



HDBC Newsletter Number 54

Dear Member,

It is good to see many of you venturing out on these rather dreary winter's evenings. We are getting a good number of tables most evenings.

Dealing Machine

The dealing machine is working well and we are enjoying a more relaxed start to the evenings as a result. (No more worries about putting the hands in correctly!)

Thank you again to those who enabled us to buy the machine and also thank you to those who are helping to deal the hands.

Bridge Lunch at South Lawns

The next lunch will be on Friday 28th March at South Lawns. There are still spaces left and at the moment we need an extra pair to complete a team.

It will be the usual arrangement with a 2 course lunch with tea or coffee followed by a sociable afternoon's team bridge. There will be prizes presented at the end.

I have attached the menu at the end of the newsletter. Non-players are welcome to the lunch and if you wish to play but not have lunch please let me know. If you don't have a partner please also let me know.

We also need people that we could call upon at the last minute if someone drops out.

Car Parking at Greystones

The parking for Greystones' residents has been marked out and just a reminder that we shouldn't be parking along that side.

Friday Social and Beginners' Bridge

The Friday social group continues to thrive. Thank you to Jo, Shirley and Margaret for running the sessions and to John for the scoring. If you want to play on a Friday do just turn up. Please aim to be there for about 1.20pm.

The beginners' /improvers group continues on a Friday morning and there is still time for new people to join us. It is suitable for anyone who hasn't played before, is an improver or just rather rusty. We have now moved to Room 3 so there is plenty of space.

Secretary

Su has done a marvellous job as Minutes Secretary but we really need someone to volunteer as Secretary at the AGM. This will enable them to spend a year in the role before there is a new Chairman. Please think about whether you could volunteer to help the running of the club.

HCA Trustees

The the number of HCA Trustees has reduced recently. Christine Graham has been a trustee for a while. I have now also been co-opted onto the Trustees.

Jokes

A couple of jokes instead of a puzzle this time:

Q. Why can't pirates play bridge?

A. Because they are always standing on the deck.

Q. Why is Batman bad at bridge?

A. Because he only gets the joker.

There are 3 kinds of bridge players: Those who can count and those who can't.

Thelma Price (01425 501587)

Chairman

(Menu attached below)

BRIDGE LUNCH

Friday 28th March 2025

12 noon for 12.30

South Lawn Hotel, Milford on Sea, Lymington Road, SO41 0RF

Cost: £35.00 to include 2 Course Lunch, Gratuity and Prizes

MENU CHOICE

- A. Braised Beef Stroganoff, Garlic Mash Potato
 - B. Roast Breast of Chicken, Rosti Potato, Nduja, and Pesto Sauce
 - C. Fillet of Bream, Lemon and Garlic Potatoes, Samphire and Romesco Sauce
 - D. Roasted Cauliflower Goat's Cheese & Red Onion Tart, New Potatoes, & Cheddar Sauce.
- All served with a Selection of Seasonal Vegetables
- E. Biscoff Bread and Butter Pudding, Caramel Sauce, Clotted Cream Ice Cream
 - F. Raspberry and Passionfruit Mille Feuille
 - G. Local Cheese & Biscuits, Apple Chutney.

Freshly brewed Coffee and Chocolate Mints

SIGN UP ON LIST

Pay Alan Ponting (Treasurer).

Cheques made payable to Highcliffe Duplicate Bridge Club