

We extend a friendly invitation to the

CAMBS & HUNTS COUNTY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at the **Dry Drayton Bridge Club:**

**DRY DRAYTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET,
DRY DRAYTON CB23 8DG**

on **MONDAY MAY 16th 2016** at **6:30pm** for a **6.45pm** start

(car parking immediately outside the hall & in suitable nearby roads)

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday May 21st 2015 at the Thursday Bridge Club
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Reports
5. Subscriptions for 2016/2017
6. Appointment of Auditor
7. AOB

7.1 Proposal for change to Constitution (Simon Barb) [file attached to AGM notice email/post]

Note also:

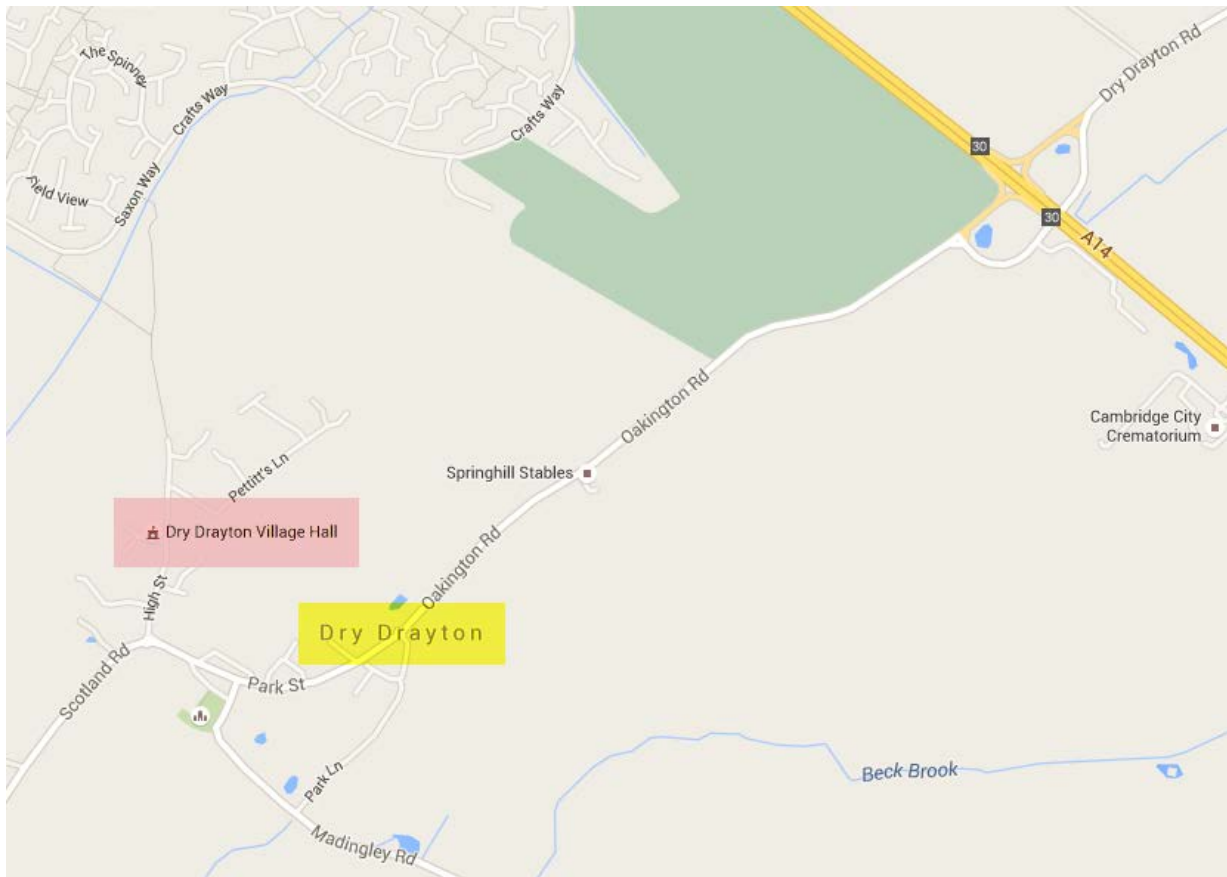
Chris Larlham is standing down from the CHCBA Managing committee, after 25 years of being ECL captain, SCL organiser and Tolle Captain. Chris Jagger nominates him for Vice President of the organisation, and a decision will be taken on this at the AGM.

