

January Newsletter

Rent Rise: The Palmer Centre have raised their rental rates as their costs have greatly increased. From February we will be paying just under 15% more. This will put a strain on our finances. At the Committee Meeting on January 14th we debated whether we would have to put up the table money. We decided to try and cut costs and see how we manage before resorting to making an increase. It would be good to increase revenue too, of course. We much appreciate your support and all your attendances contribute to the Club finances. From February onwards we will rent the hall from 6.30 until 10.00 on Mondays and Thursdays, which will result in a modest saving of about £500 a year. Wednesday hours will stay unchanged. **On Monday and Thursday we would like to start play promptly at 6.50.**

Teaching: Dave Smith has offered to conduct free bridge lessons at his home near Caldicot. It will be on Tuesday afternoons for 8 weeks from March 3rd. It is a great opportunity to learn bridge for free in an informal setting. Please let any of your friends who may be interested know. Contact initially through this e mail address, archwaysec@outlook.com, or speak to Graham Eele, Dave Smith or Sheila Montgomery. We are really grateful to Dave for the generous offer.

Teams Event on Fourth Thursday of the Month: We decided to try out a regular teams event on the fourth Thursday of each month. It will be a relaxed and hopefully fun occasion, with wine and nibbles provided by the Club. You just turn up with a partner as usual, and we form the teams for you. The first event will be on February 27th. There will be more details and reminders nearer the time.

Enjoy Your Bridge!