November 2026

Newsletter



Wherever you are and whatever you are doing this Christmas, I wish you a very enjoyable time with peace, good health and happiness in 2027

A.G.M 18th November 2026

Attendance at the AGM was, frankly, very poor!. This is YOUR club and surely everyone can give up 20 minutes of their time to attend the AGM! I thank those who did attend which confirmed that members are generally satisfied with what we do, so heartfelt thanks for supporting us.

Next year we will see a return to an annual subscription *(sorry, we cant keep a nil sub every year!)* but the good news it that it is only £3-00 and we have reduced table money to only £1-00. Surely we must be the cheapest club to offer such value!! **If you have not yet paid your 2027 sub of £3-00 please do so as soon as possible**
Payee: Pershore Duplicate Bridge Club Sort Code: 09-01-55 Account: 11652089 Reference: SUB27 PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU QUOTE REFERENCE "SUB27"

The AGM confirmed that your RB directors of Alan; Mark; Steve; Chris; Tom; Jonathan will continue into 2027 BUT WE NEED MORE DIRECTORS. Please. It really is not onerous and you do not need to be a qualified EBU director as most of the Laws are system controlled in RB so players cannot transgress! The RB director sets up the event, controls the move and finalises the event after play finishes. Any other problems can be dealt with but these are rare. The AGM also confirmed the Club Committee remains unchanged.

REAL BRIDGE. A few points to remember

Whilst the club is very friendly we do still have to adhere to the Laws of the game! Please refrain from making comments such as "I don't know what to do now" or make other remarks that provide information to your partner. An example was where a player got so excited at his partner's bid his exclamation encouraged his partner to bid onto a very thin contract that no one else found. Such examples of unauthorised information means your partner is silenced at his turn to bid and must pass. Call the director if you feel it necessary.

Please also note that you should bid in tempo - there is nothing wrong in taking longer to think about a bid if you eventually do bid, but if you pass after a long hesitation your partner should pass. Your long hesitation has given your partner information that you would not be unhappy if he bids again and if he does so then the director may be called and your partner will have to justify his bid.

Can players please log on and sit at the table by 6.40. Some players leave it very late and that makes the director late in selecting the movement. We aim to start at 6.45, after the director has fixed the movement and checked other administrative things.

The club rules allow UNDO's during the bidding only - and then only for an IMMEDIATE retraction due to a misclick. If you delay your request for an undo the Director will not allow it as it MIGHT be because of a change of mind. Whether it was or not is immaterial, only an **immediate** statement and request for an undo is allowed. During play no undo's are allowed for ANY reason.

We encourage all players to display BRIEF details of their system when they meet a new opponent. Simply type out the details (no need to format them) and then copy to clipboard. Paste into chat and click CHAT box. If you do not wish to do this then please announce the basics of your system, This will speed things up for the session.

♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ **Thank you for your support** ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

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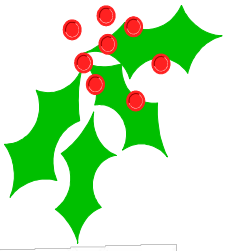
CHRISTMAS BRIDGE

The club will be closed on 25th December but will be open as usual on 23rd and 30th December.

MEMBERSHIP 2027



Although the club remains successful we do need more members!! Please advertise our club whenever you can – your local Facebook pages; shops etc or simply by word of mouth. We are still offering first time visitors free entry. We welcome players from all over the country and I think its great to be able to meet and greet members who are some distance from us in Pershore.

BRIDGEWEBS

This produces a first class web site, providing all the information you could ever want by way of hand analysis of both bidding and play but it is not a general email facility for members! If you wish to email your friends and fellow members please use your personal email. Thanks.

COMPETITION WINNERS 2026

Congratulations to all our competition winners.

CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS:	Tom & Jonathan Morton
WEIR TROPHY:	Liz & Alan Boyes, Tom & Jonathan Morton
MICHAEL FAREY:	Dorothy & Roger Thornhill
LADIES PAIRS:	Jan Garratt & Judy Knights
DOUG STAINTON CUP:	Les Hancock & John Cotton
LAWRIE HUNT CUP:	Alan Boyes & Jonathan Morton
WEDNESDAY CHAMPIONSHIP:	Barry Quinnell & Clive Pemberton
FRIDAY CHAMPIONSHIP:	Jonathan & Tom Morton
SLAMMER 2026	TBA

DID YOU KNOW?

Number of different hands a named player can receive = 635,013,559,600.
Number of different hands a second player can receive = 8,122,425,444.
Number of different hands the 3rd and 4th players can receive = 10,400,600.
Number of possible deals = 53,644,737,765,488,792,839,237,440,000.
Odds of each player having a complete suit = 2,235,197,406,895,366,368,301,559,999 to 1.
Odds of receiving a hand with 4 aces, 4 kings, 4 queens, and 1 jack = 158,753,389,899 to 1.
Odds against receiving a perfect hand (a hand that will take 13 tricks in no-trump no matter what) = 169,066,442 to 1.
Odds against a yarborough = 1827 to 1.
Odds against both members of a partnership receiving yarboroughs = 546,000,000 to 1.
Odds against a hand with no card higher than 10 = 274 to 1.
Odds against a hand with no card higher than jack = 52 to 1.
Odds against a hand with no card higher than queen = 11 to 1.
Odds against a hand with no aces = slightly higher than 2 to 1.
Odds against being dealt four aces = 378 to 1.
Odds against being dealt four honours in one suit = 22 to 1.
Odds against being dealt five honours in one suit = 500 to 1.
Odds against being dealt at least one singleton = slightly higher than 2 to 1.
Odds against having at least one void = 19 to 1.
Odds that two partners will be dealt 26 named cards between them (for example, all the spades & diamonds) = 495,918,532,918,103 to 1 against.
Odds that no players will be dealt a singleton or void = 4 to 1 against.

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