



HDBC Newsletter Number 60

Dear Member,

I am writing this as the rain pours down outside - hence the illustration above!

The Christmas parties seem a long time ago but thank you to everyone who helped with them . We hope that you all enjoyed them.

Bidding

Adding the bidding seems to be working well. It does mean that you can look up any hands to see the bidding sequence for everyone. It definitely helps with those hands where you wonder how a pair managed to get into a particular contract.

Thank you again to Mike Price for sorting this all out.

Teams

Teams now seems to be running smoothly, generally with 6 teams involved. Thank you to everyone for supporting it as it does give a bit of variety. Please don't forget that we can sort out partners if you don't have one and that we always need reserves in case of last minute problems.

Thank you to Margaret for organising this.

Bridge Lunch

Don't forget to put the lunch at South Lawn in your diary for **1st May**.

Details of the menu are below. The good news is that they have held the price of the meal again

Please sign up so that we know numbers in advance.

BRIDGE/LUNCH

Friday 1st May March 2026

12 noon for 12.30

South Lawn Hotel, Milford on Sea, Lymington Road, SO41 0RF

Cost: £35.00 to include 2 Course Lunch, Gratuity and Prizes

MENU CHOICE

A. Cooked Beef Steak, creamed horseradish Potato, mushroom and peppercorn sauce

B. Roast Breast of Chicken, stuffed with goat's cheese, basil and wrapped with bacon, tomato and nduja sauce

C. Fillet of Bass, Parsley and dill Potatoes, tender stem broccoli, béarnaise sauce

D. Spinach, chestnut mushroom and brie strudel, Lyonnaise potato, chive butter sauce

All served with a Selection of Seasonal Vegetables

E. Raspberry and passionfruit Pavlova, coconut ice cream

F. Chocolate, cherry and ginger frangipani

G. Cheese & Biscuits, Tomato and Apple Chutney.

Freshly brewed Coffee and Chocolate Mints

SIGN UP ON LIST

Pay David Bradshaw (Treasurer).

Cheques made payable to Highcliffe Duplicate Bridge Club

For internet payment please see David

Members should use their surname as the reference when paying for the lunch.

AGM

Another reminder, the AGM will be on **Wednesday 20th May 2026**. We will have the meeting followed but a slightly shortened evening of bridge. If you come to the social bridge on a Friday or to Peter's intermediate group please do come along.

The Chairman and Secretary will be standing down at the AGM.

We must have a Chair and Secretary if the club is to operate so it is important that people volunteer for the roles. Please don't assume that someone else will step up.

POEM

And finally, I was given the following poem - by Margaret I think

BRIDGE POEM

I'm giving up bridge-Tonight's my last night
It's amen to Stayman, I give up the fight.
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles
And I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.
My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten who's played
and what's trumps and what's gone on my right!
So for now it's all over- I ' m off to the back wood
I'm bidding good-bye to Gerber and Blackwood
I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain
I'm getting those bad cards again and again.
So I'm giving up bridge- Tonight's a bad night.
Declarer is horrid and nothing's going right.
My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope.
And when she says "double" I know we're in trouble.
My points are not high and I'm wondering why
She kept on bidding right up to the sky.
We're in seven spades and all my hope fades
When surprise, surprise, the high bidding pays!
We're winning all tricks, the defenders feel sick,
And I have to admit my partner's a brick
But I'm giving up bridge-Tonight's my last night!
Farewell to conventions- I give up the fight?
So I leave with few words but some that are true,
Bridge is a game- not for me but for you.
So be kind to your partners and don't mind their cheek.
For it's only a game- Oh! Yes. I'll see you next week

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