

Chairman's report

Committee Meeting March 2023

I am pleased to report that activity is returning to some kind of normality. Since the AGM, many of us have been actively looking to the future and seeking ways of supporting bridge in the County.

The Promotions subcommittee is very active in searching for ways to promote the playing of bridge in the County (see Robert Procter's report).

The competitions committee is running smoothly. It will meet shortly to set dates for next year.

I have been particularly pleased at the expansion of Stephen Brown's role in much of the administration. Whilst he does receive a small payment, the added value is considerable and saves me a vast amount of time, enabling me to devote more time to other bridge-related activities. Stephen has also taken on the processing of payments, costing less than using BookWhen: this saves Peter Litchfield a lot of time. This is enabling Peter to continue to perform many of the Treasurer's tasks.

Charlie Bucknell has agreed to take on the position of Education Officer. We have plans to support and coordinate the efforts of all our teachers.

Thank you to all our officers in their roles: Patricia is taking over the TD role successfully. Sandra Nicolson and Sandra Claridge continue with their normal efficiency to run the Wessex league and the President's cup, respectively. Joan continues to promote bridge to the juniors. Our shareholders give their time to attend the EBU meetings. Matthew Covill has chaired the selectors and our teams enjoy some successes.