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2012 Olympics Legacy

One outcome of the 2012 Olympics is an appeal to us to "build on the legacy" at local level, including more competitive games for the young. Will you raise your game and assist the young to perform new feats? - David Bygott

Youth bridge in schools

Mini-bridge helps youngsters to count, think logically, work with a partner – and have fun! Dozens of volunteers are bringing youth bridge to schools around the county. **Could you help** at primary or secondary level? Get county-wide info by emailing Marryat Stevens

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or for Oxford city and North Oxon

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Teenagers who shine at youth bridge may one day play as internationals. Did you follow this year's World Youth Championships where the OBA's **Freddie Illingworth** (16) was in the fine England team that reached the quarter-finals? If you enjoy blog reports by an npc, read about **Freddie** in action in Bulletin 1 (page 6) from this summer's EBU congress in Brighton. Find it on the EBU website at:

www.ebu.co.uk/documents/BF_12_1.pdf

below: Mini-bridge at Wallingford BC (photo: Mike Bennett)



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Happy 20th birthday to Summertown B.C.



(photo: v. Zyl, The George, Dorchester on Thames)

<http://www.thegeorgeдорchester.co.uk/>

To get OBA members into the fresh air, how about starting an event with bridge hands played whilst riding on a coach tour of historic hotels? With stops for tasty refreshment!

Team Oxon?

If the British Olympic Association's marketing director, **Marzena Bogdanowicz**, felt the official name of the Great Britain and Northern Ireland team was "a mouthful" and thus promoted the 'Team GB brand', might the OBA introduce a uniform for its county team, complete with sponsor's logo, then re-name it Team Oxon? Get enough sponsors on board, we might tempt some top stars from abroad to represent Team Oxon. Hey, if **Monaco** can do it...

Issue 17 quiz prize winners:

Gillian Weatherley, a meal for two at the **Fleur de Lys**, East Hagbourne,
Nick Smith, a signed card by **Linda Benton** of The Ark Studio, East Hagbourne

OBA congress – a hit

Pairs playing in our first **Welcome Day Pairs** in Drayton declared it a great success. Whilst the emphasis was on sociability, you can check out their personal bests on the OBA website.

<http://www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk>

In Steventon **Lishkov/Rowland** won gold in the Pairs from **Nicholas/Roberts** (on a split-tie) and OBA Chairman **Robert Procter** won the Teams silver with **Robinson/Kaye/Angus**.

Follow the stars?

An OBA group is reviewing the criteria to be met to represent Oxon, e.g. only players with a real connection to our EBU-defined county?

England teams (in Lille this month for a bridge version of the Olympics) have to satisfy similar criteria. **Have you a view**, since OBA teams get some support from the table money you pay? There is a new model: **Monaco**, whose team has a French pair plus stars from Norway and Italy who may have got fast-track citizenship. This star-studded Monaco team may win in Lille and become world champions. Should the OBA try this? Select players from anywhere who might win for us? **So we can have a party!**

Olympics prize quiz

You may win if you get two right.

1. At London 2012 the marathon passed the railings outside Buckingham Palace which are topped by which design?
lion's head - corgi - fleur de lys
2. The Jewish neurologist who fled with his family from the Nazis to Oxford and at Stoke Mandeville Hospital became "father of the Paralympic games" was called Ludwig... ?
Beethoven - Guttmann - Wittgenstein
3. Oxford hurdler Maureen Gardner broke the world record in her final at London 1948 and won... ?
gold - silver - bronze

Entries by Fri 31 August (with name & EBU no) to the Editor or to viccy@oaxon.eu

Stop press.. Stop press... An extra prize!
A delightful signed card by **Linda Benton**.

A tip for the non-expert: Burn your oil wisely

A non-expert pair began well recently (at a club in Oxfordshire) by setting hearts as trumps.

<i>dummy (West)</i>	<i>declarer (East)</i>
♠ AJ103	♠ K82
♥ Q1082	♥ AKJ3
♦ 2	♦ AJ94
♣ 10732	♣ 65

South led ♣A, ♣K and then ♣Q. which declarer (E) ruffed. She promptly drew trumps in three rounds, finishing with a total of **nine** tricks. Can you see how she might have made **ten**?

(See the next newsletter update.)

Win a tasty prize

*In the lovely village of Ford, between Thame and Stoke Mandeville, stands the historic and most welcoming **Dinton Hermit**. The lucky winner of our prize quiz will win a meal for two here.*

(photo: David Bygott)



<http://www.dintonhermit.co.uk>

What would an expert do?

Certain bridge techniques go by the term 'coup', e.g. *Bath Coup*, the *Vienna*, the *Merrimac*. At a recent teams event a keen player met a new one. He was last to call (at red/red) holding...

♠765 ♥K9 ♦94 ♣AKQ1097

The auction began: 1♠ – P – P – ?

What did he call? What coup did he lose to?

(See the next newsletter update.)