

ALTRINCHAM BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER January 2026

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. Angela Fontes and Anne Jordan won the Terry Wild Trophy, with David Olliver and Richard Acaster 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 are encouraging players to become members of the club and play in our club duplicates.

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

Teams Competitions

The Gazette Cup will be played on 15th March, and we hope to enter three 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: Barbara Eastabrook and Karen Jones

Mixed: Celia and Kevin Comrie

Men: David Fussell and Roger Hopton

The Club handicap competition for the Commemorative plate will be held on 17th March.

County Representation

We were well represented in the County league, as follows;

Irene Davies, Barbara Eastabrook ,Karen Jones, Kath Nelson ,Karen Reissmann, Ann Thornton ,Richard Acaster, Gil Fletcher, David Fussell and Roger Hopton.

Directors

I am very pleased to report that Harold Weinstock and Ed Glinert have joined the ranks of club directors. Paul Jones has retired as a director and I would like to thank him for his contribution over recent years.

Committee.

Mark Gomme has retired from the committee, and I would like to thank him for all his help and support over the years particularly in some contentious areas.

I am pleased to report that Faye Georgiou has agreed to join the committee and would like to encourage other younger members to join the committee so that we can hand over the reins in a controlled manner.

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 another enjoyable year of bridge at ABC in 2026

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

Stephen Halstead
Chairman