

## Festival of Bridge

Members of York Bridge Club ran three events as part of the Festival of Bridge. These were café “drop in” bridge, an inter-club challenge and full day taster bridge lessons. All events were free of charge, although all attendees were encouraged to make a donation to Cancer Research UK. **Overall, we raised £477.**

Many thanks to the 3 organisers of the events, who were Robin Loft, Andrew Merrison & Mark Dunkley (although others were involved). Also, a big thank you to everybody who supported these events and donated money to such an excellent cause. We are very grateful.

### Café Bridge Event

A good time was had by everybody who attended the café “drop in” bridge event throughout the day on 11<sup>th</sup> September. It took place at SoJo Bistro in Acomb and was part of our Festival of Bridge celebrations in York.

We had the pleasure of welcoming 24 people at SoJo, and raised £128.60 to be gifted to Cancer Research UK.

Thank you to SoJo for hosting the event and making a generous donation to our chosen charity. Thanks also to everybody who came to play bridge and were generous with their donations.

### Inter-Club Challenge

An inter-club challenge took place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September as part of the Festival of Bridge.

EBU affiliated and non-affiliated bridge clubs from York and its surrounding area were invited to York Bridge Club to play in a match.

We were delighted that 8 clubs participated in the event – Bishopsthorpe, Bulmer, Dunnington, Kirkbymoorside, New Earswick, Pocklington/Yapham, Thirsk and York. Clubs could enter as many pairs as they liked, and pairs’ scores were averaged to arrive at overall rankings.

It was Dunnington Bridge Club who took the honours in 1<sup>st</sup> place, with Kirkbymoorside a close second.

It was satisfying that so many local bridge clubs participated, and the event fully captured the spirit of the Festival of Bridge. We’d love to repeat the event again in the future if bridge clubs are interested (with even more teams and pairs). Please let us know.

## Taster Bridge Lessons

Andrew Merrison and Mike Barnard offered free taster bridge lessons as part of the Festival of Bridge.

Ten people took up the offer of a full day lesson. We hope each of them will get a taste for more bridge, and will register for our beginner classes starting w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> September (Monday evenings & Friday mornings). The indications are that they will, because feedback on the taster lessons has been positive.

The timing of our recent open days and the taster bridge lessons was designed to attract people to our bridge lessons. We expect 21 new learners to start beginner lessons which is very pleasing.

Well done to Andrew & Mike, and the team who organised our open days. Our bridge teaching program continues to be a great success.