

Brunton Bridge Club Committee
11.15 Tuesday 2 December 2025

Present: Peter Avery (Chair); Steve Ray; Susan Green; Jill Armstrong, Guy Herzmark (minutes by Guy); Steve Sansom.

Apologies: Marion Curran

1 Minutes of the last meeting on 11 November 2025

These were agreed [ACT Guy, Jill]

2 Matters arising

2a Still no NEBA Council meeting as yet to discuss match scheduling. Peter to follow-up as needed. [ACT Peter]

2b Ivan has joined the club.

2c No action re the St Aidan's Charity Raffle.

3 Finance (Steve R)

The club has £8,000 in the bank, though outgoings of £1,000 or so are expected.

4 Membership (Susan)

There are now about 58 full members of the club. Plus there are more than 20 afternoon members from the Wednesday session.

5 Mondays (Peter)

We have been seeing between 9 and 10 tables recently. There were problems with the laptop and server on 1 December. Scorebridge shut down and missed out the last two scores. Peter has rectified this now and will load the results again. He will also email the members who have qualified for the Chronicle Cup. [ACT Peter]

6 Wednesdays (Peter)

We average some 5 tables. Frank has been helping while his bridge partner's wife is in hospital. Isi has said he will help after Christmas but Susan would prefer not to be regularly involved. Guy will do a new rota for the period from Christmas to Easter. [Act Guy]

7 Inter club 2025-26 (Susan)

7a Newburn, 14 December Guy has contacted Neal at the Centre and heaters will be provided by them. Susan will buy sandwiches and crisps from CostCo. Mary Page will make a corned beef pie. Steve S will provide a cake and Jill will provide two more and some mince pies. We need to take tea bags, coffee, milk, sugar, paper table cloths, serviettes and black rubbish bags. Mary Page will ask Neil Aiston to make sure there will be tables, cloths and bidding boxes will be there for us to use. Guy to contact Neal to ask for a kettle and if there will be facilities to wash cups for reuse and for toilets. [ACT Peter, Guy, Steve, Susan, Jill]

7b Teams for 14 December Team A includes Peter and Frank, Guy and Chris Derrick, Jill and Dave and we hope Steve and Georgia. If Steve and Georgia cannot play that day, Chris Benneworth and Mary Page will step up from the B Team. The B Team includes Brian Pacey and David Gold, Don Reid and Isi Mitrani, Steve S and Andrew Wood. If Chris Benneworth and Mary Page play in the A Team the reserves are Keith and Harris. **[Act Steve R, Susan]**

7c 2026/27 Guy to ask St Aidans for the Hall for all five dates next year, assuming they will be the same weekends as this year. **[Act Guy]**

8 Website (Jill)

Jill to update details of Christmas party and add Peter as a copy person for emails to Brunton website. **[ACT Jill]**

9 Charity pairs

The event went well with 11 full tables. The plan is to run two similar events a year. Guy to ask for the Hall from 1330 to 1730 on 17 May and 22 November 2026. **[Act Guy]**

10 Christmas Party (22 December)

So far there are 29 participants, forming 13 pairs with three singletons. Susan will organize the food to include a salmon, turkey and a small ham as well as salads to match. She will also do some potatoes on the day. To follow will be fruit cake, cheese and cheese biscuits. Steve R will bring 18 bottles of wine, six of which will be prizes, four for play and two for the raffle. Susan will provide six chocolates and biscuit packs, again four for play and two for the raffle. Peter will get the soft drinks: two cartons each of orange and apple juice, 12 cans of lemonade and 12 of cola. Steve R to bring wine glasses. Peter to search for the tall glasses which may be at Brunton. If not, we will need plastic or paper cups for soft drinks.

[Act Susan, Steve R, Peter]

11 Next meeting This will be on one of 9, 12, 16 and 19 February. Guy to ask Committee which is best. We will start at 10.30. **[Act Guy]**

12 AOB

12a Caretaker Brian Duell has stepped down from this role. We need an emergency contact to replace him. We would also like some instructions as to how to use the new thermostat. **[Act Susan]**

12b Wednesday Party 17 December Susan will bring mince pies, chocolates, soft drinks and paper cups. **[Act Susan]**

12c Score cards Guy has bought 2000 new ones.