

NEWSLETTER January 2023

I trust that you have had an enjoyable Christmas and would like to wish you all a Happy and prosperous New Year.

I would just like to comment on a number of matters:

Annual Dinner and Christmas Arrangements

The club dinner was a great success, thoroughly enjoyed by all. Janine and Howard Kay won the Terry Wild trophy, with Carol Manners and Marc Gomme as runners up.

Thanks to all involved particularly Sheila Wild, Jean Ramsbottom and John Fitzgerald for the prizes and Pat Turner for the table decorations. Thanks for all the kind comments made after the event, they are much appreciated.

In the last week before Christmas we were served with mulled wine, mince pies and stollen. Thanks to Liz, Pat and all who helped on the nights.

Supervised Play

Our Wednesday supervised play sessions are proving to be very successful with over 50 people having attended. We hope that a number will become members of the club in due course.

Thanks to Joan Lewis for all her organization skills and to Anne, Barbara, Joan, Judith, Karen, Andy, David, Howard and Ken for giving up their time in order to mentor.

Find a Partner

Barbara Eastabrook is keeping a list of those members who wish to find members on an ad hoc basis. Please email her at Eastabrook@btopenworld.com if you would like to be included on this list. We have no plan to reintroduce the host system at present but will keep it under review.

Larkhill Bridge Club

Larkhill have made the decision not to recommence F2F bridge. Thanks to assistance from Mark Gomme together with Bowdon bridge club we have acquired bridgemates, boards, tables, cards, and a printer at a very reasonable price.

Teams Competitions

We hope to enter teams in the Gazette Cup which will be played on 5th February.

We have also been challenged to a match by Tyler Hill bridge club in Kent.

We will be contacting suitable representatives shortly.

Club Competitions

I would like to congratulate the following for their success in our informal club competition.

Ladies : Ann Edwards and Anne Jordan

Mixed : Marsha Gee and David Olliver

Men : David Olliver and Gilbert Fletcher

Club handicap competition for the Commemorative plate will be held in March.

Can You Help??

We have vacancies on the committee and would welcome new recruits. We are also always on the lookout for new 'dealers', directors and scorers - in house training is available for prospective scorers and dealers. There is a directors' course in Chester in March which one club member is attending. If anyone else is interested please let me or Joan know.

Subscriptions

May I remind you that subscriptions of £20 are now due. Details of how to pay are on the website - either

-pay directly to the bank ensuring you include your club number or name in the reference section.

Sort code: 516111 Account No :23243155 Account :Altrincham Bridge Club

-Cheque at the club

-Post to Margaret Harris 4 Colebrook Road, Timperley WA15 6NP

I remain confident about the future of bridge at ABC particularly F2F and also online on Wednesdays and would like to thank you all for the support we have had. We continue to monitor whether we should open for F2F on an additional night.

Once again a Happy New Year to you all. Stay Safe and Healthy.

Stephen Halstead

Chairman