

Cambs & Hunts Bridge

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News

Chris Jagger captained his team to victory in the prestigious Schapiro Spring Foursomes, beating the No. 1 seeds in the Final. Meanwhile, Paul Fegarty, Catherine Curtis, Jonathan Mestel and Cath Jagger lost in the final of the consolation Punchbowl. Paul Fegarty and Catherine Curtis finished in third place in the National Pairs. Cath Jagger was on the winning Lady Milne team, and has been selected for the English Ladies for the Europeans in June.

Cambs & Hunts finished in third place in the final of the Tollemache Cup. The team was Jonathan Mestel, Paul Barden, Julian Wightwick, Giles Woodruff, Rod Oakford, Victor Milman, Paul Fegarty & Catherine Curtis, with NPC Chris Larlham. Cambridge has qualified for the National Final of the Garden Cities. Three Cambridgeshire teams reached round five in the NICKO, while the Jagger team are through to the final of the Hubert Phillips mixed knockout teams.

In this issue...

Jonathan Mestel recalls the wire-crossed lovers he once met at a Valentine's eve bridge game. Chris Jagger lets on what really happened in the closed room of the final set of the Schapiro Spring Foursomes.

While Aunt Agony was busy with her spade in the garden, Uncle Unctuous peeped into her cavernous postbag and replied to the single dummy problem that had been sent in.

Join in "The Blame Game" – send in your views on who was most to blame on three disastrous hands. And don't miss the packed set of results from club and county events.

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- details of competitions and results

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The next newsletter will be published in May.

Please send in news, letters and hands no later than 15th August. All contributions welcome!

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A Valentine's Day Massacre

by Jonathan Mestel

One wild, windswept winter's evening, many years ago, I turned up at the Cambridge Bridge Club. As I walked through the door the director announced – "I've just had a phone message for Jonathan from Paul. He says 'Sorry – he's just noticed it's Valentine's day and has had to drive to Newcastle.'"

As I turned resignedly to leave, I noticed a young woman glancing anxiously at the door, apparently similarly abandoned. The director was keen to start play and asked us if we minded partnering each other.

"Oh okay. What do you play?" she enquired dejectedly, but with a brave show of enthusiasm.

"Stone age ACOL – if in doubt, it's natural," I suggested.

"Can't we even play transfers over 1NT?" she requested, mildly shocked.

"Very well," I conceded, sneering superciliously at the attachment of the young to these new-fangled gadgets.

On the first board an earnest-looking West opened 1NT at Game All; the rest of the auction perhaps requires some explanation:

N	E	S	W
2♥	P	4♠	1NT
P	P		P

When partner bid 2♥, I proudly alerted. "Shows spades," I explained. East passed and I bid the game. Partner passed, showing good ethics and more than a touch of apprehension about the evening ahead of her.

West led ♠K. I won with the ace and cashed the three side suit ace-kings. I ruffed a heart with the ♠7, then a diamond with the ♠10, and a heart with the ♠9 for my tenth trick. There was no defence.

"Isn't that strange. Looking at all the hands, 4♠ is the only making game contract," partner observed.

"And I doubt if anyone but you could have bid it," she added morosely, clearly resigned to an evening of torture.

But just then there was a commotion at the door. A dapper young man appeared, bearing chocolates, roses and an apology.

"Thank goodness!" exclaimed my partner, jumping up. "I mean, do you mind terribly if..."

So there it was. I cycled home through the furious, freezing February rain, consoled by my best session ever – I averaged 100% over the board I played. The two of them only managed a 70% set, but perhaps they had other things to think about.

I never saw either of them again. As the years pass, I begin to wonder whether it ever really happened....

All Vul	♠ 102		
Dealer W	♥ AK543		
	♦ K10		
	♣ A863		
♠ KQJ		♠ 86543	
♥ QJ106		♥ 92	
♦ QJ87		♦ 95	
♣ 94		♣ QJ107	
	♠ A97		
	♥ 87		
	♦ A6432		
	♣ K52		

Letter to Uncle Unctuous

Dear Uncle,

We reached the wrong game last night, and were lucky to make, despite my 16 count. Where did we go wrong?

