Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs	Wimbledon	
13	Sun	13:00	Woking Blue Point Swiss Pairs	Woking	
NOVEMBER 2019					
10	Sun	11:00	Surrey Blue Point Swiss Teams	Oxshott	
13	Wed	11:00	Club Chairmen's Consultation	Bookham	
17	Sun	13:00	Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs	Richmond	
DECEMBER 2019					
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>			Surrey Dorin Salver Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs	

For more information on Surrey County Bridge Association events <u>click here</u> or click on a link in the Calendar on the website. You can enter an event either

- online, using the **Event Hub**; or
- download an entry form; or
- email the competitions secretary, Shirley Pritchard at competitionsecretary.scba@bridgewebs.com.

#### **Hall of Fame**

Competition	Winners		
Affiliated Clubs Teams of 8	David Norman, Arun Suri, Mike Scoltock, Peter Lee, Charles Chisnall, Bob		
	James, Ian Swanson & Bill Hodgkiss (Mayfield)		
Bank Holiday Blue Point Pairs	Nathalie Shashou & Nick Sanqvist		
	(David Stallan & Simon Oldham - Non-Expert)		
Chairman's Lunch - By Invitation	Steve Irwin & Roxanne Day		
Club Pairs Challenge Final	Malcolm Bricknell & Peter Hardyment		
County Pairs Cup	Christine Dyer & David Dawson		
County Pairs Plate	Charles Chisnall & Bob James		
Dorin Salver Overall Winners	Jill Cook & Ian Lewis (Yateley and Hawley)		
Dorin Salver - Monday	Malcolm Oddy & Bob Guille (Ditton)		
Dorin Salver - Tuesday	Beryl Mullins & Marilyn Frame (Woking)		
Dorin Salver - Wednesday	Jill Cook & Ian Lewis (Yateley and Hawley)		
Dorin Salver - Thursday	Gary Hayter & Sheila Hayter (Bookham Afternoon)		
Dorin Salver - Friday	John Fairhurst & Keith Bennett (Camberley)		
Ladies' Pairs	Marietta Andree & Janet Cahm		
Lady Rose Cup	Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne, Jeffrey Allerton, Mike Scoltock &		
	Paula Leslie (Frances Hinden's Team)		
Mary Edwards Cup	Ting To & Bhuma Rangarajan		
Men's Pairs	Alan Bailey & Inu Kassam		
Mixed Pairs	Steve Bourton & Julia Brough		
Seniors Pairs	Richard Pocock & Geoff Woodcock		
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs	Miles Cowling & Ron Davis		
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Jeffrey Allerton, Philip Wood, Graham Osborne & Frances Hinden		

# **Chairman's Report**

## by Trevor Hobson

There have been, or will shortly be, some changes to the make up of the committee. Mike Clements our Treasurer has stepped down after seven years of excellent service. Mike has kept a careful hold on our finances during his time as Treasurer and the committee and I are grateful to him for his support and help over those years. Mike is being replaced by Thomas Lundqvist who is familiar with our finances as he audited our accounts for many years. We welcomed Thomas at our last committee meeting and will be seeking confirmation of his appointment at the next AGM.

In addition, we will shortly be saying goodbye to two other valued members of the committee.

Douglas Wright has taken on the role as one of the new trustees of EBED and has decided to step down from the committee. Douglas has been on the committee for many years during which time he has been instrumental in supporting the development of Bridge in Surrey through teaching, teaching teachers and promoting Surrey events. He is well known across the county and beyond and it is gratifying to know that he will continue to support these activities until a suitable replacement, or indeed replacements, have been found. We wish Douglas well in his new role.

Tim Green, our President, is now coming to the end of his two year tenure. Tim has brought sound, experienced logic into our discussions and in dealing with some of the issues that have arisen during that time. I am currently attempting to persuade him to remain a committee member when he ceases to be President, but if I fail he will leave the committee with our thanks.

Speaking of the AGM, we are going to repeat the format of last year, namely having a mini-Swiss Pairs event with a short AGM during the break that was quite popular last year. I do hope to see many of you there. For further details and a booking form, please click <a href="here">here</a>.

