

HDBC Newsletter Number 62

Dear Members

As we are fast approaching the festive season and the end of 2026, a few details need to be passed on to you all.

Christmas parties/events
These will be held on Wednesday 9th December and Monday 14th December. There will be light refreshments (mince pies and savoury nibbles) as well as wine and soft drinks, for you all to enjoy, before we commence Bridge. The format will be a shorter than usual duplicate session, with a few prizes randomly awarded at the end of the evening. We hope that some of our Friday afternoon members will come along to either of these evenings too. You would be most welcome. **Please note that no host is available on these evenings.**

Playing cards
Members have noted that the cards are getting a bit messy and need changing. Some cards have recently been changed and the remainder will be done in January, after Christmas parties!

Timer
As you will recall, the question of using a Timer at the evening Bridge sessions was raised at the AGM. The views of all members are being sought on this proposal, and an update will be available in the New Year. Thanks to ALL for your action on slow play, noisy chat, patience and regard for other players, and comments regarding the Timer.

Host List & Duties

The new list will be available, by the end of November, for you to view on the Club noticeboard and the website. Please check this and make a note in your diary of your next duty. For your information, we don't include directors and scorers, and people who have health issues on this list. As a result, the number of eligible members is much reduced.

Thanks to all of you who have completed a host duty this year.

Club opening/closing details

Greystones is closed between 21st December and 1st January 2027. As there is no heating during this time, there will be no bridge meetings either.

Bridge lunch 2027

Arrangements are in the process of being completed for this to be held in the Colin Nash restaurant at The Retreat next April. Final details will follow in due course.

Festive regards to you all – from your committee.

Christine