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	N										
W		E									
	S										
♥ 103		♥ QJ52									
♦ K62		♦ AQ7									
♣ AJ4		♣ K85									

We bid: 1♠-2♣; 3♣-4♠; P

North led a low heart to South's ace and a heart was returned to North's king. A third heart was ruffed by South's jack. What's the best line?

Yours sincerely, A perpetual dummy

Dear Strong and Well-Balanced Dummy,

If you play with people who open that sort of hand, I'd think twice before letting them be declarer. When I was a lad your hand would have responded 3NT showing 13-16 with precisely three spades. Or some would use a Baron 2NT bid. Nowadays, many people use 2NT and 3NT to support spades but don't be fooled – this is just a device to allow hoggish partners to play the hand.

Your partner's opening would be my 3rd choice, behind pass and 1NT. Over 2♣ I'm surprised he didn't invent a 2♦ bid – I know that kind of player.

Over 3♣, you might have tried 3NT, but that would hardly be an improvement opposite ♠Kxxxx ♥x ♦Kxx ♣AJxx. If you were playing 3♠ as forcing you could try that, but basically partner's opening bid has fixed you. Get a new partner.

So now to the play. That trump uppercut is certainly paying partner back, in spades. The best hope must be that it was from an original three-trump holding. But there are two other

chances. If North holds a stiff honour, it will fall under the ace and he can then lead towards his ♠9. This picks up ♠J108x or ♠QJ8x with South. You could either overruff ♠J or discard, but if you discard, you will have a guess on the first round of trumps when North plays an honour. Do you play him for an original stiff or for a two-card holding? It must be best to overruff to avoid the ambiguity. You then play a spade to the ace and a spade to the nine.

The other chance is that South might have started with precisely ♠J8. Then again you must overruff and run ♠9 from hand. The power of your ♠76 then restricts your trump losers to one.

Note that you can do nothing if South held two honours originally as North will then have a tenace over your ♠9.

So which of these lines is best? Superficially there are two holdings where the first line works and only one where the second works. But there are restricted choice arguments which rely on the jack being a more likely play from J8 than from J108x, when the ten might have been chosen. More significant in my view is that ruffing with the jack is much easier from J8 than from a four-card holding such as J108x. I would have to be at the table to gauge the tempo and feel how pleased N/S were with the way the defence was progressing, but on balance, I'd overruff and run the nine.

A truly irritating partner will be insufferable if that comes off, and claim he wouldn't have opened 1♠ without ♠6.

But you can always play with me instead. The editors have my number.

Yours sincerely, Uncle Unctuous

The Blame Game

Now is the time to get your blame assigned without upsetting partner! For each of the following three hands you have to assign the blame (it must add up to 100%).

1.	W	E
	P	1♦
	1♥	4♣
	4♠	4NT
	5♦	6♥

♠ A8	N W E S	♠ J52
♥ Q1098		♥ AK52
♦ 5		♦ AJ942
♣ J109864		♣ A

4♣ was a splinter, 4♠ a control, and then West showed one of the five aces.

Even with the suits breaking reasonably, it was one down.

2.	W	E
	1♦	1♥
	2♥	4NT
	5♥	5NT
	7♥	

♠ Q	N W E S	♠ A942
♥ K1062		♥ AQ53
♦ Q1086		♦ A52
♣ AQJ10		♣ K2

The 5♥ bid showed two of the five key cards without the queen of trumps, and then 5NT asked for kings. This contract was doomed to be one down.

