



News

November 2017

Results

The County teams played against the Staffordshire & Shropshire teams last month. Our A-team lost narrowly; the B-team and C-team won comfortably.

Nigel Wilkes and John Slater won the County Seniors Pairs.

Events

Reminder: the OBA Swiss Pairs (Blue Pointed) will take place in Oxford on Sunday 3rd December 2017.

The first weekend of the prestigious inter-County Tollemache Cup competition takes place on 18-19 November. In the corresponding event last year, Oxfordshire won its section and so gained a place in the final. More information on the [EBU website](#), including interim results during the weekend of play.

The next County Seniors Pairs is on Monday, 13 November at Roke (near Wallingford).

Management Committee

The County's Management Committee is meeting at the Horspath Hub on Monday 20 November. Members are invited to attend individually, and clubs can nominate representatives. Papers are on the County website [here](#).

New club evening

The Abbey Smith Bridge Club has added a Wednesday evening session to its weekly calendar. Sessions start at 7pm at the usual venue, Drayton Parslow Sports and Social Club. Unlike Thursday and Friday sessions, the Wednesday sessions are not hosted, but Abbey can be emailed in advance if you would like help finding a partner. Details on the [club website](#). You will see that the club has a [facebook page](#) too.

Children in Need

Many clubs are running sessions during the week of 13 November in aid of the Children in Need appeal, in some cases with cake, raffles and other attractions. This is an opportunity to help a highly-valued charity while having even more fun than is usual at your bridge session!

Seminar

Patrick Shields talked at Stanton St John to a throng of OBA members about preemptive bidding as it is done, and countered, at the highest levels of English and Welsh bridge. Those are levels at which Patrick plays and coaches, so he really knows his stuff.

Further talks by other experts are being planned – one for 18 January and another for 17 March. If you are interested, keep an eye on the [OBA website](#).

Patrick Shields speaking at the Oxford Festival Of Bridge 2017

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Items for the Newsletter

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