



Surrey County Bridge Association

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President's Introduction

It will soon be the start of a new season in the bridge calendar.

Have you thought about playing in one of Surrey's events? Maybe the September Green Point pairs or teams at Guildford, or perhaps the Really Easy Afternoon Pairs or the Next Step Pairs. There is something for all players.

Please look at the calendar on the SCBA website for all the competitions.

The Surrey committee are still looking for new people willing to bring their ideas and experience to create a better experience for its members. If you think you may have something to offer please talk to one of the existing committee members.

Do you have any friends who may like to learn playing Bridge? Just get them to contact a committee member and we can put them in touch with a teacher or club running Taster Sessions and starter lessons.

If you already play in Surrey competitions please put your entry in early, as recently we have had to run waiting lists due to the increase in entries to some of the competitions.

See you at the bridge table

Charles Chisnall President

The 2016 Calendar

July 2016

Sun	31	Richard Currie Memorial Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs	The Maltings, Farnham
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Aug 2016

Sun	07	Wimbledon Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs	Wimbledon
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Sept 2016

Mon	12-16	Surrey Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs
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Mon	19-23	SCBA Club Pairs Challenge Heats	Clubs
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Sat	24	Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs	Guildford
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Sun	25	Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Guildford
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Thu	29	Guildford Café Bridge	
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Oct 2016

Fri	14	EBU Really Easy Afternoon	3 Counties, Churt
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Sat	22	Petersfield Blue Pointed Swiss Teams	Petersfield
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Sun	30	SCBA Club Pairs Challenge Final	Richmond
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Nov 2016

Sun	06	Woking Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs	Woking
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Sat/Sun	19-20	Tollemache Qualifier	Birmingham
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Sun	20	Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs	Richmond
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Sun	27	SCBA Next Step Pairs	Wimbledon
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Dec 2016

Sun	04	SCBA Senior Pairs	Oxshott
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For more information on events that Surrey County Bridge Association run [Click Here](#) or click on a link in the Calendar on the website.

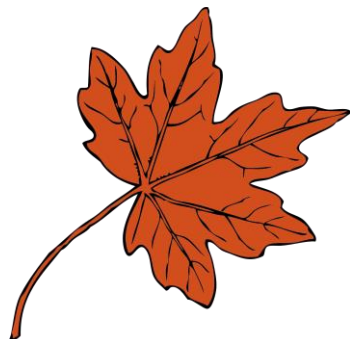
To enter an event either online using the [online entry form](#), download an entry form, or contact the competitions secretary Shirley Pritchard competitionsecretary.scba@bridgewebs.com

Relatively New Events

The EBU Really Easy Afternoon events will be run 4 times a year in various Surrey Clubs. The events are suitable for a significant number of Club players both Affiliated and Non Affiliated. These events are relatively new so please ensure that the next EBU REALLY EASY AFTERNOON is mentioned in the clubs and perhaps ensure that a poster is printed from the next page.

EBU Really Easy Afternoon

Part of the Autumn Congress



A duplicate pairs to introduce 'tournament bridge' to less experienced players

3 Counties Bridge Club
2pm, Friday 14th October 2016

♥ Players should be comfortable playing unassisted in a 'club' environment, but have limited tournament playing experience. They should be below the rank of 'Master' and lower than Jack on NGS.

♣ Open to EBU members (£8 each) and non-members (£12 each).

♦ Prizes will be awarded to the overall winners. Blue Points will be awarded based on stratified results.

♠ The hands will also be played at other locations, with the event scored across all venues.