### **Prize Double Dummy Puzzle #2**

by Tim Warren

A hand is said to be played double dummy if everyone can choose the cards they play with full knowledge of all four hands. So, for instance, declarer need never lose a finesse to a singleton King offside, because it's clear to all the Ace will drop the King.

This newsletter, we have our second Double Dummy Prize Puzzle. On the newly-minted Timbo's DD Grading Scale of GENTLE - TRICKY - TOUGH, I'd rate this one as a GENTLE (with the March one – see below – being a TRICKY). So, although entries from all Surrey members will be warmly welcomed, we're limiting the prize to those of NGS rating Jack or below. If you'd like to be considered for the prize, please include your NGS rating when you enter. Names of all those submitting correct-first-time solutions will be put in a Morris dancing hat and the winner selected randomly. The prize will be free entry to a Surrey event at Oxshott of the winner's choice.

	↑ Q 10 8 4 ▼ Q 10 5 ↑ 6 4 3 ↑ A Q J	
A K 6 5 3 2 ▼ A K J 9 7 4 • ♣ K	N E S	▲ J 9 7 ▼ 6 2 ◆ K J 9 7 ♣ 10 7 6 3
	<ul><li>A</li><li>♥ 8 3</li><li>A Q 10 8 5 2</li><li>♣ 9 8 5 4 2</li></ul>	

The hand comes from a social bridge session in May. After a spirited auction, in which North has shown some major suit strength, you, South, are allowed to buy the contract in 5 ◆. West takes two top hearts and tries to cash ♠A but you ruff. From now on, it's double dummy - how do you make all the remaining tricks to land your contract?

Send your entries to me at TimjgWarren@gmail.com by the 30th June. We'll publish the names of all correct entrants on the SCBA website and the prize winner in the next newsletter.

We trust Surrey members will solve the problem themselves, rather than using computers.

#### Winner of Prize Puzzle #1 – March

You can see the puzzle and solution in the News section of the SCBA website, or by clicking here.

Congratulations to Anthony Quilley for submitting what in my opinion was the best-presented correct solution. Tony wins the prize, free entry to an Oxshott-based Surrey event of his choice.

We also had correct entries from Roger Eddleston (who was the fastest of all), John Dagnall, Richard Granville, Graham Sadie (who also laid out his solution beautifully), Martin Camina, Roy Westwater and Derek Duerden. William Clennell and Bomi Kavarana were near-misses.

### The MOSSO bidding system

For the last three years I've been working with the well-known writer David Burn to develop a new bidding system, which we've christened MOSSO. Some of you will have played against the system in club, county and national events.

But what's the system about? And how should I defend against it?

MOSSO is essentially an amalgam of three bidding systems: Two-over One, Fantunes and Polish Club. Starting with the revolutionary Fantunes system we stripped out much of the complexity and replaced these parts of the system with a more logical approach based upon Two-over One and Polish Club. The interfaces between these system components work very well and MOSSO may be played effectively with various degrees of sophistication.

A simple version of MOSSO is summarised (click <u>here</u>) this also outlines some suggested defensive measures.

### Farnham Café Bridge Event, in Aid of Samaritans

Following the success of the "All Farnham Festival of Bridge" last year, the combined bridge groups in the Farnham area held the first ever "Farnham Cafe Bridge" event on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. The event was rapidly sold out, with 100 participants and a strong waiting list. The event was a huge success, with a great deal of very positive feedback from participants. A fantastic £2,130 was raised for Samaritans, well beyond expectations.

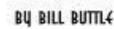
Participants played several bridge hands at various cafés and restaurants in the town, enjoyed a tasty lunch and had the chance to win some great raffle prizes. Special thanks must go to the Spire/URC, which hosted registrations, results and prize giving, to the volunteer staff, and to the six participating restaurant venues (Bush Hotel, the Wheatsheaf, Bills, Pizza Express, The Queens Head and the Slug and Lettuce). All provided two course lunches and coffees at very special rates for charity (Pizza Express making no charge whatsoever). The Bush Hotel additionally catered for all those with special allergies, a far from simple task. The very special support from the staff of all these venues is much appreciated.

