
♥ Heart of England Bridge News May 2025

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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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Tuesday Afternoon Duplicate Postponed

New Beginners Course

Charity is Registered

Spring Seminars

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Dedicated Place for Bridge in Rugby

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Keep up the fight against germs

Did You Know?

Comparable Calls

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Club Timetable

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New Duplicate on Tuesday Afternoons

We are postponing this until September.

New Beginners Course from Mid May

Swinford Village Hall

This course has started, but there is plenty of room
and time for newbies to join.

Bridge for Beginners

Learn the very best card game

Wednesday Mornings 10.30

Ten Sessions

Swinford Village Hall

Starting May 14th, 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

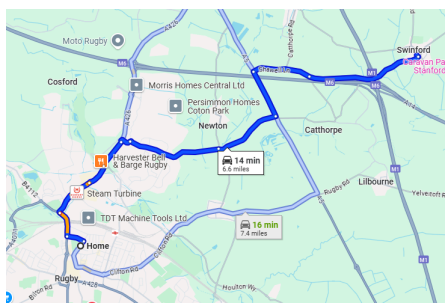
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Try first lesson free
£60 for the course



Charity is Registered!

Thanks to Chris Longthorn's hard work and determination.

Your trustees need to meet to plan the next steps.

We need more trustees and more volunteers to run the club,
please get in touch to talk about it!

So your existing membership now runs to 31st MAY.

**We will be in touch about renewal as soon as the
next steps are agreed.**

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:

19th May: Very Strong Unbalanced Hands

26th May: Slam Seeking

2nd June: Bidding over 1NT Opening

9th June: Opening and other leads

16th June: Signals and Discards

Check the web site for the latest information

Get weekly online teaching/practice
links/information news

Master Point/National Grade News

[April 2025 Master point promotions](#)

Zena Hutchinson Master
Pat Anning County Master
Eva Thompson County Master
Chris Linnell Local Master
Andrew Clover Area Master

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

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

Account Details

You can access your Heart of England account details on the website 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.

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.

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.

Did you know?

Comparable Call

Every now and then a player makes a bid in the auction that is equal to or lower than the previous bid. "An insufficient bid".

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1S	PASS	1D

North now has a choice. North can accept the 1D bid , and the auction carries on from 1D.

If North declines to accept the insufficient bid, then West must change it to a legal call.

If West changes the call to 2D, the "new" bid shows a diamond suit, then the bid is very similar in meaning to the withdrawn 1D bid. East doesn't have any unauthorised information and can bid or pass.

However, if West **changes** the call to a Pass, East knows that the West hand has a diamond suit even though it has not actually been bid. To make sure that East doesn't take advantage of the knowledge, East is not permitted to bid again.

This gets more complicated if bids with a special meaning are involved.

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1NT	2H	2H

West has failed to notice the 2H overcall. The 2H response to 1NT was meant to initiate a transfer and shows 5 or more spades. North declines to accept West's 2H bid. If West changes the bid to 2S, the new bid also shows five or more spades and is "comparable". The "comparable" idea is a bit complex but is intended to allow the hand to continue as normal as often as possible.

If your opponents make an insufficient, and the director rules, and you feel the outcome of the hand is worse for you than it should be, call the director back and ask them to consider an adjusted score.

Do remember that calling the director is not a hostile act. You are only asking that any disadvantage to you of your opponents' mistake is corrected..

Recycling pill blister packs

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

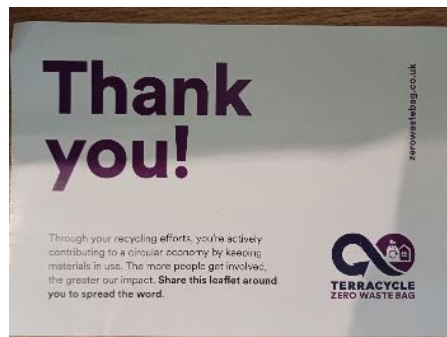
This keeps them out of landfill, the sea and from being burnt.

We filled **TWENTY ONE** 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)

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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