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**♥ Heart of England Bridge News September 2024**

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Welcome to Members,  
Learners, Visitors and Guests!  
Number 77 September 2024

**MONDAY AFTERNOON START TIME CHANGE**  
**\*\*\*13.30\*\*\***

BIABD - County Sims Monday 9th September  
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### Club Timetable

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#### **Monday Afternoon Play will start at 13.30 From 9th September**

On Mondays we usually get enough tables to play two-board rounds.

Hooray!

This means any sit out should only be about fifteen minutes.

We have been playing ten rounds, twenty boards. However, if we have a sit out, many players get to play eighteen boards.

So we have been trying an eleventh round. There are twenty two boards, and anyone sitting out gets to play twenty.

This has gone well, but we finish fifteen minutes later.

This means running into a bit more traffic.

It also makes clearing up by five o'clock a bit pressured. So...

#### **We will start fifteen minutes earlier at 13.30.**

**This will start on Monday 9th September, so NOT 2nd, which may be tomorrow when you are reading this.**

**Also not on Thursdays. Thursday start is staying at 13.45.**

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#### **Monday 9th September - Start Time 13.30**

**This session will be a bit special.**

It will attract EBU Master Points and National Grade input as usual.

It will also form part of a **Northants County Bridge Association simultaneous pairs**. You will be able to see how we performed against other Northants Clubs.

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This is part of the EBU "Bridge It's a Big Deal Festival",  
raising money for Cancer Research.

We will be charging the normal table money.  
The EBU fees will be donated to Cancer Research.

If you would like to donate to Cancer Research, as part of the Festival  
you can do so:

using the EBU Giving page <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/unite/english-bridge-union> OR,

you can message me authorising a donation from your Heart of  
England account OR, you can give me cash, and I will donate it for  
you,

OR not, as you wish.

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## Autumn Lessons and Coaching

**Learn the  
game that  
70,000  
people play  
every week**

Monday Mornings  
at Dunchurch  
Monday Evenings online  
Mix and Match to suit you  
Starting September 23rd

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# Bridge 3 Taking Acol Further

24 September 2024	L01 Losing Trick Count
01 October 2024	L02 Playing trump contracts
08 October 2024	L03 Very Strong Balanced Hands
15 October 2024	L04 Very strong Unbalanced Hands
22 October 2024	L05 Blackwood and Gerber
29 October 2024	L06 The Protective Position
05 November 2024	No Lesson
12 November 2024	No Lesson
19 November 2024	L07 Opening and other Leads
26 November 2024	L08 Signals and Discard Systems
03 December 2024	L09 Transfers for Weak Take Out
10 December 2024	L10 Transfers for Game Tries

Tuesday Afternoons  
at Dunchurch  
Ten Sessions  
Starting September 24th

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From Thursday evening, September 26th, there will be a new beginners course. 19.00am - 21.00am for ten weeks at **Kenilworth Bridge Club**.

There will be a **two-week break in the weeks starting 4th and 11th November**. All courses have their final lesson in the week starting 9th December.

**Wednesday AM Zoom/Facebook  
Tuesday Evening RealBridge Friendly Practice**

## **Topics in September:**

Balance of Points Redouble (XX)  
Weak Two Openings  
Strong Hands in a Weak Two System  
Losing Trick Count

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England Bridge

Get weekly teaching links/information news

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## **Gentle Duplicate at Dunchurch Tuesday Mornings**

We play around 12 randomly dealt boards on a Tuesday morning. Each one is played without help, but then there is a minute or so to discuss it. It's a great way to build your game.

Proper duplicate, with Master Points and input to EBU National Grade, but played in a friendly, fair spirit to be enjoyed.

Anyone with a basic knowledge of bridge and some idea of duplicate is welcome.

PLEASE BOOK (Use "Partner Needed" if single.)

Visitors can reply to this newsletter to reserve a place.

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Click to see how to book into a club session

Use any one of three user ids:

Your name: e.g. Queen of Sheba

OR

Your email address: e.g. [sevennotrumps@dreammail.com](mailto:sevennotrumps@dreammail.com)

OR

Your EBU number: e.g. 654321

All our members have a password to access or change bookings.  
If you are not sure what yours is please click here:

Click for Password Reset

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## Master Point/National Grade News

July 2024 Master point promotions

**Val Brown** District Master  
**Sonya Kimber** Area Master

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## Northants County Bridge Teams Competition

Entries are now invited for the Broke Cup and its plate, the Betts Bowl.

The Broke Cup is the county, green pointed, knock out cup for teams of four. The Betts Bowl is the plate competition for those teams that lose their first round match.

Matches of 32 boards are played face to face or online if both captains agree.

Teams of four is a great format for competitive bridge and playing in a county event, such as this, is an opportunity to meet and compete with players from different clubs.

Details may be found on the county website.

