



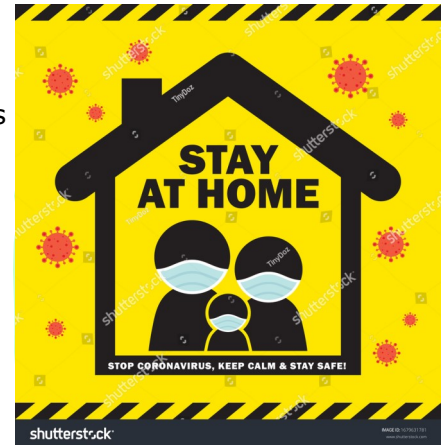
## It's here, lets hope it's going

....AND HOPE WE DON'T FOLLOW IT OVER THE HILL!!

Did we ever imagine a world without seeing each other to play bridge. It's been a trying time for us all but as far as we know none of our members have had Covid 19. This is probably because we are bridge players and obey the rules...please put aside those cheeky comments readers. We have all been busy probably doing those jobs we never found time to do, reading those books

which laid unread on the shelf, shredding those old bank statements, smashing those weeds out and ensuring our bathrooms are in original show room condition and sparkle within an inch of their lives. Whatever, we are entitled to give our selves a pat on the back for surviving and by staying at home so that everyone else is protected. Unfortunately we are unlike-

ly to be able to reward ourselves with bridge, a cruise or other holiday any time soon even though we ae saving up for it staying in!!



## Keep up the Bridge

The world seems to be giving us lots of opportunities for free. There's Bernard Magee Mon, Wed and Fri 11.00am and his seminars and quizzes. Andrew Robson has quite a few on You Tube but

not always free. These include Beginners, Next Step and Advanced. Then you can always play on line using Bridge Base on Line and I know 16 of you are already registered. Do get going by

downloading the APP and there is also a good video guide if google You Tube Bridge Base on Line (BBO). Be warned it is getting busy!!

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### Special points of interest:

Keeping up with Bridge in 2020 during our lock down.

Follow Bernard Magee and Andrew Robson on You Tube

Play in our BBO teams

## 2nd Annual General Meeting June 18th 2020

We would like to sort out our AGM before we start bridge again so that when we do return we can get straight into the bridge and the biscuits /cake!!.

We could do a zoom, houseparty or Microsoft team but these are a bit tricky to organize and probably not worth the effort. So our choice is to ask you questions to get your feedback on how we are doing, how you might contribute and what you think we should do next. We will also provide you with an



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annual report and hopefully we can manage to do this by correspondence so that we can get it put to bed by the 18th. Technically this doesn't quite

match the constitution and we could have a vote to accept the virtual findings of the AGM when we next meet. If you have any objections or suggestions for an alternative way forward, then do please say.

We will not at this stage revisit the notions of joining the EBU or joining another club as things haven't changed in any material way since our last AGM to warrant their consideration

## How can you help??

Well, firstly by completing the questionnaire which we will send you to give us your feedback. We shall take the view that no return = happy with how things are and no preference for the options given which is all a bit passive. Secondly you could nominate an

other person or offer yourself as a general committee member. Meetings are infrequent and usually when needed and we try to have a bit of a party with it.

The current committee members are all prepared to serve in their current roles for a fur-

ther year. They are Carol Stephens/ chair; John Morris / treasurer and Shelagh Rumbelow/ secretary and communications



## A suggestion for you to consider?

We have been delighted to have got a bank account opened this year and now bank regularly and can make purchases on line.

We wondered whether you might be interested in a voucher system for your table money? We could organize num-

bered vouchers in books of 10 with your name as the purchaser and so you would purchase as a cost of £20. Some bridge clubs do this already and it's not an issue for us either way. It just means



a little less cash handling for you and possibly more convenient. Just let us know. Our finances have not changed since our last newsletter hence no reporting of them.

## Bridge Base On Line

We now have 16 members already registered to play bridge on line and hope that you are managing to get some practice. Four of us have played Market Bosworth in a friendly team match, we won 1 out of three!!

We wondered whether you might be interested in a mixed team match which we could organize for the Bagworth group? BBO can only take 8 players at a time in a match so it would be 4 v 4 or we could have two matches playing simultaneously. We thought mix-

ing the partnerships with a stronger and weaker player and some in the middle might help to improve our play. What do you think??? PLEASE EMAIL US!

Given the sheer volume of players after-noon, evening and midweek, it might be better done at a weekend? We are thinking of Saturday or Sunday mornings say

at 11.00am. We would play 12 rounds which would take an hour or so. Let us know if you are interested. If you do not already play we can help to set you up.



## Our Members

We all seem to be OK and we have had no new members recently. Ann's shoulder injury is healing but still very painful. Janet is recovering quite well from her operation which did take place despite the Covid19. Janet is still awaiting her 2nd knee replacement. Sue Allgood gave us all a shock with a hospital dash and heart

matter. Keep well, Sue and take the tablets.

Betty is taking special care being quite vulnerable at this time but sadly hasn't managed to get in her planned **90th birthday celebrations** so we shall all have to help her celebrate when we get back to-

gether again. **HappY Birthday for 15th May**



## Your Holidays

Well, weren't those of us who left you all in February the lucky ones and so many of us...three tables full on holiday!!

Those of us who played bridge whilst on holiday, played quite well and won a few little prizes but it was all a bit of a shock

when we got back to find the new restrictions and shortages which have plagued us ever since. The Turkey group can highly recommend their bridge holiday. Sadly none of us can really plan anything else yet but our time will come! We do hope your plans have not gone

down the plug hole



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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**



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## Ode to Bridge

I'm giving up bridge - tonight's my last night,  
It's Amen to Staymen, I give up the fight.  
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles;  
I can't sleep at night for remembering doubles.

What to bid, what to lead, and which cards have been played?  
Did my partner's discard mean she wanted a spade?  
So for now it's all over - I'm off to the backwood,  
I'm bidding good riddance to Gerber and Blackwood.

I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain,  
I'm getting those bad cards again and again.  
I'm giving up bridge - tonight's a bad night,  
Declarer is horrid and nothing's gone right.

My partner's quite hopeless but tends to blame me,  
When we go down in four and we should be in three.  
And I sit there in dread when I hear her say "double",  
She does it a lot and it always means trouble.

My points are not high, and I'm wondering why,  
She keeps on and on bidding right up to the sky;  
We're in seven hearts and my nerves are all frayed,  
When wonder of wonders - the contract is made!

We've got all the tricks, the defenders look grey,  
And I have to admit that my partner's okay.  
But ... I'm giving up bridge - tonight's my last night,  
Farewell to conventions, I give up the fight!

So I end with some words that I know to be true,  
Bridge is a game, not for me but for you.  
So be kind to your partners, and don't mind their cheek,  
For it's only a game - oh! and see you next week!

Thanks to Anne Gurd who sent this for us Ode!

### Bagworth Community Centre

Still closed at the moment with Office staff working from home and the Whistlestop café doing outside deliveries.

As soon as is possible we shall re-open our bridge sessions when we are allowed and it is safe to do so.

It is tricky, however, when handing cards which every one else has to do. Hence, it will be with caution when we do so.

KEEP SAFE, HOME AND WELL!