

# Clare Bridge Club AGM 2026

Held at Lavenham Village Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 at 1.00pm.

Those in attendance; **Committee Members:** J.Symons (Chair), A.Cliff (Sec), J.Hooper, P. Routley, M. Ellison, P. Easting.

**Members:** D.Phillips, P.Thurston, D.Goodliffe, M.Rix, E.Hooper, P.Starling, B.Smith, P.Flavell, T.Wood, C. Van der Sande.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** M.Morris, G.Ford, A Moore, J.Moore
2. **Election of Officers;** The Chair apologised on behalf of the committee for failing to advertise the AGM soon enough to enable nominations for the committee to be made and offered to resign but members declined to accept his offer. He also reported that he had received a communication from a member who felt quite strongly that the AGM should be held at Clare. The Reinstatement of the present committee was proposed by P. Thurston and seconded by P.Flavell.
3. **Approval of 2025 AGM minutes;** Proposed by P.Thurston and seconded by T.Wood and accepted.
4. **Chairman's Report:** Overall, a good year. Success for the team against Stansfield BC and for the team of eight. Also, a win against Swindon online. Membership has increased. The Andrew Robson teaching day was well attended and enjoyed by the participants. The club also organised an introductory teaching course which had sixteen people register and attend. Thanks to P.Starling, J.Symons, N.Voelker, J.Hooper, D.Allen for this. The Christmas Party (at Clare) and the Summer Party (at Lavenham) were both well attended and enjoyed.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** The accounts were circulated at the meeting for members to view. Phillip Peters has been asked to audit the accounts.
6. **Clare Report:** The Chairman reported a steady year. Thanks were given to D. Allen and M. Rix for the scoring and its smooth running.

7. **Lavenham Report:** J. Hooper reported that the Friday afternoons averaged 15 tables over the year. 115 different players of which 99 played more than once. Thanks were given to the directors and also to the scorers, M. Morris, M. Rix and R. Barton. Keen also to promote awareness of the Swiss Pairs competition to be held at Lavenham on 7/06/26
8. **AOB:** The Chair reported that Peter Stagg recently celebrated his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday and both he and Jan Harvard-Davies went to see him and presented him with a bottle of whiskey on behalf of the club.
9. **Date of next AGM:** set for 6.00pm on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2027 at Clare.
10. The meeting was declared closed at 1.30pm