

Join the 2025 u3a Bridge Festival – A Fun & Friendly Challenge for All!

The 2025 u3a Bridge Festival, organised by the national u3a Bridge Group, is just around the corner, and we'd love for you to get involved! Whether you're a seasoned competitor or someone who enjoys a more social game with friends, this festival has something for everyone.

What's the Festival All About?

The Bridge Festival runs from **???? to ????** and will include a series of simultaneous pairs events, which can be played online or in person at your local u3a club. The same hands will be played across all participating clubs, and the results will be scored nationally. It's a fantastic opportunity to compare your skills with players from all over the country while supporting great causes!

How Does It Work?

- You can take part as a **competitive** or **social** player – whether you're playing in a formal club setting or just gathering with friends for a casual game.
- The festival caters to both larger groups (with 3 or more tables) and smaller gatherings of just 4 players, making it easy to participate regardless of your club's size.
- Each day, participants will play the same pre-dealt set of 16 or 18 boards, with results submitted to a national scoring database. The festival's **Simultaneous Pairs** format allows you to compete with players nationwide and see how you measure up!

For All Levels of Experience

We'll provide comprehensive commentaries after each session, offering expert insights into how the hands should be played. Whether you're looking to improve your game or simply enjoy a friendly challenge, the festival is open to all levels.

Supporting Great Charities

In the spirit of giving, the festival will raise funds for national charities, including **Alzheimer's Research UK** and **Age UK**. Last year, the generosity of u3a members raised over £2,000, and we hope to exceed that total this year.

How Can You Get Involved?

It's easy to sign up, and you can participate in as many sessions as you like. Simply contact your local u3a Bridge coordinator or visit the u3a Bridge website for more details. We'll send you all the information you need, including the hands to be played, along with instructions for online play or hosting a local event.

Factsheet 1: Bridge Festival (Version 2 by Venie from web site)

So, gather your cards, rally your friends, and get ready to join the **2025 u3a Bridge Festival**. It's a fun, social, and rewarding event that brings u3a members together – all in the name of Bridge and charity!

We look forward to seeing you at the table!