
♥ Heart of England Bridge News December 2024

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**Welcome to Members,
Learners, Visitors and Guests!
Number 80 December 2024**

Please Support our Air Ambulance Raffle
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Please Support our 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.

TICKETS ARE £1 EACH.

Buy for cash in the club, or email us to buy from your account. Raffle tickets will go on sale on 2nd December, please buy them.

Thanks to Sue and Zena who volunteered to help on the day with organising the raffle table, selling of tickets and drawing of tickets.



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Christmas Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs Sat Dec 7th

11.00 Play Starts
3 x Six Board Rounds

13.15 Lunch Break
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

14.00 Play Resumes
3 x Six Board Rounds

16.15 approx. Close

**£15 Per
Player**

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**Christmas Swiss Pairs Reserve your
place!**

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

**Complete the form on the Heart
of England Homepage**

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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? We have a group who have expressed an interest, please let me know if you would like to join them.

Master Point/National Grade News

October 2024 Master point promotions

Valerie Jones District Master
John Jarvis District Master



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

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

OR

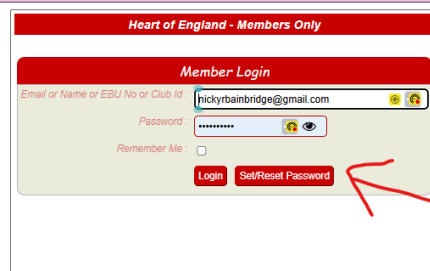
Your EBU number: e.g. [654321](#)

All our members have a password to access or change bookings. If you are not sure what yours is please click "Membership" in the menu on the left of the club home page and then click Set/Rest Password.

Click to go to the club web site

Heart of England

Friendly Bridge for Friendly People



Tuesday Afternoons 1.45pm

Last 3 sessions:

3rd December Transfers for Weak Take Out

10th December Transfers for Game Tries

17th December Scoring!

Teaching Plans for 2025

I am really sorry, but there will be no Wednesday Morning seminars after Christmas.

I will be teaching a beginners course in Northampton on Wednesday mornings.

Bridge 2 Building Your Skills

16 January 2025	Playing Suit Contracts
23 January 2025	Simple Overcalls
30 January 2025	Vulnerability - Doubling - Scoring
06 February 2025	Take Out Doubles
13 February 2025	Unbalanced Opening Hands - Weak
NO LESSON	HALF TERM
27 February 2025	Unbalanced Opening Hands - Strong
06 March 2025	Playing No Trumps Contracts
13 March 2025	Stayman
20 March 2025	Responder's Re-bid
27 March 2025	Defence

Monday Mornings
at Dunchurch
Ten Sessions
Starting January 13th

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Thurs Evenings
at Kenilworth BC
Ten Sessions
From January 16th

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2024 Founders Competition/Trophy

Minimum number of events is 25.

A hundred opportunities to play.

Only four to go...

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.

Position	Name	Average	28 Oct	31 Oct	4 Nov	7 Nov	11 Nov	14 Nov	18 Nov	21 Nov	25 Nov	28 Nov	Play	Quality
1	Brian Mawby & Yolanda Wilcock	7.96	6	5	4	8	7	8	2	8	8	5	64	25
2	Chris Longthorn & Margaret Aitchison	7.74	7	6	8	5	8	8	3	6	6	6	59	25
3	Peter Iredale & Vera Iredale	7.24	6	8	6	6	6	5.5	7	2			77	25
4	Alan Page & Eric Hope	6.76	6		7		6	8					37	25
5	David North & Marilyn North	6.14								3		2	28	25
6	Don Prowse & Pauline Smith	6.02	5	7	2	3	6	6	6			6	67	25
7	Bren Corr & Eva Thompson	5.44	6					6		3	6		58	25
8	Brian Phillips & Rob Close	4.74			7		6				1		32	25
9	Judith Longthorn & Zena Hutchinson	4.40		3		2				6			28	25
10	Malcolm Fawcett & Paul Jackson	4.32								7		7	25	25

11	Carole Broadhurst & Maxine Ross	4.24		5		5	ϕ	35	25	
12	Brenda Bassford & Christine Greenaway	3.78		5		5.5	0	23	23	
13	Edwige Quick & Sue Robards	3.77		3	0	6	5	24	24	
14	Sue Harris & Zena Hutchinson	3.68	ϕ	ϕ	1	4	ϕ	33	25	
15	Daphne Rourke & Judy Spring-Blagden	3.30		4	3	5	ϕ	ϕ	35	25
16	Jean Wilson & John Cockburn	3.06					0	ϕ	26	25
17	Carol Davies & Geoff Davies	3.00		6.5	6	4		24	24	
18	Cynthia Martin & John Cockburn	2.68				6	ϕ	4	29	25
19	Pauline Ferris & Theresa Hillier	2.60		ϕ	ϕ	1		31	25	

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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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.

Did you know?

No Questions

From the English Bridge Union Blue Book

3Z C End of the Auction 3Z C 1 At the end of the auction the calls should remain in place until the opening lead has been faced and all explanations have been obtained, after which they should be returned to their boxes. If the hand is passed out then the passes are immediately returned to their boxes.

The auction ends when either a bid has been followed by three passes, or there has been four passes. To help everyone be sure that the auction has ended, please actually get a pass out of your bidding box and place it in front of you. Don't assume the auction is about to end and just tap the table or put your bidding cards away.

Firstly, other players may overcall, or double and missing passes can create confusion. Secondly, in a harsh playing environment, your opponents may argue that you are telling your partner to pass. This would be unlawful. Thirdly, the bidding cards are needed for the next step.

The player on lead can now look at the auction when deciding what to lead. If he or she has questions, they should be put **before** a card is detached from the hand. If the opening leader has no questions, he or she pauses to allow partner to ask questions. Partner should signal that they are ready to play by saying "No Questions". Declarer has the right to ask questions and must do so promptly.

In a harsh playing environment, any variation or inconsistency in this routine could cause opponents to argue that there is unlawful communication between the defenders.

It's to everyone's advantage to stick to an unvarying, full, routine. Firstly, it avoids suspicion. Secondly, once it becomes an automatic habit it saves the precious power of your brain for the game!

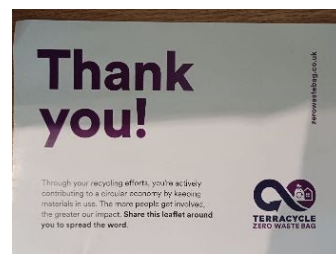
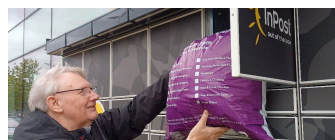
Recycling pill blister packs

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

This keeps them out of landfill and least partially recycled.
We filled **TWELVE** 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.



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.

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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