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VISITORS VERY WELCOME

# WGC Bridge Club at KGV Playing Fields, WGC

Want to have a day out, but would prefer to play and eat (rather than enjoy AR)? Nil desperandum – PTO!

### Look who's coming to our club!



### **Andrew Robson Charity Day**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Brickendon Golf Club, Pembridge Lane, Brickendon, Herts SG13 8PD

Super news - the wonderful Andrew Robson is returning to our club in 2025. Those of you who have attended one of his all-day sessions before will know what a terrific day it is, listening to one of the best bridge players talking about his strategies and tips to improve your game, and giving plenty of time to practise hands to illustrate his teaching. And if that isn't enough for you – we've found a smashing new venue at a golf club not too far from here – Brickendon Grange. Now, I have it on good authority that the food is excellent, and the event room is gorgeous. For those of you who find stairs difficult – there aren't any, so no problem there! Fancy it? It is open to all, the only proviso being that you have played (and kept up) at 2 or 3 duplicate/gentle sessions at least.

The day will follow the now usual pattern:

10am	Arrival and Coffee
10.30	Tuition and Play Session
12.30	Lunch
2.00pm	Tuition and Play Session
4.00pm	Raffle and Close



Lunch will be a two-course affair, and you will

be able to choose two courses from the following yummy menu. You can choose a starter and a main, or a main and a dessert – the choice is yours, and everybody's first course (whether it is a starter or a main) will be served at the same time as everybody else's:

Starters:

#### Stilton Mushrooms with herb crumb

**Classic Prawn Cocktail**, served with granary bread and chive butter **Aubergine**, **Parmesan**, **Roasted Pepper and Buffalo Mozzarella Stack** with balsamic, pine nut and chili dressing. (V)

#### Mains:

All served with seasonal vegetables and your choice of potatoes and all can be made g/f Salmon en Croute with a prawn and dill sauce Slow Roast Beef Wellington with a red wine jus Mushroom, Spinach and Walnut Wellington and thyme gravy (V)

#### Desserts:

I always need a couple of reserves for days like this to make up the numbers in case of drop outs. If you'd like to stick your hand up for this, please sign at the bottom of the sheet. If I do call upon you, you don't pay anything – I'll just be grateful to you!





#### **Apple Crumble Tart** and custard

**Hot Chocolate Fondant** served with a white chocolate sauce and vanilla bean ice cream

## **Amaretto Poached Pear**, almond syrup, whipped mascarpone and toasted chopped nuts

Now, the event is a charitable one and proceeds from this will go to the Isabel Hospice. We will also be having a raffle to add to our donation to the Hospice (and last time, we managed to donate a handsome £1250), so the price for the day, including Andrew's tuition and the meal is just £55

Last time we offered this sort of day to our members, it filled up very quickly, so get our names down on the sign-up sheet on the website (just follow the link). It is arranged in tables, so make sure you're sitting with the folk you want to sit with for the day, or, if you don't mind – sign up anywhere. And. . . following a suggestion from a member, I have designated one table for Singles, or folk without a partner, so if this is you, sign up on that table, and see who joins you for the day. Let's see how this idea goes, but I am trying to make this event inclusive for all. I would appreciate it if you could make your food choices at the same time – it does save me having to chase you for your choices later. The money will be taken from your account at the end of December so make sure your cashless account has sufficient funds! Bob's your uncle!

### **Our Day Out - with Duplicate (Open to All)**

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Now, if you're thinking that, whilst you love a day out, your game is a bit more advanced and you'd just love a good old game of Duplicate in those smashing surroundings? Never fear – I've got you covered! We won't be holding our usual duplicate game at KGV on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> February. Instead, we hope you'll want to come along to Brickendon Grange and have your usual lovely game (Level 4) followed by a two-course lunch (same choices as above). Owzat? Your game and meal comes in at **£38** (which includes a charity donation).

Please, sign up for this as soon as you can. Obviously, numbers have to be viable, so I'd like to be sure that we have sufficient so that I can cancel without cost if I have to. This session is also open to all – members, their guests and non-members, too.

### **Charity Raffle**

Now, we will be holding our usual raffle for this event, and I already have the promise of some nice prizes. Frances has made me a stock of her delicious home-made marmalade, and I have secured some ticket vouchers for the Barn Theatre, and, hopefully, a four-ball from Brickendon Grange, for example. But, getting the prizes is a bit of a slog for one body, so if any of you could donate something – either that you have managed to get from your own club or pub or you might have received a vintage bottle of brandy (or anything else that is lovely) for Christmas, but you don't drink – please do donate them as prizes. I can come and collect – no problem! Or, if you're playing at KGV just hand them in to the TD who will lock them away in the cupboard and I can collect from there. Please, do help – it is all in such a very good cause – the Isabel Hospice (and it'll save this ol' body some shoe leather, too!)

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