



## Happy Easter from Worcestershire Contract Bridge Club

Well, after a very wet winter we can now see lighter mornings and evenings coming our way and hopefully bring a few more people out to play F2F bridge.

Before, I get started I would like to apologize for missing off a couple of teachers from my list, the website has also been updated to include

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After our success of Café Bridge and raising money for charity, a few of our Bridge Clubs are doing **Bridge in Cafes**, to raise awareness of our clubs and for players looking to join clubs around the county. These have been taking place regularly in Bewdley from January, Bromsgrove have two dates set, 31<sup>st</sup> March and 21<sup>st</sup> April at Bremi's in Aston Fields, please pop in and support them. Pershore and Worcester are also getting themselves around cafes. **Café Bridge** Barnt Green will be doing another one on 8<sup>th</sup> October.

**Schools/Teaching Students:** Richard Croot of EBED and Richard Jephcott have been holding mini bridge introductory sessions within 6 schools across Worcestershire, the initial interest was very promising but unfortunately, soon dropped off due to each students other commitments. King Edwards of Stourbridge has, however, been the exception where bridge is now being held regularly on a Wednesday lunchtime. There is a high volume of students at King Edwards so may the interest continue and more students join in on these sessions.

The way forward is looking at an online club, but this will need to be finalized, once it is, then we will keep everyone informed and hope that everyone can support this vital initiative for the future of bridge players.

**Bridge Improver Classes:** We are very fortunate to have quite a few teachers who hold classes for beginners, what we would like to offer now is a consistent approach to people who want to improve. **Steve Allerston** has offered to support this and will be holding a series of workshops to run from October to May. Please look out for further details as to the location and times.

With this in mind, we would be grateful to receive your views on what areas you would like to learn and how, so we, as your committee, can invest in an appropriate response.

**Children's Half Term event** – this was hosted by Bewdley Bridge Club and although the numbers weren't as high as October last year we still had 3 full tables of youngsters giving mini bridge a go. The atmosphere and enthusiasm proved uplifting and rewarding. Some of the children had come to our October session and a good number were new comers. The consensus of opinion is to do another one in October Half Term this year. Please look out for the date and support this initiative. **Family Bridge** – Bewdley Bridge Club ran a family theme, mini bridge session, after feedback from last October's event, we were happy with the response and feel that a future family of card players were definitely on the 'cards'!

**Monday Nights F2F :** Worcestershire CBA have relaunched their F2F at Claines, the venue is The British Legion Club, Cornmeadow Lane , Claines WR3 7PL . Bridge starts at 7pm each 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Please try and support every Bridge Club who are offering F2F play.

**Bewdley Bridge Club** are running a **Tuesday afternoon F2F Bridge** session at Wharton Park Golf Club , this is open to all players so please get in touch with the club, there is a booking form on their website, start time 1.30pm, bar and food available as well.

**English Bridge Magazine** shows our very own Mike Vetch being recognized and being awarded the Dimmie Flaming Award.

Mike has been key to the WCBA education and development, he encourages all students to play at clubs and has prompted other members to train to teach. Along with being very active in the organizing of Malvern Congress, Café Bridge, Festival of Bridge events.

**EBU** have increased their charges, however, WCBA have **reduced** our from 4p to 2p, meaning that all clubs will continue to pay a fee of 50p per player per session, so we will absorb the increase costs.

### **Nine High Competitions and Development - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

This Year we are going to run two competitions running side by side, this will be for players who have been playing less than 5 years and who are less than NGS 7. The second would be a 9 High event. We would award the Chairman's cup and have a few prizes for runners up. We are going to be running this on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026** at Cookhill Village Hall, Alcester.

This will give players the opportunity to experience a competition, based on similar abilities.

**Ron Allen Trophy** This was played at Droitwich on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, it was a very close finish with Malvern and Worcester tying on 21 VP's with Bromsgrove just behind on 18 VP's. So congratulations to the Winners.



To see all other results please look at our Website, and likewise, to see updates on future competitions also visit our Website.

We hope to see many more people around the Bridge tables and from Worcestershire Contract Bridge Club we wish you a Happy Easter.