

ALTRINCHAM BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER January 2025

I trust that you have had an enjoyable Christmas and would like to wish you all a Happy and prosperous New Year.

I would just like to comment on a few matters:

Annual Dinner and Christmas Arrangements

The club dinner was a great success, thoroughly enjoyed by all. Julia Bannister and Judith Dunkerley won the Terry Wild Trophy, with Sylvia Dixon and Jan Ravenscroft as runners up.

Thanks to all involved particularly Sheila Wild and Jean Ramsbottom for the prizes Joan Lewis for the behind the scenes work and Pat Turner for the table decorations. Thanks for all the kind comments made; they are much appreciated.

In the last week before Christmas, we were served with mulled wine, mince pies and stollen. Thanks especially to Avril, Liz and all who helped on the nights.

Supervised Play

Our Wednesday supervised play sessions continue to be very successful. We hope that more will become members of the club in due course.

Thanks to Joan Lewis for all her organizational skills and to Anne, Barbara, Joan, Karen, Sally, Andy, David, George, Howard and Roy for giving up their time to mentor.

Teams Competitions

The Gazette Cup which will be played on 16th February, and we hope to enter at least two teams.

We will be contacting suitable representatives shortly.

Club Competitions

I would like to congratulate the following for their success in our informal club pairs competition, minimum of 12 entries in the calendar year.

Ladies: AnnThornton and Barbara Lewis

Mixed: Marsha Gee and David Olliver

Men: Ed Glinert and Howard Stubbings

The Club handicap competition for the Commemorative plate will be held on 11th March.

County Representation

We were well represented in the final round of the County division 2 league, as follows;

Roger Hopton and David Fussell – top of the cross imps
Gil Fletcher and Richard Acaster- an excellent 7th
Irene Davies and Ann Thornton and their partners

Directing

We are operating with a reduced number of directors which is not sustainable in the medium to long term. I am very grateful that Stuart Shalom has agreed to direct but more are needed to share the load. Training courses will be funded, and we will give all support necessary. Please contact me if you are prepared to take on this role which is vital for the future of the club.

Subscriptions

May I remind you that subscriptions of £20 are now due. Details of how to pay are on the website -

- Preferably pay directly to the bank ensuring you include your club number or name in the reference section.

Sort code: 516111 Account No :23243155 Account: Altrincham Bridge Club

Alternatively-

-Cheque or cash at the club to Joan, Margaret or Stephen

-Cheque by post to Margaret Harris 4 Colebrook Road, Timperley WA15 6NP

I would like to thank you for all the support we have had and look forward to an enjoyable year of bridge at ABC in 2025

Once again, a Happy New Year to you all. Stay Safe and Healthy.

Stephen Halstead
Chairman