♥ Please enter directly to the EBU Competitions Department
Tel: 01296 317203/219 ▪ e-mail: comps@ebu.co.uk

Hall of Fame so far 2015/2016

Competition	Winners
Surrey Sim Pairs Day 1 Monday	Alan Webber & Mick Edwards
Surrey Sim Pairs Day 2 Tuesday	Tony Cherrett & Fiona Kemp
Surrey Sim Pairs Day 3 Wednesday	Ali Baig & Gillian Hanna
Surrey Sim Pairs Day 4 Thursday	John & Lesley Colligan
Surrey Sim Pairs Day 5 Friday	Kevin & Deanne Goddard
Mens Pairs	Richard Millard & Corneliu Rimboiu
Ladies Pairs	Renate Lane & Ann Chapple
Affiliated Club Teams of 8	Richmond 3
Club Chairman's Lunch	Margaret Bradshaw & Ian Lewis, Jane Nind and Douglas Wright
Club Pairs Challenge Final	Anil Bhandari & Graham Cunningham
County Pairs Cup	Frances Hinden & Graham Osborne
County Pairs Plate	Jim Laker & Barry Stoker
Dorin Salver Day 1 Monday	Alan Cadge & Tim Warren (overall winners)
Dorin Salver Day 2 Tuesday	Roger Routledge & Rebecca Snelling
Dorin Salver Day 3 Wednesday	Elizabeth Taylor & Sheila Bean
Dorin Salver Day 4 Thursday	Alan Webber & Mick Edwards
Dorin Salver Day 5 Friday	Christine Morgan & Allan Pratt
Senior Pairs	John McKimmie & Nigel Barnes
Summer Swiss Pairs (Aug BH)	Graham & Berry Hedley
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs	Michael Prior & Mike Hampton and Krzysztof Ginda & Mark Hooper
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Ingar Hansen, Peter Lee, Paula Leslie & Mike Scoltock
Surrey League Final Division 1	Charles Chisnall, John Short, Bill Hodgkiss and Ken Ford
Surrey League Final Division 2	Graham Osborne, Michael Tinsley, Jane Handley and Alan Setchell
Surrey League Final Division 3	Kevin Goddard, Deanne Goddard, Richard Burgess and Philip Duncan

Surrey League Final Division 4	Lynn Young, Peter Young, Carol Prior and Julie Verity
Novice	Bob Young, Alan Cumbers, Marilyn Young, Richard Bateman
Lady Rose Cup	Ian Swanson, Charles Chisnall, Kn Ford and John Short
Lady Rose Plate	Richard Granville, Philip Chan, George Solarski, Nigel Barnes
Wanborough Cup	David Norman & Tim Cook, Bernard Pike & Roger Morton
Victor Ludorum	Richard Millard

Surrey Leagues

A total of 51 teams played in these leagues in the 2015/16 season. The leagues cover the full range of ability and experience from novices to the top teams in the County and so provide an opportunity for anyone of whatever standard to experience friendly competitive team bridge. Matches are usually played in people's homes and the leagues are structured as follows:

Surrey League:

This has four Divisions:

- Division 1: this is Blue Pointed and is a County wide competition.
- Divisions 2, 3 & 4 are subdivided into geographical sections so as to minimise travel. The successful teams in each section then meet in June for a division playoff to determine the winning team of the division.

EBU membership is not required for Division 4.

Novice League:

This is primarily aimed at players who have recently taken up bridge. Fewer matches are played than in the Surrey League and these matches involve fewer boards making it a gentle introduction to this type of event. EBU membership is not required and the league is subdivided into geographical sections to minimise travel with a play off in June to determine the winning team. Many teams that are now in the Surrey League began in the Novice League.

No charge is made for attending the finals.

Changes for the 2016/17 Season:

Starting next season we are hopeful of adding a School's League for interested Surrey Schools.

We will be revising the rules to provide more formality to promotions and relegations between the various divisions.

After several years Trevor Hobson will be gradually handing over the management of these leagues to Roger Pratt.

To enter a team for the coming season please select [Team Entry](#) . For more information about these competitions please still contact Trevor Hobson at trevor_hobson@hotmail.com

Taster Sessions

We are holding various Taster Sessions to give as many people as possible the opportunity of experiencing this wonderful game.

