

July 2024

News

The bridge club was well represented at the cremation of Bill Goyne on 2nd July where we learned that Bill served time with the Merchant Navy and had many interests to which Bridge was added when he moved to the Midlands.

We are pleased to welcome 4 new members Debbie Pymm, Richard Pymm, Brian Loftus and Philip Dunn, PLUS two returning members Gloria and Rowan Ferrier Barr.

We mentioned in last months' newsletter what a successful event our Café Bridge was, I can now report that the event made a profit of £186.85.

Pot Luck Pairs

Even though the turnout has not been what we hoped for, Pot Luck Pairs on the first Thursday evening of the month will continue. We hope uptake will improve by changing the starting time to **18:30 finishing at 21:30**. This should enable our members who work to attend.

This event is designed to give the opportunity for newer players to partner a more experienced player, and hopefully improve their game along the way.

August Pot Luck is tonight, next date is 5th September.

Upcoming Events

Open Day - Friday 6th September

As part of the EBU's **Bridge It's a Big Deal** promotion, we are planning to hold an Open Day on Friday 6th September. The aim is to encourage as many people as possible to come along and learn more about the game of bridge. They can join a taster session of minibridge; watch actual play; or simply enjoy our company over a coffee and cake.

In order to cater for retired and working age people the day will be split into two sessions: 11am – 2pm and 4pm – 7pm.

[We will need your support to make this happen](#). Please contact [Ann](#) or [Gail](#) if you will be able to come along on the day (either session) and play some bridge or simply chat to prospective players over a coffee. Ideally we need 6 volunteers each session.

If you cannot come along on the day maybe you can make a cake – all donations welcome.

We hope to have the flyers ready soon for you to take away and hopefully bring a [friend, relative, acquaintance or colleague with you](#).

CPL (Coventry Pairs League)

A reminder to those who want to participate, the new season starts on 26th September. Entries must be in by Friday 6th September. Please enter via the [form on the website](#), or contact [Graham Cope](#) for more information.

3 Spires Trophy

This is a monthly teams competition held over the winter months, which starts with a two course meal. The first session will be held on Sunday 22nd September. More teams are always welcome. Look out for the sign-up sheet on the noticeboard.

This is such a friendly competition I cannot recommend it highly enough.

Our Pro-Am Competition will take place on Thursday 3rd October with a 7pm start (therefore no Pot Luck Pairs in October).

Two dates for your calendar:

Friday 8th November Sue O’Gorman has agreed to organise another Afternoon Tea. Watch out for more details.

Our **AGM** will be held on **Tuesday 19th November** at 6pm, before the evening session of bridge.

Other Bridge information

Congratulations to the following members who have gained sufficient EBU Masterpoints to have reached the following levels: -

County Master	Paul Sutton
Master	Walter Green

Congratulations to our NICKO (National Inter-Club Knock-Out) B Team who beat Worcester A team to win through to the semi-finals. We wish them luck in the next round.

How great was it to enter the club with the new flooring provided by the NHS – Thank you

If you are on “Coventry Bridge” WhatsApp you will have seen Ann’s question on a hand where no one found a slam together with the answer suggested by Val Waugh and given in more detail by Graham.

If you are not a member of the WhatsApp group, then please consider joining. Just contact John McNicholas on 07968498860 and ask to join.

Graham has suggested we have an “Ask the Expert” facility – What do you think? Would you like to see a question(s) with the answer(s) in the Newsletter each month? Feedback please.