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Welcome to Members,  
Learners, Visitors and Guests!

I do hope you find something that interests  
you.

*Nicky Bainbridge*

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## **Founders Trophy**

The Founders Trophy, named for our earliest members, is competed for annually.

It takes place over the calendar year, and includes the designated weekly duplicate pairs events over that year.

It's awarded on the basis of points for top ranking pairs in each session.

Holders:

**2014 Don Prowse & Adrian Williams**

**2015 Brian Mawby & David Reed**

**2016 Max Kynoch & Malcolm Melrose**

**2017 Janet O'Connor & Michael Ward**

**2018 Vera Iredale & Peter Iredale**

**2019 Geoff Bennett & Max Kynoch**

**2020 Val Jones & June Rudman**

**2021 Vera Iredale & Peter Iredale**

**2022 Vera Iredale & Peter Iredale**

**2023 Vera Iredale & Peter Iredale**

**AND... Our latest winners....**

**2024 Yolanda Wilcock & Brian Mawby**



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## **New Duplicate on Tuesday Afternoons**

New duplicate session on Tuesdays from 13.30.  
Dunchurch Sports Field and Village Hall Club Room.  
If we have full tables, we may play teams.  
Otherwise, match pointed pairs.

FREE IN APRIL

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## **New Beginners Course from Mid May**

Swinford Village Hall

# Bridge for Beginners

## Learn the very best card game

Wednesday Mornings 10.30

Ten Sessions

**Swinford Village Hall**

Starting May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Nicky and Jim  
Bainbridge

14 May	L01 Introduction and Card Play
21 May	L02 High Card Points and Shape
4 June	L03 Bidding Boxes - The Auction
11 June	L04 The 1NT Opening Bid
18 June	L05 Reply to 1NT Balanced Hand
25 June	L06 Reply to 1NT Unbalanced Hand
2 July	L07 Raising Partner's Suit
9 July	L08 Other Replies
16 July	L09 Opener Bids Again
23 July	L10 Strong Balanced Hands

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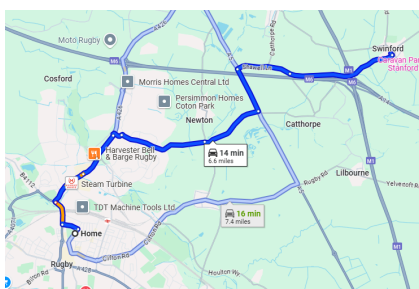
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Try first lesson free

£60 for the course



## Membership Renewal

### Free additional month

Normally your membership expires on the 31st March.

However, with the plan to move to a new venue and become a charity, it makes sense to give you ANOTHER free month and for

your new membership to be of the charity.

**So your existing membership now runs to 31st  
MAY.**

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## Spring Seminars

Four options, every week to improve your knowledge of a topic.

Come to one, two, three or all of them!

Monday Morning, 10.30, Dunchurch OR

Monday Evening, 19.30, Zoom and RealBridge OR

Tuesday Evening, 19.30, RealBridge OR

Thursday Evening, 19.00, Kenilworth BC

Coming Up:

14th April: Losing Trick Count

21st April: Playing Suit Contracts

28th April: Very Strong Balanced Hands

Get weekly online teaching/practice  
links/information news

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## Master Point/National Grade News

February 2025 Master point promotions

**Judith Longthorn County Master**

**Susie Thompson District Master**

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## A dedicated place for bridge in Rugby!

## NO FURTHER NEWS RIGHT NOW

We have found a venue.

You can see photos of the interior and exterior on the website  
homepage.

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/heartofengland/>

We still have a gap to close between the cost of moving and your generous pledges so far.

Chris Longthorn has very nearly completed the application to create a charity to operate the venue. We have four trustees willing to look after it. Chris (chairman); Nicky (Treasurer); Cynthia; and Paul Jackson. Yolanda has accepted an offer to become a trustee of the Jane Austin trust, and it's a big commitment. We wish her well.

As soon as the charity is created, we will open a bank account. We have all the equipment we need except for chairs.

Could you consider donating £50 to buy as a chair?

This would be so good for the game. The space is suitable for other mind sports especially chess. Think of all the new players, young, older and in the prime of life, we could bring to our beautiful game in its own space available everyday.



Reply to newsletter with your mobile phone no and be part of our Heart of England Bridge Club members WhatsApp group.

## Booking into a Club Session

Use any one of three user ids:

Your name: e.g. Queen of Sheba

OR

Your email address: e.g. [sevennotrumps@dreammail.com](mailto:sevennotrumps@dreammail.com)

OR

Your EBU number: e.g. 654321

All our members have a password to access or change bookings. If you are not sure what yours is please click "Membership" in the menu on the left of the club home page and then click Set/Rest Password.