The plan is to hold Taster Sessions at:

www.churt.org/QuinnettesChurt.html

Wednesday 24th August 7.30pm

Tuesday 6th Sep 6pm & Thursday 8th Sep 10am

The plan is to hold other Taster Sessions in response to demand and hold them at many clubs, including Wimbledon and Richmond, and at various venues around the county:

www.thecookiebar.co.uk

www.harrisandhoole.co.uk/shops/guildford

www.bourneclub.co.uk

Monday 25th July 2pm

www.thesnootyfox.uk

Tuesday 19th July 4.45pm

If your friends would like to come to a taster session please inform douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com Of course if you have a large group of friends who would like to give the game a try, then one of our teachers could come to your home.

Bridge Hand

Here's a hand from a recent Surrey League match between long-standing friendly rivals, teams led by Tony Richards (that's the good guys) and Gordon O'Hair. It shows how, when there's extreme distribution, there can be some huge swings hanging on very fine decisions.

N dealer, EW vul:

	North	
	S 10 7	
	H 8	
	D 5	
	C K Q J 10 9 7 6 4 2	
West		East
S 3		S K 8 6 5 4 2
H A Q 9 6 4		H (void)
D K Q 9 8 6		D A J 7 4 3
C A 5		C 8 3
	South	
	S A Q J 9	
	H K J 10 7 5 3 2	
	D 10 2	
	C (void)	

As South, your spirits rise when you tot up something like seven playing tricks, and they soar when you see partner reach for the Stop card. But down they sink again when he brings out 5C. After a Pass from East, you wonder about bidding 5H but thankfully you think better of it and Pass as well. Now it's West's turn to pause, and he eventually comes up with ... 5H! When this gets passed round to you, what do you do?

Wow, it's not often you have seven of a suit they've first mentioned, and subsided in, at the five level. You have a strong suspicion it's not going to make, but if you double might they find a better place? You reason – wrongly, but you don't know that yet – that (1) another spot might not be better, (2) if they try something else, it could well be spades, and (3) even if diamonds would be better for them, will they be able to find it? So, eventually out comes the Double card.

West pauses again and then bids 6D. This gets passed round to you, and you feel you have little alternative now but to double again and keep your fingers crossed.

So, the contract is 6Dx by W. It's been an auction of agonised pauses, and they continue because partner sits there for ages before tabling 10S. Declarer plays low from dummy, and you're just able to duck this. After yet another trance, partner finally leads a club to trick 2, and – with a huge sigh of relief that you try really hard to hide – you ruff it. You don't get any more tricks, as declarer sets up the long spades by ruffing them in hand, drawing trumps as he goes. After all that, you've gained +200.

You haven't spotted it, because you're too busy feeling relieved. But declarer has; he puts his head in his hands and says "All I needed to do was cover the spade lead in dummy, and I'd have made it!". Yes, he's right, there would have been no defence.

In the other room, the bidding goes:

N	E	S	W
5C	P	P	X
P	5S	(all Pass)	

Wisely, their S decides not to double 5S, and it drifts three off for -300. Your EW team mates have a friendly exchange of views along the lines of “but rather than leaving me in 5S, you should have bid 6C to get me to choose between the red suits!”.

Whatever the merits of this, you lose 3 IMPs on the board, but frankly you got away with it lightly. They had the chance to make 6Dx, which would have been -1540 for an 18 IMP loss on the board. Since overall you just scrape an evenly-balanced and hard-fought match by 2 IMPs, a loss of that size would have put it beyond reach.

But look, too, at what else might have happened. In your own auction, you clearly should just have passed 5H. It’s difficult to be certain about how that would go, but five away seems reasonable, for +500. If your partners had found the 6C “get me out of here!” bid, they'd have played in 6D themselves, and from the East hand, it’s unbeatable – that would have been 18 IMPs in rather than 18 IMPs away.

That’s 36 IMPs hanging on some very thin threads indeed – a key bid or two at each table and a seemingly innocuous play to the first trick.

