

Report of Cardiff Bridge Club for 2024

2024 was the year of our 50th Anniversary. Our celebrations were, however, sadly affected by the tragic and untimely death of our Chairman and PMC Representative, Glyn Meredith, on the 2nd July. In his honour we held our Chairman's Charity in his name. As a result of this and donations raised by his children the sum of £2005 was passed to Velindre Cancer Centre.

As a contrast one of our Members, Edith Wade recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

A full and comprehensive Report was presented to our recent AGM in January and we would be happy to provide a copy to anyone who is interested. Here is a precis.

We were able to hold all our regular sessions both in the Club and online throughout the year thanks to Sarah and Angela. The same goes for all our Special Club Events starting with the Individual Competition and Xmas, the Hirst Kurbalija Swiss Teams through to the Mixed Pairs in November.

Thanks to Simon Gottschalk and his team we have the best varied Teaching Programme in Wales with Begin and Continuing Bridge Courses and Supported Play sessions.

We are grateful to our more experienced Junior Members for teaching and supporting the other Juniors, who have joined via the Cardiff university Freshers' Fair and who together form the basis of the Welsh Teams for the Junior Camrose (Home Nations Competition) and Peggy Bayer.

We have also had a very good year socially, with the Chairman's Charity, our 50th Anniversary Celebrations and Geoff Evans Quiz. Thanks to our Social Committee of Jane, Teresa and Veronica and their helpers and Anna and Kevin. Our Members have also been very forthcoming whenever asked to provide food.

Our 50th Anniversary celebrations included for the first time a Handicapped Swiss Teams Event, to which many people contributed.

We have an excellent website and are very grateful to David Buttrick for maintaining it.

Aside from our Committee there are a number of other people who help out in different ways. They are detailed in the CBC AGM Report. I would, however, like to single out one other person; namely our Club Captain Liz Atkinson, she deals and delivers our pre-dealt hands every week, keeps our Office requirements and Coffee up to date, organises the Winter League and is one of our Reps on the EWBA Committee.

CBC is well represented on the WBU Committee and sends 3 representatives to the EWBA Committee Meetings.

A number of our Members represented Wales.

Mia Deschepper and Ceri Pierce in the Camrose (Home Internationals). Gilly Clench, Mia Deschepper, Ceri Pierce and Maggie Pierce (NPC) in the Lady Milne (Ladies Home

Internationals). Diane Kurbalija in the Teltscher Trophy (Senior Home Internationals). Sophie Akers, Joseph Bentley, James Brindle, Emilia Cadden, Milan Maleci and Sooz Nesom (NPC) in the Junior Camrose.

The details of the many CBC Members who won WBU, EWBA and CBC Club Events are detailed in the said AGM Report

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