There are a number of people who are retiring from the CHCBA committee. The posts for this committee are elected by the managing committee rather than at the AGM, but it seems appropriate to let county members know that a number of changes are likely to occur, and of course, there is still time for others to express interest in helping run the county.

All attending are extended **an invitation to a free evening of bridge**, subject only to available space after club members are accommodated; **the evening is hosted, which means players need not arrive with a partner in order to play.**

In the rest of this document: Venue map and photo, Minutes of 2015 AGM.

LOCAL MAP (Google Maps) Exit off A14 Junction 30, follow signs to Dry Drayton.
Also directions on the web: <http://www.sunflower-health.com/admin/drydrayton.htm>



Dry Drayton Village Hall, High Street (Google Street view) N.B. Obscured road name is “Searles Meadow”



Minutes of the Cambs & Hunts County AGM held at the Thursday Bridge Club on May 21st 2015

Committee Present:

Penny Riley	Meeting Chair	Cambridge
David Man	Treasurer	Thursday
Paul Bond	Secretary	Cambridge

Members present: 29 (at the end of the meeting)

1. Apologies for absence

Chris Jagger, Trevor King, Chris Larlham.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday April 23rd 2014 at the Cambridge Bridge Club

These had been distributed to the Clubs and displayed on the website.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising; minutes accepted.

4. Reports

• **Chairman's Report (Penny Riley for Chris Jagger)**

Our Chairman, Chris Jagger, apologises for his absence due to being on holiday in Brazil.

He thanked all the committee for their continuing hard work. Particular thanks were given to Chris Larlham whose long standing commitment as Captain of the County and organiser of inter club leagues has been invaluable over the last 20 plus years. Also to Paul Bond who, as Secretary, does much behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly and to Colin Sills who has worked hard to develop the new website, www.cambsbridge.org.uk

Other thanks were given to Paul Russell, Peter Grice, Alison Lloyd and Verity Joubert for organising and running events, and to Neil Matthews for taking over the County duplimating of boards. Finally thanks to our teachers, Gladys Gittins and Alex Green who have worked hard to prepare their students to become confident to join bridge clubs and eventually EBU affiliated clubs.

• **Secretary (Paul Bond)**

Hosted evening options continues in the County, for Tuesday and Wednesday at Cambridge Bridge Club (CBC), and also Wednesdays at Saffron Walden.

We have migrated to BridgeMates for County Events, and also thank CBC for allowing the publication of County results on their BridgeWebs site.

There will be new rules covering qualification for the County Pairs to simplify recognition by a playing pairs as to whether they have qualified for the final. Information will be available from Peter Grice, the event organiser, regarding these new rules.

We have no organiser for the County Individual next year, and without someone coming forward unfortunately the competition will not be held. Anyone interested, please do contact anyone on the committee.

The County will encourage novel bridge events through a small contribution to first-of-type events.

If you would like to take your directing skills to the next level, and have qualified with the EBU as a Club TD, please consider at some point the County TD course. For individuals willing to assist with some County Events, the County would be pleased to offer some sponsorship on this course.

It was sad and unfortunate that EABW 2015 was cancelled; we have no news as yet on EABW 2016.

Finally, members wishing to submit news to the website may do so directly, or for one-off news items may email, me, the County Secretary.

- **Membership Secretary's Report (Penny Riley)**

There are 13 clubs affiliated to Cambs. & Hunts. Contract Bridge Association. Within these are 816 members registered to the EBU. Of these 473 are fully paid. This means that they have played at least 12 times during the past year and are entitled to receive the EBU magazine, English Bridge, six times a year plus a diary.

