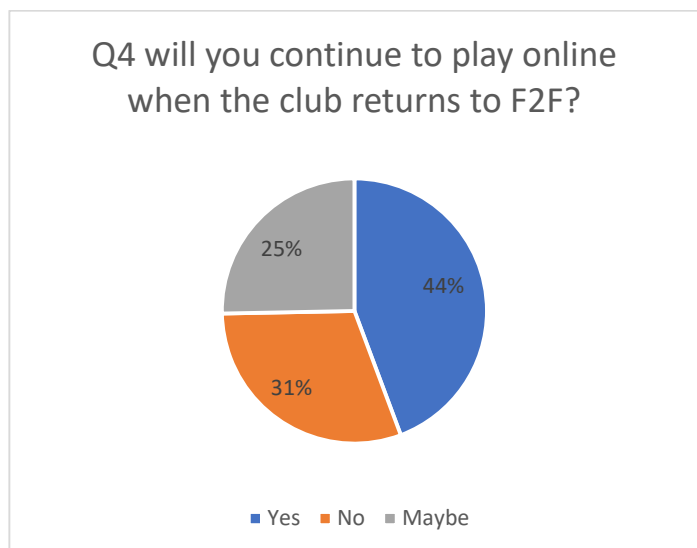
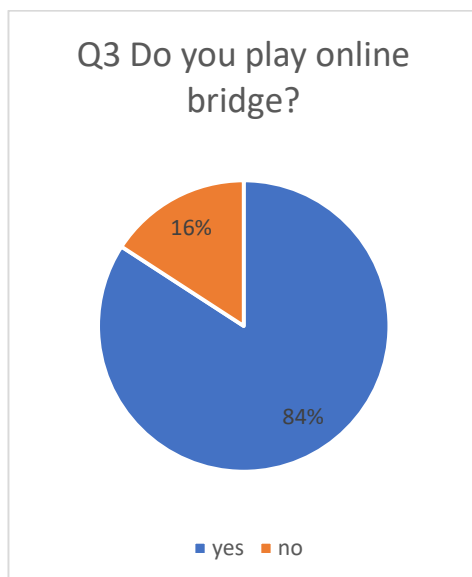
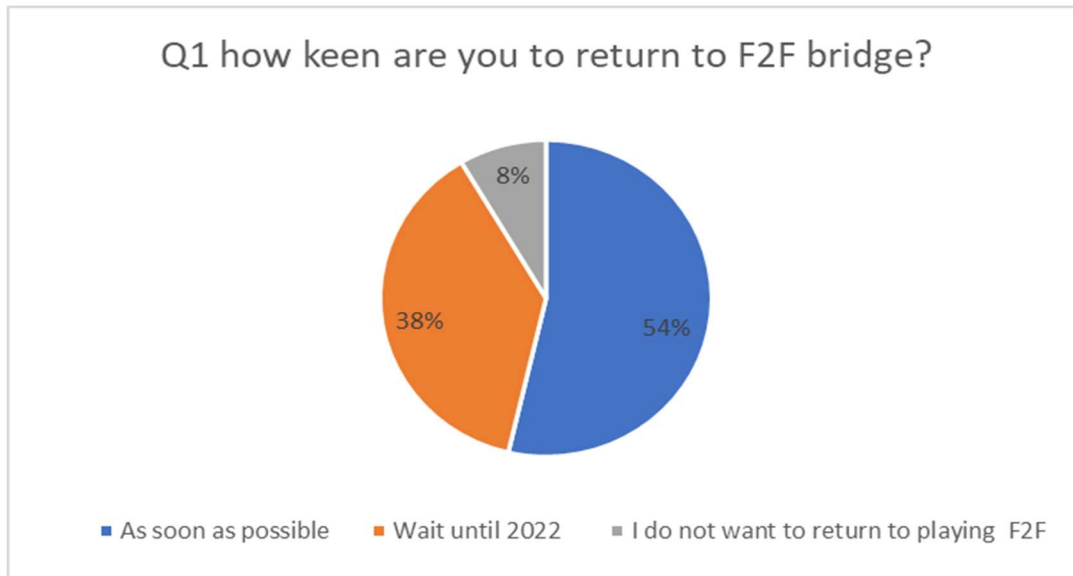


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Mid-August an email survey was sent to 134 local members. By end August, 84 had replied indicating a response rate of 62-63%. Some couples who share an email address responded as a pair.

