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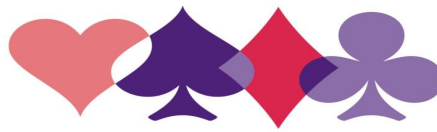
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BAGWORTH WHISTLESTOP BRIDGE GROUP

Newsletter Sept 2025



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BRIDGE GROUP

We had our Annual General Meeting, the food was eaten, the new committee elected and priorities for the year were agreed .

The new committee [Bagworth Whistlestop Bridge Group, UK](#) has met and a way forward for the year has been planned. The committee is also supported by Mary Weeks as membership secretary; Neil Stokes as webmaster and Sue Allgood for refreshments.

Our priority for the year is the new beginners course led by Shelagh and Neil starting on September 22nd.



We are most grateful to those members offering to deliver leaflets to their local villages for the course and to those members who have agreed to support us on a Monday morning as needed. All help and ideas are welcome. Please don't keep them to yourself!!

We have received almost all of the Annual Subscription fees from members and thank you for the prompt payment.

Sadly we are saying farewell to some people. Dave Wenham who moved to Cheshire after taking up bridge again in Bagworth has now moved to Somerset but sends his very best wishes to the group. Richard and Alison Henwood have decided to give up their bridge after two years with Bagworth for personal reasons. We wish them well and will be happy to see them back at the club whenever feasible.

Competitions

We are starting our annual programme of competitions starting with the 'Knock Out' competition which will again be lead by Steve Fieldhouse. The sign up sheet is available at the centre with a closing

Date of October 9th. This year there will not be a designated duplicate session at the centre as the start date. Instead members can organise their sessions either at the centre, at home or on BBO within the timeframes

for each round.

A new competition will be arranged for the winning pair at a Thursday duplicate near our anniversary which will be known as **the 'Birthday Cup'**. Projected dates for other competitions are shown later in the newsletter.

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Our Finances

Our new treasurer has been bounced into new activity with the new auto invoicing system! We thank you all for your co-operation and understanding in this over the last two months. It hasn't been easy and we have not been helped by the bank in the process of changing signatories. This has involved two visits en masse—6 of us and subsequent visits and a lock out!!

The bridgeweb is a simple invoicing system based on your attendance at a recorded duplicate session. This sounds simple enough but we also have a raffle to consider, learners to consider, the swiss teams, the 70% and the handicap system awards of free weeks. It's the variations / manual adjustments

which cause the problem!!



Then we have had subscriptions to collect and we are pretty well up to date with payments. All in all, our account is in a healthy position with some £5400 approx. at our last committee meeting in comparison with £3900 at the same stage the previous year.

We are not expecting any financial calamities during the year and we shall be able to meet both our obligatory running and any replacement costs. We are researching a card payment system for this year. Again, we appreciate any comments you may have on the needs of the club. Don't keep your ideas to your-



Our Members

We are pleased to welcome four new members who have joined us since our AGM and two more Jan Wood and Alison Wetherall waiting in the wings. We hope our four new members—Ted and Glenis Willmott and Derek and Diane Mullen will have a happy time within our club.

Our membership secretary, Mary Weeks keeps busy with sending you birthday cards but please let her know if a member is expecting a significant birthday ending in a zero! She is also quite busy with 'get well cards' and we wish John Baker and Betty Vos much improving health.

Our members continue to enjoy bridge holidays at home and abroad. With bridge Overseas, Mary Weeks has been to Croyde Bay and Shelagh and Lesley Neville to Tuscany. Jane Chilvers has been on an Andrew Robson bridge club training session. Please tell us if you are thinking of a bridge holiday, someone has probably been!! There's a new company Fred's Bridge which seems to have some former Arena Travel directors!

Club Visit



We are thinking of changing our club visit to Stratford this year to play at **Stratford bridge club on a Tuesday**. This is by way of change rather than any dissatisfaction with our previous visits to Stamford.

Stratford is a big club again with its own premises in the centre of Stratford down a few narrow streets which might be a problem for a large

coach but Stratford have promised to map us out a route! A visit to view the theatre complex might prove popular along with the shorter journey time.

However, please let Shelagh or Mary weeks know your views. The visit will be **April to fit around Easter**

Diary Dates : Provisional

Competitions:

Swiss Pairs—BBVA Sept 15th on RealBridge

Knock Out—October to May 26

Teams with Market Bosworth 11.1126

SIMs—14th March 26

Random Pairs—May 14th 26

Swiss Teams—Sat June 6th 26

Birthday Cup—May 26

Most Improved Player—ongoing to May 30th 26

Closure Days:

Thursday Dec 25 and Jan 1st 20256



Club Dates

AGM—25th June

Committee Meetings—August 12th; November 14th; February 24th: May 12th all via Teams

Social:

Ashby Bridge Club presentation lunch - Thurs Sept 4th

Market Bosworth Bowls Club Bridge Fri 26th September

Hinckley Golf Club bridge and lunch - Thurs Nov 27th

Christmas Party Bridge -Dec 18th

County Bridge Holiday—23-27th March 26

Stratford Bridge Club visit—Tues 21st April

Other News

We are delighted that two newer members, Marcel and Margaret Butterfield won the Mercury Cup organized by the Leicestershire Contract Bridge Association - LCBA. This was a simultaneous pairs competition for new learners. They had an excellent bridge learning

experience at the Ashby Club and we are fortunate in having them as Bagworth players as well.

No prizes, but Belinda and Shelagh came 5th overall (out of 37) in the Kent County improvers swiss pairs on Real Bridge.

There are plenty of opportunities for playing in external bridge competitions these days as more and more are offered online either using BBO or the RealBridge platform. Do check out the EBU website and the LCBA. You can also practise using RealBridge by joining us on a Monday night for our regular duplicate session

Swiss Teams

This year we had 10 tables for the swiss teams event and we thank those people who so generously donated and prepared food, those who gave prizes and those who supported and managed the organization of the bridge in the afternoon. The committee had a long debate about which charity to support and agreed that something local would be preferable to supporting major charities on this occasion. As such we agreed to support **Loros** and will be giving them a **cheque for £250**.





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