Samaritans is a unique charity, bringing hope to life and dedicated to reducing feelings of isolation and disconnection that can lead to suicide. Every six seconds, they respond to a call for help. Each year, they answer more than five million calls for help. The Farnham bridge playing community is proud to support such a worthy cause.

Congratulations to Manda Kimbery & Douglas Wright who were 1<sup>st</sup>; Rosie Robson & Dave Harper 2<sup>nd</sup>; Margaret Blewett & John Fairhust 3<sup>rd</sup>; and to all participants, however they fared, for making this such an enjoyable day. For full results, click <u>here</u>.

### **Gentle Duplicate Clubs – a Stepping Stone For Improving Bridge Players**

# OUT OF HAND





Our bridge teacher says you're to make the opening lead face down! "

(Published by permission of Bill Buttle... for more of his work, see his book 'Out of Hand...Out of Mind').

The transition from learning Bridge, to playing duplicate Bridge at a club, can be a daunting step.

There are the protocols to remember – when to use the Stop and Alert cards, when to announce a bid, making the opening lead face down, and that is just the start! The pace of play initially – 24 boards in 3 hours – can be quite challenging for a new player.

A stepping stone is playing in a Supervised or Gentle duplicate session, where fewer boards are played in an evening, giving the player more time to bid and play (and think!). Any Bridge player, who has had around two terms of learning Bridge, or who knows how to play but has not tried Duplicate play, will be ready for Gentle Duplicate. Bridge clubs are getting friendlier in terms of welcoming and supporting new players and several offer regular gentle duplicate sessions.

One such club is the Fun2Play Bridge club (for Fun2Play site, click <a href="here">here</a>), run by a local Bridge Teacher, Meena Samani. The sessions are held on the first three Monday evenings of the month at Imber Court, Ember Lane, Thames Ditton, KT8 0BT.

A friendly and welcoming environment is provided, and there is a bar, if sustenance is required! The session starts at 7:30pm and 18 boards are played, finishing at around 10:15pm.

For new players, this is the ideal way to practice and get an understanding of duplicate scoring and tactics. The results and hand records are published on the website and new players are encouraged to review their results with their partner, to see how the hands could have been bid or played better. Meena is happy to provide a post-game review if required.

To provide players with more opportunities to play gentle duplicate during the week, the Fun2Play Bridge, and other, players can also play at <u>Walton and Hersham Bridge Club</u> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evenings of the month. Steve Foster, the Manager of the club, runs these sessions in parallel with the main club session (for more information, click <u>here</u>).

After a period of play at a gentle duplicate club, it will be a small jump, rather than a leap, for players to join the main sessions at the club and try sessions at other clubs. <u>Ditton Bridge Club</u> and <u>Cobham Heath Bridge Club</u> offer a free play session for new players to the club, and of course there are very many other clubs in Surrey. See the Surrey website, to find your nearest clubs (click <u>here</u>)

Do try these gentle sessions.... An opportunity to gain greater confidence, make new friends and above all, to have some fun!

### **Club News**

#### All Clubs

Attendance at many bridge clubs is on a declining trend: it's worth thinking about how viable your local club will be if the members don't turn up regularly. Being a club member doesn't bring with it a duty to attend, but in many cases the economics of venue hire depend on a reasonable number of players turning up. There is a link with the trend to increasing popularity of afternoon sessions, perhaps due to the ageing bridge population and a reluctance to drive at night, and the consequent decline in evening numbers. It could be a case of use it or lose it!

However, it is not all doom and gloom! Surrey County Bridge Association is conducting various actions to bring in new blood and ensure the continued popularity of our great game. We all need to work together to bring in new people (young people and those approaching retirement); nurturing these people through training, gentle bridge and then into clubs. It is incumbent on each and every one of us to welcome new players into our clubs. We must all remember that we are always ambassadors of our clubs and of this game that we all love so much.

