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

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**Welcome to Members,  
Learners, Visitors and Guests!  
Number 79 November 2024**

Christmas Swiss Pairs Reserve your place!

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Tuesday Afternoons 1.45pm

Last 4 sessions:

19th Nov Opening and Other leads  
26th November Signals; Discard systems  
3rd December Transfers for Weak Take Out  
10th December Transfers for Game Tries

2024 Founders Trophy

Northants County Broke Cup

Covid (and Noro virus) is lurking

Did You Know?

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Recycling pill blister packs

Club Timetable

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**Christmas  
Blue Pointed  
Swiss Pairs  
Sat Dec 7th**

11.00 Play Starts  
3 x Six Board Rounds  
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13.15 Lunch Break  
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies  
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14.00 Play Resumes  
3 x Six Board Rounds  
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16.15 approx. Close

**£15 Per  
Player**

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**Christmas Swiss Pairs Reserve your  
place!**

**Twelve out of twenty tables  
already reserved.**

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## Christmas Raffle

At the Christmas Swiss Pairs we support a local charity with a raffle. We alternate between the Myton Hospice and the local Air Ambulance.

This year it's the turn of the Air Ambulance.

Please could you donate items for the raffle? Bring them to the club before the event, or donate them on the day.

Raffle tickets will go on sale on 20th November, please buy them.

If you could help organise the raffle table, selling of tickets and drawing of tickets on 7th December, that would be brilliant.



Reply to this newsletter to let me know...

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## The Future of Bridge in Rugby

We have made some possible progress on a permanent bridge venue in Rugby.

A place where we could leave bridge furniture set out all the time. More than one bridge club would use it, and other bridge groups. It would be a place for lessons, practice, social bridge, Chicago and rubber.

Would you consider being a trustee on a new charity to run the venue. Would you consider a donation or an unsecured loan to help with start up expenses? Please reply to express an interest or find out more.

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## Master Point/National Grade News

August 2024 Master point promotions

**Chris Longthorn** 1 Star Master  
**Rob Close** District Master



Reply to newsletter with your mobile phone no and be part of our Heart of England Bridge Club members WhatsApp group.

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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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# 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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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.

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## 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.

Posit ion	Name	Aver age	26 Sep	30 Sep	3 Oct	7 Oct	10 Oct	14 Oct	17 Oct	21 Oct	24 Oct	28 Oct	Play ed	Qua lity
1	Brian Mawby & Yolanda Wilcock	7.80					4	8	7.5	8	0	6	55	25
2	Chris Longthorn & Margaret Aitchison	7.60	0		6	7	7	3	5	3	2	7	50	25
3	Peter Iredale & Vera Iredale	7.12		7	7	0		4.5		4	3	0	70	25
4	Alan Page & Eric Hope	6.62				8		7		7		0	34	25
5	David North & Marilyn North	5.98	6		3				1				26	25
6	Don Prowse & Pauline Smith	5.94		4	0	6	6	8		5	7	5	60	25
7	Bren Corr & Eva Thompson	5.32	0	4		0	2	5		4	8	0	55	25
8	Brian Phillips & Rob Close	4.44						6					29	25
9	Judith Longthorn & Zena Hutchinson	4.20	4				1				5		25	25
10	Malcolm Fawcett & Paul Jackson	4.09			0		3		4				23	23
11	Carole Broadhurst & Maxine Ross	3.92		7		0		2		6			32	25
12=	Brenda Bassford & Christine Greenaway	3.83	7				8		3				20	20
12=	Edwige Quick & Sue Robards	3.83		5				4		5			20	20
14	Sue Harris & Zena Hutchinson	3.48		0		0		0		0		0	29	25
15	Jean Wilson & John Cockburn	3.19											24	24
16	Daphne Rourke & Judy Spring-Blagden	2.82	2		5		5				6		30	25
17	Carol Davies & Geoff Davies	2.64	3		0								21	21
18	Pauline Ferris & Theresa Hillier	2.56		2		0		0		6			28	25

## Northants County Broke Cup

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.

We played our first match at Stamford. We won the first half! but lost the second half by rather more. Now for the plate....

# COVID is lurking! (and NORO, the horrible tummy virus)

Please use the sanitisers.

## 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?

### △ Swiss Competitions (Pairs and Teams)

Our Christmas party bridge takes the form of Swiss Pairs. Swiss Pairs and Teams are very popular at the bridge congresses organised by counties and the EBU.

So, what is a "Swiss" competition?

A Swiss competition starts with a random draw assigning each pair or team to a table by table number and direction (North/South or East/West). The first of a series of head to head matches is played.

At our Christmas Party each match consists of five boards. The whole field, often twenty tables for our party, play the same five boards, so there are many copies of these five boards being shared by two tables, or passed from table to table in a circle.

When all tables have played all five boards, the computer calculates a score for each table distributed between the two pairs at the table.

The score awards each pair a share of 20 victory points (VPs). North/South may have won the match 20/0, or drawn it 10.10, or lost it 7/13. The computer makes a list of the pairs in order of the number of VPs they have scored. It then assigns the pairs at tables 1-20 in that order, so that the pair that has done best plays the pair that has done second best at Table 1 and so on.

Players move to their assigned table and direction for the next round, and the field plays another five boards. Again, the computer calculates a result for each table, adds the VPs from the match to the pair's running total, re-sorts the list, and assigns the pairs for the next round. The computer adjusts the assignments to avoid re-matches.

Each time a pair sits down to a new match, they will be playing a pair doing as well as they are. The pairs doing best are on the tables from 1 downwards and the pairs not doing so well have a party at the highest numbered tables.

It's a popular format because you play against pairs with a more similar success rate to you as time goes on and you don't face many

pairs much stronger than you or indeed much weaker. It gives every pair a good chance of some good results.

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## Recycling pill blister packs

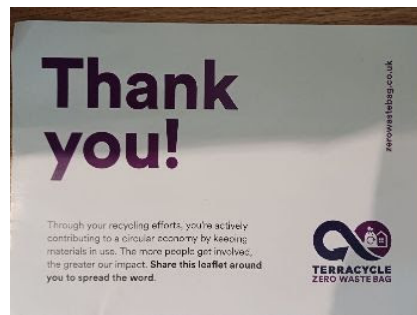
They have no financial value.  
They can be recycled, for a fee.

This keeps them out of landfill and least partially recycled.

We filled **TEN** bags so far.  
That's more than a big dustbin full.

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

Theresa is still collecting milk bottle tops.



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## 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 to Christmas. No lessons on 5th and 12th November.**

19.30 Novice Themed Practice on RealBridge

### Wednesdays



10.30 Wednesday Seminar (Facebook, Zoom & demo on BBO) **No sessions on 6th and 13th November.**

### **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>

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<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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