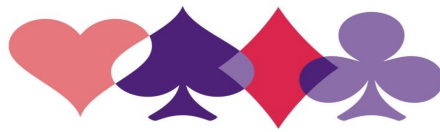


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# Newsletter Dec 2025

## Good reading All.

Welcome to our Christmas newsletter. We are hoping that you are managing to reach us for our face to face Thursdays bridge sessions. through all the road works and the mini floods. We try to keep you informed when we know of problems but always contact us if you find something unusual. Whilst we haven't had to close for snow in recent years, we are coming up to January so please keep your eye on the website for any closures due to the weather and we will always try to email you.



Please note that we shall **NOT** be open on Christmas day or News Years day as the both fall on a Thursday!

We have been delighted with such good attendance in recent weeks with often 10 tables on a Thursday and 5 with our online play on a Monday. The room layout is much better...can't think why we didn't think of it earlier!

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Our members continue to enjoy our refreshments which are supplemented by Marilyn's mini hot cross buns and her home made meringues. You obviously enjoy them so much you forget to bring your used mugs back to the refreshment table! Please note or you could be on washing up duty!!



## Competitions

The 'Knock Out' competition is proceeding with aplomb with the preliminary round complete and round 1 progressing. Please note that the outcome of games will be updated on the notice board and on the website

Our next competition will be the teams match with Market Bosworth on February 10th at Market Bosworth. Robert Missenden is leading on this for Bagworth. This will be followed in March by the 'simultaneous pairs'

competition run by ECATs. This will be on Thursday March 12th and is a charity raising event raising money for MIND and MacMillan cancer support.

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# Our Finances

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Our new treasurer, Mandy, is getting into auto pilot mode on the new invoicing system. Things seem to settling down but please let us know if you experience any problems, we need feedback. We are delighted that Market Bosworth is adopting the same system and so good support for both Simon and Mandy in their work!!

We promised an investigation into a card payment system and whilst this is feasible, it does cost the club. The committee looked at the various options and decided to put it on hold for the moment as the cash payment system is working quite effectively for those not using online banking.



Our current balance is £5500 approx, normally it would have been more with the increased attendance but three big payments have been made to include the charity donation to Loros following the swiss pairs, our

promotional leaflets for the beginners and our insurance.

We try to reward our member achievements through our handicap system whereby the winners are rewarded by a free week. Please see the link on the website for handicapped results. We also reward those achieving a 70% plus average and again this is on the website.



# Our Members

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We are pleased to welcome two new players to our duplicate session, Diane Palmer from our beginners group and Judy Sturley as a new member. We are delighted that so many of you have been able to join us on a Thursday and we can cope with late comers if you let us know that you are coming and running late.

We expect players to be seated by 12.50. Please show your consideration for the director and other players by ringing 07530364339 to let us know if you are delayed..

We have a number of members who have been unable to attend recently due to their

own or a family members health. Our good wishes are sent to John and Josie Baker, Diana Light and Anne Gurd



# Stratford Club Visit

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We have some further details of our proposed visit to Stratford which will be on **Tuesday 28th April**, again using Roberts coaches, and starting at the community centre at 9.00 dropping you in Stratford for a look around and collecting you at 12.25 to take you to the bridge club for their busy duplicate session in the afternoon. We can have a maximum of 5

tables so we will be using the 16 seater coach and a car. The cost will be **£21.25**, plus your table fees of **£7.20** which makes it little more expensive. We shall put up an expression of interest form on the notice board. If you prefer a visit to Stamford you need to let us know.!

# Christmas Arrangements

There will be no face to Face bridge on Thursday 25th and January 1st so we shall re-start on January 8th.

And Yes, it's.....



so come along to celebrate Christmas Bridge at your club on Thursday December 18th.

It's all the usual arrangements with some fun bridge antics and some spot prizes and all directed by Carol. And it's a 'Fuddle or Jacob's Join' whatever is your terminology where you bring the food and the club provides the drink. We can't set up much before 12.10 and so we hope to start eating our buffet lunch at 12.30 followed by bridge. We are always overwhelmed with your generosity and the variety of food which you bring to share so our thanks to you all in advance.

Sue Allgood will again be co-ordinating the refreshments to try

to ensure variety rather than lots of duplication so do let her know whatever you plan to bring. So come along all and enjoy!



## Other News

Our members are still going on bridge holiday and 8 club members are joining the County in their annual bridge holiday which again is in Derbyshire in March. Leicestershire has hosts working for Arena Travel holidays and Bernard Magee holidays so we can probably find you an abundance of information if you

need it.

We have three big birthdays in the next month and so with Christmas intervening, we cannot always celebrate them at the club but I'm sure the champagne will be fizzing in and around Bagworth. So we wish Anne Gurd, Simon Learoyd and Carol Stephens a very happy big birthday from us all!



## Bagworth Community Centre

We do want to extend our Christmas wishes and thanks to all those other organisations working at the community centre whom you do not always see but who do support us. These include Agnes at the 'Forever Savvy Cafe'; Debbie the cleaner and Dominique, the centre administrator. It is also a big thank you to you

for both supporting and respecting those staff and organisations.



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We have four learners meeting on a Monday morning \_ Maxine, Claire, Alistair and Mike who will be receiving this email so welcome and good wishes. We hope that you will be joining our duplicate session soon. Our next class starts again on Monday 5th January.

For all our existing members, we would quite like to start a beginners/ improvers supervised play session on a Monday morning to give extra practice to the beginners and newer players in the new year. Please let Shelagh know if you are interested in joining this.

Remember - Andrew Robson has a daily bridge cast at 9.99 per month; BBO has a free 20 board practice area for declarer play and there is information on

Our website regarding ACOL system bidding!