To assist clubs, Surrey County Bridge Association would like to publish, promote and support all Clubs' Bridge Taster Sessions for New Players and Improvers. Please organise a Mini Bridge Taster Session for New Players between June and September and we will support the event. Please contact douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com with details.

This will be a good start to recruit players to your clubs.

This quarter's submissions seem to be weighted towards three of our favourite things: bridge, cake and charity - what's not to like?!

## **Bookham Bridge Club**



Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club celebrated 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special anniversary tea during their duplicate bridge session on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Neil Higgins welcomed 96 members, ensuring everyone received their engraved gold coloured anniversary pen and a sparkling drink. He proposed a toast to celebrate the club's Golden Anniversary. He then invited all past Chairmen to join him at the cake cutting ceremony. Founder member and previous Chairman, Jean Suckling, was invited to cut the cake which was iced with playing cards and an anniversary message. Neil also made an announcement that the committee had

decided to award Honorary Life Membership to Jean, in recognition of her 50 years of unbroken membership.

### **Bookham Bridge Club (continued)**

Thanking the existing committee and other members for their help with providing the sumptuous tea, Neil also paid credit and gave thanks to all those who have contributed to the success and smooth running of the club

throughout the last 50 years. BABC has grown from an initial membership of 19 to a flourishing 210, with a waiting list for new members.

Members enjoyed tasty sandwiches and a golden array of cakes and chocolates, served by the committee. The tables were bedecked with gold coloured cloths and napkins. Members were delighted that the committee had baked Hokey Pokey biscuits, so long a favourite at the club. Even better, there were enough biscuits and anniversary cake to be enjoyed at the next session!



Further events will be held throughout the year, including an Andrew Robson Masterclass on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Members will also be raising money for three charities and youth bridge development in Surrey.

Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club cordially invites all to a cream tea and bridge drive on Monday 17th June 2019. The event will be in aid of the Bookham Community Association, who provide the bridge venue at the Old Barn Hall. It will be a fun afternoon of duplicate bridge, with a quiz and raffle. If you're interested, details as follows:

- Venue Old Barn Hall, Great Bookham, KT23 3PQ. For more details, click <u>here</u>.
- Arrival from 12.45 onwards with play starting promptly at 1.15pm aim to finish around 4.45pm.
- Tickets: £10 per head, all net proceeds go to the Bookham Community Association.
- 30 minutes break during which assorted sandwiches, scones, jam and cream, plus tea/coffee will be served.
- Further details and tickets from: Neil Higgins (01483 224151, <a href="neilhiggins958@btinternet.com">neilhiggins958@btinternet.com</a>) or Kate Castree (01372 376334, <a href="kate.castree@gmail.com">kate.castree@gmail.com</a>).

## Caterham Bridge Club

Tony Cherrett an EBTA Accredited Bridge teacher is running two beginner Bridge classes starting on 25<sup>th</sup> September at Godstone at 10am and 26<sup>th</sup> September 2pm at Croydon. There will be taster sessions at the same times on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September

There are assisted play sessions every week on Wednesday mornings in Godstone.

Subject to demand we will run an EBED Fast Track Bridge Course in the Spring 2020 over two weekends.

Starting in June Tony will also be running 'back to bridge' classes during the summer. These are designed to update those who are returning to bridge after a significant gap or help refresh the knowledge of those currently playing.

All classes will be based on the EBED's "Bridge for All" staged learning programme.

We are also running a series of ad hoc teaching sessions:

- Next Steps for those who have recently finished the beginning bridge course or want to refresh their knowledge
- Continuing bridge for those who have been playing a couple of years
- Further bridge for those who have been playing a few years and want to improve

Please click here for details.

### **Ditton Bridge Club**

Ditton Bridge Club has a proud record of supporting local charities; with equipment, expertise or donations. Even better when this improves the profile of bridge! In the last quarter we were delighted to have supported three charities:

First was the Mayor of Elmbridge's Charity Bridge Tea for Elmbridge Rentstart. As the Mayor kindly described this as "...another example of how Ditton Bridge Club supports the community. The Ditton Bridge Club has gone from strength to strength over the years and is much appreciated by local residents." Thank you Mayor Kapadia!