3.	N	E	S	W
				1♥
	2♦	3♥	4♣	P
	5♣			

Love all	♠ 108	
Dealer W	♥ 87	
Teams	♦ AK10985	
	♣ KQ5	
♠ A942	N W E S	♠ J653
♥ AK432		♥ QJ105
♦ QJ		♦ 6432
♣ J10		♣ 2
		♠ KQ7
		♥ 96
		♦ 7
		♣ A987643

This time a defensive problem – West leads the ace of hearts, his partner following with the queen. He continues with the ♥4 to the jack. East then switches to a diamond, allowing declarer to wrap up the remaining tricks.

Send your solutions to the editors – for each one you must assign 100% of the blame split between East and West (eg West 58%, East 42%), giving reasons. All votes will go to make up the final assignation of blame.

Tales from the Closet:

The Final of the Spring Foursomes by Chris Jagger

The Schapiro Spring Foursomes, held over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend in Stratford-upon-Avon, is the best event in the calendar, using the classic double elimination knockout

formula. It consists of a 32 board knockout event, alongside a further knockout event for those ‘once defeated’ teams, while those who are twice defeated go out of the event and

play in consolation events. The final three 'once defeated' teams then play semi finals and final with the undefeated team. If that is complicated, don't worry – they offer O Levels in bridge formats nowadays!

Aside from the excellent format what makes it such an enjoyable event is that it attracts most of the top players from the UK as well as several from overseas.

I was partnering Ian Pagan, teaming up with Tim Rees and Filip Kurbalija from the Welsh team. As a four man team we were going to need some stamina and a following wind, in order to reach the final stages. Come midday Monday we had played some 200 boards, despatched the top three seeds, and were the undefeated team, earning us an evening off bridge while the last six 'once defeated' teams played off to reduce to three.

It gave us the right to choose our semi-final opponents, and we could use our spare life to play eight extra boards if we were behind after 32 boards. We chose Cooke, while the first and second seeds slogged it out in the other room.

Somehow the technology was struggling, as was Stratford's electricity, so there were several stoppages, and with the other semifinal dragging on an hour longer than ours, it was going to be a long day.

We sneaked our way into the final, and then had to meet the first seeds again (Alex Allfrey, Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester, David Bakhshi, Glyn Liggins, Peter Crouch). We had already beaten them by 32 imps the day before, but sadly there are no carry forwards in this event!

A tight first set saw four small swings to the good guys, and a lead of 11 imps. The second set saw 19 imps go

astray on a couple of unlucky boards, and then 3 imps were clawed back on the third set. The crucial development of the third set was that the two slowest players in the country, Robson and Pagan had been pitted against each other, resulting in slow play fines to both pairs. All set for the final showdown – we had eight boards to get back 5 imps, with an extra eight if we needed them.

By now Bridge Base Online (BBO) were up and running with their coverage of the match – a strange feature of bridge nowadays that you can be playing in a near empty venue feeling alone in the world, and in fact 1000 people are watching you! Our teammates went into the open room to play Liggins and Crouch, while we were sent to the closed room to play Forrester and Bakhshi. The tempo in the closed room was suddenly much slower – there were times when I thought the other three had passed out!

Meanwhile, the online world was watching what was happening in the open room – **Cath Jagger takes over the story:**

Things started fine for the good guys when opponents missed a very thin non vulnerable game, followed by a few flattish boards. But then after 250 reliable boards from Rees & Kurbalija, the cracks finally started to show. A slam doubled for two off was followed by a missed slam, then a missed cheap 4♠ sacrifice, and a well-judged board by opponents. The scores looked bleak.

Results were trickling in from the closed room – slowly – very slowly in fact. Actually, exceptionally slowly – really very, very slowly. BBO commentators had plenty of time to lament the fact that another eight boards were going to be needed – dinner had already been missed and it looked like the match would drag on

well into the night too. Extra beer was ordered in to cater for it, and there was plenty of time to speculate on anything that might need speculation, and many other things besides! The consensus was that a following wind wouldn't be enough – more like a hurricane was needed.