We also have 10 direct members who pay £28.00 p.a. of which £3.00 is given to this County. They join this way because they seldom play but wish to receive the magazine. There are also 6 dual members who have paid £3.00 to join this County for a year to enable them to play in closed events e.g. Swiss Pairs.

- **Captain's Report (Chris Larlham, *in absentia*)**

Yet again the team qualified for the final only to finish (this time) 5th out of 8 in the final.

The county had a poor ECL season, mainly due to the lack of regular availability for the "A" team of the better players. We finished bottom of the "A" Division, 4th (out of 7) in the "B" Division and 6th (out of 8) in the "C" Division.

- **Cambs & Hunts Bridge League Report (Chris Larlham, *in absentia*)**

The 2014-15 season is almost over. Ely need 18 VPs from their last match to be certain of retaining the Div One title; Thursday 1 and Huntingdon 3 will be relegated. In Div Two, two of Peterborough 3, Saffron Walden 1, Huntingdon 1 and NCBC 2 will be promoted. In Div Three Ely 3 and Saffron Walden 2 are promoted. Peterborough 4 are relegated and Peterborough 5 have dropped out. In Div Four, Cambridge 3 and University 2 are promoted.

As I have already informed Chris J, it is my intention (assuming I am still in post after the 2015 AGM) to stand down at the 2016 AGM (or earlier if my successor(s) wish to get on with it) from both the county captaincy and the organisation of the C&H B L.

- **Treasurer (David Man)**

The County experienced a loss for the year of £156; cash at bank stands at £5,287 which when combined with fixed assets (trophies at cost and duplimate boards) constitutes assets of £5,876.

Free entry to the County Knockout continues, as do the reduced entry fees for the County Pairs and County Individual (£1/player). Entry is also free to the Cambs & Hunts Bridge League. Income from the County Pairs recovered from £7 last year to £82 this year.

Income from the 2014 East Anglian Bridge Weekend was £295, although unfortunately the event has been cancelled for this year.

The County also purchased a pre-owned Duplimate machine (£583.24).

- **Website (Colin Sills, *in absentia*)**

Our new County website has been created and is now live. Members are invited to take a look at www.cambsbridge.org The site will be updated with news and results from around the county. All of the original website content, including results, newsletters and competition details, is accessible from the new site. For those members who enjoy receiving updates via facebook, we also have a facebook page - see <http://fb.com/cambshunts>

A request for all members: please have a look at the site and provide feedback (good or bad) and ideas to webmasters2015@cambsbridge.org

Thanks are due to Paul Bond, Chris & Cath Jagger, Simon Barb, Peter Grice and various other people for enabling the creation of the website. Any offers of assistance and content from members would be gratefully received!

5. Subscriptions for 2015/16

The current County subscription rate was 8p.

A proposal to keep the level of County subscription at 8p was accepted.

6. Auditor

Peter Grice had kindly volunteered his services as Auditor for another year. Gratefully accepted by all present.

7. Any other business

- **Volunteering (Paul Bond)**

The County is short of volunteers to contribute to County activities. If you would like, or know of someone who would like, to contribute their efforts to Bridge in the County, then please put them in contact with your Club Secretary who will pass on the offer to the County.

Even if members do not wish to volunteer, the County welcomes members with ideas to attend County Committee meetings either on a one-off or long term basis.

- **Education (Gladys Gittins)**

Gladys reported that Swavesey Community College were considering a Bridge Course. anyone interested in teaching should contact them direct.

- **Education (Mike Bradley)**

Mike mentioned that Ely has extensive support for learners, ranging from supervised teaching for complete beginners to support for beginners/intermediate duplicate play and beyond. He would welcome a visit from a member of the committee to meet the organiser, Barry Lowe, to experience their facilities and teaching first hand. Paul welcomed that opportunity and committed to finding out more about Ely's teaching methods.

Penny closed the meeting by thanking the Thursday Club for hosting this AGM, a thank you to committee members, and also the many people that contribute to County activities and events. All present were welcomed to a free evening of bridge, with the costs borne by the County. Those present were reminded that the evening was hosted, so that any player wanting to play was assured of a game.

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