

## Highcliffe Duplicate Bridge Club

Dear Members

### ***Staying in touch and thinking of you all***

***It is hard to believe that we are in week four  
Have you had a call or a knock on the door  
My only caller last week was a man with a van  
Who delivered some paint and then off he ran***

***The weekend weather certainly eased the routine  
'Lock-down' more bearable than it might have been  
They say the virus does not spread in the heat  
So let's hope the sun will continue to beat***

***I am pleased to say that my jig-saw is now done  
It was frustrating and challenging but it was quite fun  
As it took me so long I don't want to dump  
A harbour of beauty so I'll send it to Trump!!!***

### **Christchurch Harbour**



BUT I must tell you about the real highlight of last week. I managed to play bridge on line and was thrilled at how challenging and absorbing the hands were. I played with three friends and we booked a table on the BBO site. Yes - I was very apprehensive about being able to cope – I'm not a wiz with computers – but it was actually very easy. Instructions about how to log onto the BBO site and to register are included alongside the Mr Bridge (Bernard Magee) sessions but if you need further help give me a call. It is best to arrange to play as a four because once you are all registered you can book a table and play together rather than with strangers or with a robot.

Lesley Lewis has responded to my plea about interesting and unusual hands and sent me the hand below where she said the bidding was so difficult. She asks if you can work out how the bidding went. East was dealer and opened **one heart..** Lesley was playing South.

	<b>North</b>	
	<b>QJ1052</b>	
	<b>Void</b>	
	<b>J984</b>	
	<b>8753</b>	
<b>West</b>		<b>East</b>
<b>K7</b>		<b>A983</b>
<b>10</b>		<b>KJ9873</b>
<b>KQ76532</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>964</b>		<b>J2</b>
	<b>South</b>	
	<b>64</b>	
	<b>AQ6542</b>	
	<b>A</b>	
	<b>AKQ10</b>	

I will let you know Lesley's comments and the outcome of the hand in next week's newsletter.

The Easter Egg competition in last week's newsletter was won by Colin Christmas who provided the correct answer to making 6 spades. I will have to search for some more difficult hands as Collin's answer arrived in my inbox not long after the Newsletter was published! Well done Colin.

As it is likely the 'Staying at Home' will be extended, do please let me know if you need any help. Anne Ponting has passed on the details of a young friend of hers, lolla Grace, and I will be happy to put her in touch with anyone who needs help with shopping, etc. or just wants the comfort of a person to chat to.. I have enjoyed hearing from many of you by phone and e:mail. I don't need any encouragement to chat!

So – stay healthy and keep smiling because we will enjoy being together all the more when we meet again.

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