Meanwhile bridge was continuing in the closed room. The first result to trickle onto the BBO's online scorecard was 4♥ making (where in the open room 2NT had gone one off).

♠ J74		♠ AKQ8
♥ 953	E	♥ AKJ8
♦ KQ1087	N S	♦ J96
♣ 107	W	♣ 98

Chris: Our auction was 1♥, 2♥-2♠, 3♦-3♠, 4♥. The 2♠ bid showed four, 3♦ was non forcing, and I think where we should have played – an easy make. Instead partner pushed on, the 3♠ bid being a bit like fourth suit forcing, asking me to pick the final contract – I couldn't pick 3♦ again so I opted for 4♥. With a favourable trump split this rolled in for 10 tricks.

♠ A1075		♠ 642
♥ KQ109	N	♥ AJ87
♦ 3	W E	♦ AKQ105
♣ A1076	S	♣ K

Cath: Next was the board on which Chris's teammates had missed slam, bidding 1♦-1♥-3♥-4♥. A pessimistic view from the West hand, but with only a 4-4 trump fit and not knowing about the club singleton, he was doubtful about the slam.

Chris: Forrester/Bakhshi started well, with an artificial sequence identifying the club singleton, but the problem was that they never knew what values they had. At some point West confirmed to East that they had all the key cards, and East bid the grand slam, hoping

they had enough stuff. It is actually a horrible grand slam, and without a club lead it has very little play. Yours truly fished out a club, and it was now little worse than the diamond finesse. After ten minutes planning the play, declarer ruffed two clubs and drew trumps, taking the diamond finesse for the thirteenth trick. It lost.

Cath: 7♥-2 +100 appeared on the BBO scorecard. Now the online spectators were agog – was the match being turned around in the closed room? What score would emerge next – on the board where Chris's teammates had failed to sacrifice:

N/S Vul	♠ 10	
Dealer S	♥ KQJ853	
	♦ K6	
	♣ Q1053	
♠ QJ8653		♠ K74
♥ A	N	♥ 1094
♦ J9854	W E	♦ 1073
♣ A	S	♣ 8762
	♠ A92	
	♥ 762	
	♦ AQ2	
	♣ KJ94	

Chris: The auction began 1NT-2♦(major + minor)-4♥-P, P-4♠-P-P. Pagan now judged well to bid on to 5♥ (though there was still a cheap sacrifice available in 5♠).

Cath: Moreimps to Jagger arrived on the online scorecard ☺.

E/W Vul	♠ –	
Dealer W	♥ KQJ106	
	♦ KQ982	
	♣ 842	
♠ KQ64		♠ J109532
♥ 4	N	♥ 852
♦ A1063	W E	♦ 4
♣ AQ95	S	♣ KJ3
	♠ A87	
	♥ A973	
	♦ J75	
	♣ 1076	

Chris: Next board, however, Pagan bid like a lunatic (in my opinion) to a 6♥ sacrifice, which could have been –1100 but emerged as only –300 (one is forgiving when it works).

Cath: So it turned out to be more IMPs in, as oppo had made 650 for 4♠ in the open room. Suddenly the mood on BBO was lifting – the beers were being returned to the shops, and people were looking forward to getting to bed at last. Some overambitious competing by opponents on the penultimate board and Chris and Ian collected +1100 – sealing victory! Even with slow play fines looming, David Burn on BBO commented ‘Pagan can take until Thursday week and they are still going to win now’.

Chris: The final board was a quiet game one off by opponents – a strange affair since by now we were pretty certain we’d won, 1000 spectators knew for certain what the result was, but our teammates, oblivious to all the excitement, were waiting in the corridor to score up, looking like they’d been dragged through a bull ring backwards, and loading themselves up with coffee to play another eight boards!

The final margin was 32 imps, less 3 imps slow play penalties (ours counting double of theirs). I’m told that we cannot take our spare 8 boards along for next year – but we’ll be back.