Second was The Children's Society, nominated by David Wadey (pictured left). David is Ditton BC's centurion member.

Third was Myaware, nominated by Ruth Green (pictured right).



Both are presented with their charity's cheque by John Dagnall, DBC's Chairman.

# Leatherhead Bridge Club

Leatherhead BC responded positively to the EBU call to initiate training programmes in the search for new members. Instead of concentrating on beginners, the club has targeted improvers. Experience at recent Newcomers' Evenings had suggested there are a number of people who already play bridge socially, but lack the confidence to join a bridge club. Lack of speed to keep up with an evening of Duplicate, even more than a lack

of skill or knowledge of conventions, was holding them back.

The first course of 10 Friday evenings saw 12 people sign up. Leatherhead member, John Cumming, devised and led the teaching. The last two sessions were No Fear evenings at the club when students were partnered by mentor members. "These were very valuable," explained John, "because they gave a gentle introduction into the main body of the club. They were also great fun and enjoyed by students and members alike." One of the students, at the



end of the evening, stood up to thank the members and called them "a wonderfully friendly group of people."

Recruitment for the first session was by leafleting and some advertising in local magazines. There is a momentum building up as 18 students have registered for the second term without the need for any advertising. Club members are responding positively by bringing in friends and family members. There has been a real change in the atmosphere. Advertising has already been booked for the Autumn series of lessons. The end of each season of lessons will be marked by more No Fear evenings, a sort of Passing Out Parade, and also a way of easing the students into club evenings. Finding more members for club evenings is the objective of the exercise and it seems to be paying off successfully.

Leatherhead BC has enthusiastically taken training to its heart. Three members have now taken the EBU Teacher Training Course. Largely they are assisting John and are much needed with the higher than expected enrolment of students. In addition, Graham Cunningham is planning a series of Advanced Seminars later this year with the aim of improving the average club player. The trial session is planned for July.

If the above is something that is of interest to your club, then Leatherhead BC would be very happy to chat to you; John Cumming would be pleased to assist (01372 81562 or johncumming4@gmail.com).

### Richmond Bridge Club

Playing at Richmond Bridge Cub, Surrey pair Alick Fraser and Nick Elmslie won the National Masters Pairs championship on 24<sup>th</sup> February. In a greatly expanded format, 242 pairs competed at various locations across the country. Alick and Nick recorded 66.15% across the two sessions to claim the Anne Staveley Memorial Trophy.



#### Richmond events for 2019 include:

2<sup>nd</sup> June Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs

20<sup>th</sup> July Bernard Magee Seminar

28<sup>th</sup> July Richard Millard Swiss Pairs in Aid of Princess Alice

1<sup>st</sup> September Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs
 17<sup>th</sup> November Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs

#### Richmond training sessions and seminars include:

10<sup>th</sup> June Beginners Term 2 starting 10 June at 7.30 pm. Thereafter every Monday evening at 7.30

pm. Cost £160 for 10 lessons including two free play vouchers for any Supervised Play

session. Full syllabus available here: Beginners Lessons.

27<sup>th</sup> June Beginners Term 2 starting 27 June at 10.30 am. Thereafter every Thursday morning at

10.30 am. Cost £160 for 10 lessons including two free play vouchers for any Supervised

Play session. Full syllabus available here: <u>Beginners Lessons</u>.

3<sup>rd</sup> August at Seminar on Jacoby 2NT by Richard Banbury. Cost £15 for Members, £18 for Visitors.

10:30 Includes notes.

## Yateley and Hawley Bridge Club

Our third annual Swiss Pairs event went smoothly with 34 pairs. Well directed by Gary Conrad and thanks to all of the organising committee. This is a friendly event and played in good spirits - the top places were:

Winners: Simon Oldham and David Stallan Runners Up (Joint): Colin Bailey and David Pinder

Sharon Bayne and Paul Gibbons

We made a profit of circa £200 and will donate this to Phyllis Tuckwell. Thanks to all for helping to achieve this!

