

OXFORDSHIRE BRIDGE

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The game of choice for all ages

At bridge you may finish bottom as your ed did recently (sorry, partner) or finish top (like **Oxon A** in the Midlands League in 2011-12 and **Wallingford BC's A** team in the Wessex League 2011-12 or the young squad from **Brightwell cum Sotwell C of E primary school**, see below). Either way, a new event will soon be here to challenge us again. You may even win a fine prize in our latest OBA newsletter **quiz** (see p. 2). Remember: entry is for OBA members and is **free**. Good luck!. - *David Bygott*



photos: the editor

Wicked!

On a sunny Sunday at Wallingford BC under the kind gaze of TD Mike Bennett pupils from nine Oxon primary schools tried their sums and their luck in a 9-table mini-bridge tournament. Your editor awarded the **winning team** a bird feeder (donated by Chinnor Garden Centre). The **winning pair** (right) were Liam & Lewis from **William Fletcher** school, **Yarnton**, mentored by Peter Finbow. How did youngsters judge the mini-bridge day? "Wicked!" On July 4 a team of twenty from five schools will take on the **House of Lords**. Watch this space...



A new event... welcome!

On Sat 16 June our first Welcome Day Pairs for less experienced players (under 10,000 local points) runs at Drayton Village Hall OX14 4LG. One to enjoy! For more details see www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk/teams/social/2012_welcomedaypairs.pdf

One pair to win the Sandra Landy Trophy.

OBA Congress in Steventon

For time and venue of the GP Swiss Pairs on Sat 16 June or Swiss Teams on Sun 17 June see www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk

OBA Mixed Pairs Championship

Did you remember to enter for Sun 10 June? see: www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk

Letter to the editor re prize quiz, issue 16

The staff at **Wheatley Farm Shop** recommended that we left the selection until May when the summer baskets would be ready. We are delighted with our prize and found the staff very friendly & helpful. Thanks again for all you do. - *Graham Elliott, Frilford Heath*

Ed: Thank you for the photo, Graham. Two new prizes are on offer on page 2.



Best choice on the day (1)

In May **Alastair Gidman** of Summertown BC competed in the **Schapiro Spring Fours** at Stratford upon Avon (a KO teams event full of internationals). Wow, imagine! **Alastair** and his team of experts get to play against current world champions de Wijs, Vanheer and van Prooijen - and make the quarter-final. To reach the semi **Alastair** just has to get this one right. As South, vul against not, he holds:

♠J983 ♥75 ♦T94 ♣A753.

East (Alastair's RHO) opens a systemic 2♥ showing ♥ and minor (likely to be quite weak)

	N	E	S	W
-	2♥	p	2NT (= both minors)	
x	3♣	p	4♣	
x	p	?		

What should **Alastair** do now?

- (a) bid 4♠ for a safe game bonus
- (b) pass and earn a fat penalty

For the best choice as the cards lay: see below.

Quiz to win lunch at this Fleur

1. Pictures by which artist hang in this Fleur?
Benton - Bacon - Botero - Hurd-Wood
2. Who acted BBC's Fleur Forsyte in 1967?
Julie London - Susan Hampshire - Natalie Wood
3. What game is Q2's lady known to play?
bridge - Aunt Sally - pinochle

Get your 3 answers to the Editor (with your name & EBU number) by Wed 27 June.

Perhaps your Bridge Club Sec will email them?

Best choice on the day (2)

Alastair chose (a) but 4♠ went off 1 and his team lost 79-86. Had he defended 4♣, his team would have got into the semi-final. Aargh!

A watercolour by Linda Benton



A helping hand

CB plays bridge in Oxford and also Wantage but had little experience of big events until she tried the EBU's Ranked Masters. On one board she called a TD to her table for a ruling. Still she wasn't happy. Hm, what now?

CB had heard you could appeal against a TD's ruling, but felt too shy to do so – until she was given some friendly support by two old hands from the Oxon County squad. Boosted by this she appealed – and won. You don't always win appeals. But well done, CB, for not fearing an appeals panel. And well done to AW and DT for taking time during an event to lend advice.

Win a Sunday lunch for two at the C17th Fleur de Lys

East Hagbourne OX11 9LN

<http://www.thefleurdelyspub.com>



The people's choice

In 2009 artist **Linda Benton's** lively montage of **Didcot** was hailed "the People's Choice". To win a greetings card of her painting, signed by her especially for this prize quiz, answer this...

Is Linda's nearby studio, *The Ark*, in

- (a) East Hagbourne (b) Bicester (c) Banbury?

Answer to the Editor by Wed 27 June.

Winner of caption contest, issue 16

Peter Finbow: "Three g(no)me trumps needed some luck, but the black cat was on side."

Correct answers to the **Alfredo Campoli** quiz were 1c, 2b, 3a. Details of the winners will appear in summer issue 18 with a new quiz.