

## Report to Oxfordshire Bridge Association AGM 2024

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### *Summary of Midlands Counties League Performance*

Gloucestershire won the Dawes League by some margin and Oxfordshire came second, having been the only team to have beaten Gloucestershire.

In the Porter League, Oxfordshire won. The convincing win over Derbyshire proved crucial. Congratulations to all those playing for the B Team. Representatives will now be selected for the National Inter-County final in June 2024.

And in the Markham Oxfordshire came third in spite of a flying start.

The tables below show the individual match results.

### **Division 1**

#		G	O	W	D	L	W	N	S	Total	Ave
1	Gloucestershire	+	5	16	19	18	19	19	15	111	15.86
2	Oxfordshire	15	+	9	17	10	5	17	15	88	12.57
3	Warwickshire	4	11	+	12	16	16	8	13	80	11.43
4	Derbyshire	1	3	8	+	8	18	9	20	67	9.57
5	Leicestershire	2	10	4	12	+	7		18	53	8.83
6	Worcestershire	1	15	4	2	13	+	13	12	60	8.57
7	Nottinghamshire	1	3	12	11		7	+	12	46	7.67
8	Staffs & Shropshire	5	5	7	0	2	8	8	+	35	5.00

### Division 2

#		O	D	L	G	W	S	W	N	Total	Ave
1	Oxfordshire	+	17	16	19	8	15	17	9	101	14.43
2	Derbyshire	3	+	11	12	16	15	16	19	92	13.14
3	Leicestershire	4	9	+	18	7	13	16		67	11.17
4	Gloucestershire	1	8	2	+	8	20	17	19	75	10.71
=	Warwickshire	12	4	13	12	+	11	12	11	75	10.71
6	Staffs & Shropshire	5	5	7	0	9	+	11	15	52	7.43
7	Worcestershire	3	4	4	3	8	9	+	17	48	6.86
8	Nottinghamshire	11	1		1	9	5	3	+	30	5.00

### Division 3

#		G	W	O	W	S	D	L	N	Total	Ave
1	Gloucestershire	+	13	16	14	18	13	10	20	104	14.86
2	Worcestershire	7	+	14	15	18	14	19	14	101	14.43
3	Oxfordshire	4	6	+	15	8	20	20	20	93	13.29
4	Warwickshire	6	5	5	+	15	11	14	15	71	10.14
5	Staffs & Shropshire	2	2	12	5	+	15	12	20	68	9.71

6	Derbyshire	7	6	0	9	5	+	1 5	1 2	54	7.71
7	Leicestershire	1 0	1	0	6	8	5	+		30	5.00
8	Nottinghamshire	0	6	0	5	0	8		+	19	3.17

## Summary of Individual Performances 2023-24

Care needs to be taken when assessing individual results, given that there are few data points. A single slam for or against a pair can make a significant difference to the x-imps. However, the table below does show some outstanding performances:

- Alan and Nick scoring consistently well in the A Team
- Abbey and Rob having a good season across the A and B Teams
- Lawrence and Yining likewise having a good season across the A and B Teams
- Denis and Kathy played in three winning matches and one draw across the A and B Teams
- Gillian and Nigel played consistently well in the B Team
- Christopher and Mary-Ann playing well in the B Team
- So many players in the C Team ended the season with positive x-imps