# **Forthcoming Charitable Events**

22 May Chichester Cafe Bridge - St Wilfred's Hospice

17 June Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club - Bookham Community Association
 28 July Richmond BC Richard Millard Swiss Pairs - Princess Alice Hospice

18 August Bourne Club Farnham Erica Currie & Richard Currie Swiss Pairs - Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

### Café Bridge

Café Bridge is an effective way of raising money for your favourite charity and it's great fun! If this is something that may be of interest to you, then click <u>here</u>. Please also see above article about the Farnham Cafe Bridge Event on 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Forthcoming Café Bridge events, with available spaces, include:

8 June Tournoi des bistrots de Nice

18 June Richmond Café Bridge

29 June 11th Brussels Bridge Rally

17 July Molesey Café Bridge

6 August Surbiton Café Bridge in aid of African Vision Malawi and Rotary Charities

14 September 24th Antwerp Café Bridge

10 September LMBA Café Bridge – Brook Green in aid of Honeypot Children's Charity

3 October Guildford Café Bridge in aid of TBC

3 October Barnet Green Café Bridge in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice

15 October Barnes Café Bridge in aid of TBC

15 October Newark Cafe Bridge in aid of Notts & Lincs Air Ambulance

31 October Plockton Café Bridge Day run by Kyle of Lochalsh Bridge Club in aid of Rag Tag and

Textile. This event is running a waiting list but hopes to expand

18 November Wimbledon Café Bridge in aid of Orbis UK

#### **Urgent Need For Help**

Thanks to the sterling efforts of Julia Davies, six schools to the south-west of London have said they'd be interested in setting up a BC:

- St Stephens, Twickenham
- Kingston Community School
- The Hythe, Staines
- Staines Prep School
- Harrodian School (a new teacher's arrived who's keen to restart the club)
- Teddington School (Teddington is a secondary school, all others are primary)

If you can help Julia run a MiniBridge taster session at any of these schools, or teach/help at the school once a club gets going, please let me know.

There's a lot happening over the summer, for everyone from beginners to experts:

South East Counties Junior Bridge Camp at Bowles Rocks leisure centre, Tunbridge Wells, over the weekend of 6-7 Jul. Lots of information and an entry form via the Sussex website – go to <a href="http://www.sccba.co.uk/">http://www.sccba.co.uk/</a> and click on the JBC 2019 link on the left-hand side.

Richmond and Wimbledon BCs are putting on youngsters' sessions each week:

Richmond	Mon 10:30-12:30 Thu 13:30-15:30	9 Jul – 29 Aug	Age 6+. See below note from Richmond BC*.
Wimbledon	Mon 10:00-12:00 Wed 15:00-17:00	29 Jul – 19 Aug 24 Jul – 21 Aug	For more info, click <u>here</u> or email June on <u>jemiddleton@blueyonder.co.uk</u>

EBU Junior Teach-In, at Kings Park Conference Centre, Northampton, 30 Aug - 1 Sep. Discount for bookings before 7 June.

\* Richmond Bridge Club give the following information about their Free Summer Youth Training Richmond Bridge Club is offering a free Summer Youth Bridge Programme this summer for anyone over 6 years old. The sessions will be led by qualified bridge teachers and held at the club on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons. This is a fantastic way to introduce the young people in your lives to the Ace of Card Games. For more details, please click <a href="here">here</a> or contact Julia on 07725 761068 or <a href="Julia@Richmondbridgeclub.com">Julia@Richmondbridgeclub.com</a>.

### **Next Newsletter**

The next newsletter will be in September 2019. Please send us news, views, interesting hands, and what is happening at your club - <a href="mailto:newsletter.scba@bridgewebs.com">newsletter.scba@bridgewebs.com</a>. If you have any comments to any of this newsletter or any other bridge matter please contact the Committee, through the website.