



Cotswold's loss—Bagworth's gain!

We are delighted that George Strang has accepted the nomination to become the Chair of our club in Bagworth. We are even more delighted that his recent move back to the area from a short foray into the Cotswolds has now made this possible! Welcome home George!

George is both an experienced bridge player and a previous Chairman of the Ashby Bridge Club 2006-2009. He therefore brings a lot of experience to the club. He introduced the bridgewebs web site to Ashby and so knows how to operate this. He is an experienced teams player representing Ashby in the County. George still plays in the Gloucestershire league and has lots of blue and green points

following success in County competitions. His lesser claim to success is playing with Shelagh in a West Midlands Counties event which added just a miniscule amount to his green points!



Not surprisingly George and his playing partner Andy have managed to get more than 70% several times at Bagworth. And he managed to secure both the random pairs and knock out trophies in 22/23 at Bagworth

Bridge playing is not George's only talent. He is still a keen rower and rows at Loughborough on the Soar. His rowing career began at the age of 15 and again secured success winning two Scottish Championships in a pairs and in an 8 boat.

We are looking forward to George bringing his experience to our relatively new club and hoping for lots of new initiatives!

Charitable Donations



Thank you to all of you who are supporting Gosia in her walk/ hike/ ordeal/ jolly in the hills and valleys of Derbyshire. Gosia is part of a team of four to complete 26 miles on 12th August raising money

for alzheimers research. The event is organised by the Alzheimers Society and donations can be made through the 'Just Giving' web site. Good luck Gosia who has now raised 150% of their target. Thank you, all.

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Our Finances



All is well and our bank balance is improving as we collect in your membership. And, thank you for your prompt payment.

We have a trainee treasurer in the form of Derek who is helping John this year and we hope to have the opportunity of website training

from the LCBA which will include something on their finance and payment system. However, the club's system is working fine at the moment. With attendance improving to 9 tables we also have further table and raffle money coming in.

In addition, Shelagh was successful in the grant application to the Rural Communities Fund and we have a grant of £500.00 to support our improved publicity. Expect to find banners, logo, coasters and leaflets hitting the deck soon. This was one of our planning priorities for this year and so the additional kickstart funding will help us on our way!



If you have any design skills to share with us do let us know we can use some help. We are not looking to change our website which seems to work quite well.

Members : New and strong man needed!

We welcomed some new players to the club at our swiss teams event in June and two decided to stay with us. We are pleased to welcome Ian Grudgings and Mary Lou Willison who are well known to members who also play at Ashby.

We have been really sad to lose Dave Wenham, a former Bagworth resident, who is moving to pastures new in Cheshire. Dave has been one



of our most popular members and could always be relied upon not only for his good humour but his ability stack chairs at the end of the session....so strong man needed Good luck Dave and come back soon to see us.

Sadly Dorothy Pennington has had to leave our Monday evening session on RealBridge because of health issues

Competitions and challenge!

Competitions for 2023/4 are starting soon with the knock out trophy which again will be organized by Steve Fieldhouse. We had 100% participation from members last year which can't really be bettered so lets see if we can manage it again this year.

We shall still run our random pairs in early June and our swiss teams

Social event which we are moving to a little earlier in May this year.



George is bringing in two new competitions as he steps into the role of Chair. The first will be an individual winner for a duplicate session. The second will be for simultaneous pairs where you play the same boards and are ranked against other clubs nationally. The event usually raises money for charity and the boards have a commentary from a leading bridge expert!

Save the Date : A grand day out

We have the opportunity of a visit to Stamford Bridge Club which is near Peterborough. Stamford has one of the leading bridge clubs in the country and they managed to build their own premises. On Fridays they have a relaxed duplicate session and we are welcome to join in. We have requested space for 7 tables of players and we are looking at sometime in early April when the 'cruisers' have returned.

Stamford itself is a beautiful stone built town steeped in history and with a number of good eating places as well as a picnic site by the river. Friday morning just happens to be market day in Stamford as well!



Mary Weeks is organising a coach for us so that we can have the morning in Stamford and the after-

noon playing bridge. Non-playing partners are welcome to join us as they will find plenty to do in Stamford and can be collected after we have finished.

More details to follow with a sign up form showing expressions of interest.

What's not to enjoy!!!

Coach



Teams Event Bagworth and Market Bosworth

Simon and Nigel have suggested a club match with Bagworth and Market Bosworth which will be sometime before Christmas and hopefully in the afternoon. We hope initially hosted by Market Bosworth and then a return session.

We hope to raise two teams of 4

pairs and probably a reserve pair to play for Bagworth. George and Simon are going to lead on this so if you are interested in playing you will need to express your interest to George, and again probably a sign up sheet. However, more details will follow. Previous experience of playing in teams is helpful but not essential as we are anticipating a

friendly match. If you don't play at the first one, don't be too disappointed as hopefully this will just be an initial one and there will be a repeat performance



Improvers Programme

We are planning an improvers programme for 2023 which will again be on a Monday morning 10.00-12.00.



The focus will be on card play both as declarer and defender. Expect things on leads, discards for suit preference and signals for count and attitude. All too often the focus is in teaching bidding strategies and gadgets but 50% of the game is in playing the cards. We all make mistakes in those, or most do, but the trick is not to

make too many !! The weekly fee will be £4.00 to include course materials and refreshments.

Shelagh will be leading on this programme but any additional offers of help will be most welcome





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Handy Hint

Did you know that you can play any of the duplicated hands again on our web site. This is useful bridge practice so do try it out and discuss the strengths of your ways with your partner!!

1. Go on to the Bagworth club bridgewebs website
2. Click the results for a week
3. Click your partnership position
4. Click on the little green hill icon, top left of screen and bridge solver comes up.
5. Click the play it again button

Dave was a popular guy who had many partners in his 20 months in Bag-

worth. Two are missing from the photo—Averil and Simon!

