

BRIDGE Improvers: Contact Roger Bawden

Meetings: 14:00 Tuesday at The Bowls Club MM.

Improvers Bridge Group.

Current attendance is averaging 12 – 16, although the number of members registered with the group is higher. Although near capacity, there is room for more members.

The format of the meeting is currently to play bridge for two hours every week (Tuesday, 2pm, Melton Mowbray Indoor Bowls Club). The standard of members of the group varies, so hands are normally discussed, the more experienced members helping the less experienced. Often there is a brief session at the start of each meeting to raise a tip for better play. Some weeks we use four prepared, pre-dealt hands that we score and then pass to the next table to play. At the end the results can be compared and discussed.

The sessions are rather informal, enjoyable and friendly.

For further information or should there be a member of the U3A who would like to learn to play bridge contact me.

Roger Bawden

BRIDGE 2: Contact Sheila MARTIN

Meetings: 10:00-12:00 Friday at Leader's house MM.

Bridge Group 2

This small bridge group has now been going for several years playing friendly and often challenging games of bridge.

All members aid in the running of this small group managed by Sheila Martin and many a Friday morning of bridge and gentle banter is enjoyed by all.

Christmas Bridge and a superb lunch was held at Sabina 's home and a bridge quiz compiled by Andy Wade was enjoyed by all. A well supported summer lunch out after bridge was held at Burrough on the Hill.

BRIDGE Duplicate 1- Contact Shirley Weldon

Meetings 10:00am Thursdays at Burton Lazars Village Hall

Thursday Duplicate Bridge Groups

On the 1st and 2nd Thursday morning of the month from 10am – 12 noon Duplicate Bridge is played at Burton Lazars Village Hall where there is adequate parking available.

The sessions are organised by Shirley Weldon (weeks 1, 2) Members assemble from 9.30am, when light refreshments are available. Then Duplicate Bridge is played (14 – 18 hands).

This is an activity for *experienced* bridge players. Average attendance is 24, but we have had 36 recently. Members ideally arrive with a partner (we cannot accommodate odd numbers) but we do have a mechanism to help members who do not have a partner for one reason or another to find a partner.

Although the bridge is taken seriously, the atmosphere is welcoming and friendly and, while competitive, there is no hint of undue aggression!

There is a small weekly charge to cover expenses and room hire, and members will be expected to either provide or purchase a bidding box (about £8) although we do have a number of spares for emergency use.

New pairs, or new individual members, who would like to come along should contact either: Shirley Weldon.