Results round-up

National competitions

Chris Jagger won the Schapiro Spring Foursomes, playing with Ian Pagan, Tim Rees & Filip Kurbalija.

In the consolation Punchbowl, Paul Fegarty, Catherine Curtis, Jonathan Mestel & Catherine Jagger lost in the final for the second year running.

The England Ladies, including Cath Jagger, reclaimed the Lady Milne Trophy from the Scots.

Cambs & Hunts finished in third place in the final of the Tollemache Cup. The team was Jonathan Mestel, Paul Barden, Julian Wightwick, Giles Woodruff, Rod Oakford, Victor Milman, Paul Fegarty & Catherine Curtis, with NPC Chris Larlham.

Paul Fegarty & Catherine Curtis qualified in tenth place from the National Pairs Regional Final and finished third in the final.

In the Portland Pairs, Rod & Sue Oakford were seventh, just one place ahead of Victor Milman & Nadia Stelmashenko.

In the National Women’s Pairs, Catherine Jagger finished fifth, one place ahead of Sue Oakford & Nadia Stelmashenko. Catherine also finished fourth in the Grand Masters Pairs, and third with Chris in the Swiss Pairs at the Harrogate Congress.

Three Cambs & Hunts teams reached round five of the NICKO. Then Thursday A (Joanne Caldwell, David Carmichael, Ian McDonald, Tapan Pal, Kevin Smith & Ian Davies) was drawn to play Cambridge A (Cath & Chris Jagger, Jonathan Mestel & Julian Wightwick), who won through and now face the team that knocked out Cambridge B (Chris Larlham, David Kendrick, Victor Milman & Nadia Stelmashenko) in the same round.

The team of Cath & Chris Jagger, Jonathan Mestel, Julian Wightwick & Ian Pagan is through to the final of the Hubert Philips Bowl, having knocked out Paula Leslie, Suzanne Sheasby, Jon Green & Richard Hillman in the semi. They now face Frances Hinden, Jeffrey Allerton, Jon Cooke & Graham Osborne.

The Perse School 'A' team of Damian Bell, Sam Hunt, Matthew Morgan & Andrew North won the Bedfordshire & District School Teams Championship.

Ben Reilly & John Ahearn finished 11th in the EBU University bridge pairs, while two of Peter Beavan's students Keely Edwards & Ruby Striker finished third in the EBU Bridge for All Minibrige tournament.

County Pairs

1. Rod Oakford & Victor Milman
2. Sheila Parker & Jonathan Mestel
3. Vera Donert & T.E.D. Shaw
4. David Man & Ken Jackson
5. Joanne Caldwell & Kevin Smith
6. Eryl Howard & Eric Campbell
7. Matt May & Niel Pimblett
8. Jonathan Taylor & Stephen Goodwin
9. John Crane & Jeff Curtis
10. Catherine Curtis & Paul Fegarty

County Individual

1. Peter Jackson
2. T.E.D. Shaw
3. Audrey Stenner
4. Stephen Goodwin
5. Shirley Rainbow
6. David Harrison
7. Colin Campbell
8. Peter Beavan
9. Sheila Lancaster
10. Eric Lancaster

County Knockout

In Round 2

LARLHAM beat LAWRENCE
KUEH beat JACKSON
CURTIS beat HASLEGRAVE
JACOBSBERG beat RUSSELL

