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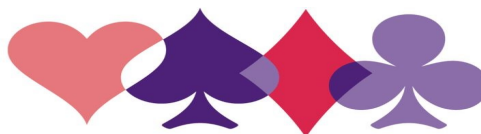
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BAGWORTH WHISTLESTOP BRIDGE GROUP

# Newsletter February

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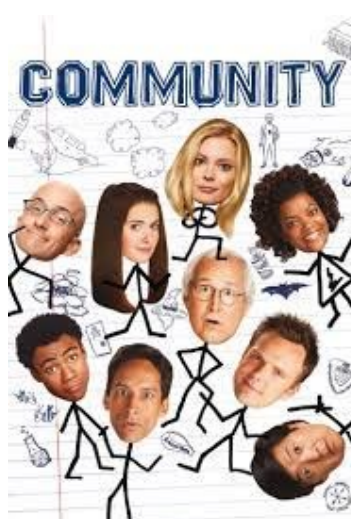
BRIDGE GROUP

I don't think anyone would not wish us to mention the very successful and atmospheric parties we have had recently. The first was the Christmas party where a rotating partnership movement was used with the spot prizes. Thankyou to Carol who organised this. The movement enabled people to play with everyone and the food was as usual excellent and the wine plentiful.! Similarly a good time was had by all especially Shelagh where the club celebrated her birthday and achievements within the club. We think we have nailed the par-

ty scene!

Our next job is in promoting the club. This we usually do by recruiting new learners . However, this does require some hard work to promote and

to this end you will see our new logo appearing in different places and we are having some new general leaflets printed and some new business cards. These have been professionally designed using the grant provided through Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council. You can help in this especially in you live in the Hinckley and Bosworth area by letting us know of any community events in your village or town so that we can distribute leaflets and promote the club both for play and for learning. You never know it might be a good way to meet your neighbours!!



## Swiss Teams of Four : Sat June 1st\*

You will recall our very successful Swiss Teams of Four in July last year. Being gluttons for hard work we are planning on having another one this year, again with afternoon tea. We needs loads of help

This includes before and on the day—help with the technical and organisational support for the bridge session and help with contributing refreshments.

If you can help with any of these aspects, please let George, Mary or Shelagh know. Your help and support is very much appreciated.

\*The date is provisional!

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Thursday 20th June 2024



# Our Finances

All is well and our bank balance is approaching £3000 thanks to income received through table money, the raffle, the application for grants and through providing learning opportunities.

Our expenditure runs alongside this income requiring licences, insur-



ance, equipment, promotional and teaching materials.

However, our treasurer, John, is always listening and if anything is needed, we shall always consider and evaluate. We are currently assessing the attendance module which runs alongside the bridgewebs results module. This is currently used by many bridge clubs and costs around £60.00 per year. This will be considerably less work but we may need to make changes in the payment/invoicing arrangements to simplify matters for our income streams but it shouldn't impact on members too much.

Do you remember these? Well



the marsh mallow run is over, the end of an era! M and S are stopping making them.

We shall try to find a substitute for our signature dish. Your ideas are welcome and thank you to Marilyn and John who always provided them.

# Members Update

We are pleased to welcome some new members to the club, some of whom are already known to us from Ashby. Laura and Guy Bryant have joined us and we are pleased to welcome John and Kate Collier. All four of them have done really well at the bridge table and secured some good scores.

Our members all have



good news, sad news, trials and tribulations. We welcome hearing your news and send condolences to John Wain and also to Christine Iddon on their recent sad losses.

However, there is also good news and the Bryants have an MBE in their family and the Leggs and Mandy Bearn have new grandchildren to welcome into their family.

# Competitions and challenge!



Yes, it's the final! The contestants are Carol and Averil versus Andy and George. And 'NO', we are not running a book on it. Good luck all and thank you to all who have completed their rounds in record time and thank you to Steve Fieldhouse for organising this.

Save the date...**MARCH 14TH.**

This is for the **SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS**—SIMS for short. This will look and feel like a normal duplicate session but your scores will be amalgamated and ranked with all the other clubs playing the same hands across the country. This is a charitable event raising money for MIND and MacMillan. You will also receive a commentary from a bridge expert as to how the hand should have been played

# Save the Date : A grand day out : the details

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It's not too late to join us! Mary Weeks has been in touch with various coach companies for our Stamford visit and has the best deal from Roberts coaches!.

They will provide a 37 seater coach ' (no toilets)' leaving the community centre at 9.00am on Friday April 26th arriving in Stamford town centre 10.030am. Friday is market day in Stamford. The coach will then take us to Stamford bridge club 12.45 to play in their afternoon duplicate session at 1.30. The coach will leave at around 4.30 and collect any non bridge playing people from the centre of Stamford. Return time to the community centre will be 6.00-6.30. We ask that you share cars where possible to the

Community Centre so that we do not occupy too many spaces. The cost of the coach is £600.00 so we are hoping to get 30 passengers—some for bridge, about 7 tables and some for shopping and visiting Stamford. This should keep the cost at £20.00 perhead and less if we have more. You are welcome to bring along non member friends but we would ask that you book and pay for them to save the extra administrative work required for the invoicing of non members. There will be table fees required for bridge players.

We have 20 expressions of interest and we shall be circulating a booking form for passengers.



## A new opportunity : Monday Mornings

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The community centre has the meeting room availability on a Monday morning. This is the time when we have usually had a teaching/ learning slot. We would quite like to retain the use of this time and how best to use it. The options we have considered have been an extension of the supervised play or the opportunity of a

more relaxed duplicate session 15/16 boards with some supervision. OR, it could be an amalgamation of the two! If you have other ideas, please let us know. We have heard from a number of you in terms of suitability for this time. We are thinking of an April start and run on into July or longer if this gains interest. We need to

have a minimum of three tables to make the duplicate an option. We shall put an expression of interest form on the website



## Beginners Update

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We have five new beginners who started learning with us after Christmas. As it is a small group we meet at Shelagh's but we will be encouraging them to come to the community centre to observe a session on a Thursday and then transfer to some supervised play at our Thursday afternoon session.

We have found that social bridge

invitations are a real bonus when members take new learners under their wings. It boosts confidence as well as an easier integration to the club. If you have some interest, do let us know—two live in Desford, two in Broughton Astley and one in Bagworth.

We hope to offer a Beginners Course in September. If you are interested in either helping or doing the teacher training course, then do let Shelagh know. Helping also includes perhaps delivering leaflets to promote the course!



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*Our Mission is to share and spread the game of bridge to local people for their enjoyment, health and well being in a friendly, safe and comfortable environment*



**We are on the web**

[www.bridgewebs.com/bagworthwhistlestopbridge](http://www.bridgewebs.com/bagworthwhistlestopbridge)

**Bridge is a sociable game and a learning Game!**

**Our members work and play hard!!!**

- Four are going to Cheltenham with Arena travel for bridge
- One went to Denham Grove with Bernard Magee's 'Reboot your Conventions'.
- One was a helper at Bernard Magee's Denham Christmas session.
- Four subscribe to Andrew Robson's daily bridge cast.

- Two subscribe to of Bernard Magee's webinars and matches.
- Many play social games on

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