



## Newsletter November 2024

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The Premier League is the strongest event in Wales, played with screens over two weekends, and was strengthened by the “transfer” of two very strong players this time round. Steve Auchterlonie (right) was born in Wales, while Andrew Hughes (left) has retired to Brecon. Both are Premier Grandmasters and have had many successes in English



Bridge Union events. Among these was Steve winning the Grandmaster Pairs with Kath Nelson in 2023 and Andy winning the 2017 National Pairs with Steve Preston. They formed a relatively new partnership and teamed up with seasoned Internationals Paul Denning and Adrian Thomas. They made a great start and led the table comfortably after the first weekend. Wales extends a warm welcome to the new players.

Pos	Team	Team	Players	VPs	Wins/ Draws	Adj	Total
1	1	DENNING	Paul J Denning & Adrian Thomas Steve Auchterlonie & Andy Hughes	134.20	8		134.20
2	2	POTTAGE	Tony Ratcliff & Julian Pottage John Salisbury & Tim Rees Gary Jones & Paul Lamford	99.51	5	-0.2	99.51
3	8	DUNN	Dafydd Jones & Adam Dunn Martin W Jones & Jake Dunn	96.66	6		96.66
4	3	DAVIS	David Smith & Gilly Clench Gwynn Davis & Susan Ingham	91.94	5	-0.3	91.94
5	5	MURPHY	Alex Maddocks & Simon Edwards Patrick Murphy & Mark Roderick	87.62	5	-0.5	87.62
6	7	GOTTSCHALK	Steve Jarvis & Nick Forrest Chris Rochelle & Simon Gottschalk	67.82	3	-0.6	67.82
7	4	HAWORTH	Viking Yuen & Paul Cunningham Paul & Sophie Cunningham Kevin Maddox & Tony Haworth	60.80	3	-0.4	60.80
8	6	KNOX	Andrea Knox & Martin Garvey Simon & Deborah Richards David Stevenson & Liz Commins	46.81	2	-1	46.81
9	9	PIERCE	Suzy Lawson & Gareth Evans Mia Deschepper & Ceri Pierce	31.54		-0.1	31.54

The winning team on the first weekend never looked back, beating the second team 19-1 in the first match, and extending their lead throughout the weekend. The top eight pairs in the X-IMPs were from the top four teams.

Pos	Pair	Team Name	Players	X-Imps	Boards	Average	NGS %
1	1B DENNING	Steve Auchterlonie & Andy Hughes		+161.68	88	+1.84	61.91
2	1A DENNING	Paul J Denning & Adrian Thomas		+100.39	88	+1.14	57.39
3	2C POTTAGE	Gary Jones & Paul Lamford		+52.58	55	+0.96	56.19
4	2A POTTAGE	Tony Ratcliff & Julian Pottage		+46.74	55	+0.85	55.51
5	8A DUNN	Dafydd Jones & Adam Dunn		+43.15	88	+0.49	53.18
6	8B DUNN	Martin W Jones & Jake Dunn		+35.29	88	+0.40	52.60
7	3B DAVIS	Gwynn Davis & Susan Ingham		+34.72	88	+0.39	52.56
8	3A DAVIS	David Smith & Gilly Clench		+26.75	88	+0.30	51.97

Dlr: South  
 Vul: N/S  
 Optimum NS 140

♠ A K J 7  
 ♥ J 3  
 ♦ A 9  
 ♣ K Q 10 5 4

♠ 10 6 5  
 ♥ Q 8 2  
 ♦ J 10 5 4  
 ♣ 8 6 3

NORTH  
 WEST 47 EAST  
 SOUTH

♠ 9 4 3 2  
 ♥ A 10 5  
 ♦ K 8 6  
 ♣ A J 7

18  
 3 12  
 7

♠ Q 8  
 ♥ K 9 7 6 4  
 ♦ Q 7 3 2  
 ♣ 9 2

♣♦♥♠N  
 N 3 2 3 3 2  
 S 3 2 3 3 2  
 E - - - -  
 W - - - -

This was an interesting board from the first day. At six of the eight tables, 3NT made. A typical auction was 1C-1H-2S-2NT-3NT and West has to lead a diamond to threaten the contract. Declarer ducks in dummy and East wins and returns a diamond. Now the best chance is the king of clubs from dummy. East wins and now another diamond is too slow as declarer can clear the clubs and rise on the first heart.. East needs to switch to a heart and the defence, in due course, will make two hearts, two clubs and the king of diamonds. The winning team sat out this round, so their defence was not tested!

One of the wildest boards was opposite. Three pairs were in 6S by South and only Mark Roderick found the diamond lead that allowed East to cash both winners. At our table East opened 1H and I tried 6S. With hindsight, East should double this but has no idea that I have two diamonds. This is not a hand that can be bid scientifically. I was surprised that one South overcalled 4S as I did not think there were any conservatives left in Wales after the recent general election. I think that 4H is technically the right overcall, which should be a slam try in spades, but I expect that none of the pairs in the field had discussed this. Paul Denning plays a 4H overcall over 1H as a VERY GOOD Four Spades and this would have been useful here.

Dlr: West  
 Vul: All  
 Optimum NS 650

♠ 9 7  
 ♥ A K 9 3  
 ♦ 8 5  
 ♣ 10 9 7 6 5

♠ 10 5 3 2  
 ♥ J 8 6 4  
 ♦ Q 9 7  
 ♣ 8 2

NORTH  
 WEST 52 EAST  
 SOUTH

♠ - -  
 ♥ Q 10 7 5 2  
 ♦ A K J 6 4 3  
 ♣ 4 3

7  
 3 10  
 20

♠ A K Q J 8 6 4  
 ♥ - -  
 ♦ 10 2  
 ♣ A K Q J

♣♦♥♠N  
 N 3 - - 5 1  
 S 3 - - 5 1  
 E - 3 1 - -  
 W - 2 1 - -

Dir: South  
Vul: All

Optimum  
EW -1700

♠ 5  
♥ 10 9 5  
♦ A Q 8 4  
♣ Q 10 8 5 3

♠ J 9 8 3  
♥ Q 7 4 2  
♦ 9 7 5  
♣ J 9

NORTH  
WEST 7 EAST

♠ 4  
♥ K J 8 6  
♦ 6 2  
♣ A K 7 6 4 2

8  
4 11  
17

♠ A K Q 10 7 6 2  
♥ A 3  
♦ K J 10 3  
♣ - -

♣	♦	♥	♠	N	
N	1	7	-	5	2
S	1	7	-	5	2
E	-	-	1	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

There is a saying that “what goes round comes round”. An example of this was opposite. Dafydd Jones and Adam Dunn reached the wrong slam, 6S, although it is a bit unlucky that there is a trump loser. As can be seen 6D is better and even 7D is with the odds. Viking Yuen and Paul Cunningham bid to 6D and were the only other pair to reach slam. Luckily for Dafydd East had bid clubs, so there was no reason for West to lead anything other than the jack of clubs and the miracle line of pinning the nine of clubs on the second round brought home the slam. Easy looking at all four hands.