	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24		Ave@23-24	Played@23-24
	Notts	Derbys	Leics	Staffs	Glos	Worcs	Warks			
<b>A Team</b>	<b>17-3</b>	<b>17-3</b>	<b>10-10</b>	<b>15-5</b>	<b>15-5</b>	<b>5-15</b>	<b>9-11</b>			
Nick Smith/Alan Wilson		57	16	81	33	-13			34.8	5
Charlie Bucknell/Ewa Wiecezorek		10					26		17.8	2
Jon Green/Tom Rainforth		30			-6	-8			5.4	3
Lawrence Wang/Yining Yang			3	-1					1.0	2
Ollie Burgess/Diana Nettleton		-17	-15	-16	16		26		-1.3	5
Ian Angus/Aleks Lishkov					-4				-4.0	1
Robert Procter/Abbey Smith						14	-33		-9.5	2
Denis Falbot/Kathy Falbot	P		-10						-10.0	2
Matthew Covill/Chris Wilson				5		-27	-21		-14.3	3
Aleks Lishkov/Daniel Gullberg	P									1
<b>B Team</b>	<b>9-11</b>	<b>17-3</b>	<b>16-4</b>	<b>15-5</b>	<b>19-1</b>	<b>17-3</b>	<b>8-12</b>			
Robert Procter/Abbey Smith				32	57				44.5	2
Denis Falbot/Kathy Falbot		52		26					39.2	2
Christopher Whitehouse/Chris Wilson	22								22.0	1
Krys Kazmierczak/Sandra Nicholson	18								18.0	1
Gillian Lonsdale/Nigel Wilkes			6	16	39	10	1		14.4	5
Jackie Fairclough/Graham Drmond			33			-5			14.0	2
Lawrence Wang/Yining Yang		-16				34	20		12.8	3
Mary-Ann Sheehy/Christopher Whitehouse		24		12	-12	24			12.1	4
Matthew Covill/Chris Wilson			7		16				11.5	2
Amr El-Kashef/Martin Illingworth	-27						-3		-15.0	2
Hugh Thomson/Nigel Wilkes	-17								-17.0	1
Finn Clark/Stuart Forsyth			1				-40		-19.5	2
<b>C Team</b>	<b>20-0</b>	<b>20-0</b>	<b>20-0</b>	<b>8-12</b>	<b>4-16</b>	<b>6-14</b>	<b>15-5</b>			
Nicholas Lee/Steve Noble	80								80.0	1
Gillian Lonsdale/Nigel Wilkes		47							47.4	1
Peter Litchfield/Robert Procter	43								43.0	1
Alison Jackson/Peter Jackson			18						18.0	1
Robert Gasser/Alison Withers-Green	18	40		-12			23		17.2	4
Liza Furnival/Lorna Swadling		51		-8		-4			13.1	3
Irene Holland/Andy King	38						-16		11.0	2
Krys Kazmierczak/Sandra Nicholson			40		-15	-11	25		9.8	4
Malcolm Currie/Peter Litchfield			28		-19	13	13		8.8	4
Finn Clark/Stuart Forsyth				2	-2				0.0	2
Amr El-Kashef/Martin Illingworth			37	4	-27	-19			-1.3	4

Note: the x-imps are not available for the match against Nottinghamshire, and against Derbyshire not every pair played 32 boards.

During the season 20 players represented the A Team; 23 players the B Team; and 22 the C Team.

### Summary of Tollemache Performance 2023-24

Four teams qualify for the Tollemache final each year from each of two groups. Oxfordshire came fifth in the green group, narrowly missing out on qualification to Cambridgeshire by just 2VPs. Diana and Ollie, and Charlie and Ewa had outstanding performances against strong opposition.

Name	Boards	Average x-imps per bd
Diana Nettleton and Ollie Burgess	98	0.97
Charlie Bucknell and Ewa Wiczorek	98	0.23
Alan Wilson and Nick Smith	98	-0.02
Abbey Smith and Rob Procter	49	-0.2
Denis Talbot and Kathy Talbot	49	-0.26

### Selection Criteria

As in previous years the Selection Committee agreed criteria for assessment for pairs to be selected to represent Oxfordshire in the Tollemache. The criteria are dependent 60% on the votes of the committee members, and 40% on the statistics available from the EBU website as follows:

#### **Vote required:**

Partnership strength - 50%

Contributions to the county - 10%

#### **No vote:**

Partnership NGS - 20%

Individual NGS - 10%

Gold points - 10%

The voting instructions to committee members were as follows:

Please, provide a numerical score to each pair on the two categories - partnership strength and contributions to the county. The score should be on the scale from 1 to 7 with 1 being highest (best) and 7 being lowest (worst). Please, rank your own pair if playing - score will be discounted in the rankings. Ideally, each pair should get a different score (therefore utilizing all numbers from 1 to 7) at least on the partnership strength indicator but in case you'd like to rank several pairs equally, feel free to give them the same rank. Please, make sure to start the ranks from 1 downwards (so 1112345 preferred to 3334567).

The votes of the committee members are secret from each other, and the number of pairs selected was chosen following the ranking described.

### *Selection Committee*

The selection committee for 2023-24 was: Matthew Covill (captain), Aleks Lishkov, Graham Orsmond, Mary-Ann Sheehy, Denis Talbot, Nigel Wilkes, Alan Wilson (chair).

Aleks Lishkov has now stepped down from the committee, and our thanks go to him for making a significant contribution to the work of the committee over many years.

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