Tim Warren

Club news, club events and other snippets

3 Counties Bridge

Learning Weekends with Laura Porro International player and well known professional teachers Laura & Douglas

Advanced Declarer Play 15 / 16 October - End Plays and Squeezes – Club Duplicate players

For further details contact douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com 07801989630

Le Manoir de Baillard

Dordogne **Luxury Bridge Breaks**

See Poster at end of Newsletter

Woking Bridge Club

Woking Bridge Club is holding its annual blue pointed Swiss Pairs on Sunday 6 November and is now open for entries. Further details can be found on Woking BC website

http://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwoj/bw.cgi?club=woking&pid=display_page10

and at SCBA website **Woking Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs** **More Info**

Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club

Peter Rabbit visits the Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club

Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club play bridge on Monday and Thursday afternoons in the Old Barn Hall, and have been doing so for nearly 50 years. We currently have 200 members and have had to open a waiting list for new members. We participate in Village Week each year to help raise funds for the maintenance of the hall and to show our appreciation for this wonderful venue.

We held our annual Bridge Drive and Lunch on Monday 20 June. We were pleased to welcome a number of visitors to the club and to share an enjoyable afternoon of bridge. The day started with a glass of wine and a Beatrix Potter quiz (a good combination), followed by an excellent lunch. Keith Slark, the Chairman of the Bookham Community Association, gave an interesting talk about the history of the Old Barn Hall. We then played duplicate bridge in the afternoon. The local shops were very generous in providing prizes for the raffle. Thank you.

We raised about £830 for the Community Association from the sale of tickets and the raffle (£100 more than last year).

If you would like more information about Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club, please contact kate.castree@gmail.com
Tel: 01372 376334



Busbridge Duplicate Bridge Club

Recruitment is flourishing and we look forward to even more new members. In Godalming, Busbridge Duplicate Bridge Club runs every Monday and Tuesday evening and the website is <http://www.busbridgebridge.org.uk/> or phone the secretary on 01483 424746.

Byfleet Bridge Club

We are a small club with 38 members, and not affiliated to the EBU. We hold duplicate sessions on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 at Byfleet Lawn Tennis Club, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet GU22 8UQ. We normally have around 5 tables and play a Howell movement, so everyone gets to meet and play against everyone else. There is a Quarterly Ladder and the winning player or pair receives a cash prize. Our website is at www.byfleetbridge.co.uk.

We are very keen to attract new members, and particularly suit those who are not too worried about NGS ratings and Masterpoints and would like to play competitive Bridge in a friendly and relaxed environment.



Dorking Bridge Club

(registered charity No 1165095)

Andrew Robson Master Class

Thursday, 19th January 2017

Andrew Robson, the Bridge Correspondent of The Times, will be joining us on 19th January 2017 to hold one of his highly-regarded Bridge Master Classes.

Andrew is widely regarded as one of the finest Bridge player/teacher/writers in the world today. The clarity of his teaching style - variously described as 'entertaining', 'simple' and 'brilliant' - has seen him become universally acclaimed, and his Master Classes are always very informative and interesting.

By using his 'magic cards' everybody bids and plays the same hands and he then explains what should have happened. Questions are welcomed at any time.

The venue is the Betchworth Park Golf Club, situated on the A25 approximately 1.8 miles west of Dorking town centre.

Programme for the day

10.00 – 10.30	Registration with tea/coffee
10.30 – 12.30	First tuition and playing session led by Andrew
12.30 – 13.30	Hot lunch with glass of wine and tea/coffee
13.30 – 15.30	Second tuition and playing session led by Andrew
15.30	Finish

Tickets are now available at £50.00 per person or £200.00 per table.

For further information or an application form please contact

David Doyle, Chairman

Telephone: 01306 881121

Email: chairman@dorkingbridgeclub.org.uk

Richmond Bridge Club

Saturday 3 & 10 September 10.00am Paul Mendelson Seminar

Those looking for a Saturday night game are welcome to new cheese & wine session starting 3rd September 6.45pm bridge starts at 7.30pm

Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs Sunday 20 November £200.00 First prize

East Horsley Bridge Club

Anne Hereward from the East Horsley Bridge Club has been very busy organising Directors' courses. The first one took place in June and the next ones are on September 16th, October 21st and November 21st and she would welcome anyone else who would like to take part. The courses are at The Drift Golf Club, East Horsley, KT24 5HD and her email address is: Hereward_anne@yahoo.co.uk.

