

Bourne Bridge Club, Farnham Autumn Newsletter 2025.

Venue:

Following on from the report at the AGM, we have continued to look at all options for our playing venue. The results of this work are attached for your information. I would like to thank Ian for his help in measuring up the possible venues.

We have concluded that for the present the Methodist Church Hall remains the best option. The use of the disabled toilet at the back of the small meeting room appears to have helped in relation to facilities for ladies. Members seem to have sorted out the issue of Parking - using the spaces behind the hall for those with limited mobility, Car Sharing, using the Wagon Yard Car Park and the Brightwell's Car Park (although we are aware that for the next 4 weeks this will be out of use).

Teams.

It is great to see that Sue has managed to identify 8 teams to play in the Winter League this year. I'm sure that everyone will enjoy playing in this competition - with the Sally Young Cup as the Prize.

The next 'Pot Luck' Teams will take place on Thursday 30th. October. On this occasion the winners will be rewarded with the Daphne Baker Trophy. We look forward to a good turnout for this very enjoyable event.

Duplimated Boards.

We have continued to 'keep an eye' on these and feel that they continue to produce interesting hands, with a fair balance between N/S and E/W.

Tables.

We now have new tables - which are much easier to carry and put up and down. Unfortunately, some of the tops are vulnerable to 'tearing' and would ask people to continue to return the tables to the rack with the tops facing each other - so that they are not vulnerable to the legs of the adjacent table.

Erica and Richard Curry Event. FBC are arranging a further attempt at running this 'Blue Pointed' Event on Sunday 19th. October from 13.30 to 19.30. This will raise funds for Phyllis Tuckwell in memory of the above Mother and Son who were Enthusiastic Bridge Players who both lost their lives to Cancer. Please consider playing in the event. If you do not wish to play, perhaps you would like to volunteer to help with the preparation of the teas or by making a cake for the event. The preparation of the tea is not particularly onerous as the sandwiches are bought in 'ready-made'.

Directors. Due to ill health, we are one director down on our usual number - if anyone with directing experience would like to join the rota, or if anyone would like training as a director, please speak to Mike.

Next Year. Several members of the committee have indicated that it is their definite intention to retire next year - so if the club is to continue to run it is essential that we should have some volunteers to take over. The current members are preparing simple descriptions of their role, which will hopefully reassure you that there is nothing too onerous. Please contact Mike to express an interest.