

September 2026

News

Congratulations to the following members who gained Master Point promotions: -

July	Gail Wilkes Pavlina Jackson	Advanced Master Local Master
August	Sarah Jones Peter Phillipson Christian Muthiah	Premier National Master 1 Star Master District Master

Our **Swiss Pairs** on 2nd August was a resounding success. A big thankyou to Maggs Pyner for organising – it was great to see the bridge room packed with 20 tables – we had guests taking part from Leicester, Stratford, Rugby and West Midlands bridge clubs. It was a clean sweep for Stratford with Alan Patel and Becky Penney winning for the experts and Sue Yendall and Deborah Cain winning for the non-experts. Sue O’Gorman and her helpers provided another delicious afternoon tea. The event finished off with the raffle which raised over £290 for the British Heart Foundation. (A big thank you to all those who helped by providing the cakes and raffle prizes, not forgetting those who helped to set up the room and tidy away) N.B. the date for your diaries for next year’s event is Sunday 1st August 2027.

NICKO (National Inter-Club Knock Out). We are pleased to announce that the Club has entered 2 teams in this EBU competition. We wish them every success. Team and event details will be added to the website when available.

Our new **Bridgemates** have arrived. Alf has mastered them on his home computer – we are hoping to set them up on our computer at the club this week, after which the TD’s will have a training session before they are introduced to players at club sessions. They are more user-friendly than the old ones, but like everything new, they will take some getting used to.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3 Spires – starts this Sunday 27th September (17:00 for food, with bridge at 18:00 – we have 6 teams entered this month.

The remaining dates: 25th October; 22nd November; 13th December (6pm start); 24th January; 28th February; 21st March and 25th April.

CPL (Coventry Pairs Ladder) Starts on Thursday 1st October we have 4 divisions, each with 3 tables. [Mary Wood](#) is the go-to person for this event, so if you have any queries please get in touch with her.

Bridge Club AGM – Tuesday 24th November – it starts at 18:00 and includes a drink and free bridge session. Remember this is the time for you to raise any concerns you may have, to put forward ideas and generally support **your** bridge club.

We are hosting a **County Match** on Sunday 13th December from 14:00 – 18:00 with 48 players taking part. Our hospitality includes a buffet tea, so we will let you know nearer the time if we need any volunteers to help.

Pre-Christmas Buffet Lunch will take place on Monday 21st December starting at 12:00 with the usual bridge session to follow at 1pm. Please bring a contribution to the lunch.

New Year Party is on Sunday 31st January – Dinner starts at 17:30 followed by bridge from 19:00 – 22:00. Maggs Pyner will direct the bridge and also organise a Quiz for you to enjoy during the meal. We will let you know the price of this event when we have all the relevant costings.

We are looking at providing a new **Themed Event in March** which will of course include food and bridge – watch this space!

Teaching & Recruitment

Book One lessons started on 14th September as we are delighted to report that we had 21 attendees. Thank you to all those who took flyers and helped promote this event. It is imperative that we bring in new members each year to sustain and grow our Club.

Book Two lessons start this Friday 18th September and we have 12 members who are continuing to learn this brilliant game and who will no doubt move on to join us on Monday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Message from the TDs

We have had complaints recently about undue noise during play. Obviously it is bad practise to talk about the hand you have just played as comments can be overheard by other players who have yet to play the board in question. This is not only distracting, but could make it impossible for other players to play the board fairly.

Players on a sit-out are requested to please sit away from the main play area and talk quietly so as not to disturb other players.