
♥ Heart of England Bridge News January 2025

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**Welcome to Members,
Learners, Visitors and Guests!
Number 81 January 2025**

Our Air Ambulance Raffle raised £450!!!

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Bidding Boxes will go through the dishwasher!

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We raised £450

Thanks to Sue and Zena who organised the raffle table, sold tickets and managed drawing of tickets.



Dear Nicky,

Thank you for your recent donation of £450 made via our website.

365 days a year, our crew is on hand to provide lifesaving care and effectively bring emergency hospital care to our patients.

Our doctors, critical care paramedics and pilots couldn't do their jobs without the support of people like you.

On behalf of our team and all the patients, and families whose lives they transform, thank you for your continued support.

It means a lot to us and it means a great deal more to the people we help.

Kind regards,

The Air Ambulance Team.

Christmas Swiss Pairs

We had nineteen tables! Many thanks to Chris and Judy for their help setting up the room, and to everyone who helped keep the coffee/tea coming and the boards moving.

I have booked it in for 6th December this year, and a summer Swiss pairs on 14th June.

Pos	No	Players	Matches	Wins/ Draws	Total	Blue Points
1	20	Craig Hutton & Lo Tolbutt	20 19 20 10 17 10	5	350	1.55
2	5	Catherine Holt & Frances Gerth	16 14 9 17 19 10	4½	350	1.40
3	7	Anne Wright & Steve Wright	8 5 20 18 19 14	4	350	1.24
4	25	Ian Sidgwick & Paul Spencer	17 20 0 11 14 19	5	350	1.22
5=	31	Steve Francis & Harry Gordon	16 4 20 3 15 19	4	350	0.97
5=	12	Wallace Bryce & Andrew Billson	19 8 18 20 3 9	3	350	0.88
7=	30	Anne Pettitt & Ann Burrage	10 15 3 20 14 14	4½	350	0.80
7=	29	Margaret Aitchison & Kala Chauhan	10 15 18 12 15 6	4½	350	0.80
9	22	Peter Baines & Maria Smyth	15 20 13 10 5 11	4½	350	0.63
10	1	Graham Cope & Pak-Hin Lee	20 1 6 17 13 16	4	350	0.47

The Future of Bridge in Rugby

I am hoping to arrange a chance for you to visit our possible new home. Look out for announcements....

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.

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Master Point/National Grade News

November 2024 Master point promotions

Margaret Aitchison 4 Star Regional Master
Daryl Graham Club Master
David Graham Club Master
Eric Hope Master
Sue Robards 1 Star 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

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Heart of England - Members Only

Member Login

Email or Name or EBU No or Club Id : hickyrbainbridge@gmail.com

Password :

Remember Me :

Login Set/Reset Password

Teaching Plans for 2025

Click to go to full details on website

Tuesday Afternoons 1.45pm

First 2025 sessions:

14th January Opening Weak Two's
21st January Strong Hands and Weak Two's
28th January Cue Bidding

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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Bridge 2 Building Your Skills

Thurs Evenings
at Kenilworth BC
Ten Sessions
From January 16th

Nicky Bainbridge

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2024 Founders Competition/Trophy

Congratulations
Brian and Yolanda

Winners, with a "perfect" result of 25 tops.
Chris and Margaret a close second. Peter
and Vera, letting go of the title after several

straight wins, but a creditable third.

Heart of England BC Founders Pairs Ladder 2024
8th January 2024 - 19th December 2024

Position	Name	Average	Competition												Play ed	Qual ify
			18 Nov	21 Nov	25 Nov	28 Nov	2 Dec	5 Dec	9 Dec	12 Dec	16 Dec	19 Dec	Non Qualifiers			
1	Brian Mawby & Yolanda Wilcock	8.00	2	8	8	5	6.5	8	8						67	25
2	Chris Longthorn & Margaret Aitchison	7.82	3	0	0	0				8	6	8			62	25
3	Peter Iredale & Vera Iredale	7.24	7	2			0	6	0	6	6	3			83	25
4	Alan Page & Eric Hope	6.80	8					2		7		5			40	25
5	David North & Marilyn North	6.38		3		2		7							29	25
6	Don Prowse & Pauline Smith	6.06	0	0		0	2	5	5		4	6			72	25
7	Bren Corr & Eva Thompson	5.50	6		3	0	4	4	0	5	0				63	25
8	Brian Phillips & Rob Close	4.98			4			7				0			34	25
9	Judith Longthorn & Zena Hutchinson	4.90		0					5		7		2		31	25
10	Malcolm Fawcett & Paul Jackson	4.88		7		7			6		8				27	25
11	Carole Broadhurst & Maxine Ross	4.48	5		0			3		4		7			38	25
12=	Brenda Bassford & Christine Greenaway	4.04		0					7		7		0		26	25
12=	Edwige Quick & Sue Robards	4.04	6		5		4.5		2		4				27	25
14	Sue Harris & Zena Hutchinson	3.68	4		0					0					34	25
15	Daphne Rourke & Judy Spring-Blagden	3.30		0		0									35	25
16	Jean Wilson & John Cockburn	3.10	0		0			1							27	25
17	Carol Davies & Geoff Davies	2.88											0		25	25
18	Cynthia Martin & John Cockburn	2.68		0		4									29	25
19	Pauline Ferris & Theresa Hillier	2.60	1					0							32	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 on Sunday 5th Jan. Wish us luck.

Keep up the fight against germs COVID, NORO, Flu etc lurking!

Please use the sanitisers.

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?

Bidding Boxes will go through the dishwasher!

Every year between Christmas and New Year, Jim and I, mostly Jim, take home and inspect, clean or replace our tables, tablecloths, bidding boxes, bidding cards, catering stuff, sanitisers etc



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

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

13.30 Beginners/Novices at Dunchurch
(All welcome, no need to book, no need to bring partner)

19.30 Themed Practice on RealBridge

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 biweekly "Lessons etc" bulletin.

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Nicky

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