Click to see how to book into a club session

Click to go to the club web site

Click to go to full details on website

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## Account Details

You can access your Heart of England account details on the web site by login on as described above. I am ceasing sending out links, as it's a lot of work. If you have queries please email me. If your account needs attention, I will let you know.

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## Dates for your diary

Our Summer Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs will take place on:

14th June.

Our Christmas Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs will take place on:

6th December.

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## Keep up the fight against germs COVID, NORO, Flu etc lurking!

Please use the sanitisers.

We will keep the rooms well ventilated and run the filters!

All of you have been great at staying away when you are, or

might be, unwell.

THANK YOU! Please keep it up.

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**Did you know?**

Hesitation



Law 73A2 and 73D1 encourage players to maintain a steady tempo when bidding in the auction or playing their cards. This law addresses Communication between partners and makes the point that partners should be communicating by what they bid and play and not how they bid or play it.

You should try and avoid hesitation, and it is good practice to make a call or card play in a measured way, even when you know exactly what you are going to do. This means that it won't draw so much attention when you need a second or two to think. However, it is not illegal to hesitate over a decision. You may find that the opponents comment, perhaps mention reserving their rights, or even call the TD, if there is a substantial hesitation. This only means that the fact that a hesitation has happened is being agreed.

The hesitation does not prevent the partner of the hesitator bidding. However, any bid made following a hesitation by partner must clearly be made on the contents of the bidder's hand only. It will be very difficult for anyone, including the bidder, to be sure that any bid that seems to rely on finding some feature in the hesitator's hand, was not influenced by the hesitation.

If a bid is made that appears unlikely to be justified solely by the content of the bidder's hand, the auction will proceed normally, and the hand will be played in the contract arrived at.

If the non hesitating side feels that the actual result has gone against them, and it may be because the hesitation has influenced the auction, they should call the TD. The TD will have to make a judgement ruling. The principles are:

- firstly that the hesitation may have influenced the auction; if any calls by the hesitator's partner seem entirely in accordance with the action that would be expected from any player of equivalent standard, the TD will decide that the hesitation is irrelevant; and
- secondly the influence on the auction has caused actual damage to the hesitator's opponents; quite often the hesitating partnership gets into a poor contract, with a poor result, and does worse, or no better, than anyone else with the same cards!
- if, in the judgement of the TD (and they may decide to consult with others and make a decision after the event, but before scoring), there was a hesitation that may have influenced the result in a way that damaged the opponents, then the TD must "restore equity" by awarding an adjusted score.

All this can, and does happen, without anyone being accused of wrong doing or being punished. It is very difficult to be sure you have ignored a pause by partner when making a bid, so don't worry if you occasionally get a score adjusted in these circumstances.

If you want the TD to look at circumstances where a hesitation in the auction may have disadvantaged you, call the TD straight away in as calm and polite a way as you can. Don't get into any discussion with your opponents about it, it's the TD's job to work out if anyone was disadvantaged, and to restore equity if they were.

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## Recycling pill blister packs

They have no financial value.  
They can be recycled, for a fee.

This keeps them out of landfill, the sea and from being burnt.

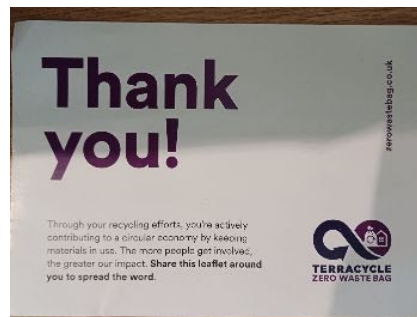
We filled **SEVENTEEN** bags so far.  
That's more than a big dustbin full.

**Do bring yours to Dunchurch.**

**Make sure all pills have gone!**

**Make sure it is just medicine blister packs!**

Theresa is still collecting milk bottle tops.



## Club Timetable

### Mondays

13.30 Pairs at Dunchurch - Booked in Advance  
(Members are welcome to bring guest partners. Other visitors by prior agreement)

### Tuesdays

10.30 Gentle Duplicate  
(All welcome, please book or otherwise let us know you are coming, no need to bring partner)

13.30 Duplicate at Dunchurch - Booked in Advance  
(Members are welcome to bring guest partners. Other visitors by prior agreement)

19.30 Themed Practice on RealBridge

### Thursdays

13.45 Pairs at Dunchurch - Booked in Advance  
(Members are welcome to bring guest partners. Other visitors by prior agreement)

### Topics

Topics and joining instructions are on the web site and published in our biweekly "Lessons etc" bulletin.

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Nicky

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