Both pairs of the leading team were well over +1 IMP per board, with Auchterlonie and Hughes nearly +2 IMPs per board. They had the biggest swing of the weekend when they made 6Dxx on the following board. The score of +1830 is known as a Revolution after the uprisings in many European countries in that year. Quite a few scores have “monickers”, +1100 is a Henry after the taking of the throne in that year by Henry I, while +1400 is an Owain, after Owain Glyndwr, the Welsh martyr. +1660 for 6Hx or 6Sx is a Restoration after the return of Charles II while +1790, for 7NTx is a Washington after the First

Dir: West  
Vul: All

Optimum  
NS 2220

♠ Q 7 4  
♥ K Q 7  
♦ 9 7 3 2  
♣ A 9 3

♠ J 9 3  
♥ J 10 6 4  
♦ Q  
♣ J 8 6 5 2

NORTH  
WEST 2/36 EAST

♠ K 10 8 5 2  
♥ 9 8 5 3 2  
♦ J 5 4  
♣ - -

11  
5 4  
20

♠ A 6  
♥ A  
♦ A K 10 8 6  
♣ K Q 10 7 4

♣	♦	♥	♠	N	
N	6	6	-	1	7
S	6	5	-	1	7
E	-	-	1	-	-
W	-	-	1	-	-

Address to the Union. East made a Lightner double of 6D, asking for an unusual lead, and West found the club lead. Sadly, this was not what was needed, and West needed to lead a spade to beat the contract. Then declarer cannot get to dummy to take a discard on the top heart, East ruffed the club, but declarer now had an easy 12 tricks. This was the sort of bad luck that Mieke and Ceri had all weekend.

## The Second Weekend

This saw the leaders get pegged back somewhat but their lead of 35 VPS was too much, and it always looked likely that they would win. However, there was some hope when they lost two matches on the first day giving a chance to Dunn and Pottage, the chasing teams. Jake Dunn and Martin Jones then had a storming Sunday, and their team had a mathematical chance going into the last round. Steve Auchterlonie and Andy Hughes continue their good form and cemented their lead in the Cross Imps with something to spare. This was their first Premier League, and they made Erling Haaland seem sluggish. They were guaranteed one Camrose weekend, but the five pairs behind them were quite close. The top pair were automatically selected and the selectors added Denning and Thomas, Pottage and Ratcliff for the first weekend. The pair in second did not play in either match against the winning team and a better measure is an adjusted Cross Imps taking into account the opposition. The selection looked spot on and reflected this.

The final table:

### Overall Ranking List For WBU Premier League 2024

Rank	Team Names	Weekend 1		Weekend 2		Overall	
		Adj	VPs	Adj	VPs	Adj	VPs
1	1 DENNING		134.2		84.29		218.49
2	8 DUNN		96.66	-0.1	114.58	-0.1	211.24
3	2 POTTAGE	-0.2	99.51	-0.5	101.20	-0.7	200.71
4	7 GOTTSCHALK	-0.6	67.82		88.58	-0.6	156.40
5	3 DAVIS	-0.3	91.94	-0.1	60.49	-0.4	152.43
6	5 MURPHY	-0.5	87.62	-0.2	57.50	-0.7	145.12
7	6 KNOX	-1	46.81	-0.7	94.83	-1.7	141.64
8	4 HAWORTH	-0.4	60.8		58.06	-0.4	118.86
9	9 PIERCE	-0.1	31.54	-0.4	58.47	-0.5	90.01

Conveniently, the first page of the Cross-Imps had all the players who were positive, and the full list for the purient is on the WBU website: Steve and Andy were convincing winners:

Name	XImps	Bds	XI/Bd
Steve Auchterlonie	193.37	176	1.10
Andy Hughes	193.37	176	1.10
Gary Jones	90.12	110	0.82
Paul Lamford	90.12	110	0.82
Tony Ratcliff	93.43	132	0.71
Julian Pottage	93.43	132	0.71
Martin W Jones	123.86	176	0.70
Jake Dunn	123.86	176	0.70
Paul J Denning	111.71	176	0.63
Adrian Thomas	111.71	176	0.63
Dafydd Jones	87.23	176	0.50
Adam Dunn	87.23	176	0.50
Sophie Cunningham	19.14	44	0.44
John Salisbury	18.41	110	0.17
Tim Rees	18.41	110	0.17
Gwynn Davis	27.61	176	0.16
Susan Ingham	27.61	176	0.16
Chris Rochelle	27.17	176	0.15
Simon Gottschalk	27.17	176	0.15
Patrick Murphy	23.80	176	0.14
Mark Roderick	23.80	176	0.14
Andrea Knox	2.47	143	0.02
Martin Garvey	2.47	143	0.02

One of the most interesting hands was the following vulnerable slam, which was made by two declarers, gaining a baker's dozen of IMPs. It's widely believed that this phrase originated from the practice of medieval English bakers giving an extra loaf when selling a dozen in order to avoid being penalized for selling short weight.

Dlr: North  
Vul: N/S

♠ Q 4  
♥ A 10 7 5 3  
♦ 7  
♣ A K J 7 6

Optimum  
S 6N  
+990

♠ K J 3  
♥ J 8  
♦ Q 5 2  
♣ 10 9 8 4 2

NORTH  
WEST 53 EAST  
SOUTH

♠ 9 7 6 5  
♥ Q 9 6 4 2  
♦ 9 3  
♣ Q 3

14  
7 4  
15

♠ A 10 8 2  
♥ K  
♦ A K J 10 8 6 4  
♣ 5

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	4	6	3	4	5
S	4	6	3	4	6
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Gwynn Davies and Tony Haworth both made 6D by South, but they were blessed with a spade lead from West, when they could not misguess the suit. Gary Jones did better and found the club lead which took out an entry to dummy prematurely. The winning line now is hard to find. Best is to win the club, ruff a club, cash the two top diamonds and the king of hearts and exit with a diamond, endplaying West, but this was not found at the table.

