

**Harpenden Duplicate Bridge Club**  
**Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**  
**By Zoom**

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1. There were a number of apologies for absence.
2. The Minutes of the 2023 AGM were approved by 22 members, with one abstention.
3. **Chairman's Report.** The Club has 181 members currently although it is expected that some 20 members will not renew this year. The Christmas Party was deemed to be a success and the future of the Club looks good.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** There is a small surplus this year with the teaching side bringing in the most profit. The Golf Club rent costs covered 13 months' rent this year (rather than just 12); this will not re-occur in future. The forecast is for there to be a loss next year relating to an increase in rent for the Trust Hall , higher EBU fees and Directors' fees. Some equipment has been replaced – two new tablets for the Friday Club to cover any increase in numbers, and two for the Monday Club to replace those with cracked screens. There may be an increase in table money and subscriptions next year but for this year they will remain the same. The vote was 27 for and one abstention.
5. **Election of Committee.** Tom Walters has decided to step down and our thanks go to him for the work he has done. It is not necessary to seek a replacement but if there is someone who would be willing to take on the role of Competitions Co-ordinator they would be most welcome. Special thanks go to Dave Tookey, Peter Verkroost, David Brooks and Ian Nichol for their support for the Club. The vote was carried 100%.
6. **RealBridge.** This facility is available to members at no cost to them for at least three months. If you would like to give it a try please let Dave or Richard know and they will provide a link. Only one of the group has to be a Club Member and will act as TD for that session. This team can be made up from players anywhere in the world as long as they have a good internet signal and capable equipment eg webcam.

## 7. Competition Winners

Monday Pairs	Dave Tookey & Rodger White
Monday Slams	Eric & Wendy Audsley
Monday Improvers	Ian and Sandie Caldwell
Tuesday Pairs	John Marr and Walter Russell
Tuesday Slams	John Marr
Tuesday Improver	Marion Fuller
Friday Pairs	Ann Akeroyd and Wilhelmina Smith
Friday Slams	Ann Akeroyd
Friday Improver	Tony Doyle

8. **AOB.** Gill Burn raised the matter of the Lynn Hartwell Cup which will be considered for playing again in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.