

Dear Member

This is my last newsletter before I stand down as your Chairman and as in the past I have a number of important issues to bring to your attention.

### **Highcliffe Community Association – renewal of subscriptions**

For those of you who use on line banking please go to the H.C.A website (as a quick approach click on the link at the bottom of our website page) and go to Membership renewal and follow the instructions to pay your £10 subscription. It is important that you have your membership card available (if you are renewing your membership) so that you can input your membership number. Your new membership card will be available on 1<sup>st</sup> May and on that evening H.C.A will be available to renew your membership and at the same time you can pay your bridge membership. I am sure you are pleased that H.C.A chose not to increase their subscription and you must be equally delighted that your bridge committee has agreed to reduce the subscription from £6 to £4.

If you are not an on line banking enthusiast/user then you will need to pay your £10 during the day from 1<sup>st</sup> May by going to Greystones or on 1<sup>st</sup> May when Greystones members will be available before we play bridge. Also the receptionists at Greystones will be happy to renew your subscription BUT you must have your membership number/current card with you so that the number can be transferred to your new card. Once you have done that you can then pay your bridge subscription but again you will need to demonstrate that you have paid your H.C.A subscription first by presenting your membership card.

### **Highcliffe Duplicate Bridge Club Annual General Meeting**

The A.G.M will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 5.30 p.m. for registration with drinks/nibbles to be followed by a prompt 6 p.m. start. Your papers will be sent out by email week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> April and we do hope you will make every effort to attend. Following the meeting there will be a session of duplicate bridge, slightly shorter than usual, but please note there will not be a host available so please make sure you have a partner.

### **Social Bridge**

It is pleasing to see how popular social bridge on a Friday afternoon has become. Much of its success has been due to the time and effort that Thelma Price, Jo Phillips and John Lee have made available to organise the movements and provide the results just to those playing. We hope that some of those attending will eventually come along to our club nights once they have gained the necessary confidence. And to any of you who might like to play on a Friday afternoon please make sure you are at Greystones by 1.20 p.m for a prompt 1.30 p.m start.

### **Bridge Lunch at South Lawn Hotel**

As our event in March was again such a success I have booked for the Autumn and a date for your diary is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 12 noon.

For the benefit of our new members this is my last newsletter (No.44). I started these as we went into lockdown and the club was closed to try to keep our members together and would always

try to find a topical subject to help me write a ditty. All my newsletters can be found on our website under the heading of 'News Pages'.

**And now for my Swan Song or rather my last Ditty**

*It has been a long and winding road  
But I can see a lifting load  
At times it has been such fun  
And some times I wanted to run  
Away to a very quiet place  
Where I was not be competing in a race  
To be the best when the results told me  
I was actually bottom of the tree  
But what pleasure when I got a top  
And my partner said 'don't stop'  
You have all been such kind folk  
and never blamed me when I revoked.  
I wonder what I will do next  
To save myself from being vexed  
I could take up something to keep me fit  
But that would probably mean a new kit  
So instead I will think hard and plan  
To help the days go as well as they can  
And keep me active in body and soul  
I wonder if I could manage to bowl  
May be Yoga would be a better choice  
As I hear something like a familiar voice  
Telling me to stop being such a bore  
As it is likely I won't get up from the floor!!!*

So that really is all from me. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the A.G.M on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.