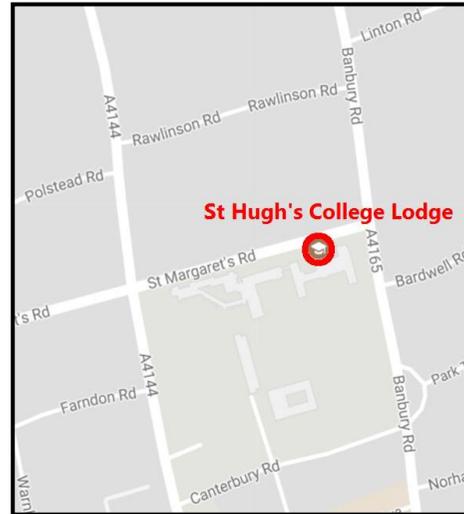
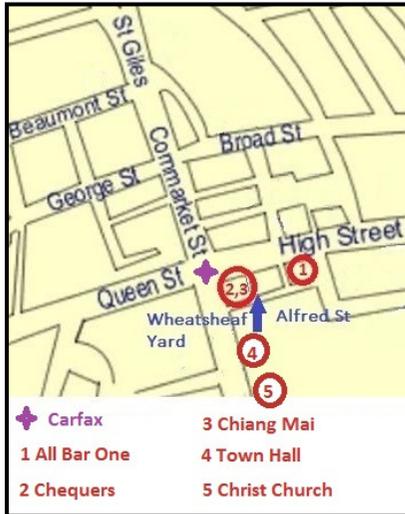


Where to find us



All Bar One

All Bar One is on the south side of the High Street, more or less opposite the entrance to the Covered Market. Your schedule for the day will include detailed instructions on how to find our playing areas at the other venues. Please see overleaf for information about buses and bus stops.

St Hugh's College

The entrance to St Hugh's is through the Lodge (main gate) on St Margaret's Road. You will be directed from there to the bar where we'll be meeting before dinner. The nearest bus stop is at St Margaret's Road, on either Banbury Road (bus routes 500 and 2) or Woodstock Road (bus route 700).

Contact us

For any questions before the start of the Festival, please contact Elena Jeffery by e-mail at festival@oxfordshirebridge.co.uk. The Festival web page is at www.oxfordbridgefestival.co.uk

During the Festival, the emergency contact number will be **07561 837764**. Volunteers will also be on hand at each venue during the day to help deal with any problems.

Oxford Festival of Bridge

Friday 21st September 2018

Daytime: Start from All Bar One, High St, Oxford OX1 4DF

Evening: St Hugh's College, St Margaret's Road, Oxford OX2 6LE

Programme

10.15 am onwards: Arrive at All Bar One for registration

11.00 – 12.30: 2 rounds of “café style” bridge

12.30 – 2.15: Lunch break

2.15 – 4.30: 3 rounds of “café style” bridge

4.30: Return to All Bar One for results

7 pm: (if pre-booked) Celebration dinner at St Hugh's



Please aim to reach All Bar One by 10.30 am at the latest, to allow time for registration and reaching your first venue, before the bridge begins at 11.00.

Our “café-style” bridge will take in five different venues within walking distance of Oxford's ancient Carfax Tower: one at Christ Church College, one in the Town Hall, and three at different restaurants or pubs (see map overleaf). Lunch is **NOT** included, but you can either pre-arrange to order your own at one of our venues, or make your own choice of one of the numerous places to eat in the city centre. If you prefer a sandwich, there will be time to explore the High Street or stroll around the lovely grounds of Christ Church.

Finally, in the evening, those who have pre-booked (including non-bridge playing partners of festival goers) will join us for a superb three-course celebration dinner with wine at St Hugh's – a rare opportunity to experience a formal menu prepared by a college chef. You should aim to arrive at St Hugh's by 7 pm and make your way initially to the college bar, where you may like to buy an aperitif before we sit down to eat at 7.30. The evening will finish at around 9.45 pm.

About the bridge

What do you mean by “café style”?

We're calling today's main event “café style” bridge, since of the five different venues we'll be using (All Bar One, the Chequers, Chiang Mai, the Priory Rooms at Christ Church and the Judge's Room in the Town Hall), only three provide food and drink. However, they're all located within easy walking distance of each other, centred around the historic Carfax crossroads at the western end of the High Street, and most players will move from one venue to another at the end of each round.

