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All Change!!!

Welcome everyone! Three years have gone by whilst George has been our chair person.

Amazing, so George will be finishing as Chair at our Annual General Meeting in June and also stepping down from the committee.

It has been a very calm roller coaster if there is such a thing with the number of changes he has instigated bringing in all his expertise both as a bridge player, former chair of Ashby Bridge Club and his previous professional experience.. Bagworth is a

very lucky and grateful beneficiary of this. He has introduced a number of new competitions including the simultaneous pairs, The Swiss Teams and social teams match. So there are more cups to engrave and get cleaned, together with all the experience and playing challenges which competitions bring.

George has also researched and piloted the new payment system and provided great support to Mandy in her new role as treasurer.

George has a fine eye for detail and has supported our play with the interpretation of the ACOL bidding system which is

on our website. Both new players and others have benefitted from this.

So the bad news is, we need a new chair person at the AGM. Phil Callaway has been acting as vice chair and 'fingers crossed' he might be proposed and take up the baton.

Hopefully all will be resolved at the AGM.



Competitions

The knock out continues with the semi finals to be completed shortly and the finals to follow.

The friendly teams match with Market Bosworth was a game of two halves with Bagworth being left behind

at half time but being refreshed by a delicious tea provided by the Bosworth club, Bagworth rose to the challenge and won.

Equally delighted were Mick and Ros Legg who won the Sims pairs

at the club and came fourth overall nationally. Brilliant! We also raised £60 for MIND

Belinda and Shelagh have also been selected again for the County to play in the Corwen Cup. Others are playing in the LCBA Joyce Cup. GOOD LUCK ALL

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Coming Events

Back stage theatre trips and breakfasts are booked for our visit to **Stratford** on Tuesday April 28th. The afternoon duplicate session at the Stratford Bridge Club will present some challenges as it is a busy session and a very good bridge playing club.



See left below is the Bedford Hotel in Lytham St Annes where we are hoping for a good turn out and a fun bridge weekend here in **September 2027**. A long way ahead, we know but it gets busy and already booked up for 2026. The food is good and the bridge well organized. Join us if you can. A sign up sheet is available on the notice board.



Supervised Duplicate 10-12 Mondays
Random Pairs Thursday 14th May.
Swiss Teams Saturday June 13th
AGM June 25th

Our Learners and a new opportunity 4U

The learners who started with us in September have attended steadfastly and we have lost no one in transit. Special thanks to Neil who has supported the group with Shelagh

We have been pleased to welcome Mike and Maxine who have joined the regular dupli-

cate and we hope the others will follow. To this end the Monday session has morphed into a supervised duplicate with three tables. There is space for more if you would like to join us in the supra relaxed duplicate—**Monday 10am**

We are also running two online coaching sessions on BBO with Carol and Shelagh on Tuesday mornings for improvers and for beginners with Shelagh on Wednesday mornings. Both these sessions are full as we also use WhatsApp as the method for coaching.

Swiss Teams June 13th

No it's not yodelling in an alpine meadow or rushing down a slippery slope, it's a bridge event.

Join in for a fun afternoon with your bridge playing friends, some prosecco and afternoon tea. You will need to form a team of four and we are limiting the event to 12 teams. It is very much like a normal duplicate session and after round

one the two top teams play each other and then the 3rd and 4th best and so on down the ladder. The same goes on after each round so the fairness is in that the best players play each other rather than a weaker team.

Starting at 1.00 and finishing around 5.30pm on Saturday June 13th. Sign up for your teams. Eat plenty, drink plenty, play plenty!



Our AGM (Annual General Meeting)

Meetings are never anyone's idea of fun but if you could try hard we would appreciate it. Our AGM is a time to celebrate, recognize and reflect on our achievements together and plan our next steps. They are your next steps, so help the committee get it right for you—it's not what they want!

As well as George, we shall be losing Roger Horsgood from the committee. Roger has been on the committee since its inception some 5 years ago and very helpfully, following the demonstration of the dealing machine, volunteered to operate it!

Thank goodness, Roger has offered to keep his tuxedo for the

wizzo wheeler dealer. This job is invisible to you but vital for the



club and Roger is meticulous in the detail and forward planning.

Thankyou Roger

Back to the AGM which is at **12.30, Thursday June 25th**. Don't be late for your lunch which will be followed by the AGM, presentation of the trophies and a shorter duplicate session. With the vacancies we now have on the committee there is plenty of opportunity for you to volunteer.



We have places for three committee members without a specific role, so not too onerous and we have four online meetings a year

Our Finances

Things seem to be going well, invoices going out and being paid on time, obviously with some manual adjustments. Our treasurer Mandy is doing a splendid job and we can now pay cheques in online for those who do not do internet banking so we are virtually a cash free club!

Our bank statements are showing over £5k due to the increased attendance. Bonuses are given for those winning through the handicap system and to those who achieve over 70%. However the odds are lengthening for winning the raffle with the increased attendance. So the committee will need to discuss so make your views and ideas known!!



Thursdays



We were delighted to have 12 tables recently on Thursday but this puts some pressure on the car parking not to mention stress for the director. Please give yourselves a little extra time to get there these days. We do ask you to be seated at 12.50 so that we can

get a prompt start.



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COME ON IN

We have been invited to organise a team for the LCBA league this winter which we are hoping to do.

Phil Callaway is leading this initiative and looking for players to get us on the first rung. Matches take place on Wednesday evenings in various venues across the County and sometimes online. This is an opportunity to give your bridge a new dimension, visit other clubs and make new friends so do try giving it a whirl. Make your interest known to Philip who will be able to tell you much more.

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