Finally, there were some big swings on this board:

Dlr: South  
Vul: All

♠ J  
♥ K 8 6 4  
♦ A K J 7  
♣ A 9 6 2

♠ K 10 5 4 2  
♥ - -  
♦ 8 3  
♣ K J 10 8 7 3

NORTH  
WEST 23 EAST  
SOUTH

♠ A Q 8 7 6 3  
♥ J 9 5  
♦ 9 2  
♣ 5 4

16  
7 7  
10

♠ 9  
♥ A Q 10 7 3 2  
♦ Q 10 6 5 4  
♣ Q

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	4	6	-	1
S	-	5	6	-	1
E	3	-	-	3	-
W	3	-	-	3	-

Martin Jones and Jake Dunn were one of the three pairs who took the push to 6Sx, cheap enough even vulnerable. The law of total tricks protects you and it works for once. EW have 11 trumps and NS have 10, and even if the defence find the club ruff (which two of the NS pairs failed to do), it is only 800. Jake only lost 500 on the ace of hearts lead.



## Cardiff Bridge Club – A Potted History *by Maggie Pierce*

Fifty years ago on October 1<sup>st</sup> Cardiff Bridge Club was formed. In 1974 the privately owned Cardiff Bridge Club was situated in The Walk. It had about sixteen tables and a bar and was owned by Ted Livermore, a keen player. It was a success, increasingly members were turned away if a little late. One had to have reached a certain standard and have permission to play on a Thursday night!

In 1974 the Bennett Group was formed. This was a group of feisty women who took its name from the woman who shot her husband after his mistake as her partner when playing bridge. She was acquitted - the judge agreed with her..... One of the group had contacts with Welsh Brewers who suggested the vacant floor of the Great Western on St Mary St. They raised capital for the lease and members set to work on the new premises. We now had capacity for twenty five tables and a big bar. We opened on 1<sup>st</sup> October '74 . Livermore's financial partner wanted to keep the name 'Cardiff Bridge Club' hence 'South Glamorgan Bridge Club' which you can still see on honours boards.

The Cardiff Club soon closed as we had all moved to the new premises. Still playing are just four original members, McAndrew, Best, Melville (in another club) and yours truly. The club prospered and occasionally there were almost a hundred people in the club.

One of our members, Len Muller, was a WRU high-up. Being close to the Arms Park proved a great advantage on Rugby International days. Len formed a club 'The Grand Slam Club' with fifty-two members, all his rugby cohorts. They would assemble, drink the bar dry, have their lunch (prepared by our volunteers) go to the match then return to drink the (by now refurbished) bar dry again. A nice little earner for the club.

We also staged three Camrose Matches at the club. In the days before one sat at a laptop to watch, these were sociable events. I remember a huge Vugraph setup, manufactured at RAF St Athan and organised by one of our members who was an RAF Squadron Leader. For many years Cardiff Club usually fielded most, if not all, of the Camrose teams. Three Camrose matches were held at the Club. Some famous names to play there included Terence Reese and Hugh Kelsey – both fantastic writers.

In 1976 Patrick Jourdain was appointed a full-time manager. There are many members still playing who started at the Great Western with lessons run by volunteers and by Patrick. Our honours boards provide names of those who were around from '74. In those days the bar closed when the last person left.

All loans were repaid and by 1980 with a year to run on the lease there were attempts to find new premises. In retrospect, it would have been a wise move to purchase in '74 – but I'm sure this must have been considered. David Ronson suggested the top floor of Aberdare House, a building he owned in Mountstuart Square. The decision was taken to move. Then there was some trouble in Butetown which was a cause for concern and the Committee had second thoughts. At a crucial General Meeting the members voted to go ahead and the Committee resigned virtually en bloc. With a new Committee and a divided membership the move was organised, and a ten year lease was taken. But all rallied round, the rooms were refurbished, mainly by volunteers, and in 1981 we moved.

There were a few security problems. One, recounted by Diane Kurbalija – *'Coming out of Mountstuart Square way past midnight to find our yellow Ford Anglia was nicked. Phone call a few days later from the police- the tide was out and the roof of a yellow Ford Anglia could be seen above the water in Cardiff dock.'* I remember my late husband's golf clubs were stolen from the car. On contacting the police, we were advised to go down the Ship and Pilot on Friday night and buy them back. After a while we 'locked' the adjoining car park. Ah, how the place is now gentrified. The success continued. Once again, the bar closed when the last person left. There were

sometimes poker sessions after the duplicate which went on into the early hours. There were several sessions of 'cut-in' rubber bridge.

The Club had always run Christmas parties, these took a turn for the better when Gilly Clench started playing at Mountstuart. Gilly organised the party at the WNO for a couple of years starting in 1987. After delicious food came the cabaret – this was the start of the legendary cabarets held by the Club over the following years. One hilarious sketch -'The Birth of the Messiah of Welsh Bridge' - had Gilly cast as a Virgin.

One idea from the early days whose time may yet come again was the weekends organised at the Cliff Hotel, Gwbert, West Wales. Club members moved down en masse for the weekend. These were very much enjoyed and brought together those who played in different sessions and hardly ever met.

Patrick Jourdain resigned from the Manager's post in 1985. He continued to teach and players were fed into the club.

By 1989 the Club was actively looking for new premises. Two of our bridge players, Nick Huggett and David Teague, belonged to Penylan Bowling Club. A large room on the premises was used by a handful of badminton players. Penylan was in need of a financial boost and a move was suggested by Nick and David. Successful negotiations were entered into for the merger of the two clubs. We became full members of Penylan. Livermore gave us back the Cardiff Bridge Club name.

In 1994 the Club welcomed the Chinese National Bridge Teams (Open and Women) on their way to the World Championships in the USA. Club members hosted them and they really enjoyed Cardiff hospitality. We put on a couple of practice matches at the club. It all ended with a great party at Ann Jones' house where they were all very 'happy' - ending up with the singing of both national anthems and lots of wine-fuelled pleasantries.

