

# Bagworth Whistlestop Bridge

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## Making Progress

We are doing well. We have just had our best supported bridge session yet with 7 tables. We hope you enjoyed it as much as Carol and Shelagh did

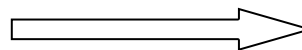
Thanks to your support, we are getting more financially viable and can now afford to buy 7 sets of bidding boxes so that's one new target achieved. Our next priority is to buy our own tables with 5 likely to cost us £500. This means we need to do some fund raising. We shall do this by setting up a membership system for the group and do some training sessions for Improvers and Beginners. So we need your help again!! If we can raise these funds we can return the tables and bidding boxes so kindly loaned to us by Market Bosworth Bridge Club and An-



**Who will forget these Polish pastry 'Angel Wings' and home-made lemon curd from Gosia Wain....see inside story 2**

drew Billson and Toni Cape-well, respectively. You as members will also be a lot safer as members of the group when we get more information from you.

## Read on



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### Special points of interest:

- We have been meeting weekly for 4 months.
- We have 46 people on the register
- We have taken £548 in table fees = 2740 attendances
- We have spent £265.96 on equipment and sundry expenses.
- We spent £226 on room hire
- We have joined the LCBA

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## Some formalities!!



We need to get some details about you to join our group properly, if you wouldn't mind. This means a membership form and fee. At the moment we have very limited information and no emergency contact if you were taken ill during the session. As you to complete

the membership form, we need to tell you how we will use this information to meet data protection requirements and we need to prepare a draft constitution which can be approved at an AGM in June so that you can see the purpose and organisation of the group.

## Learning and Improving your bridge

Both Carol and Shelagh have successfully completed the English Bridge Union (EBU) teaching course and have delivered a Beginners and an Improvers course at Ashby Bridge Club. A number of you have mentioned that you would like an Improvers programme and so we plan to do this on **Saturday January 19th** at the Community Centre 10.00—4.00pm

Priority will be given to our club members although non members can attend with a supplementary fee!

We have been asking locally if people would like a beginners course and have found some interest.

For this course we will follow the EBU express course over a weekend which will be on Saturday and Sunday **23rd and 24th February**. Learners will need the EBU book for this and probably some paracetamol!!

You can help by promoting this and we might need a few experienced players to advise



**New courses to buy tables!!!**

## Scoring your play

Following our last newsletter, we did get some volunteers! Thanks to Marilyn and her able assistant John for volunteering to help with the scoring each week. This gives Carol some respite care! They have very quickly come to terms with the idiosyncrasies of the 'EBU Score' to send out the results each week.

Our initial plan was to use mobile phones or ipad to score bridge using and APP called **BriAn** and the centre's wifi. We asked you to link your phone with the wifi which most of you have done but you need to download the APP as well. The easiest way is to google BriAn bridge score and download the APP, its free. Have a go!

*“ Life is not a matter of holding good cards but of playing a poor hand well”*

Robert Louis Stevenson

## Christmas!

Sorry, we know the cards are not even in full supply yet even in the garden centres but thought we had better have a plan!

**We shall be closed on Thursday December 27th and on January 3rd.**

We shall consult with you nearer the time about whether to meet on Thursday 10 January.

Our last session for 2018 will be Thursday 20th December. Bring a plate of food to share if you can please but don't all bring mince pies and we shall have party bridge.



## Gosia raises £400 for Canine Partners

You will remember those delicious Polish pastries made for us by Gosia to raise money for her charity cycle ride....well she did the ride on a cold, wet and windy day in September....appalling weather. Gosia cycled 86.03km in 4hr 32 mins and raised £400.00 through sponsorship for the registered local charity, Canine Partners, in Osgathorpe, where she volunteers. The charity trains dogs and matches them to people with disabilities where they support

them in the home. Gosia's friend is disabled and she says ' *seeing the dogs with their owners makes your heart melt.* '

Thanks for making Gosia and her Dad, Olek, so welcome in Bagworth. He has returned to Poland and playing bridge there with the U3A. He was touched by your friendliness and hopes to return. Gosia is attending the teaching programme in Market Bosworth to learn ACOL.



Gosia returning from her cycle ride

## English Bridge Union...to be or not to be?

In our last news letter , we mentioned that we have joined the Leicestershire Contract Bridge Association. This is free and promotes the group to a wider audience. Then we had a chat to the EBU about joining them. This gives you access to resources, a magazine, diary and competitions as well as achieving master

points but it comes at a cost....52p every time you play which comes out of your table money. Many of you are already members...and that presents us with a problem because you are TOO GOOD! The EBU will only allow a free session when no more that 10% of players have 100+ master points. So it may happen next year but someone might adopt us first!!



## Bridge is a friendly Game

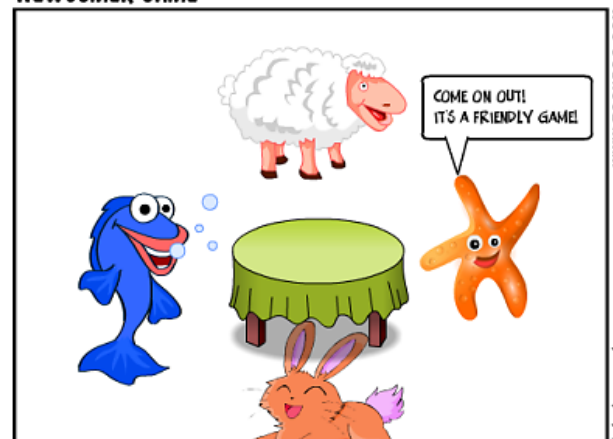
In the winter it can snow in Bagworth so we need to have a good communication network. We shall try to let you know if a session is cancelled but if in doubt ring Shelagh's mobile **07530364339** or the Community Centre **01530230628**

And bridge really is a friendly game!

Several of our members are going on bridge holidays. Four of our beginners from Ashby, who didn't know each other before, are having four days in Telford playing.

However, always be friendly and courteous at the table! See the EBU guidance on 'Best Behaviour in Bridge'

### NEWCOMER GAME



## Bagworth Whistlestop Bridge

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## Organization

**Never Knowingly Underplayed!**

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**Our mission is to share and spread the game of bridge an internationally recognized mind sport to local people for their enjoyment, health and well being in a friendly, safe and comfortable environment**



## Making our Group Work



We need to develop a preliminary constitution with some committee members—a Chair Person, Secretary and Treasurer as a minimum. These need to be in elected at an Annual General Meeting which we shall have on the nearest Thursday to our anniversary 21 June.

Carol and Shelagh can keep things working until then but a Chair person would be good or we can go off like loose cannons!

Next, we shall be giving you a membership form and taking a subscription fee from you. We are not sure wheth-

er this should be **£10.00 for this year only** as we need to get ourselves financially viable. For the following year we could reduce this to **£5.00. BUT you need to tell us what you think** is best! At the moment we have no bank account and no money!! This is because we buy equipment as soon as we pull in funds, after we have paid the room rental, of course!

We also need to tell you what we will do with the data you give us. So we need a draft data protection statement with the draft constitution. These can be approved at the AGM.

We need this to keep you safe!

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