

Dear Members

This is newsletter No.30 and I am pleased to say I will hopefully be speaking to many of you in person when we open the club on Monday 13th September.

Arrangements for our return to Greystones

We intend to start slowly with Monday bridge. We want you to feel as safe and secure as possible so will be trying to follow the government guidelines by

- Spacing the tables out and covering them with clean table clothes
- New cards within cleaned boards
- Bidding boxes sanitised – East/West to take the boxes with them when they move
- Having sanitisers around for easy use
- Opening windows and leaving doors ajar

We ask that you do not use the kitchen so if you want a drink please bring one with you. Also you may feel chilly as the nights draw in so make sure you have another layer to put on to stay warm.

Face coverings may be worn if you so choose

There will be no host list so if you want to come along and play and do not have a partner please respond to the e:mail John Lee sends with this newsletter and we will try to pair people up.

Please also bring along your £6 subscription in cash so that David can easily deal with the element that needs to be paid to H.C.A. If you paid your H.C.A subscription on line and have not collected your membership card we will endeavour to have these available for you.

A.G.M at Greystones on Wednesday 22nd September – 5.30 for 6 p.m.

You may recall we held an electronic A.G.M. Last year in September and on that occasion only dealt with the most urgent item in relation to appointments to the Committee. There are, therefore, a number of issues to be resolved so that is why we have scheduled the meeting as above to seek members views on progressing the matters that are outstanding. The A.G.M papers are being prepared and will be sent out electronically to all members next week. Those members who do not have email will receive them by hand delivery. I hope you will make the effort to join us. A little light refreshment will be available before the start of the meeting and some friendly bridge afterwards for those that wish to stay on.

Our HDBC On Line Bridge Club

Like me, I am sure many of you have enjoyed the efforts of Arthur, David, Su and Thelma/Mike when we have logged onto StepBridge every Wednesday evening. The Committee feel we would like to continue the on line club but need to move the tournament night from a Wednesday to a Thursday. Please note, therefore, that on Wednesday 22nd September (the A.G.M night) the on line club will move to the next night – Thursday 23rd September – and, subject to there being sufficient support, our Wednesday night Greystones bridge will re-commence on Wednesday 29th September.

On-Line Teams Bridge

The present series of on-line team matches finishes on Monday 6th September. I am sure all of us who have played in the various series of these matches will want to thank Mike Thacker for his dedication and hard work to make these matches the success they have been. It's over a year now since Mike initiated these and we all know it has not been without it's own trials and tribulations. The Committee will review the position on Teams in due course once we have experience of the numbers returning to face-to-face Bridge on Monday's.

Lunch and Bridge at South Lawns Hotel

I mentioned this event last month and would like to remind you that the hotel are holding a provisional booking for us on **Friday 29th October – 12 noon for 12.30 p.m.** I will need to confirm numbers by latest 13th September so please let me know if you can join us so that we can establish if it is worth pursuing the booking and agreeing menus and prices. If you are coming to bridge on 13th September you can tell me then or phone me to confirm you want to be included.

And finally, it was lovely to see all of you who joined us at Greystones for tea and cake on 28th July and a special word of thanks to my Committee who worked the oracle with their signature recipes. My carrot cake was given a thumbs up by so many who wanted the recipe but I am holding my hands up and telling you all that I did not make it. Cakes are not my speciality – nobody eats them in our house!!!

So - looking forward to Monday 13th September and our return to Greystones and our special game.

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