

Dear Member

It is a bit late for me to wish you all a happy new year but let us all hope that the very depressing messages that we regularly hear turn to more encouraging news as 2023 progresses.

So what have we got to look forward to in the coming months ?

Bridge Lunch at South Lawn – Friday 24th March – 12 noon for 12.30 p.m

I will be putting the list on the administration table in the bridge room shortly for you to put your name down with your partner and to tick the menu selection. The menu is set out below to give you advance information -

Main Course

A. Braised Beef Stroganoff, Fondant Potato

B. Roast Breast of Chicken with Maple and Mustard, Spring Onion & Pancetta Mash

C. Fillet of Bream, crushed herb potato romesco sauce, roasted fennel

D. Creamed Leek & Mushroom Strudel, Chive Butter Sauce

Dessert

E. Sticky Toffee Pudding, Vanilla Ice Cream

F. White Chocolate & Almond Cheesecake, Blackberry Compote

G. Local Cheese & Biscuits, Apple Chutney

Tea/Coffee and mints

The cost is £30 p.p and £29 p.p for lunch only. Payment in cash or cheque payable to Hichcliffe Duplicate Bridge Club or if you want to pay by bank transfer please ask Alan Ponting for the details. Whatever the method your payment must be received by latest Wednesday 8th March.

Ladder Pairs

Our Ladder Pairs competition has now started. It is played on the fourth Monday and Wednesday of each month but it is not too late for you to join in. It involves you and your partner playing in our normal duplicate events on the 4th Monday or 4th Wednesday of the month and you need to play minimum of 5 times to be considered in the results which will be announced at our Christmas events. The results will be compiled on both a normal basis and handicapped basis the latter being based on 2022 full year duplicate results for each individual. These handicaps are displayed on the club notice board. The cost is £2 per person and must be paid to David Charlton before the 4th Monday/Wednesday of February. David does a lot

of work keeping the results up-to-date so please make the competition worth while by joining in.

The Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 3rd May 5.30 for 6 p.m

Our major event of the year is just three months away and I must ask you, yet again, to consider if you can make a contribution to the running of our great club. With 80 members and a club providing bridge on two evenings and an afternoon each week we need members who are prepared to help the smooth running of the club. Aside from the officials (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) there is also the Membership Secretary, Host List organiser and the members who undertake specific jobs such as the the management of the Scoring System, the opening up of the building and setting up the bridge room etc. If you are able to consider being nominated for the committee or helping out generally please do speak to me before the nomination process commences at the end of the month. I will be happy to discuss the tasks in question and answer any of your questions. You need to be aware that we especially need nominations for the position of Chairman and Secretary as both myself and Liz Puxley are not eligible for re-election.

Social Bridge – Friday afternoons from 1.30 – 4.0 p.m.

At the last A.G.M we were asked to explore the possibility of day-time bridge. It took a great deal of work with Greystones to find suitable space and a suitable day to start this. Having commenced just before Christmas with Tuesday morning sessions it transpires that this day is not really suitable to many who might otherwise come to play. We have now negotiated with the Rubber Bridge Section, who are prepared to give up Room 2 on a Friday afternoon and move to Room 3, as they only have around 3 tables playing. As you know there are six tables available in Room 2 so we look forward to many of you joining us every Friday afternoon starting on Friday 3rd February. You don't need a partner – just your £1 contribution to Greystones.

That's all for now folks – and don't forget your club needs YOU.

Pat Carruthers (01425 616312)

Chairman

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