Charity news

There are some wonderful Charity events, which are really worth publicising as much as possible. They have been put on separate pages at the end of this Newsletter, so that they can be printed off and shared amongst your friends and also put on the Notice Boards in your clubs.

Guildford Café Bridge



Cardiac Risk in the Young

Shooting Star Chase
Children's Hospice Care



Thursday 29th September 2016

NEARLY SOLD OUT - if you wish to take part in the largest Café Bridge in the UK please send your details to Lynn Paynter

l.paynter@btopenworld.com

Other Counties

We all live near an adjacent county in one way or another. Therefore we are trying to promote bridge in not only Surrey but in our adjacent Counties. You will see on the website more information on events in other counties for example see below:

For a Calendar of Green point Events and some direct links to Flyers and/or Entry:

[Click Here](#)

Green Point Events in **London**

[Click Here for Flyer](#)

Saturday 16th July (Swiss Pairs)

Sunday 17th July (Swiss Teams)

Green Point Events in **Sussex**

[Click Here for Flyer](#)

Swiss Teams Sunday 24th July

Green Point Events in **Dorset**

[Click here for entry form to Dorset Swiss Pairs](#)

Sunday 24th July (Swiss Pairs) ONLY space for 7 Pairs

Youth News

We've been contacting schools in Surrey and near parts of London to see if they're interested in setting up a bridge club, and five have so far said yes:

[Danes Hill, Oxshott](#) Club started in May for their scholarship class, broader one to run Tue PMs from Sep, led by Vicky Bevan

[Greenfield, Woking](#) Aiming to run taster session in Autumn, with club to start in Spring; to be led by Tony Richards

[Harrodian, Barnes](#) Club to start Tue lunchtimes in Autumn term; to be led by John Balson and Billie Stephens

[Hinchley Wood](#) Taster session held in June, awaiting school go-ahead for club to start in Autumn term; to be led by Meena Samani

[Teddington](#) Planning for club to start in Autumn or Spring term; to be led by Jenny Breeden and Hilary Stewart

As well as the club leaders above, we've had *lots* of offers of help from local bridge players for these schools. The names are too numerous to list individually, but I'm really grateful to you for stepping forward – without you, my role is impossible. We'll be running MiniBridge training over the summer and beyond, for which I'm pleased to say we again have sponsorship. I've had help from many people in finding volunteers for the schools above, but I'd particularly like to thank Ned Paul and Marietta Andree.

In a combined effort between the two Farnham BCs, Mike O'Donnell and Anna Holmes are now teaching at [Weydon School](#), including helping the more experienced Minibridge players to move on to full bridge.

If others would like to help out in schools, please let me know on Tim @corbiere.globalnet.co.uk. I'm not looking for a commitment every week; we're trying to form small teams to share the load between them, so that there are people to fill holiday gaps, etc. Helping to run clubs in private schools may attract a payment to the teachers involved.

If you know of any youngsters who would like to learn or improve their bridge, it's not too late for them to sign up for the Southern Counties Junior Bridge Camp, at Ardingly College, Sussex, 12-14 Aug. As well as bridge and MiniBridge, there's swimming, and games like Speedball and Rounders.

See www.bridgewebs.com/kent/Southern%20Counties%20Junior%20Bridge%20Camp.pdf, or contact Andy Ryder at andyryder@hotmail.com.

Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be in October 2016. News, views and interesting hands, what is happening at your club – please send them to me.

Southern Junior 'Teach-In'

12th-14th August 2016
Ardingly College, Sussex



All levels catered for – absolute beginners to junior experts. Come and enjoy a packed weekend of bridge entertainment, tuition, coaching and play for all young people under the age of 21. With plenty of fun and social activities included.