An event which has sadly died out was the Cardiff-Nantes interchange, We hosted the Nantes Bridge Club for a few years and it was reciprocated. As well as good bridge it was such a social event. On one of the visits to Nantes we were entertained with oysters and champagne. We were concerned that on the return visit all Cardiff could offer would be Brains Dark and Clarks Pies! It seemed not to matter a jot.

The Christmas parties were highly entertaining, sketches and the pantomime all written by a crack team of Geoff Evans, Di Kurbalija and Di Jones with choreography by Gilly Clench. All bridge personalities had been observed over the year for inclusion (rarely flattering) in the scripts. There were pantomimes, plus a karaoke comp (for the Golden Gnome).

In those days Dr John Butler was Chairman. He was obviously disapproving of (and grumpy about) the hilarity of which he'd heard and one year decided to come and sit at the back to observe. John was heard to say at the end of the evening that it was the best night he'd had since VE Day (and the cast were all invited back to his mansion to sup his collection of fine malt whiskies).



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Diane Kurbalija (just moved to Stoke) and Gilly Clench



Paul Seal (now living in Miami)



Mike Hirst and Phil Felman with some of the 'feisty' Bennet Group



Cardiff Bridge Club Present a:-  
**GRAND SPONSORED WORM DIG**

ON  
**Friday 3rd January 1992**

The centre of the green will be divided into 100 numbered plots to be allocated by lots.  
*Dig as deep as you like. Prizes for most worms, also longest and heaviest.*  
 Sponsorship forms available at bar.



**SPECTACULAR BONFIRE**  
 Old car tyres and mattresses needed.  
 Please leave these, any time,  
**ON THE TENNIS COURTS**  
 where the bonfire is to be built.

Many other attractions including



**PONY RIDES**  
 (AROUND THE GREEN).  
 If sufficient interest  
 races will be held.

<p><b>GYMNASTIC DISPLAY</b>  <i>starring</i>  <b>JOHN BUTLER</b></p>	<p><b>MORRIS DANCING</b>                  *****                  (unless Myra remains sober)</p>
<p><b>PUNCH AND JUDY</b>                  Mr. &amp; Mrs. <del>Sam Smith</del></p>	<p><b>BOUNCY CASTLE</b>                  GORDON ROXBOROUGH                  (Indoors If Wet)</p>
<p><b>TOM REDDY and his DONKEY</b>                  ///                  (not suitable for children under                  18, or those of a nervous                  disposition).</p>	<p><b>JASON DONOVAN LOOK-ALIKE CONTEST</b>                  (Previous winners not eligible)                  LATEST ODDS.....                  2/11 Jeff Burke                  3/1 Roy Wiltshire                  7/1 Diana Jones                  8/1 Jeremy                  10/1 Bar</p>

*Evening entertainment will commence at 7.00pm and finish late. There will be a buffet at half time. Admission by ticket only (£3.00) available from Heulwen or behind the Bar.*

Geoff Evans did this poster for the first Xmas party at Penylan – every time we put it up the bowlers would take it down 😊

## CARDIFF BRIDGE CLUB IN THE 21ST CENTURY *by Gwynn Davies*

This year Cardiff BC marked the 50th anniversary of its becoming a members club, having previously been privately owned. We later moved to Penylan and began our partnership with Penylan Bowling Club. This is a novel arrangement which, like any marriage, has had its ups and downs, but given that we share facilities and pool our resources the longevity of the partnership is not to be sniffed at. (Perhaps, as with the French revolution, 'it's too soon to tell'). We are all members of the parent club and have use of its facilities, including the kitchen and bar. On the bridge side of things we offer a mixed menu, catering for players of all abilities. There are face to face games on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and on Thursday afternoon. Also, and certainly not least, there is a 'social' game on Monday afternoons devoted to conversation and home-made cake, along with a bit of bridge. This is our most successful session, regularly attracting a full house. There are also two online games, held on RealBridge on Monday and Wednesday evenings. We offer teaching sessions for beginners and improvers and have established a very promising link with Cardiff University which we hope to maintain through successive generations of students. The students (and former students) effectively provide their own teaching and join in the main duplicate games as they feel ready.

*On the Twelfth Day of  
Christmas*  
*my true love said to me*  
*'We're going to the Bridge Club's  
Christmas Party tonight, Darling!'*

.....  
Entertainment, revues, games, quiz, raffle, huge prizes  
All the latest news including **EXCLUSIVE** Welsh Bridge Union Scandal  
.....

**Enormous** Buffet Supper lovingly prepared by **Babs & Aileen**  
(Delia Smith's younger - and prettier sisters)

.....

**1996 GOLDEN GNOME** Award - for the most original  
interpretation of a well-known song

NB In spite of huge financial bribes to do otherwise the 1995 winner, VAL - insists that she  
WILL defend her trophy. All partygoers, especially music lovers, are advised to bring suitable  
protective clothing as the organisers cannot be held responsible.

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PLACE:- PENYLAN CLUB  
TIME:- 7.00 for 7.30 prompt Bar will be open earlier  
DATE:- SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY

**TICKETS £5 FROM....**

Two recent innovations are worthy of mention. First, we now employ tablets rather than bridgemates; and secondly, Simon Gottschalk has developed our own online pre-payment system. This greatly eases the burden on the director (or her assistant), as most players now pay for their game online, in advance. We spice up our programme with special events and have a social committee who help to organise these. We recently held a charity event in memory of Glyn Meredith, our chairman, who we lost suddenly and all too soon. We celebrated our '50th' by holding a handicap Swiss Teams, which was a great success. We also, as an annual fixture, have the Hirst/Kurbalija Swiss Teams, held every January in memory of Mike and Filip, two stalwarts of the club and of Welsh bridge. This is an open event to which all are invited. Finally we have our Geoff Evans quizzes, with pizza, organised by Anna O'Brien in memory of Geoff, our popular former member and expert quizzier.

The poster for an early party

## Holland and Semp Double at Porthcawl



You would be right in saying “there aren’t any mountains in Porthcawl”, and the above picture is from this year’s Montenegro congress in which John Holland and Raymond Semp also triumphed.

