

Olicana Bridge Club
Club Reopening August 2021

At long last the Committee is pleased to welcome you back to playing bridge in the club and wants to tell you about measures to keep you safe and help people feel confident about playing at the club. We appreciate your support in observing these measures. They will be reviewed periodically.

Playing

We are starting with 4 sessions in the club each week, limiting to one session per day. Plus time for bridge teaching. Online bridge will continue. The schedule is summarised below with full details on the website.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Teaching (in the club)		Weds Guided RealBridge (online) Log in 9:45 for 10:00 start	Pairs RealBridge (online) Log in 9:45 for 10:00 start	
Afternoon					
Evening	Pairs BBO (online) Log in 19:00 for 19:15 start	Pairs (in the club) Teams 4 th Tuesday Play starts 19:05	Pairs (in the club) Play starts 19:05	Pairs (in the club) Play starts 19:05	Stepping Stones 1 st and 3 rd Friday (in the club) Play starts 19:00 starting September

Please do not play if you are feeling unwell, should be self-isolating or in quarantine or had a positive Covid test in the last 10 days. We would expect that players will be double vaccinated.

Players must book into a session at the club. To do this, go to the Olicana website, click on the Members Area option in the left hand menu and log in. Find the session you want to join and click the box under the column headed "PL". Add your partner's name and optionally choose a direction. Then click the Confirm button towards the top left of the screen. Please book in at least 2 hours before the start of the session. We will provide a phone number for people who are unable to use the website. If the session is full, the website will show your name as "Wait Listing" and you should not attend the session unless informed in advance that there is now availability. Booking system for Stepping Stones will be confirmed later.

If you use the NHS App, you can scan a QR code, which can help public health teams with contact tracing. The QR code will be displayed on posters throughout the club.

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EW can leave coats in the entry hall; NS should bring them upstairs and keep them at their table. Coats must not be left in the Ladies' toilet.

There will be a maximum of 10 tables; 4 in each of the front rooms and 2 in the back.

Please stay at your table as much as possible. Please be sensible regarding toilet queues. Only the Scorer and TD in the office. The kitchen is closed. You are free to bring your own refreshments but won't be able to use the kitchen. There will not be a break for refreshments.

Payment will continue to be collected by invoice every 2 months. Table money is consistent online and in the club.

Visitors must enter their details in the Visitor Register each time they play.

North is responsible for the Bridgmate and should be the only person touching it. We will in general stick to Mitchell movements and where a Howell is used, we will not use table cards. Instead North must read out the movements for the next round and leave the Bridgmate on the table. As usual, at the beginning of the round, North should check the correct players are at the table. If you have forgotten your Bridgmate number, ask the TD to find it for you.

The TD will move boards at the end of each round.

At the end of the session, please wipe the bidding box and leave it at the table. EW should carry their box with them through the movement. Also leave boards on the table. When leaving, players should avoid a crush of people. Note that the result will not be shown on the screens but will be available on the club website.

The TD has the Committee's authority to ask players to leave if there is a question of the player being ill.

If you have been playing online, you will be used to a board being played at every table at the same time. In the club, a hand is not played at all tables until the end of the last round. Please don't discuss hands until the end of the session.

Hygiene

You are welcome to wear a mask, though masks are not mandatory,

Use sanitiser and wipes and wash your hands. Don't touch your face.

The club will be cleaned daily.

Ventilation

We consulted the company providing our Heating and Ventilation system and have been advised that our ventilation system will provide suitable change of air. Following recommendation, we will run the system to refresh the air for half an hour before and after a session. If we do this, it is not necessary to open the windows.

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However, some players may be more comfortable with the windows open, so please dress appropriately.

Safety

Please make yourself familiar with the Fire Safety and Building Evacuation procedure which is displayed in the club and on the website (open the Health and Safety policy from the lower left of the website).

We are looking forward to welcoming members back to face to face bridge in the club. Please keep your safety and the safety of other players top of your mind.