

CHAIRMANS REPORT - AGM 2022

Welcome to our AGM, thank you for making the effort to come early this evening to be at the meeting. Hopefully all will go smoothly and we will be ready to start bridge at 7 o'clock.

As I said last year, some of our founder members did not return post the covid shut down. We have been very fortunate that so many friendly new people have joined us; we welcome their interest, help in running the club, and maintaining the friendly atmosphere. Numbers were reasonably good during last winter and summer, but have been a little low of late. Hopefully they will pick up soon when people stop going on holiday.

Thank you to all members of the committee. Margaret as secretary, has kept us well informed and kept me in order. Sarah is an extremely efficient and reliable treasurer. Alan organises the directing and the results. Belinda and Margaret do most of the opening up. Pauline resigned part way through the year and we were very lucky that Ian was willing to take her place. Up to now Barry has voluntarily kept the website in order, thank you Barry. Now Ian has taken over. Both Ian and Lucy have shown an interest in directing. Most able bodied people do their fair share of furniture shifting. So thanks to everyone who has helped in any way.

As Sarah will report club finances are looking healthy. Thank you to Alan and Barry who have kept the Wednesday on line session going. This is enjoyed by those taking part. It is particularly good for those who are unable or reluctant to play f2f. It also makes a substantial contribution to both Sherborne and Castle Cary finances. We are also lucky to have Caroline and Lou teaching bridge locally. This together with the Wednesday afternoon sessions at Galhampton should help to maintain a healthy interest in bridge in our area.

Hopefully you are all happy with the club and the way that it is run. As you know I am handing the baton on tonight but am confident that it is in safe hands. When I took over Michael emphasised the importance of a friendly atmosphere and welcoming players of all standards. You all play your part in this so well. Barry and I look forward to many more enjoyable bridge evenings in your company. BUT I am no Boris so no Hasta la vista from me.