

March 2023

Upcoming events

Three Spires – Sunday 19th March

The next 3 Spires session will take place on 19th March. Only 3 tables are entered so far, and the organisers would like more please. This is a sociable evening, starting with an optional two course home-cooked meal at 6pm and then teams bridge with teammates drawn at random each session. The charge is £10 for food and bridge, or normal table money if you prefer not to have the meal.

Play starts at 7pm. Please contact [Ann](#) for further details or to enter this month's game.

Café Bridge – Tuesday 18th April

Back by popular demand!

Following the success of last year's event, we will be running Café Bridge in the city centre again next month. The venues will be similar to last year, with just one change. The tables in Wagamama were not a suitable shape for bridge, so we will be using Zizzis this year instead. The cost has increased by a small amount to reflect the rising cost of food prices, so the entry fee is £32 per person to include a hot drink and pastry at the start, lunch at one of the venues, prizes and a celebratory drink at the finish.

All members and visitors are welcome to play, but numbers will be limited so please get your entry in early. Please send your entries to [Val Waugh](#) by 31st March.

Fundraiser for EBU Juniors – Sunday 14th May

Warwickshire CBA are running a Swiss Teams event at our club to raise funds to sponsor EBU Junior teams taking part in international competitions. Play will start at 1pm, finishing around 6.30 pm. 30-36 boards will be played, and the entry fee is £48 per team to include a break with refreshments. Our own junior Meg Jones will be directing play. Enquiries and pre-entry by 7th May to [Myra Scott](#).

Griffins Trophy – 1st June

The Griffins is a handicapped teams of four competition, starting on Thursday 1st June and alternate Thursdays to 24th August. Although you must enter as a team, there is a draw for teammates each session, with never the same teammates twice. The competition is suitable for players of all standards, and because of the handicapping anyone can win. Cash prizes for the overall winners. Entry fee for club members is £4 per session. A minimum of 7 teams are required to ensure viability. Entries by 15th May please to [Maggs Pyner](#).

John Pyner Memorial Charity Event – Sunday 4th June

In memory of John who sadly passed away last year, Maggs is organising a charity bridge event at the club in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Please put the date in your diary.

Further details will follow.

Easter Opening

Bridge sessions will go ahead as normal over Easter.

Other Bridge information

New Year Party

The party on 22nd January was enjoyed by all. The meal served by Rossis was delicious; if somewhat slow in being served. 46 members enjoyed the fun bridge session after the meal, with various prizes being awarded not just for the leading pairs.

Mentored Individual Pivot Teams

On the 13th Feb there was a second most successful pivot teams event, when eleven of our more experienced players kindly acted as mentors to our 'improvers'. We were pleased to welcome visitors from Stratford bridge club who joined us for the evening. It is hoped to run another in the Autumn.

Friday Night Duplicate

Unfortunately the club will no longer run duplicate sessions on Friday evenings due to lack of support.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome Pak Hin Lee as a new member of the club.

EBU Promotions in February

In the past month the following members have won masterpoint promotions:

Graham Cope - Life Master

Larry Lau - Local Master

Mei Tso - Local Master

Melody Lau - Local Master

Congratulations to you all.

EBU Garden Cities Final

Coventry has again been chosen by the EBU as the venue for the final of the Garden Cities to be played on Saturday 17th June. This will mean that the regular Saturday session will be played in Godiva, with a limit of 8 tables. We hope that a team from Coventry will be taking part in the final.

WhatsApp Group

Don't forget there is a Coventry bridge club WhatsApp Group. The idea is that members of the group can request partners or team mates for a bridge session. It can also be used to contact members with urgent information (like closure due to snow). John McNicholas is in charge of the group, and he will monitor use, and remove any inappropriate messages.

Members will need to personally 'Opt In' by sending John either an email to

john.mcnicholas@coventry.gov.uk or a text or WhatsApp to 07968498860 asking to join the group.

NHS room alterations

Building work to convert Leofric to a facility for use by the local GP consortium is now complete, and it is open for business on certain days. Starting in April Covid boosters will be administered for over 75s and other vulnerable persons.

500 Club

The 500 Club has recently increased its prizes as an incentive to increase support. If you are not already a member, please consider joining. This is a vital fundraiser for the charity. Contact [Ann](#) for details.