



## News

# December 2017

### Chairman's blog post

Robert Procter has posted to the [blog](#) on the County website. He describes some of the developments in the pipeline and discusses the increasingly-prominent issue of perceived differences between “friendly” and “serious” bridge. Do take a look, and do make comments to [Robert](#) (or to [me](#) and I will pass them on).

### Results

It has been a month of repeated successes.

Having done so last year for the first time in decades, Oxfordshire has again qualified for the final of the national inter-county championships for teams of eight, the [Tollemache Cup](#). This is a great result in the EBU's premier County event. Our team was **Alan Wilson (captain)/Chris Cooper, Aleks Lishkov/Ian Angus, Christopher Whitehouse/Mary-Ann Sheehy, Emily Middleton/ Nick Smith, and Michael Robinson/Robert Procter**.

The final is next February, in Solihull.

Having won the OBA Blue-Pointed Swiss Pairs in December 2016, **John Deech and Robert Procter** did so again last Sunday.

It was very good to see new faces at the event, some finishing in strong positions.

The [County teams](#) played in the Dawes League against Warwickshire. Our A-team and B-team lost while the C-team continued its winning run. The B-team is currently top of [its division of the League](#) and the C-team second in its division.

**Nigel Wilkes and John Slater**, who won the County Seniors Pairs in October, won again in November. They are strongly placed at the top of the 2017/18 ladder.

### Events

The **County Pairs competition** is due for a first round on Sunday 28th January 2018, with the final on 11<sup>th</sup> March. Entry for the first day is £10 including tea. See the County website for [details](#). It would be marvellous to see more new faces: if you haven't entered before, please do give it thought. The final awards green points.

The [Harwell Cup](#) event (for teams of 4) will be held on Sunday 11th February 2018 at Roke (Wallingford). Blue points are awarded.

The EBU website carries [information about master points](#) and their various colours.

The next [County Seniors Pairs](#) is on Monday, 11 December at Roke (near Wallingford). There are still enough events to come in the current season to enable you to challenge for top place on the ladder, or just enjoy the game and the company. Anyone can enter – OBA members aged 55+ last May qualify for the ladder.

### Management Committee

The latest Management Committee [minutes](#) are on the website.

### Children in Need

Oxfordshire clubs made generous contributions to the Children in Need appeal last month. **Oxford BC** and **Summertown BC** each raised over £1,000. Outstanding!

### Items for the Newsletter

If you have an item of news that might go in a future newsletter, please [let me know](#).

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