

## Seminar Program Summer 2026

The seminars will run on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday's of the month (except the second Saturday in May when we have our Bridge away weekend in Bournemouth) , starting on 25<sup>th</sup> April & finishing on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

They start at 9:30 am & finish at 12:00 am & will be held at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre.

The "lesson" part of the seminar will last for around 45 minutes, followed by practice hands to reinforce the learning, there will be a "coffee" break after an hour.

### **Seminar 1 – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Dastardly Doubles (Sue)**

This seminar is suitable for all players, although for Beginners this will be a preview of their lesson which will come a couple of weeks later.

There are many different kinds of doubles, but we will concentrate on the "natural" use of doubles to increase the score when the contract is defeated & some of the more common take out doubles. We will also discuss the main reasons we double, which includes lead direction.

### **Seminar 2 – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Competitive Bidding – Overcalling side (Steve)**

This seminar is suitable for all players, and for Beginners this will follow only a few weeks after their lessons on this topic

We will look at why we overcall & what calls we use. Then we will look at what we do after our partner has overcalled. This will concentrate on suit overcalls & the 1NT Overcall

### **Seminar 3 – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Competitive Bidding – Opening side (Steve)**

Again this will be suitable for all players. In general standard teaching tends to focus on the overcalling side, but once the bidding becomes competitive there are techniques that the side who have opened the bidding can use to improve their chances of scoring well on the board in question.

### **Seminar 4 – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Unassuming Cue Bids (Helga)**

Again a seminar that all will find useful – Unassuming Cue bids will have been mentioned in passing in all the 3 previous seminars – the use of this convention is key to competing effectively. It is relatively complex & thus certainly warrants it's own seminar.