In Quarter-finals

LARLHAM beat COPPING
KUEH beat CURTIS
JAGGER beat MAN
JACOBSBERG beat KING

In Semi-finals

JAGGER beat JACOBSBERG
KUEH beat LARLHAM

County Plate

In Preliminary Round

POLLARD beat JACKSON
OAKFORD beat RILEY
RICHER beat JONES
TILLEY beat RUSSELL

In Round 1

MAY beat POLLARD
OAKFORD beat RICHER
HASLEGRAVE beat TILLEY

Garden Cities

In Quarter-finals

SAFFRON WALDEN beat
PETERBOROUGH 2
PETERBOROUGH 1 beat
CAMBRIDGE 2

In Semi-finals

CAMBRIDGE 1 beat
SAFFRON WALDEN
PETERBOROUGH 1 beat
THURSDAY

In Final

CAMBRIDGE 1 beat
PETERBOROUGH 1

New Players' Tournament

1. Geoff Burbidge & John Frampton
2. Anne Vidler & Sherry O'Donovan
3. Jean Murray & Maureen Cahill
4. Patrick Coulson & Nicole Cory Wright
5. Mary Doyle & Susan Lee
6. Rosalind Barden & Kay Hunt
7. Victoria Roles & Mary Regnier-Wilson
8. Graham & Sue Oates
9. Barbara McCormick & Sue Saxton
10. Sheila Miers & Sue Paine

Jubilee Pairs

- 1= John Liebeshutz & Peter Bhagat
- 1= Gladys Gittins & David Carmichael
3. Chris Larlham & Chris Waites

Leading pair below 10,000 Master Points: Andre Kueh & Jonathan Cains

Half-time leaders: Cynthia & Nicholas Bull

Ascender's Prize: Rod & Sue Oakford

Cambs & Hunts League

Current standings:

#	Division 1	P	W	L	D	VPs	Ave
1	Ely 1	6	4	2	0	83	13.8
2	Peterborough 1	6	3	2	1	55	9.2
3	University 1	4	3	1	0	53	13.3
4	Cambridge 2	5	2	2	1	49	9.8
5	Saffron Walden 1	3	2	1	0	36	12.0
6	Cambridge 4	4	1	2	1	35	8.8
7	Peterborough 2	3	2	1	0	32	10.7
7	Thursday 2	6	0	5	1	32	5.3
9	Thursday 1	3	1	2	0	25	8.3

#	Division 2	P	W	L	D	VPs	Ave
1	North Cambs 1	8	6	1	1	118	14.8
2	Huntingdon 2	8	7	1	0	114	14.3
3	Crafts Hill	8	6	2	0	89	11.1
4	Cambridge 3	8	4	3	1	78	9.8
5	Peterborough 3	7	3	4	0	71	10.1
6	University 2	7	2	5	0	59	8.4
7	Huntingdon 1	8	1	7	0	58	7.3
8	Peterborough 4	7	2	5	0	49	7.0
9	Royston 1	7	2	5	0	44	6.3

#	Division 3	P	W	L	D	VPs	Ave
1	Huntingdon 3	6	6	0	0	100	16.7
2	Balsham 2	6	3	3	0	62	10.3
3	Peterborough 5	4	3	1	0	44	11.0
4	North Cambs 3	4	2	2	0	42	10.5
5	North Cambs 2	5	2	3	0	33	6.6
6	Peterborough 6	5	0	5	0	19	3.8
7	University 3	2	0	2	0	15	7.5

With all but two matches completed in Division 2, congratulations go to North Cambs 1 (captained by Ian Aldridge) on their win this year.

In Division 3, despite several matches still to be played, congratulations go to Huntingdon 3 (captained by Bill Stevenson) who are clear of the field.

Eastern Counties League

The county scored 6-14, 12-8 and 12-8 against Cambridge University; 0-20, 5-15 and 10-10 against Bedfordshire; and 7-13, 4-16 and 2-18 against Northants.

Final Standings for 2007/08 season:

A division

1. Bedfordshire with 122 VPs
2. Suffolk with 93 VPs
7. Cambs & Hunts with 30 VPs

B division

1. Northants with 100 VPs
2. Hertfordshire with 88 VPs
6. Cambs & Hunts with 65 VPs

C division

1. Hertfordshire with 112 VPs
2. Northants with 92 VPs
6. Cambs & Hunts with 60 VPs

ECL Dates

18th May v Beds (A)
 8th June v Suffolk (H)
 21st September v Essex (A)
 12th October v Herts (A)
 23rd November v University (H)
 1st February v Northants (H)
 22nd February v Norfolk (H)

Around the Clubs

Balsham

Brenda & Philip Jones won Pearl's Plate and the President's Cup.