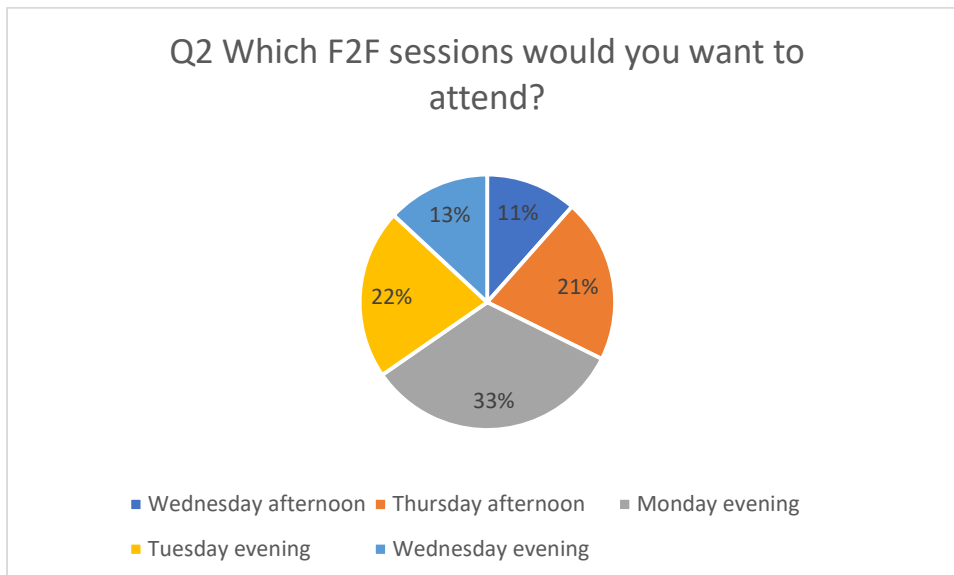
The results shown below indicate that 84% of respondents were playing online and three quarters of online players expected to continue even when F2F bridge resumed. Just over half wanted to return as soon as possible but nearly 40% felt it more appropriate to wait until 2022.



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For Q2 about when members would want to play, it appears that they preferred to stick to their pre-pandemic choices – namely Monday evening was the most popular, with a fifth opting for Tuesday evenings and/or Thursday afternoons.

As for playing with an electronic device (supplied by the club) instead of cards/boards, 30% of respondents would not whilst the others were prepared to consider it.



Finally participants were invited to add any comments, a selection is given below and generally reflect some of the public's uncertainty about what will happen over the next year.

- The geographical location, and ease of reaching it, will influence whether I play bridge at EBC.
- I think it's too soon to go back to F2F bridge - rooms are invariably hot and airless. We need to get further down the line reducing the prevalence of the dreaded virus.
- Face to face bridge asap
- It is possible to run joint online and F2F sessions [same boards, one set of merged results].
- I doubt if anywhere has good enough WiFi for an electronic session
- I think the numbers at the club from recent history suggests that multiple evening sessions would not increase the number of participants in club duplicate. I strongly suggest that the club proceeds on the basis of one single afternoon and or one evening session depending on the demand suggested by this survey. This would have the benefit of easing the club back to F2F whilst keeping expenses to a minimum
- Difficult to say which sessions I would attend as other clubs have already reopened and we are making our pair arrangements already.
- I prefer Real Bridge to F2F
- The EBU has just opened a site with BRIDGE CLUB LIVE this could be an option . One pound a session.
- Not having to travel is a big bonus, it's like not having to commute!

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- I'd like to see what happens to case numbers as we approach the Autumn and Winter months
- Would like a Friday afternoon, otherwise we'll continue with real bridge session
- Whether I play at the Exeter club will to some extent depend on where the club locates to. I do hope that a suitable venue is found with easy access and parking.
- Like real bridge as it saves driving. Need to sometimes meet socially
- Largely prefer afternoons for ftf
- Happy to continue online bridge as can play with my London based friend
- I play bridge for the social interaction as much as for the game itself. Online bridge does not provide that.
- Quite flexible in all respects regarding face to face, online or a mixture.
- Q1 would have chosen option between ASAP & 2021
- my issue is with the travel, not the f2f, so attendance would depend on where it is. I've marked two sessions above but would only play one of them each week. thanks.
- electronic device provided not too complicated to operate!!

Jean Harrison 1st September 2021