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Newsletter Feb 2025

Well, we shall soon be completing the first quarter of the 21st century so time to take stock and think what the next quarter will be like for our group in Bagworth! Unlike many bridge clubs our club is growing and we think this is usually by word of mouth as many of our players play at several clubs both face to face and online. We also think it is because you enjoy and value it for different reasons and therefore spread a kindly word about our reputation. So Thank you, please keep it up and let it continue as a warm and friendly club.

Probably the biggest difference the 21st century



has made for bridge players has been the introduction of technology. Most clubs have dealing machines, websites, scoring technology and many are now cashless.

Bagworth tries to keep pace with change and introduce new ideas and new sessions. Currently we run an evening online duplicate bridge on a

Monday, a super relaxed supported duplicate session on a Tuesday, the Thursday duplicate, and an online learners coaching session on Saturday mornings. We have run all sorts of competitions teams events, Swiss teams events, Swiss Pairs events, Simultaneous pairs. So, we are taking time to take stock and consult. We shall be asking you to complete a questionnaire to inform our future directions and we are reviewing our constitution. George Strang is co-ordinating both of these and your comments will be warmly welcomed.

Competitions

The knock out is progressing well and should be soon at the semi final stage. The Sims pairs was well organized with thanks to Roger and Carol. Congratulations to Graham Alford and Antho-

ny Calverley who came 2nd in the country. Brilliant! Bagworth invited a team of 8 from Market Bosworth- for a friendly return match in January. Thank you to George and Robert who did the scoring manually.

This year Bagworth won the match so it's all equal! Well done all. Our next competition is the **random pairs** which will be on **Thursday May 15** and we are hoping for our charity swiss teams on Saturday June 7th

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We were a bit squashed in the meeting room when the hall was in use.....



Our Members and Finances

Our treasurer is on holiday currently having a well earned rest. Therefore, your January and February invoices will be combined and sent at the beginning of March. We are clear that we do not wish to build up our bank balance for no specific purpose. It is your money. However, please remember that whilst we meet our on going costs fairly easily we should be able to cover a major item, for example the dealing machine. We are not expecting to need a replacement any time soon as it is well maintained by Roger. But, we need to ensure we have the funds to replace as these are nearly £4,000. We are not far short of this.

We are sad to learn that Derek does not wish to stand for the treasurer

role at our AGM in June and thank him on behalf of all his work. We shall therefore be looking for a new treasurer so if you can help the committee would be delighted to hear from you.

Mary Weeks is doing a great job in looking after our members and we are pleased to welcome Michael Darling and Anthony Calverley as new members. Our current membership stands at 67.

You can help us a lot by checking your membership details on the website. People move, get new telephone numbers, new email addresses and forget to change their details. If you don't have access to the web, or need help, please ask Mary, Neil, Shelagh or George and they can assist.



Improving Our Bridge

We are developing our website to give information and support to improve our play. George has worked hard on his 'Tips of the week'. So far these have been sent via email to you but they will be shown on the website shortly.



There is a new section on the left of our website showing online learning. This covers some basic bidding guidance which we sometimes forget! There are several different sections covering a number of topics, tables of probability, accessing online resources etc. This is thanks to George's work so do have a look and ask if you are uncertain how to access.

Handicap System —

Our new handicap system is in place although we are experiencing some issues with the programme but these are solvable and being worked upon.

You should be able to find the handicap results below the main result on the website. Mandy is tracking the weekly winning pairs who will receive their table mon-

-ey cash back at the



which is on Thursday 19th June. So, come along and claim your prize money!!

So far winning pairs have been : Mandy and Ken, Shelagh and Averil, Sue and Judy, Steve and Margaret, Ann and Phillip. Watch this space!

Stamford Visit



Yes, we are on. We have now received our quote from Roberts coaches which has gone up a little from last year. And we have a few places left! Just 5 playing spaces now available but space for those just wishing to spend the day in Stamford. This year it is on a Wednesday— 30th April leaving Bagworth at 9.00 and returning by 6.30.

Your morning can be spent visiting Stamford centre and shopping or eating. Stamford is well endowed with these opportunities!

The afternoon can be spent at the duplicate session at Stamford Bridge Club which is quite an experience for those who have not seen a bridge club with its own premises. Stamford is indeed one of the leading bridge clubs in the country and is a very friendly club. Watch out for your play ranking displayed on the TV screens as you play the hands!

The coach price isn't fixed yet and your table money will be needed on the day. Mary and Shelagh are organising things and will be in touch with you. You will also need

Your EBU number, preferably a mobile phone number and an emergency contact so help us by being prepared!



A bridgewebs road tour!

We think that members may not be fully aware of all the facilities and information on our web site. We have a few people who know a bit more than most about the website. This includes our web master Neil and George and Shelagh. Our website is probably the most common format used by clubs in the UK—Bridgewebs and

it has an abundance of information as well as a facility to play the same cards again when you get home.



Might you be interested in a quick road trip around the website, learn how to access and use its functions and information?