They won both the teams and the pairs in Porthcawl. The latter was on a split tie:

### 1st November 2024 - Porthcawl Swiss Pairs

[Ranking](#)
[Scorecards](#)
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Pos	No	Players	Matches								Total VPs	Tops	Green Points	
1=	11	John Holland & Raymond Semp	16	15	4	20	20	17	7	13	18	130	180	3.42
1=	8	Ollie Burgess & Alice Coptcoat	16	5	20	18	20	17	15	18	1	130	180	3.42
1=	16	Oliver Cowan & Stephen Berson	17	7	19	11	4	20	17	16	19	130	180	3.42
4	5	Jeremy Dhondy & Andy Hughes	16	7	19	17	9	19	13	4	20	124	180	2.36
5	28	Kay Preddy & Norman Selway	19	15	14	11	11	20	5	7	20	122	180	2.49
6	23	Geoffrey Herbert & Alan Biggs	13	14	14	1	6	13	17	18	19	115	180	2.36
7	14	Steve Jarvis & Nick Forrest	16	19	6	19	10	1	13	18	8	110	180	1.87
8	17	Chris Jones & James Dunlop	20	7	5	17	16	20	20	2	2	109	180	1.62
9	26	Jason Hackett & Maria Whelan	20	13	16	14	10	3	3	13	16	108	180	1.88
10	44	Gilly Clench & David Birt	6	12	15	7	13	15	11	7	19	105	180	1½



The teams was only slightly more comfortable, and they were a full VP ahead of second place, teaming up with one of Wales's finest, Paul Denning and his Gloucestershire teammate Alastair Catchpole.

Pos	Team	Players	Matches						Total VPs	Wins/Draws	Green Points
1	14	John Holland & Raymond Semp Paul Denning & Alastair Catchpole	20	9	20	14	16	17	96	5	3.40
2	29	Ollie Burgess & Alice Coptcoat Jason Hackett & Maria Whelan	0	20	17	19	20	19	95	5	2.29
3	18	Viking Yuen & Fu Cheung David McAndrew & Maggie Pierce	11	19	4	12	17	18	81	5	2.04
4	2	Alan O'Sullivan & B J O'Brien Gilly Clench & David Birt	19	15	6	5	16	17	78	4	1.56
5	11	Stephen Turner & Eva Turner Sue O'Hara & Suzy Lawson	19	5	11	8	14	20	77	4	1.37
6	22	Martin Garvey & Andrea Knox Oliver Cowan & Stephen Berson	9	12	20	15	0	17	73	4	1.12
7	16	Vida Halford & Glyn Williams Lavinia Thomas & Keith Davison	14	2	5	13	20	17	71	4	1.12
8	5	Tony Disley & Philip Felman Mike Best & Kevin Maddox	15	14	16	20	4	1	70	4	1.12
9=	10	Gwynn Davis & Susan Ingham Dave Smith & James Brindle	20	11	17	0	18	2	68	4	1.12
9=	24	John Amor & Lindsay Stewart Chris Rochelle & Simon Gottschalk	13	17	3	14	3	18	68	4	1.12



The full results and an interesting history of the Porthcawl Congress are on the West Wales Bridge Association website. A very good result was achieved by Susan Munday and Pat Jenkins (opposite) who won the Open Pairs on the Friday. The wildest board of the weekend was the following in the teams. Only three pairs

Dir: South  
Vul: E/W

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♥ Q  
♦ A  
♣ A K 10 9 8 7 3

Optimum  
NS 1510

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managed to reach the cold 7S, and much will depend on how much interference they get in hearts. A possible auction would be 1S-(Pass)-2C-(4H)-5H-(6H)-7S but it is a lot easier looking at all four hands of course. I think 5H should be exclusion Blackwood, but not key card. If you bid this with confidence, well done. Even Holland and Semp, who led the crossimps, did not.

Dir: East  
Vul: E/W

♠ J 10 5 2  
♥ A 8  
♦ K Q 4 2  
♣ Q 9 6

Optimum  
EW 650

♠ K 6  
♥ K 10 5 3  
♦ J 7 6 3  
♣ A J 8

NORTH  
WEST 22 EAST  
SOUTH

♠ A Q 9 8 4  
♥ J 9 7 2  
♦ 10  
♣ K 10 2

12 12 10 6

♠ 7 3  
♥ Q 6 4  
♦ A 9 8 5  
♣ 7 5 4 3

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	1	1	5	3	2
W	1	1	5	3	2

Third place in the teams was an impressive result for Viking Yuen and Fu Cheung, who moved to Wales three years ago. They teamed up with Maggie Pierce and David McAndrew. Viking reports on a few interesting hands. The bidding here was Pass-Pass-1NT-Pass-2C-Pass-2H-Pass-4H-All Pass. North led the king of diamonds and South played the nine. Now North switched to the two of spades, won by the queen in dummy. Declarer now played a heart to the king, but North won and played a second spade won by West. He later played South for the queen of clubs and went off; He had the extra chance of playing for spades three-three but when he used the king of clubs as an entry he could not make it.

An ambitious auction led to Viking playing the poor contract of 6H. 1H-Pass-2NT(Jacoby)-3H\*(takeout)-4H-Pass-4NT(RKCB)-Pass-5D(1/4)-Pass-6H-All Pass. East led a diamond and North captured West's king with the ace. Now trumps were drawn, and the diamond ruffed in South. Then a club was led towards the king. West needed to go in with the ace, but when he did not, he was thrown in with the ace of clubs and endplayed. Either he conceded a ruff and discard or led a spade round to the queen. A misdefence, in that it must be right to play the ace of clubs and another, but you can only deal with the defence that you get!

