
♥ Heart of England Bridge News November 2025

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Welcome to Members,
Learners, Visitors and Guests!

I hope you find something that interests you.

Nicky

November 2025

Autumn Timetable

Tuesdays:

Beginners Southam Afternoons
Online Friendly Practice Evenings

Wednesdays:

Gentle Bridge Swinford Afternoons

Thursdays:

Improvers Kenilworth BC Afternoons
Beginners Kenilworth BC Evenings

Save the Date:

December 6th Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs
Heart of England @ Kenilworth Bridge Club
Now Open for booking, click here:

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwor/bw.cgi?pid=display_page7&wd=1&club=heartofengland

DID YOU KNOW?

Tippling. Is it legal? Is it permitted?

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My News

In addition to being an EBU Shareholder on behalf of Northants County Bridge Association...

I have also become a trustee of English Bridge Education and Development.

Do you have any questions about EBU or EBED?

Next Beginners Course

I plan to run a new beginners course starting in January.
I don't where yet, or on what day of the week, or time of day.

If you, or someone you know, would like to learn our wonderful game, please get in touch and indicate your preference:

day of week

time of day

online

Rugby/Southam/Swinford/somewhere else in the area.

Swiss Pairs

6 x Six Board Rounds

Blue Pointed



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**Saturday 6th
December**

11.00-17.00

Coffee/Tea Provided
Bring your own lunch

*£15 Per
Player*

Venue:

Kenilworth Bridge Club

Warwick Rd, Kenilworth CV8 1FE

Booking Open Now

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pid=display_page7&wd=1&club=heartofengland](https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwor/bw.cgi?pid=display_page7&wd=1&club=heartofengland)

Learn the Best Card Game: Bridge in Southam



From the beginning, for everyone

Tuesday Afternoons 13.00-15.00

Check website

Nicky and Jim Bainbridge

Try first session free, no obligation

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Learn the Best Card Game: Bridge in Southam

Tuesday Afternoons 13.00-15.00 From 9th Sept



9 September 2025	L01 Introduction and Card Play
16 September 2025	L02 High Card Points and Shape
23 September 2025	No Lesson
30 September 2025	L03 Bidding Boxes - The Auction
07 October 2025	L04 The 1NT Opening Bid
14 October 2025	L05 Reply to 1NT Balanced Hand
21 October 2025	L06 Reply to 1NT Unbalanced Hand
28 October 2025	L07 Raising Partner's Suit
04 November 2025	L08 Other Replies
11 November 2025	L09 Opener Bids Again
18 November 2025	No Lesson
25 November 2025	L10 Strong Balanced Hands

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£5 per lesson

We are reaching the later lessons in the Southam beginners course.

You are welcome to join any of them. £5

Check the website for topics and dates.

Also the start time has been brought forward to **13.00** to avoid the school day end.



Tuesday Eve Online Friendly Practice

19.30 for one hour

Check the website for joining details.

You can play on RealBridge using any laptop or tablet. A bigger screen and a decent Internet connection will make it better.

However, you can play without camera or microphone. Test your set up by clicking here:

<https://play.realbridge.online/camera.html>

Find out more about RealBridge by clicking here:

<https://realbridge.online/player-guide.html>

The links for all sessions will be on the web site, in the calendar entry for the session.

To join sessions, click on the session link a few minutes before the start time.

You will see a login screen. Type your name (or some of it). If you know it, put your EBU number in. Click login.

You should be able to see "tables".

Click on any vacant seat, or with your partner. Call me 07710 467 023 if you need help.

Gentle Bridge at Swinford Village Hall

For anyone
with a basic
knowledge
of bridge

Wednesday
Afternoons
13.30-15.30

Contact us if
you would like
to learn the
game.



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Bainbridge*

£5 per session

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Jim and I are away for one week in November, and then there are a couple of weeks when the hall is needed for a panto.

The Landlord at the Chequers has kindly offered to let us play at the pub for a couple of weeks, though he would like us to start at 1.00pm rather than 1.30pm.

So the plan is:

Wednesday 5th Nov - 1.30pm Village Hall

Wednesday 12th Nov - 1.30pm Village Hall

NOT Wednesday 19th Nov - Bainbridge Holiday (again!)

Wednesday 26th November - 1.00pm Chequers (Jim on his own, so please help him all you can)

Wednesday 3rd December - 1.00pm Chequers

Wednesday 10th December - 1.30pm Village Hall

Beginners Bridge @ Kenilworth Bridge Club

From the
beginning, for
everyone

Thursday
Evenings
19.00-21.00
From 11th Sept



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Improvers at Kenilworth Bridge Club

Thursday Afternoons
4pm-6pm

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11 September 2025	BJ01 Three Level Pre-empts
18 September 2025	BJ02 Weak Two Openings
25 September 2025	No Lesson
02 October 2025	BJ03 Strong Hands with Weak Twos
09 October 2025	BP01 To Clear or Not to Clear
16 October 2025	BP07 Unblocking
23 October 2025	BP14 Suit Preference Signals
30 October 2025	BC02 When Opponents Overcall
06 November 2025	BC03 Advancing Overcalls
13 November 2025	BC06 Two Suited Overcalls
20 November 2025	No Lesson
27 November 2025	BJ08 1NT The Chameleon

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DID YOU KNOW?

Tippling. Is it legal? Is it permitted?

Leaving a bidding card slanted to remind the player of the current contract is reassuring and helpful to learners and novices.

Law 40B2(d) states that: "Unless the Regulating Authority provides otherwise a player is not entitled to any aids to his memory, calculation or technique during the auction period and play."

However, Law 41C: "... After it is too late to have previous calls restated (see B), declarer or either defender, at his own turn to play, is entitled to be informed as to what the contract is and whether, but not by whom, it was doubled or redoubled. "

These days, playing online, the contract is displayed throughout the card play.

Some years ago I asked a national TD if this meant that tippling was lawful, the informal opinion was yes.

The position each teacher and club takes is up to them.

I allow players to tipple during lessons, practice and gentle bridge. Of course I remind them occasionally that they will not be able to do this when representing England at European level.

Teachers and clubs need to be clear on this. In my view this separates teachers and clubs that are welcoming to learners and novices from those that put the strictest interpretation of the laws and regulations first.

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