The main meeting point at the start and end of the day is All Bar One, and you should aim to be there no later than 10.15 am to register and receive your personal playing schedule, which will tell you exactly where you should be, and which pair you will be playing against, for each of the five rounds.

Lunch isn't included, but we'll have asked you for your lunch preference when you booked and if you've said you'd like to eat in one of our three “café” venues, that's where you'll be scheduled to stop at lunchtime. Otherwise, you'll have nearly two hours free to find a bite to eat and maybe explore the High Street, stroll down to the river through the lovely grounds of Christ Church, or even climb Carfax Tower and enjoy a spectacular view of the city centre.

By 4.30 pm everyone should be back at All Bar One, where you'll be able to pick up hand records, find out the results and see if you're among the lucky prizewinners.

Do I need a partner?

If you want to come with a partner, that's fine, but you don't need to. We'll match up single players, and there will be a host available in case of odd numbers.

How will it be scored?

Results for this event will be based on “aggregate” scoring, where you simply add together all your plus and minus scores for all the boards you play, and agree the result with your opponents at the end of each round. This means there will be no need to use Bridgemates (although we will be using bidding boxes, and pre-dealt hands, with hand records and commentaries available at the end of the event).

Where can I find the results?

Results for this event will be declared at All Bar One at about 5 pm, and will also be available on the Festival website at www.oxfordbridgefestival.co.uk.

Who's running this event?

The Oxford Festival of Bridge is organised and sponsored by the Oxfordshire Bridge Association, with assistance from the Worcestershire and Gloucestershire Bridge Associations. The duplicate bridge is licensed by the English Bridge Union. Hand commentaries for today's bridge have been provided by local expert and bridge teacher Jonathan Davis.

The practical stuff

Parking and buses: Parking in Oxford during the daytime can be both difficult and expensive. We hope to have a few spaces available in the car park at St Hugh's for those with restricted mobility – please contact Elena if you need this. Otherwise, we recommend using a park-and-ride (see <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/park-and-ride>).

The 400 bus that shuttles between Thornhill and Seacourt park-and-rides runs along the High Street and stops near Carfax. The 300 bus from Redbridge park-and-ride stops a little further away, near the Castle Quarter. The 500 bus from Water Eaton park-and-ride, and the 700 bus from Pear Tree park-and-ride, both stop near the Martyrs' Memorial, a few minutes' walk from Carfax. The 500 also operates either from Oxford Parkway train station, or from the main Oxford train station. There are frequent buses to St Hugh's to and from the city centre, and from St Hugh's to either Water Eaton or Pear Tree.

Taxis: Of course, Oxford also has numerous taxi companies: see <https://www.dailyinfo.co.uk/oxford/guide/taxi> for a list with phone numbers.

Where can I stay? Accommodation isn't included in the price of the Festival. If you search on the internet for B & B in Oxford, you'll find that many of the Oxford colleges offer such accommodation at reasonable prices. A number of last year's participants stayed at various colleges, including St Hugh's, Christ Church and New College, and all reported themselves well satisfied. There are also plenty of airbnb options available.

Communication: If you have one, please bring a smartphone with you. This will make it much easier for you to contact us in the event of any problem, and will also help you to find your way around Oxford if you aren't familiar with the city centre.

Food and drink: It's very easy to find anything from a sandwich through to a gourmet restaurant almost anywhere in central Oxford. If you're a visitor to the area and you'd like to eat out, Daily Information, the guide to all things Oxonian, has an excellent list of local places to eat at <https://www.dailyinfo.co.uk/oxford/guide/food>.

Allergies and other special needs: Please do let us know in advance of any allergies, special dietary requirements, or other needs such as extra lighting. If you're concerned about seating, it might be best to bring a portable cushion.

Access: The Café Bridge will normally involve walking and, at some venues, using stairs, but you can request a stationary seat if necessary.

First aid: A trained first aider will be on call each day.

More about Oxford: Googling “what to do in Oxford” will get you more hits than you can shake a stick at, but if you need a place to start, you could do worse than try [this summary](#) from the Daily Telegraph.