Dir: North  
Vul: All

♠ A 8 3  
♥ K Q 10 5 4  
♦ A 7  
♣ K 7 2

Optimum  
NS 650

♠ K J 9 7 6  
♥ 8  
♦ K J 10 5 2  
♣ A 10

NORTH  
WEST 29 EAST  
SOUTH

♠ 10 5  
♥ 7 2  
♦ 9 8 6 4 3  
♣ 8 6 4 3

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♠ Q 4 2  
♥ A J 9 6 3  
♦ Q  
♣ Q J 9 5

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	4	-	5	-	2
S	4	-	5	-	2
E	-	2	-	-	-
W	-	2	-	-	-

Dir: North  
Vul: E/W

♠ - -  
♥ 10 9 6 3 2  
♦ K 7  
♣ K J 8 7 5 2

Optimum  
NS -1100

♠ K Q 10 2  
♥ K 7  
♦ A Q 8 6 5  
♣ A Q

NORTH  
WEST 41 EAST  
SOUTH

♠ A J 8 6 5 3  
♥ A 8 5  
♦ 10 4 3 2  
♣ - -

7 20 9 4

♠ 9 7 4  
♥ Q J 4  
♦ J 9  
♣ 10 9 6 4 3

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	2	-	-	-	-
S	2	-	-	-	-
E	-	6	-	6	4
W	-	6	1	6	6

Their opponents reached a poor grand on the third board. North opened a trash multi and the auction proceeded: 2D-Pass-2H(pass or correct)-2NT-Pass-3S-Pass-4NT(RKCB)-Pass-5H(2KC w/o Q)-Pass-5N(king asking)-Pass-6C(CK, by West's understanding)-Pass-7S-All Pass. South led a club, but declarer was forced to take the diamond finesse which lost. Grand is very poor, around 20% needing South to have Kx in diamonds. 6S is an excellent contract. I think you draw trumps, eliminate the rounded suits and then run the ten of diamonds. If North wins with the jack he will be endplayed. And if South covers with the jack, you put on the queen.

## Welsh Women's Bridge by Mia Deschepper

Women's Bridge in Wales is going strong. The newly introduced WW teams league started up last month with 10 teams of women from all over Wales competing. The team in the lead at the moment has Eleanor Price, Meryl Skipper, Joy Secular and Nalini Dewan playing.

Each month the women's division of the EBL organises a training session on RealBridge, where teams from all over Europe play against each other and an expert player comes online afterwards to discuss the boards. In October, the training session was coached by Sabine Auken, a professional bridge player from Germany who is considered to be one of the top female players in the world. A record number of 296 women from 22 different countries across Europe took part! Sabine prepared some very interesting hands focusing on the "End Play" technique, with which many struggle.



Early this year, women's pairs who were interested in training to play in a more competitive field were assigned a mentor, who (hopefully) helped them with all aspects of bridge. Some partnerships shifted during the following months, but it resulted in 10 pairs entering the Welsh Lady Milne trial on 18-19<sup>th</sup> January. Three of these will be selected to represent Wales in the Lady Milne Trophy, the home international ladies teams championship which will take place next April in Bristol. The entries to the trial are: Andrea Knox & Julie Milewski, Bev Cox & Susan Biggin, Diane Kurbalija & Liz Commins, Melanie Thomas & Sooz Nesom, Lorrie Murphy & Sheila Shea, Mia Deschepper & Ceri Pierce, Helen Houston & Sophie Cunningham, Gilly Clench & Suzy Lawson, Miriam Handren & Veronica Burrows and Meryl Skipper & Joy Secular. Best of luck to all!



## EWBA February Congress

**Swiss Pairs Saturday  
Swiss Teams Sunday**

**8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Green pointed events**

Tournament Director : Colin Simcox

**More details and entry form at:**

**<https://www.msg.uk.com/bess/?eventcode=FC25>**



**Play both days:**  
6x8 boards  
11h00-18h00  
We reserve the right to change the format should circumstances necessitate



## Pam Edwards

Peacefully on the 8th of November 2024.

Pam was married to John and was mother to Krista, Lucy and Simon and grandmother to Laura, Peter, Rebecca and Alex. Great grandmother to Freddie and Matilda.

Pam loved to play bridge and was encouraged to learn by her mother (Joan Smith) who was also a formidable player on the Welsh bridge circuit. Pam played at Shotton, Flint, Wrexham and Mold clubs, as well as teaching the game at Cheshire adult education and around North Wales.

Funeral: Thursday 12th December. 11.20am. Chester Crematorium. Blacon Ave, Blacon, Chester CH1 5BB.

Stream for those who cannot attend:

[watch.obitus.com](http://watch.obitus.com) Username: luji1582 Password: 048672



## Calendar

Dec Sun. 8th	EWBA - MIXED PAIRS
Jan Fri. 3rd - Sun. 5th	CAMROSE (1)
Jan Fri. 3rd - Sun. 5th	WBF Online Women's Teams
Jan Sun. 12th	HIRST/KURBALIJA TEAMS
Jan Sat. 18th - Sun. 19th	LADY MILNE TRIAL
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Jan Sat. 18th	OLIVER COWAN Swiss Pairs
Jan Sat. 25th	STRICTLY COME TEACHING
Feb Sat. 1st - Sun. 2nd	TELTSCHER TRIAL
Feb Sat. 8th - Sun. 9th	EWBA SPRING CONGRESS
Feb Fri. 14th - Sun. 16th	JUNIOR CAMROSE & PEGGY BAYER
Feb Sat. 15th	OLIVER COWAN Swiss Pairs
Mar Fri. 7th - Sun. 9th	CAMROSE (2)
Mar Sat. 8th	NATIONAL PAIRS
Mar Sun. 9th	NATIONAL TEAMS
Mar Sat. 22nd	OLIVER COWAN Swiss Pairs
Mar Fr. 28 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 30th	ONLINE HOME UNION MIXED TEAMS
Apr Fri. 11th - Sun. 13th	LADY MILNE
Apr Fri. 25th - Sun. 27th	ONLINE EUROPEAN WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
Apr Sun. 27th	NATIONAL MIXED PAIRS
May Sat. 10th	OLIVER COWAN Swiss Pairs
May Sun. 11th	EWBA - AGM
May Sun. 11th	EWBA - ARTHUR JAMES/BEATUS
May Mon. 12th - Thu. 15th	CELTIC SIMS
Jun Sat. 7th	OLIVER COWAN Swiss Pairs
Jun Fri. 13th - Sun. 15th	LLANBRIGHTON CONGRESS
Jul Sat. 5th	OLIVER COWAN Swiss Pairs

**Details of all events on the WBU website and entry forms can be found either there or on the website of the area or organiser**

## On-line Home International event for Mixed Teams

A new on-line Home International Mixed Teams event will be held on RealBridge by the Scottish Bridge Union on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The probable start times will be 1600 Friday, 1100 Saturday and 1100 Sunday. Teams of four (each team can have up to three pairs). Short breaks at half way in each match for team changes.