Gwen's Plate was won by Sheila Lancaster.

David's Challenge Cup was won by T.E.D. Shaw, David Pett, Vera Donert and Fred Allen

The Margaret Jude Rose Bowl was won by Jane Woodhouse & Colin Campbell.

Blinco

The Frank Weatherhead Cup was won by John Ayres & John Phelps.

Cambridge

The Marie Johnson Salver was won by Iain Watson, Alex Green, Mike Seaver & Peter Morgan.

Jonathan Mestel & Sheila Parker won the Thomas Kirkby Mixed Pairs, and were 6% clear of the field in the Club Pairs.

The Spring Equinox handicap pairs was won by Eryl Howard & Eric Campbell.

The Collis Plate Teams League was won by Mike Seaver, Peter Bhagat, Paul Fegarty & Catherine Curtis.

The Cradock Trophy was retained by Rod Oakford.

The Jacobs Shield Butler Pairs was won by Paul Fegarty & Catherine Curtis.

The Mad Hatter's Speedball Pairs was won by John Liebeschuetz & Julian Wightwick.

Alex Green and Iain Watson have passed the Club Directors training course.

Cottenham

David Allen retained the Club Individual Championship.

The Championship Pairs was retained by Peter Morgan & Mike Seaver.

The March Handicap Pairs for the Evans Handicap Cup was won by Zona Lacy & TED Shaw.

The David Haddock Cup was won by David Larman.

Huntingdon

The Club Championship Teams was won by Pauline Baily, Mike Neverton, Lenore Gravestock & Roger Bishop.

Roger Chaplin won the Individual Championship.

North Cambridge

We are very sad to report the death of Queenie Band on Sunday 3rd February 2008. Queenie started playing Bridge nearly 40 years ago and belonged to several Bridge clubs. As the years passed she concentrated on her Bridge at North Cambridge Bridge Club where she was a popular member. At the Club she was an unfailingly cheerful and courteous companion and will be greatly missed by all.

The Handicap Pairs was won by Joanne Caldwell & Ian McDonald, who held on to their lead by just 0.01% after the handicaps were applied.

Nuffield

J Ross & D Samuel finished 12th nationwide in one of the BGB Spring Simultaneous Pairs.

Peterborough

Kieran Tilley is only 13 years old, but he is already the up and coming star at Peterborough Bridge Club. He is pictured here at the club's recent AGM scooping 4 of the club's major trophies which he won during the season.

He won the Peterborough Pairs event with Ufuk Cotuk and the Committee cup with his father, Mark. He also captained the successful Pivot team in the club's regular monthly competition (with Trevor Thrower, Mary Knights, Karl Farquhar, Mark Tilley) and not surprisingly won the improver's cup for the player with the best overall increase in percentage over the year.

Club Chairman Trevor King says "We are very proud to have Kieran here as a Junior member of Peterborough Bridge Club. We are all very pleased at the youngster's achievements so far and believe he has a great future in front of him".

The Gentle Pairs was won by Sue Murrell & Renee Dighton.

The Club Teams Championship was won by Mark Tilley Trevor Thrower, Brian Hope, Karl Farquhar.

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Thursday

The President's Shield was won by Fred Allen.

The St John Championship was won by Lorraine Waters & Alan Edwards.

The Mackenzie Trophy was won by Anne Beytel & Susan Hilken.

The Swan Shields were won by Gladys Gittins & Paul Bond.

The Charity Challenge was won by Fred Allen & Roger Salmon.

Fred Allen & David Carmichael finished 6th nationwide in one of the BGB Spring Simultaneous Pairs.

University

The new executive has Liz Roberts as president, Sarah O'Connor as treasurer and David Williams as secretary and John Haslegrave as captain.