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Malmesbury Bridge Club

Dear Member,

Welcome to the 2010 Bridge Season at Malmesbury Bridge Club.

This is to let you know about the arrangements for bridge for the coming year as decided at a recent meeting of your committee, which in turn reflect the proposals made at the AGM.

Most significantly a sub-committee has been investigating a further alternative venue to the Town Hall, this being at Athelstan House on the old hospital site. This appears to offer a room very suitable for our purposes at a very reasonable rent. There are some drawbacks particularly in the lack of storage, but we think this can easily be overcome. Accordingly the room has been booked for Thursdays from the beginning of February. If this works out satisfactorily we will almost certainly transfer the Monday evening session there. We had our first night at Charlton Village Hall this week, and we found the room light and airy, and in spite of the extreme cold adequately warm inside. We hope to see more of you there once the weather improves.

The other main subject for discussion was the extra teams night for a Thursday which we will put in place in February. Because of the good number of teams we get taking part, and because the Gardening Club will also be using part of Athelstan House on a 2nd Monday (our usual teams night), we will in future play teams on the 1st Thursday and the 3rd Monday. This will be kept under review. Members are encouraged to make up teams of a different composition for the two nights. The qualifying number of evenings to be played for the Championship Pairs will be reduced.

You will note that there are a couple of extra Simultaneous Pairs competitions for Charity as requested at the 2008 AGM. This will cost a little extra in the short term, but it is anticipated that we will be able to reduce table money and not charge for coffee etc long-term as our room-hire charges reduce.

All good wishes for a great year's bridge, and thanks for your support,

Syd & Richard.

N.B. from February Teams will be played on the 1st Thursday and the 3rd Monday