All play all, head-to-head matches, IMPs, converted to VPs.

Cost - £120 per team (no funding available).

Expressions of interest are invited from pairs OR teams -

contact [ceri@wbu.org.uk](mailto:ceri@wbu.org.uk) by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. All entries will be forwarded to the selectors for consideration. A trial may be held.

## Oliver Cowan Swiss Pairs

These are also held online and are in full swing. They cost \$16 per player to enter and are held on BBO. It is easy to get BBO dollars, but if you don't want to do that you can send Oliver £13 per player via his website. The next event is Jan 18th and the winners of the three events held so far were:

**September:** Tracy Sherman and Martin Taylor

**October:** Liz Commins and David Stevenson

**November:** Viking Yuen and Fu Cheung

D	1	N lizzwizz	W N E S
		♠ K	P P 1♦
		♥ J96	P 2♣ P 2♠
		♦ Q106	P 3♦ P 4♦
		♣ K107542	P 5♦ P P
W keithdarle			E CaptDoom
♠ 10863			♠ Q972
♥ AQ83			♥ K7542
♦ 983			♦ 54
♣ Q8			♣ J6
		S bluejak	
		♠ AJ54	
		♥ 10	
		♦ AKJ72	
		♣ A93	
			5♦ S NS: 0 EW: 0

David Stevenson gives the above hand where he had an unexpected top just for doing the right thing. The no-trump "hoggers" had their just desserts when the opponents cashed four or five rounds of hearts. If West is on lead, he has to avoid leading the three of hearts, which blocks the suit, but still takes four tricks. Five diamonds will always make 12, as the clubs break, and, as David found, makes 13 when the defence, quite reasonably, does not fish out the ace of hearts. Nobody reached 6D, which is around 40%.

A good fun event at half the price of a similar face-to-face event.

## Starting Them Early by Maggie Pierce

The WBU have once again been along to Freshers' Fair and enrolled more students from Cardiff University who are having weekly sessions.

But what if we were to try to introduce younger ones to minibridge? The plan was hatched. Sophie Cunningham was a Primary Headteacher and had lots of her pupils playing when she was in post. Sophie was very keen to teach at a starter session, which went ahead at half term in Cardiff Bridge Club.

How many of us played cards with our families, before phones and laptops? The idea was to invite grandparents (or parents) to come along with their youngsters – who could also bring a friend, have a great day and go away with all they needed to carry on at home. It's just an idea as we don't have the players/teachers to regularly run sessions.....Our President, Andrea, was most supportive and provided these packs, including the cardholders - needed for small hands to hold thirteen cards.



We had eighteen youngsters aged from seven to fourteen. Plus, three non-bridge adults. Sophie was amazing – using her superbly entertaining Powerpoint – even the seven-year-olds coped with everything. Ages were tabled together, and the enthusiasm was great. All went home with a medal and a certificate 😊

Some comments on the day : Bridge is not boring – I can't tell a lie'; 'I like the strategy – it's a bit like football' were some of the comments and the feedback from Nelly (7), Luke (13) and Joseph (9) was favourable, showing that one cannot be too young to learn.



We are hoping they will go away, perhaps try some of the practice on BBO etc. and play with friends/family. Also come to a little tournament in the Christmas holidays. And then, good news, exactly what we needed, the EBU are running drop-in sessions (bridge and minibridge) for

under 18s on Realbridge every week for two hours, and our youngsters are welcome join in. Perfect. Turn up as and when. With or without a partner, lots of qualified teachers on hand - hopefully soon including Sophie.





We would really love to support anyone in Wales who would like to do this – we can provide the Powerpoint, the hands, the packs, all support materials – and even provide Sophie if she's free. Any adult needs to have the relevant checks, no problem, free via the WBU. So please get in touch with Ceri Pierce at the WBU.

### **Sophie Akers reports:**

Our new group of juniors are doing really well with their beginning bridge course, with lessons taking place on Tuesday evenings and practise on Wednesday afternoons. Many of them have started playing at the Cardiff Bridge Club supervised play sessions, and several of them expect to take part in the Peggy Bayer/Junior Camrose in February. We also have existing junior members based outside of Cardiff who join us for online practise on a Thursday evening. If you know a junior who would be interested, then contact the WBU.





# WBF Online Women's Teams

3 to 5 January 2025 - RealBridge

World Bridge Federation

## ONLINE WOMEN'S TEAMS

3 to 5 January 2025

Teams can have up to 8 players, and they will play at times that are convenient for them.

This is a transnational event.

[www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org)



**Purpose:** To provide an opportunity for an international competitive bridge without potential limitations of cost or travel.

**Entries** are through the WBF website

All information is in this link: (Registration, Entry Fee, Commitment form and more).

<http://championships.worldbridge.org/2025-wbf-online-womens-teams>

**Entries to date:** Click [here](#)

**ENTRIES CLOSE ON DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

### Event Summary

Entry	Team name and player names need to be finalised by the closing date. Any number of teams may enter, the players may be from any nation which is a member of the WBF. Entries close on 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2024.
Entry Fee	The entry fee will be 60 Euros for the entire team before 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024. See method payment in championship site above.
Format	The format of the Tournament depends on number of teams. It will probably be a Round Robin.
Schedule	The tournament is played over 3 calendar days. Matches are timed so that the teams will meet others from around the world at mutually convenient times.
Timetable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Players will be asked to indicate availability via a form.</li><li>• Not all players will play at the same time.</li><li>• For example, you may play 3 matches on Friday evening, 4 or 5 on Saturday, and 4 or 5 on Sunday.</li><li>• Play will not start earlier than 9am in your time zone, and it will end before 23:00 in your time zone.</li></ul>
Prize and Awards	Winners receive <b>FREE</b> entry to the next <b>WBF Transnational Women's Teams</b> and WBF Online Masterpoints will be awarded.

## East Wales

### Archway Bridge Club (Chepstow)

#### Chepstow goes for youth – relatively

There's been a changing of the guard at Chepstow Bridge Club, with the appointment of a new chairman this autumn, Richard Stevenson. Having just turned 50, he's no spring chicken. However, he is still a generation younger than many of the members, and the only one still in employment (he edits a rather obscure global publication called *Compound Semiconductor*). After learning to play bridge as an undergraduate, and then, like many, ceasing to play while establishing his career, Richard got back to the table in his early 30s.



