

HDBC Newsletter Number 53

Dear Member,

As I write this winter is definitely upon us and the evenings are certainly darker.

Car Parking at Greystones

If you receive this before Friday 22nd, just a reminder that the car park at Greystones will be shut on Friday while they repaint the lines. Please also remember after we should be parking outside Greystones House and showing a valid car park pass.

Friday Social and Beginners' Bridge

The Friday social group seem to be going from strength to strength. Do come along on a Friday afternoon if you would like a relaxed and enjoyable afternoon of bridge. Please aim to be there for about 1.20pm.

My idea of moving the Wednesday intermediate group to a Friday morning did not quite work out as planned and I am now running a beginner/improver group instead. We meet at 10 am until about 11.30am and are still accepting new people in to the group.

If anyone is interested please ask them to contact me.

Bridge Lunch at South Lawns

There was a good turn out for the lunch on 25th October with 10 tables. We have already booked again for the Spring. The next lunch will be on Friday 28th March.

Christmas Party Evenings

We will be holding our Christmas evenings on :

Wednesday 4th December and

Monday 9th December.

Although there isn't a host for these evenings we hope that you will all come. If you don't have partner but would like to attend please let me know and I will try to sort pairs out.

We hope that some of the Friday social group will be able to join us.

This year, we will be changing the catering slightly.

The club will be providing wine and soft drinks.

Instead of the committee providing mince pies there will be a sign up sheet so that everyone can volunteer to bring some mince pies, crisps or other 'finger food'. We do ask that if you would like to bring something other than the food on lists that you bring it in a container that you then take home to wash up.

There will be a relaxed evening of bridge to follow.

Dealing Machine

Excellent news! We expect to receive the new dealing machine at the end of this week!

Many thanks to Colin Christmas and the other benefactor who have so generously given us the money to purchase the machine.

We are also very grateful to HCA who have agreed to pay for the new boards and cards to go with the machine.

Now all we have to do is work out how to use it. After that we shouldn't need to enter hands at the start of an evening.

A Seasonal Puzzle for you

Name the Carols/Christmas songs Can you work out the following:

- 1. Bleached Yule
- 2. Loyal Followers Advance
- 3. Nocturnal Noiselessness
- 4. The Quadruped with a vermilion Proboscus
- 5. Frozen precipitation commence

I hope to see you all on 4th or 9th December.

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