

Reading Bridge Club - Report for 2023/24

Membership

Membership of Reading Bridge Club in March 2024 was 91. The subscription for 2024-25 is £10 payable by 30 June.

Number of tables at club events

On only three occasions were events held at Jesse Terrace. Afternoon bridge was held at Calcot Park Golf Club starting in April 2023 often only attracting less than four tables. These events ceased after October due to lack of support. Joint online RealBridge sessions with Loddon Vale Bridge Club started in August and have continued successfully since then averaging 9 tables between the two clubs.

County and national events events

Members' successes in county events since April 2023 are reported below.

Event	Members	Position
County Pairs Final January 2024	Mike Perkins & Peter Jackson	4th
Club Teams Final – Committee Cup April 2024	Mike Ribbins & Pat Dowdeswell John Greenhalgh & James Chapman	2nd
Tollemache, qualifier and final	Ian Reissmann, Mike Perkins, Tim Rees	5th

League of 8 (teams)

Reading fielded three teams in the county league in 2023/24. In Division 1 (ten teams), Reading A (captained by James Bond) finished 4th and Reading B (captained by Chris Hall) finished 8th. In Division 2 (ten teams), Reading C (captained by Sam Botfield) finished 10th.

League of 4 (teams)

In Division 1 (six teams) Mike Perkins' team finished 1st. In Division 2 (six teams) Pat Dowdeswell's team finished 2nd, and Giorgio Jeronimidis' team finished 5th.

Reading Bridge Club Competitions

Six Monthly – Summer 2023 and Winter 2023/24

Brown Cup – Chris Hall; Pat Dowdeswell

Bilbey Cup – George Sankey; Pat Dowdeswell

Boucher Cup – Giorgio Jeronimidis; Iain MacKenzie

Sale of 35 Jesse Terrace

Following agreement at last year's AGM the club property was offered for sale through the estate agent A H Lansley. Since then an offer received from representatives of the Kurdish community has been accepted. They plan to use it as a meeting place for their members. Progress has been slow for various reasons but it seems that all problems have now been overcome and we are at the point of exchanging signed contracts. The tenants of the flat were given notice and left the property in January. At the clearance day held in May some items, mostly bridge tables and books, were taken by members. A large number of chairs remain and these will be offered to the purchasers. Decisions on the distribution of surplus capital will be taken at an EGM held after the sale has completed and a large corporation tax bill paid.

Reading Bridge Club Committee

Pat Dowdeswell (president), Chris Hall (secretary), Mel Thomas (treasurer), Christine Cook (meeting chair), Sam Botfield, Gill Smith, Simon Fixter, Giorgio Jeronimidis, Martina Zwiefelhofer