Since then, he has partnered Greg Howell at Chepstow, playing Precision. Over the last few years, Richard has started to become a lot more active, playing with new partners and trying to get to grips with two-over-one. His recent highlights include winning the Welsh teams-of-eight with Rosemary Allen in a Penarth+ team; winning an on-line Stan Berger during lockdown; and captaining a Gold Cup team earlier this year that beat the Knottenbelt team that had just won the Camrose (that team had a mix of Chepstow players Greg Howell and Pete Smith, and Cardiff players Dave Smith, Mia Deschepper and Mike Best).

As well as a regular player of face-to-face bridge, including participation in the Cardiff Winter League, Richard is a keen on-line player, and plays plenty of boards against robots. He's a big fan of the free 12-board Super Sunday Daylong on BBO, and The Daily Challenge on Intobridge. Richard enjoys watching strong international players playing against the robots. In particular, he likes watching Gavin Wolpert and Pete Hollands verbalise their thoughts in *The Wednesday Morning Tournament* and the *Weekly Free Instant Tournament* on BBO. If there's any standout comments, such as the folly of the phrase 'Aces and Spaces', he's now promoting these insights on the Chepstow Club homepage.

To improve his understanding of the two-over-one system, Richard practices bidding a dozen hands a day on Cuebids with fellow Chepstow club player Caroline Gawler. This has paid off, with them winning this year's Chepstow mixed pairs.



#### East Wales Events

The **Stan Berger GP Pairs** was held in September. 21 pairs participated  
Winners: Gwynn Davis & Sue Ingham (photo) Runners up: Chris Rochelle & Simon Gottschalk .

The **Patrick Jourdain GP Teams** was held in October. Sue and Gwynn completed a fine double in the teams. 10 teams took part  
Winners: Gwynn Davis, Sue Ingham, James Brindle, Tony Ratcliff  
Runners up: Tim Rees, Ceri Pierce, Mia Deschepper, Mike Best



## **Gwent Bridge Academy (Newport)**

On Sunday 27th October, the Gwent Bridge Academy, one of Newport's longest-standing social clubs, held its annual President's Day event. This was a particularly special occasion for the club as it marked 50 years since the club was founded in Newport by the late Barry Clowes.

Guests of honour at the celebrations included the Mayor of Newport, Ray Mogford, and his wife Sallie, as well as both of Newport's local MPs Jessica Morden and Ruth Jones. The club chairperson Enid Snelgrove gave a speech telling the history of the club, which was originally founded by Barry as a fee-paying academy for advancing the game of bridge.

Sophie Cunningham then told the moving story of how her father Graham Jones inherited the Academy on the death of Barry Clowes, turned it into a member's club and moved it into the premises on Clayton Street where it remains to this day. Enid spoke about the effect that Covid has had on the club, and how the club is adapting by moving online. Both Jessica Morden and Ray Mogford also spoke about the importance to Newport of institutions such as the Academy and looked forwards to a bright future for the club.

On that note, Bill Parkinson, the club secretary was keen to let people know that the club is looking for new players and is running lessons. "Bridge is a fantastic way to keep your mind sharp, meet new people, and have fun. We'd encourage anyone with an interest in learning bridge or enhancing their skills to come to our lessons." Bill said.

The guests enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch provided by local Usk caterers Napier Catering, then moved on to the main event of the day - the bridge tournament. Over sixty players competed for three hours for the President's Cup. This was won by Paul Cunningham and Joseph Bentley. The club runs bridge lessons on Tuesday nights and new members are always welcome.



**Liz Jones and Graham Jones (co-founder, key to the club's enduring success).**



Organisers and distinguished guests **Sophie Cunningham, Ruth Jones MP, Ray Mogford, Enid Snelgrove, Sallie Mogford and Jessica Morden MP**

**President's Cup**  
Winners of the event were **Joseph Bentley and Paul Cunningham**, pictured with chairperson **Enid Snelgrove**

### Mid Wales

Another success for John Salisbury and Mike Tedd who won the Mid Wales Pairs in September.

Rank	Pair	Names [OVERALL]	%Score
1	13	John Salisbury & Mike Tedd	62.07
2	6	Peter Smith & Kay Taylor	59.97
3	3	Norman Turner & Ian Finlay	59.29
4	10	Andrew Phillips & Brian King	57.98
5	14	Jeremy Dawes & Dave Berry	57.80
6	4	Alan Screen & Jeff Thomas	53.74
7	2	Roger Boyle & Ron Jones	49.25
8	8	Peggy Humberstone & Christine Dennis	47.19
9	9	Belinda Davies & Tony Davies	46.69
10	12	Alison Thomas & Alistair Moulden	46.54
11	7	Peter Lane & Rita Lawrence	45.55
12	1	Paul Gagne & Diana Harris	42.49
13	5	Elenid Thomas & Mag Richards	39.99
14	11	Vanessa Westbury & Judy Broady-Preston	31.45







# Strictly Come Teaching



**On Saturday 25 January 2025 at 7pm GMT, the Welsh Bridge Union is holding its First Annual 'Strictly Come Teaching' Competition on Real Bridge – please join us!**

▶ It is for partnerships consisting of a player who would genuinely still describe themselves as a learner/beginner and their PRO – any bridge teacher or experienced player to waltz them round the tables! *This will be a 'best-behaviour-ever-at-bridge' event!*

▶ We will play 16 Boards with 8 minutes per board to allow time for initial introductions, exchanging pleasantries and thinking what to do! Please dress for the occasion (black tie/evening dress encouraged!) For health & safety reasons, no stilettos, no transfer responses to 1 Club and no 2 Diamond Multi!

▶ Trophy to the best scoring pair and surprise prizes to the best dressed pair and the friendliest pair! The lovely Sarah Amos is Directing! To save red faces, the top half of the field results will be published on the WBU website with other players listed as 'Chorus'!

**Please email Andrea Knox, WBU President: [andrea.knox@knoxcommercial.co.uk](mailto:andrea.knox@knoxcommercial.co.uk) or tel. +44 (0)7958 611282 to enter.** Entry is free – it will be paid for by the WBU President – but donations from entrants are invited please towards Welsh Junior



Bridge to fund our WBU Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer Teams



*Please pass on the word to any Bridge Teachers and learners you know!*