

# ♠♥ Thursday Bridge Club ♦♣

July 2025

Welcome to our 2025 newsletter. As mentioned in our previous newsletter and during the Annual General Meeting, we will issue a newsletter between AGMs to keep you updated with the developments at the club.

## We're 50 years old this year. – A brief history of the club.



The founding members of The Thursday Bridge Club met at Eric Warne's bridge class at Netherhall School between 1970 and 1973. They decided to form their own club, initially called the Blinco Club, which was held in Blinco Road on Mondays. This club grew rapidly, resulting in the establishment of a second bridge evening on Thursdays. The Thursday Club was formed in 1975, its first premises, were at the Conservative Party's Headquarters in Hartington Grove. In 1983, the club moved to the Constitutional Club in Cherry Hinton Road, and in 1988, to Addenbrooke's Hospital where it used several large rooms until 1995. In 1995, the club moved to Trinity College which ended during lockdown. During lockdown, the club arranged online games to maintain continuity and, once lockdown ended, moved into its new home in Trumpington. The popularity of our online games led to the continuation of an online Friday session.

Apologies if we have omitted anything or anyone; this was compiled by a relative newcomer.

**Hosting.** *Firstly, we would like to express our appreciation to Penny Binks for organising the hosting system, and gratitude to all those who hosted throughout the year. The hosting initiative, which commenced a year ago, has proven successful with a consistent increase in table numbers over the year. Please note, hosts who do not secure a game will be entitled to their next game at the club free of charge.*

## Table Numbers

We are dedicated to increasing our table numbers, and the committee believes we are progressing in the right direction as these numbers continue to rise. However, we acknowledge the importance of sustaining our efforts and pursuing initiatives to attract participants to our games, both in-person and online. We remain open to considering new ideas to further enhance attendance. Should you have any suggestions, please feel free to share them with us.

## Dates for your diary

Bridge Weekend: 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Annual General Meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025

SIM Pairs: 13th November 2025

Xmas Drink & Nibbles: 11th December 2025

# 50th Anniversary Summer Party.

The club celebrated its 50th anniversary at The Green Man in Trumpington on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025. 56 members and ex members attended the event. Following a welcome drink, speeches were delivered by Gladys Gittins, one of the club's founding members, and David Man, who has served multiple terms as chairman, a meal was enjoyed by the participants, followed by a Duplicate Bridge Session. More information can be found on the website.

## Bridge Weekend

Following the positive feedback from last year's Bridge Weekend, we will be hosting it again. Our third Bridge Weekend is scheduled for 10th to 12th October 2025. Currently, the event is fully booked, the majority of participants are club members. The weekend was designed for the benefit of members, and it is encouraging to see strong member support for the event. Click here for information: [Thursday Bridge Club, Cambridgeshire](#)

## Competitions

### Championship Pairs. St John ("Sinjun") Trophy

The first competition of 2025 was held on 23rd January. Congratulations to Steven and Raith for their top performance. You can view the full results here: [Thursday Bridge Club, Cambridgeshire](#)

### Online Championship Pairs. Swan Shield

Our Online Championship Pairs was won by Steven and Sam, full results here: [Thursday Bridge Club, Cambridgeshire](#)

### Scratch Teams Denis Marrian Trophy

The trophy was won by Caroline Diston, Gladys Gittins, Ian Hesselewood and Margaret Mitchley, full results here: [Thursday Bridge Club, Cambridgeshire](#)

### Handicap Teams Fry Trophy

The trophy was won by Raith Pickup, Steve Young, Sarah Dixon and John Phelps, full results here: [Thursday Bridge Club, Cambridgeshire](#)

### Ladders

#### Championship Pairs Ladder 2024/25 MacKenzie Trophy

#### Online Championship Pairs Ladder 2024/25 Orchard Trophy

#### Individual Ladder 2024/25 Doric Cup

[Click on a blue link to access the ladder](#)

You can follow your progress on the club's [website](#), the ladders are updated automatically whenever we play.

## **Coming Up**

We are reintroducing a Children in Need Sims pair event this year, the first since lockdown. Participants in Simultaneous Pairs (often abbreviated to Sim Pairs or Sims) enjoy being able to compare their results with hundreds of other pairs around the country from the comfort of our club. Participants have also the benefit of a written expert commentary after the event to see what you should have done. The date is 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## **Garden Cities**

Once again, this year the Thursday club entered a team into the county heat of the Garden Cities competition. Representing the club were: David Parish, Ian Hesslewood, Roger Timmins, Sue Wilcox, Raith Pickup, David Man, Samuel Turner and Steven Young. The format of the competition was teams of eight. This meant we split into two teams and played 5x7 board matches which were scored by IMPs and converted to VPs.

After an exciting afternoon of bridge, the final scores had Peterborough on top with 78 VPs and progressing to the next round, with the first team of the Cambridge Bridge Club coming in second with 60 VPs. The Thursday club, with 51 VPs, managed an impressive third place! We placed ahead of CBC2, Lines and Alchemy, with the latter being a team made up of players from many clubs in the county. Given the quality of the players in this competition, the Thursday club's performance was excellent, and all of our players did extraordinarily well! Thank you to all those who helped to organise the event and we look forward to entering a team next year. Full results: [Cambs & Hunts Contract Bridge Association, cambs hunts](#)

## **Half Year Accounts**

The club's accounts are healthy, and we are operating at a profit that is not dissimilar from previous years with a decent reserve.

EBU, some info from the EBU, click the links to read: -

Best behaviour at bridge: - [Best Behaviour at Bridge](#)  
Announcing and alerting: - [Announcing and Alerting](#)

Remember: - **if you announce you don't alert and vice versa.**

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*Finally, we would like to thank everyone who help the club run smoothly, Directors, Scorers, hosts etc, we appreciate your help. The committee is always open to new ideas as to how to improve the club, increase participation, new events etc, if you have any ideas please let a committee member know and we can discuss at one of our regular committee meetings.*

***Remember - Enjoy your Bridge!***



