

Chairman's Report 2023/24.

Having reread my report of last year I must say that there is not much new to say, much of which I wrote then remains true today. I wish to thank the Committee and Club members for their support in ensuring that the weekly meetings have been well attended and the Club continues to be viable. We have gained some new members and lost a few along the way, unfortunately there are still many former members that do not seem to wish to return to F2F. Sadly finding new younger players continues to be a problem for Bridge as a whole

I am very grateful for the return of Keith Jackson (a former Club Chairman) to the Committee as Club Secretary. Tony Quilley has decided to step back from the Club having been responsible for providing us with pre-dealt boards since the passing of Tim Cook. We are very fortunate that Roger Sugden has agreed to reprise the role he took on in the early days of the Duplimate. Please be kind to him, it is not his fault that the computer sometimes appears to generate strange sets of hands.

We continue to have a good working relationship with the Church, our landlords, and I was not surprised that our rent had to go up 10% in light of rising costs generally. We should also be grateful for the accommodation of the dancers, as since covid our rental period is officially 19.45 -23.00. I normally ensure that we leave the hall in a clean and tidy state, that lights and heating are turned off and the outside door is properly locked. I would be grateful if all members could do their bit to help.

I hope that Club members continue to enjoy their Bridge in the new season, when there will be full programme of events, and that they will spread the gospel of Mayfield in their continued successes at County and National events.

Peter Cogliatti