Only £120 per student inclusive of all meals, two nights' en-suite accommodation and all the bridge fun. Adults £150

'Non-residential' participants welcome at a reduced rate

The programme in outline:

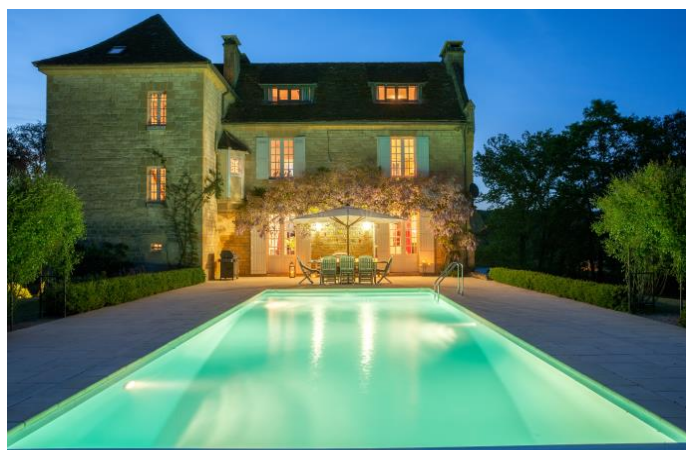
- Arrive Friday late afternoon to meet before dinner at 6pm.
- Bridge starts Friday evening, and continues until Sunday afternoon (but there's time on Saturday afternoon for sporting and recreational activity, including swimming and rounders).
- Lots of tuition and Saturday evening tournament for all - with prizes!
- Opportunities for everyone to join in with quizzes and leisure activities.
- Finish in good time to get home early on Sunday evening.

For More information please contact
Andy Ryder, 1 Adelaide Mansions, Hove, E. Sussex BN3 2FD
andyryder@hotmail.com ☎ 01273 746138



3 Counties Bridge Le Manoir de Baillard Dordogne

Luxury Bridge Breaks



Douglas Wright is hosting challenging and fun bridge breaks at Le Manoir de Baillard, a splendid 19th century Dordogne manor house in peaceful secluded location, close to all amenities. Your game will improve with personalised teaching aimed at social and duplicate players.

Located in the unique Vézère Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Périgord Noir with renowned prehistoric cave paintings.

Exceptionally beautiful and unspoilt countryside, which is perfect for walking and cycling, and includes an unparalleled number of attractions, sights and activities.

Endowed with its own distinct identity, architecture, and heritage, the ancient land of Périgord became the scene of prolonged, tumultuous conflict between the English and French crowns.

Today, fortified castles and towns make Périgord a treasure trove of ancient monuments and incredibly beautiful villages set in a timeless landscape.

Famed for its distinctive cuisine - duck and goose, foie gras, cèpes, black truffles the gastronome's delight, and of course, noble wines and spirits.

Le Manoir de Baillard offers every convenience - plasma TV, WIFI, CD & DVD player with wide selection of movies, games cupboard with backgammon and chess.

The spacious interior retains an elegant charm, is comfortably furnished and the bedding, mattresses and linens have been carefully selected to provide superior levels of comfort.

Dining options in the area are plentiful and varied, to suit every taste and budget, from simple 'fermes auberges' to Michelin-starred restaurants.

Perfect ambience for bridge groups to enjoy a leisurely break in a warm, relaxed and convivial atmosphere:

- Ideal for 4 couples
- Morning teaching
- Leisure afternoon
- Evening supervised playing

Visit local bridge clubs as desired.

Now taking bookings for May and October 2017, with one remaining week available 17 - 27 October 2016.

For further information contact Douglas Wright douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com

Tel: + 44 7801 989630



Guildford Café Bridge

**Come and join us for a fun day of
bridge in the lovely cathedral town
of Guildford, and help us raise
money for two fantastic charities.**

You'll play several hands at various cafes and restaurants,
enjoy a lovely lunch and have the chance to win some
great raffle prizes.

Come and be part of the largest Cafe Bridge event in the UK,
with an expected 240 players and hopefully raising £5000.

Thursday 29th September 2016

10.15am - 4.30pm

Entry fee £30 per player
Includes coffee on arrival and a two-course lunch.

Please note that cancellations will be reimbursed only if they are received
in writing by 17th September.

Find out more at:

www.3countiesbridge.com

or email l.paynter@btopenworld.com

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