



Newsletter Oct 2021

Welcome Back Everyone

Well, we together have made it into Face to Face bridge. It's all a bit different and it feels a bit funny but your smiley faces are back with us unlike the cake but more to follow on this. The hand sanitizer is being well used but not masks which are optional. Our scoring tablets are cleaned each week and we are getting back into the swing of using them. We are getting another set of boards and so the cards will only be used every four weeks so no virus can live on them for four weeks!

Thanks to our early 'setters up' and our

clearance away teams all seems to be working. The named bidding boxes work well as long as we remember to bring them with us!!

We want to say a special thanks to you for coming. It takes courage. Some of you have not returned to face to face bridge and we to-

tally respect and understand that. Only come when you feel confident, safe and well. No-one is rushing you and we shall always keep you in the loop so hang on in there.

In this issue we are asking you about 3 things:

COMPETITIONS, REFRESHMENTS, NAIROBI



On Line Bridge : Where Now? Kenya???

Our Thursday afternoon BBO sessions have now been replaced with Face to Face bridge as has our Wednesday evening RealBridge session. We have moved this to Monday evenings but it

has had a faltering start so please give us all the support you can!

New Opportunity. We are going to offer a joint game on RealBridge with a group of players in Nairobi. This will be a

'One Off' on Tuesday 23rd November at 3. 00-6.00pm 24+boards. You need stable broadband and good equipment . IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, let Shelagh know. You need to register and have a partner

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Our Finances

We are in credit and our bank balance is into four figures. However, we going to get a new set of boards and cards so it will take a bit of a hit. This will give us the ability to run sessions with 8 tables and to create 24 boards which will be required for that number.

It will also get hit as we start to pay the 'real' rate for our hall use. We require the use of the hall to meet social distancing needs and were offered it at the same rate as the small room for the first four weeks. This now doubles in price!!!

Thankyou again for your subscriptions. That's all been managed very well through our treasurer and with your help. You are also coping well

with our cashless payment system by paying on line at the end of the month following your invoice.

We thought we were ahead of the game in our cashless pay-



ment system. However, we did

not plan on this! Bank Charges!

Yes the banks are now going to charge societies for their transactions in cash and cheque. We are not alone in this..it is happening to others!

We didn't know about it and we don't yet know how it will pan out or what the charges will be. We know some of you do not do online banking but if you can manage to do it instead of cash or cheques it would be appreciated. The thing is, just don't worry about it, just keep coming and we will work with you

Members

Following subscription payment, we now have 36 fully paid up members and 3 who definitely wish to rejoin but haven't yet paid as they are not ready to come to face to face bridge.

We are sad to have lost some members but our group will always welcome them if they wish to return. We have been in touch to tell them this. However, we are delighted to

welcome Janet Vernon, Wendy Moulds, Philip Callaway, Simon Learoyd and Nigel Brewster as new members. Most of them are already know to us all either through online



play, Market Bosworth or Ashby. We know you will make them most welcome. On our first week we were delighted to find Nigel Brewster playing with Simon. AND he had a birthday with a '0' so any excuse for a celebration, we gave him a little cake with a big candle and didn't actually manage to set off the smoke alarms. Congratulations Nigel

Competitions and challenge!

70%+ well done Steve and Margaret who managed 70% at the end of September and so gain a free week.

Well, what about it then? At the moment we have no club competitions. Many clubs have teams events and numerous competitions but so far we have none.



Knock-out competitions would be easy to do either on line or face to face, so should we???

We could do a random pairs duplicate event perhaps as a Christmas do????

We don't have anyone on the committee responsible for competitions. So we could pressure one of them or co-opt. However, we need to know if you are interested.

Cup Cake Corner



Well, if competitions don't inspire you to talk to us perhaps food does!

We have a strong tradition of refreshments and food in our breaks at Bagworth. How we miss Gosia and those lovely Polish cakes. So what about it?

We now have quite a bit of space in the hall in Bagworth and facilities to make drinks. Your committee elected to avoid food and drinks for the first four weeks so it is now time to reassess and we need your input so let us know.

We already provide hand sanitisers, masks and disposable gloves if you choose to use them. We try to chat

to people during their sit out but some refreshment might well be appreciated especially if it's a three board sitout.

What might be quite straight forward is to have packeted food / biscuits and drinks. You would have to watch using the kettle but otherwise nothing touches anything else and we could limit the number of people around the sink are to two people. **So what about it? How do you feel?**



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People

We do all get around and many of you have been on bridge holidays. Shelagh, Carol and Averil went to Worcester and Mary is about to go to the Cotswolds. Many of us have been with Mr Bridge, Arena Travel, Bridge Overseas and done river and full bridge cruises. So do ask around we always like to share our experiences ..And look at this as a bridge birthday cake for Alec, who



joined us for bridge. He is Gosia's father and she went over to Poland as a

birthday surprise for him..see below



The Dealing Machine Launch

As you know, we were successful in gaining a grant towards our dealing machine from the Parish and Community Initiative fund. We have invited Cllr Martin Cartwright who is the lead for this fund at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council. We have invited him on



Thursday 11th November. We shall still be playing bridge but will integrate with his visit and have a short demonstration of the dealing machine



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Teaching and Learning : Improvers

We shall be contacting all those who have subscribed to the Improvers day, very shortly. We shall be keeping to the same themes of weak twos and playing and bidding strategies. However, we are thinking that two Saturday mornings would be more suitable given the current covid situation as it would save having to bring food etc.

There are other opportunities to learn as well. Have a look at 'You Tube' which has a variety of free bridge videos. Some members also subscribe to Andrew Robson's daily bridge cast, approximately £10 per month. Bernard Magee also has a subscription channel which is slightly more expensive but also includes special events and holiday discounts. Keep LEARNING!!

