
♥ Heart of England Bridge News March 2025

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A dedicated place for bridge in Rugby!

We have found a venue.

You can see photos of the interior and exterior on the website homepage.

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

We still have a gap to close between the cost of moving and your generous pledges so far.

Chris Longthorn has very nearly completed the application to create a charity to operate the venue. We have four trustees willing to look after it. Chris (chairman); Nicky (Treasurer); Cynthia; and Paul Jackson. Yolanda has accepted an offer to become a trustee of the Jane Austin trust, and it's a big commitment. We wish her well.

As soon as the charity is created, we will open a bank account. We have all the equipment we need except for chairs.

Could you consider donating £50 to buy as a chair?

This would be so good for the game. The space is suitable for other mind sports especially chess. Think of all the new players, young, older and in the prime of life, we could bring to our beautiful game in its own space available everyday.



Membership Renewal

Free additional month

Normally your membership expires on the 31st March.

However, with the plan to move to a new venue and become a charity, it makes sense to give you a free month and for your new membership to be of the charity.

So your existing membership now runs to 30th April.

Master Point/National Grade News

January 2025 Master point promotions

Jane Walker 2 Star Master
Maxine Ross Master

Heart of England 2024 Master Point Champion

Chris Longthorn



Northants County Eden Cup



Sun 6 April 2025

Start time 1 pm

County Pairs Championship

On RealBridge

Open to All for the **Eden Cup**

All play all over 2 sessions

The highest placed pair with Northants as their primary county of allegiance wins free entry into the Corwen

To enter: send names and EBU numbers to:

northantsbridge.comps@gmail.com

Entry Fee (online): £10 per pair

Payments can be made by cheque payable to NCBA or by online transfer. Details will be provided when you email your entry.

This Event is used to determine the pairs that represent the county in the National Corwen pairs competition.

This year there is a new National pairs competition, the "9 High" Corwen.

This single event will serve as qualifier for both.

You don't have to play in either, even if you don't qualify.

It will be a long event, but a chance to meet some of the top players in Northants.

Jim and I will be playing.



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

Booking 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 see how to book into a club session](#)

[Click to go to the club web site](#)

New Duplicate on Tuesday Afternoons

There will be a few more advanced lessons on Tuesday Afternoons

11th March: Leads Against No Trumps

18th March: Signals and Discards

25th March: Holding up Aces

FROM APRIL

We will offer a new duplicate session.

If we have full tables, we may play teams.

Otherwise, match pointed pairs.
Once the numbers get established, the session will be included in
the Founders Competition.

New Beginners Course from the Beginning of April

Check the web site for details.

Click to go to full details on website

Get weekly online teaching/practice
links/information news

Serving Drinks

Many of you will know that Ella has stopped work awaiting an arrival! We are not recruiting anyone for the time being, so please help yourselves on Monday Afternoons.

We hope Rebecca will continue to help on Thursday Afternoons.

Account Details

You can access your Heart of England account details on the web site by login on as described above. I am ceasing sending out links, as it's a lot of work. If you have queries please email me. If your account needs attention, I will let you know.

Dates for your diary

Our Summer Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs will take place on:

14th June.

Our Christmas Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs will take place on:

6th December.

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.

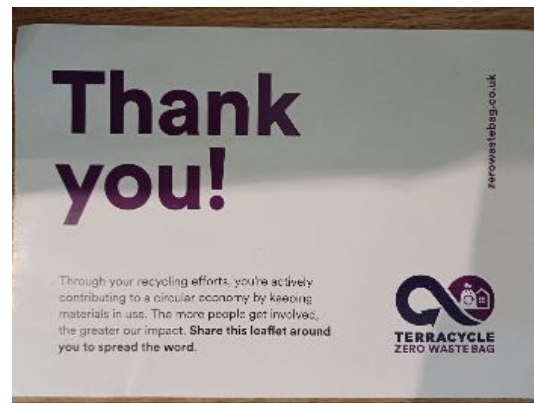
Did you know?

Looking after the Board during play.

*Law 7A: When a board is to be played it is placed in the centre of table where it shall remain, correctly oriented, until play is completed.
(The red text was added in the 2017 revision of the laws.)*

All players should check that boards are the correctly orientated. Listen carefully and check the tablet or table card carefully for “arrow switches”. Many players want to move the board away from the centre of the table, or even off the table entirely. This is not lawful. The board must remain in the centre of the table during the auction. Players need to see who dealer is and what the vulnerability is.

If the board is moved, there is always a risk that the cards go back into wrong pockets and the board is “fouled” for the remainder of the session.



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 Duplicate at Dunchurch (from 1st April)

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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