Clare Bridge Club

Minutes of the Clare Bridge Club Committee meeting held at Centuries The Street Assington on Tuesday 27th October 2026

Attendees: J. Symons(Chair), A. Clifft (Secretary), G. Ford(Treasurer)

M. Ellison, P. Routley, J. Hooper.

Apologies for absence: P. Easting

Treasurer's report: GF distributed copies of his report at the meeting and the report is attached with these minutes.

Reports from:

Lavenham.

JH delighted to have such a great team helping running the session. We are very grateful to Richard Barton for his help with the scoring and running the Bridge Mates. Micky Morris is very much missed .

The removal of the piano has generated so much more storage space particularly for extra tables. **JH** reckons the session could accommodate up to twenty tables.

The tea rotas are working well. Since January we have seen 150 different players attend the sessions of which 83 have returned more than once.

Clare

JS reported that there is an average of five tables**. JS** asked if there was any way of those members of CBC who play at Stansfield encouraging other attendees to come and play at Clare as well.

Swindon

JS reported no major issues. CBC provides 29 players and there are eight tables on average each session.

Andrew Robson teaching day: Friday 26th February

AC reported that the Hall, the Peter and Paul room and kitchen had been booked but not yet paid for.

Publicity leaflets were discussed but no final decision was made although it will appear on the website

GF said the major cost is that of catering. Last time it was £920. A proposed attendance fee of £40.00 was agreed by the committee. Ninety people could be accommodated and catered for with a two course lunch. GF will bring a detailed proposal next meeting.

Clare Christmas Party

A date was set for 14th December 2026. Sara Farr has kindly offered to run the catering. **JS** will confirm this with her. **GF** will book both rooms and the kitchen. Fifty six is the target number and the event will operate a "first come first served" attendance with an entry form on the website.

Scorer's Rota

At Lavenham **JH** arranges the scorers. There is no formal rota at Clare

Clare Director's Rota

PR reported there were no serious issues.

Membership

ME reported there are 154 members**.** Recently 7 new members wee accepted at a reduced rate of £5.00 covering them until the renewal date on 1st April 2027. Any members joining after December 2026 will pay £10.00 to cover 2027.

AOB: There was no reported other business.

Date of Next Meeting: Arranged for 10.30am on Tuesday 1st December 2026 at Centuries , The Street, Assington and the meeting closed at 11.45am

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Treasurers Report 27th October 2026

Year 1/4/26- 24/10/26

Bank Balance 1/4/26 £3900

Bridge Income
for year to date: Table Money. (After Teas and Wine)

Lavenham	£3033
Clare.	£1350
Swindon.	£32
	£4415

Bridge costs

Lavenham	£2066
Clare.	£1035
EBU	£1052
Boards.	£440
	£4593

Other Income	Subscriptions	£1600
	Tuition (balance from 2025)	£152
Other expenditure.	Swiss Pairs	£975
	Summer Party	£962

Notes 1. Table Money no longer covers costs.
2. Swiss Pairs , Xmas Party and Summer Party cost about £3000.
3. Robson no longer makes a large profit —last year £960.
4. Subscriptions are essential to our finances.
5. Our bank balance is now close to the minimum we set for a healthy balance in case of emergencies