

January 2025

Our usual second Thursday of the month coincided with the ice and snow, so was re-arranged for the evening of 23rd January 2025, the winners being the new pairing of Tony and Jan, who did extremely well as you can see, considering this was the first time they have met. Just 3 IMPs behind them, Lynda and Denise had an excellent night, and were well clear of the chasing pack.

FINAL RESULTS TABLE for 23 rd January 2025					
	IMPS	%	Players	Top	Jt Top
1 st	56	66.7	Tony Nixon & Jan Blinch	5	3
2 nd	53	63.1	Lynda Stevenson & Denise Cowling	5	2
3 rd	46	54.8	Brian Collett & Paul Jarvis	4	1
4 th	44	52.4	Del Smith & Gila Gwinn	3	3
5 th	43	51.2	Rosemary Heaver & Jill Snedker	2	2
6 th	33	39.3	Simon & Sally Bevan	1	2
7 th	31	36.9	Jim Wardle & Mavis Sturgess	2	0
8 th	30	35.7	Richard Hartley & Bea Bennett	0	1

FINAL RESULTS TABLE for 13th February 2025

	IMPs	%	Players	Tops	Joint Top
1st	54	64.3	Sally & Simon Bevan	4	2
2nd	47	56.0	Del Smith & Gila Gwinn	4	1
3rd	46	54.8	Paul Jarvis & Brian Collett	3	3
4th	43	51.2	Jill Snedker & Rosemary Heaver	4	1
5th	40	47.6	Richard Hartley & Bea Bennett	4	1
6th	38	45.2	Denise Cowling & Lynda Stevenson	2	2
7th	36	42.9	Jim Wardle & Mavis Sturgess	1	2
8th	32	38.1	Ruby Cole & Chris Williams	1	2

IMPs = International Match Points

There was no duplicate Bridge in March

THURSDAY 10th APRIL 2025

FINAL RESULTS TABLE					
	IMPS	%	Players	Tops	Jt Tops
1st	42	70.0	Del Smith & Gila Gwinn	6	4
2nd	34	56.7	Ruby Cole & Chris Williams	5	2
3rd	30	50.0	Richard Hartley & Bea Bennett	4	4
4th	30	50.0	Mavis Sturgess & Rosemary Heaver	3	3
5th	27	45.0	Simon & Sally Bevan	3	3
6th	17	28.3	Brian Collett & Paul Jarvis	1	2

THURSDAY 8th MAY 2025

FINAL RESULTS TABLE					
	IMPS	%	Players	Tops	Jnt Top
1 st	60	71.4	Paul Jarvis & Brian Collett	6	1
2 nd	48	57.1	Tony Nixon & Katie Lindenbaum	3	3
2 nd	48	57.1	Ruby Cole & Chris Williams	5	0
4 th	47	56.0	Richard Hartley & Bea Bennett	4	2
5 th	40	47.6	Mavis Sturgess & Jim Wardle	3	1
6 th	38	45.2	Simon & Sally Bevan	2	2
7 th	33	39.3	Del Smith & Gila Gwinn	0	1
8 th	22	26.2	Jill Snedker & Rosemary Heaver	0	0

THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 2025

This was the first time since before Covid that we have managed to have five tables for a Thursday evening, which brought about a great result for Jill and Rosemary, against some tough opposition. So this was certainly 'no fluke' but a hard-fought victory for the two ladies. A big congratulations to Jill and Rosemary.

FINAL RESULTS TABLE					
	IMPS	%	Players	Tops	Jt Tops
1st	84	65.6	Jill Snedker & Rosemary Heaver	6	2
2nd	73	57.0	Lynda Stevenson & Denise Cowling	1	4
3rd	72	56.3	Richard Kendrick & Brian Collett	3	3
4th	69	53.9	Richard Hartley & Bea Bennett	2	4
5th	67	52.3	Tony Nixon & Katie Lindenbaum	4	1
6th	65	50.8	Mavis Sturgess & Del Smith	3	0
6th	65	50.8	Ruby Cole & Chris Williams	2	3
8th	62	48.4	Roger Atterwill & Karen Brown	2	1
9th	50	39.1	Simon & Sally Bevan	0	2
10th	33	25.8	Chris Hill & Sharon Hammond	0	1

THURSDAY 10 JULY 2025

FINAL RESULTS TABLE					
	IMPS	%	Players	Tops	Jt Top
1 st	86	67.2	Del Smith & Gila Gwinn	5	4
2 nd	72	56.3	Tony Nixon & Katie Lindenbaum	3	2
2 nd	72	56.3	Simon & Sally Bevan	1	4
4 th	71	55.5	Ruby Cole & Chris Williams	2	4
5 th	69	53.9	Jill Snedker & Rosemary Heaver	2	5
6 th	68	53.1	Richard Hartley & Bea Bennett	3	5
7 th	59	46.1	Denise Cowling & Lynda Stevenson	0	4
8 th	58	45.3	Mavis Sturgess & Brian Collett	2	2
9 th	47	36.7	Steve Sercombe & Gareth Cox	1	2
10 th	38	29.7	Chris Hill & Karen Brown	0	2

THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST 2025

FINAL RESULTS TABLE					
	IMPS	%	Players	Tops	Jt Tops
1 st	67	69.8	Ruby Cole & Chris Williams	5	3
2 nd	61	63.5	Tony Nixon & Katie Lindenbaum	6	1
3 rd	60	62.5	Brian Collett & Paul Jarvis	5	2
4 th	56	58.3	Mavis Sturgess & Lynda Stevenson	3	2
5 th	55	57.3	Richard Hartley & Bea Bennett	4	1
6 th	40	41.7	Jill Snedker & Rosemary Heaver	0	2
7 th	37	38.5	Roger Atterwill & Karen Brown	2	0
8 th	34	35.4	Del Smith & Chris Hill	1	1
9 th	22	22.9	Steve Sercombe & Kim Mabbutt	0	0

THURSDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2025

It was certainly a couple of good results for the ladies this time around, fending off the chasing men in both events this month. In particular, Del Smith taking second place with Thursday evening partner Gila, followed by a very big win with her Friday partner Jane.

FINAL RESULTS TABLE					
	IMPS	%	Players	Tops	Jt Tops
1 st	53	63.1	Denise Cowling & Lynda Stevenson	2	6
2 nd	50	59.5	Del Smith & Gila Gwinn	5	2
3 rd	48	57.1	Brian Collett & Roger Atterwill	5	1
3 rd	48	57.1	Ruby Cole & Chris Hill	1	6
5 th	46	54.8	Sally & Simon Bevan	2	3
6 th	41	48.8	Tony Nixon & Paul Jarvis	0	3
7 th	33	39.3	Jill Snedker & Rosemary Heaver	1	3
8 th	17	20.2	Karen Brown & Steve Sercombe	0	1

THURSDAY 9th OCTOBER 2025 –

This has been an interesting month for both Bridge Groups, with the monthly duplicate sessions for each group throwing up very unusual results. It is very rare for two pairs to end up with the same score, but this did happen on 9th and again on 17th October. The top two pairs on each day were only separated by the individual tops score and shared joint top scores

FINAL RESULTS TABLE					
	IMPS	%	Players	Tops	Jt Tops
1 st	49	58.3	Tony Nixon & Lynda Stevenson	3	4
1 st	49	58.3	Simon & Sally Bevan	3	1
3 rd	46	54.8	Richard Hartley & Bea Bennett	3	3
4 th	44	52.4	Mavis Sturgess & Jim Wardle	2	4
4 th	44	52.4	Jill Snedker & Rosemary Heaver	2	2
6 th	37	44.0	Gareth Cox & Steve Sercombe	3	2
6 th	37	44.0	Ruby Cole & Chris Williams	1	3
8 th	30	35.7	Brian Collett & Roger Atterwill	0	4

THURSDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2025

FINAL RESULTS TABLE					
	IMPS	%	Players	Tops	Joint Tops
1 st	52	61.9	Roger Atterwill & Tony Nixon	6	1
2 nd	49	58.3	Richard Hartley & Bea Bennett	4	0
3 rd	45	53.6	Jill Snedker & Rosemary Heaver	3	1
4 th	43	51.2	Denise Cowling & Lynda Stevenson	3	3
5 th	42	50.0	Del Smith & Gila Gwinn	4	1
6 th	42	50.0	Jim Wardle & Mavis Sturgess	2	1
7 th	36	42.9	Gareth Cox & Steve Sercombe	2	1
8 th	27	32.1	Brian Collett & Karen Brown	0	2

At the start of 2025, the Thursday evening group was close to coming to an end with a dramatic fall in attendance numbers. This would have been a great shame after fifteen successful years, during which time numerous u3a members have been introduced to this very exciting, sometimes frustrating, card game. Those brave souls who now play the game, fully understand there will be highs and lows but, when it gets into your blood, it can become an addiction – a good one for the memory, and great for socialising. In order to rescue the ailing Thursday group, we started a new beginners' course in February, when 12 u3a members stepped forward. Some realised, after a few weeks, that it was not for them, with eight seeing it out to the end, and some of their names can be found in the two result tables below. It takes time and lots of practice, with it being very worthwhile in the end, and very enjoyable once everything clicks into place.

A quick look at the Thursday results table includes 5 players who started and completed the course, with high-flying ex-member of the RAF, Roger and his partner Del, snatching a creditable second place against some formidable opposition. The popularity of the monthly

duplicate session can be clearly seen in the two results table, when we had five tables on both occasions, very normal for Friday, and an encouraging sign for Thursday.

FINAL RESULTS TABLE – Thursday 11th December 2025					
	IMPS	%	Players	Tops	Jt Tops
1 st	80	62.5	Jim Wardle & Tony Nixon	3	2
2 nd	75	58.6	Roger Atterwill & Del Smith	4	3
3 rd	73	57.0	Denise Cowling & Lynda Stevenson	3	3
4 th	68	53.1	Ruby Cole & Chris Williams	2	4
5 th	66	51.6	Paul Jarvis & Brian Collett	2	3
6 th	64	50.0	Richard Hartley & Bea Bennett	3	2
7 th	63	49.2	Belinda Collett & Chris Hill	3	2
8 th	61	47.7	Gareth Cox & Steve Sercombe	1	2
9 th	60	46.9	Jill Snedker & Rosemary Heaver	1	2
10 th	30	23.4	Mavis Sturgess & Karen Brown	0	0