

NATIONAL U3A ANNUAL SPRING CHARITY BRIDGE FESTIVAL – 24 TO 28 MARCH 2025

It’s that time of year again and we hope you and your Bridge group would like to play in our Fourth u3a Annual Spring Charity Bridge Festival. As before, we aim to provide 'something for everyone' and players can play 'offline' at their local venue on their regular day, at home, or online.

More information about the 2025 Festival can be found on the [u3a Bridge website](#) together with a comprehensive [FAQs](#) page

If you’re too busy yourself to take this forward, perhaps someone else would be willing to organise it for you, with a bit of help from us? It isn’t a lot of work and registration is already open [here](#).

If your group prefers to play “live” at your usual venue, on your usual day(s) it’s easy. You’ll need a minimum of 2 tables and someone to deal the cards in advance – preferably someone who won’t be playing because they’ll have an advantage – but it’s up to you. If you’re unsure about “movements” please contact us, so that we can help.

The only differences between Duplicate Bridge and other forms is that everyone plays the same hands and the scoring is different. It’s still challenging and just as much fun!

The online platforms are Bridge Club Live (BCL) and RealBridge.

The BCL platform needs a minimum of 3 tables and the RealBridge platform 2 tables.

Our innovative scoring system allows everyone’s scores to be integrated, enabling the names of the overall national winners to be published each day.

As before, each game will be supported with a full set of professional commentaries, enabling players to review the play and improve their game.

We were delighted that so many members played in our four previous Charity Bridge Festival, generously raising over £ 5,000 which benefited age-related charities such as Age UK, Alzheimer’s Research, Kidney Research, Parkinson's UK and Cruse (Bereavement Support). This year's charity is MacMillan Cancer Support.

A second Newssheet will be sent at the end of February with full details of the Bridge Festival. If you’re unable to play this year, please let us know in the meantime.

If you or your Members were unable to join us last spring, we very much hope you’ll join us this year.

Enjoy your Bridge,

Steve Carter,

National Bridge Subject Adviser and the Team.

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