

Dear all

As you all know I had planned a trip in my motorhome which meant I would be away until the first week of July. Unfortunately, I have had to postpone this trip due to a mechanical breakdown with the van and my mother needing more care than I had thought she would need for the 2 months, also I have to vote apparently! As much as it may seem like I am partly blaming my mother I'm really not, it's part of an only child's duty. I'm not sure when I will be able to rearrange my extensive trip but I will be sure to let you all know. The van is being fixed now, trying to get a garage to repair vehicles these days is as taxing as playing bridge with my mother, which I'm hoping she will return to do. I am likely to be back in the bridge club next week but you may not see as much of me as usual as I have some shorter trips booked. I have tried to cover all the questions I would expect to be getting from all of you. I'm sorry I haven't been able to get any photos of beer in the sun.

Speaking of planning. Luckily the redecoration project is going better than my trip, thank you to all the volunteers needed to make sure the first and second floor rooms are as comfortable for playing bridge as possible, I hope for the majority of you the hardest part will be navigating the 3 steps down and back up across the landing from the kitchen and toilet to the playing room on the first floor, at least you won't have to worry about spilling hot drinks. Just to reiterate the ground floor will be closed from Friday 14th June, there will be no play on the 14th and we will play the duplicate sessions from June 17th on the first floor where can fit 9 tables along with 2 tables on the second floor for matches and other bridge. The AGM has been rescheduled for the 7th August with the redecoration due to be finished by the 15th July. Again, I apologize for any inconvenience caused while the works are going on. I'm sure the club will be an even more pleasant and welcoming place to play bridge when we return downstairs.

The new improver competition has been running for 2 months now and the current leader board will be on the website soon. There is plenty of time to catch up if you don't yet see your name in the top 10.

Rob