

Dear Member

Firstly I must say how sorry I was to have to suspend the club for two weeks. I did not do this without taking advice from the experts but, as your Chairman, my key concern is the safety and protection of you the members. Without a doubt we must continue to take care to keep COVID at bay and that will also mean that we must make sure the bridge room is set up assist this ideal. Come winter you will need layers. BUT for now let us enjoy our beautiful summer.

Looking forward I now want to focus on dates for your diary and events we have scheduled for your enjoyment.

**On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July @ 4.30 p.m at Greystones House** – the Highcliffe Community Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting. Their recent newsletter sets out the details and the current Trustees and they would very much welcome your attendance as a member of the Association.

**On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September** we will be playing for the Halliday Trophy. This will be a teams event similar to our usual teams tournaments. If you are not familiar with this trophy take a look below:-



The original trophy donated in memory of Pat Halliday was full and Ray Halliday provided a follow on Trophy which was engraved '**Cancer Research Bridge Teams of Four Trophy**'. Both trophies are hung in the Coffee lounge. It is awarded to the Winners of the annual random Swiss Teams in aid of Cancer Research. The event is generally held on a Monday when members are invited to donate £2 per person in addition to their table money in aid of Cancer Research'. Any members not able to play in the event but wishing to make a donation should approach Alan Ponting, our Treasurer, who will add any such contributions to the overall total. I will, therefore, remind you next month to sign up on the teams list to ensure we have a good turnout.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October at South Lawn Hotel** – You will have the opportunity to check out the menu for the lunch and sign up with your options at the end of next month. It is nice to know that the hotel have promised to keep the costs the same as last year in the hope that you will be encouraged to put the date in your diary.

That's all for now folks – I will get back into 'ditty mode' for my next newsletter. But for now - I am all out of ideas!!!

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