

# Clare Bridge Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 31 The Street, Assington

Those present: J. Symons (Chair) A. Clift(Sec), P. Routley, P. Easting, J. Hooper & M. Ellison

## Apologies for Absence

The following members sent their apologies for being unable to attend the meeting: M. Morris,  
& G. Ford

## Welcome

Penny Easting was welcomed onto the Committee.

## Matters Arising

The piano in the storage room at Lavenham village hall is now gone and at no cost to the club. JH is going to ask the caretaker if it would be possible to put up extra shelving in the room now the piano is gone. It will now be possible to use the space to store extra tables to cater for a larger than expected attendance on Fridays. It was suggested that four extra tables would need to be purchased.

The Chairman reported that the Wednesday teaching sessions have been very successful. Sixteen people attended the sessions and approximately six are keen to progress further. There are four more sessions remaining.

## Treasurer's Report

Annual accounts were distributed for the committee to see and the club remains in a healthy financial state with the net financial position at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 being a credit balance of £6,681.00.

Separately, ME reported that 48 individuals out of 166 members listed on the data base have not yet paid this coming year's annual subscription. There is a possibility that some of the names on the data base may no longer be with the club and to avoid embarrassment, JH will liaise with GF and edit the data accordingly.

## Club events and tournament planning

**Clare** There is a need for an extra scorer and ME reported that Mary Stewart would be happy to do online training for this. JS said he would contact her to discuss this.

**Lavenham** Also would like an extra scorer and Peter Routley is being trained by Micky Morris and John Hooper

**Monday online bridge** continues to be well supported. There are twenty members and JH will contact them to see if any are willing to play in the Swiss Pairs

**The team of eight** playing in Leicester on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026 will comprise of; Ed Farr, Tony Philpott, Jenny Price, Nigel Bardsley, Nancy Williams, Dave Allen, Nick and Sarah Farr.

**Swiss pairs:** The date is set for 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026. GF provided an action plan for the committee to see. The aim is for twenty tables with an entry fee of £40.00 per pair. JS and JH will be the Masters of Ceremonies. JH enquired if there was any progress in inviting members from Huy bridge club. JS said no but he would contact Sarah Farr who has friends there and see whether they would be interested in coming

## Committee Matters

JH felt, and the committee agreed that it would be better if there was one person taking responsibility for maintaining the website. The committee agreed and thanked JH who volunteered to take on the role of Webmaster. The committee was grateful to Ed Farr for his contribution in running the website.

## AOB

ME raised the idea of a summer party. All agreed it was a good idea and suggested dates were either 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> July 26. The format would be a session of bridge between 2.00-4.00pm followed by a high tea. Numbers would be limited to eighty.

JH was asked by a member at Lavenham if those who were providing the refreshments be exempt from paying the £3.00 fee. The committee felt that given the remuneration for hosting had increased to £25.00 this was unnecessary. Of more importance was the need for members to recognise that if after the tea, they time (when playing dummy) to help clear up in the kitchen would be of greater benefit; as would staying on after to help clear the hall.

GF(by email) suggested that as our charitable giving was low, we might want to give a bit more to St Nicholas Hospice. It was agreed that £100.00 would be a suitable sum.

Peter Routley will represent Clare Bridge club at the Suffolk Bridge AGM as the Chair is unable to make that date.

Next meeting; **30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 10.30am at Centuries, 31 The Street, Assington.**

The meeting closed at 11.45am.