If so, we could run a short presentation before our Thursday duplicate 12.30 to 12.50. If you are interested, please let Shelagh know and we will arrange a date. More than one session could be offered if there is sufficient interest.

Dates for your Diary

Stamford Bridge Club Visit—Wed April 30th
Completion date for knockout semi finals –3rd April
Completion date for knockout final—22nd May
Committee Meeting May 6th
Random Pairs Competition—Thursday May 15th
Swiss Teams—Saturday June 6th

Thursday June 19th 12.30 followed by duplicate





Bagworth Whistlestop Bridge

Our Mission is to share and spread the game of bridge to local people for their enjoyment, health and well being in a friendly, safe and comfortable environment

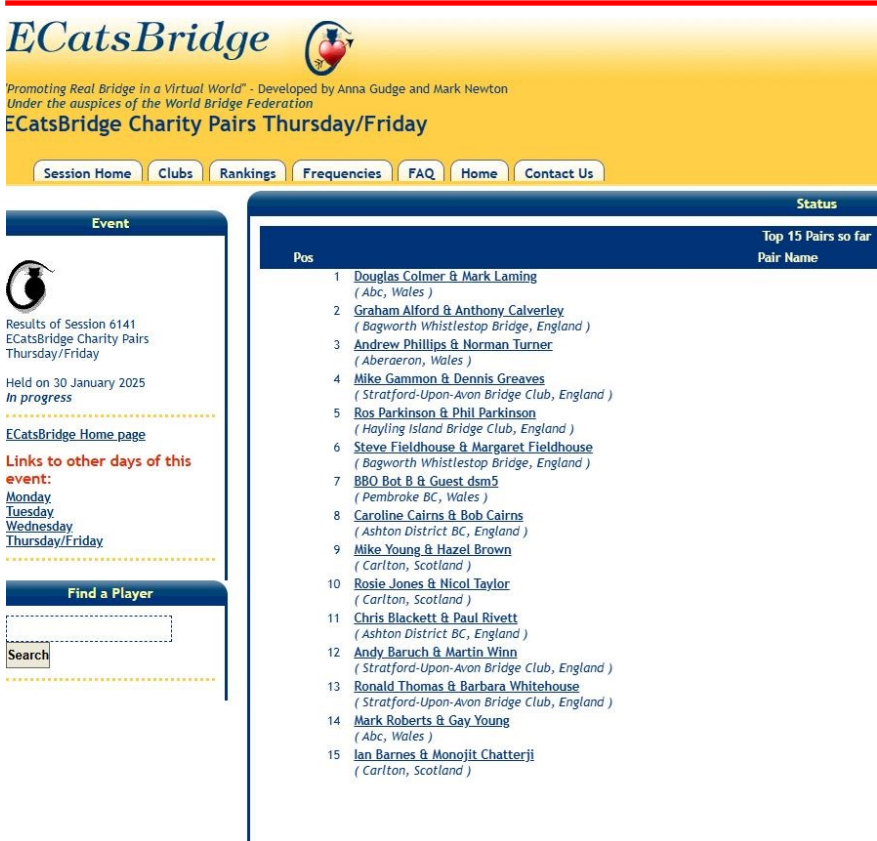
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Results of Session 6141
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Held on 30 January 2025
 In progress

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Links to other days of this event:
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Pos	Top 15 Pairs so far	Pair Name
1	Douglas Colmer & Mark Laming	(Abc, Wales)
2	Graham Alford & Anthony Calverley	(Bagworth Whistlestop Bridge, England)
3	Andrew Phillips & Norman Turner	(Aberaeron, Wales)
4	Mike Gammon & Dennis Greaves	(Stratford-Upon-Avon Bridge Club, England)
5	Ros Parkinson & Phil Parkinson	(Hayling Island Bridge Club, England)
6	Steve Fieldhouse & Margaret Fieldhouse	(Bagworth Whistlestop Bridge, England)
7	BBO Bot B & Guest dsm5	(Pembroke BC, Wales)
8	Caroline Cairns & Bob Cairns	(Ashton District BC, England)
9	Mike Young & Hazel Brown	(Carlton, Scotland)
10	Rosie Jones & Nicol Taylor	(Carlton, Scotland)
11	Chris Blackett & Paul Rivett	(Ashton District BC, England)
12	Andy Baruch & Martin Winn	(Stratford-Upon-Avon Bridge Club, England)
13	Ronald Thomas & Barbara Whitehouse	(Stratford-Upon-Avon Bridge Club, England)
14	Mark Roberts & Gay Young	(Abc, Wales)
15	Ian Barnes & Monojit Chatterji	(Carlton, Scotland)

Simultaneous Pairs Results from January 30th showing Graham Alford and Anthony Calverley in second place and Steve and Margaret Fieldhouse in 6th place. Well done all.

You should be able to view the commentary on the boards played see below

<https://www.simpairs.com/files/006141%20UNICEF%202025%20Thursday%20Commentary.pdf>

The simultaneous pairs are organised by Anna who lives in Orkney. Do have a look at the ECATs website and their Orkney blog from Mill Cottage. They do great work raising money for charity from a remote part of the UK