If anyone is interested in making up a team, please contact Nicky

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### The Future

How about a permanent bridge venue in Rugby? Where we could leave bridge furniture set out all the time. Several bridge clubs would use it, and other competitions. Maybe chess clubs also. Already there is the Mind Sports Centre in Chelsea, Spondon and the South Bucks centre. If you know of anywhere in or around Rugby with at least 50 sq m of interior space and at least 50 car parking spaces that might suit, let me know.

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# Keep the date - Christmas Swiss Pairs

Saturday December 7th - Christmas Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs



## 2024 Founders Competition/Trophy

Minimum number of events is 25.

A hundred opportunities to play.

Award for a win is 8, 7 for a second 6 for a third and so on. Two sets of points awarded when we play a two winner movement.

### Heart of England BC Founders Pairs Ladder 2024

8th January 2024 - 29th August 2024

	Name	Average	29 Jul	1 Aug	5 Aug	8 Aug	12 Aug	15 Aug	19 Aug	22 Aug	26 Aug	29 Aug	Played	Qualified
1	Brian Mawby & Yolanda Wilcock	7.44	2			6	6	7	4.5	7	2.5	8	42	25
2	Chris Longthorn & Margaret Aitchison	7.34	8	8	5	8	7	6		8	6		35	25
3	Peter Iredale & Vera Iredale	6.90	6			0.5			6	7	5	7	57	25
4	Alan Page & Eric Hope	6.06	5		7		8		6		6		27	25
5	David North & Marilyn North	6.00						8				0	21	21
6	Don Prowse & Pauline Smith	5.14	7	0	0	7	3	4	4	5	3	4	45	25
7	Bren Corr & Eva Thompson	4.80		5	0	0			4	5	0		42	25
8	Judith Longthorn & Zena Hutchinson	4.29				3		8					21	21
9	Malcolm Fawcett & Paul Jackson	3.94		6								4	18	18
10	Edwige Quick & Sue Robards	3.91	6				2		8		4		16	16
11	Sue Harris & Zena Hutchinson	3.76	2		3						8		21	21
12	Brian Phillips & Rob Close	3.56	0		0.5				5				25	25
13	Jean Wilson & Robyn Crighton	3.29		3		0							17	17
14	Jean Wilson & John Cockburn	3.19	0		0		2						24	24
15	Carole Broadhurst & Maxine Ross	3.04	0				0						25	25
16	Carol Davies & Geoff Davies	2.85						3				0	17	17

Open to Heart of England members. Monday and Thursday Afternoon events.  
Play a minimum of twenty five events to qualify. Best twenty five results count.



Tops awarded 8, second place 7, third place 6 and so on.  
Two sets of points awarded when two winner movements.

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## **COVID is lurking! Stay healthy and look after each other**

We will keep the rooms well ventilated and run the filters!

All of you have been great at staying away when you are, or might be, unwell.

**THANK YOU!** Please keep it up.

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## **Did you know?**

### **Your next position is displayed on the tablet**

After you have checked the result of the last board in your round, the tablet will display the current rankings and then it will show the table and direction for the next round for each pair.

Sometimes this is obvious, "players up, boards down". Sometimes we have to use a more complex movement.

North should make sure that both pairs know where they are going, and that each sets off in the right direction.

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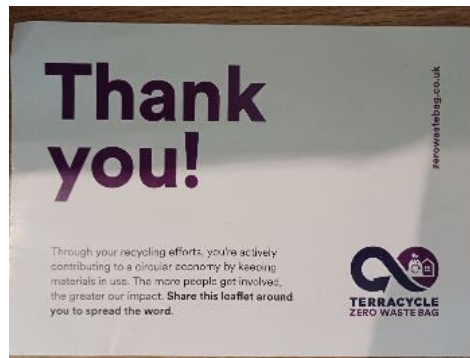
## **Recycling pill blister packs**

I am recycling empty pill blister packs. They have no financial value. They can be recycled, for a fee.

This keeps them out of landfill and least partially recycled. We filled **SIX** bags so far.

**Do bring yours to Dunchurch.  
(Make sure all pills have gone!)**

Theresa is still collecting milk bottle tops.



## Club Timetable

### Mondays

13.30 Pairs at Dunchurch (Visitors by prior agreement - Booked in Advance)

### Tuesdays

10.00 Gentle Duplicate (All welcome, please book or otherwise let us know you are coming, no need to bring partner)

13.45 Beginners/Novices at Dunchurch (All welcome, no need to book, no need to bring partner) **Lessons from September 25th.**

19.30 Novice Themed Practice on RealBridge

### Wednesdays

10.30 Wednesday Seminar (Facebook, Zoom & demo on BBO)

### Thursdays

13.45 Pairs at Dunchurch (Visitors by prior agreement - Booked in Advance)

### Topics

Topics and joining instructions are on the web site and published in our weekly "Online" newsletter.

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## Heart Of England Web Site

<http://www.heartofenglandbridge.co.uk>

or

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/heartofengland/>

Bookings, results and players accounts are all now on the new web site. Some news, information and historical pages are still to be transferred.

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Nicky

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