

ANNUAL REPORT 2024 – 2025

Activities

Saturday club: This continues to be a very good way of bringing the children from different schools together to play and compete face to face. Parents of these children make donations each term, and these make a significant contribution to the cost of paying helpers/supervisors for the sessions.

Schools: We wound down the face to face teaching in schools for reasons outlined in last year's annual report, finishing in Summer 2024 and moving to teaching online after school instead (with the exception of Acland Burghley School, where we continued to teach after school face to face). Moving to online has given us the flexibility to keep together groups of learners as they have left primary school and moved to different secondary schools, as many did in September 2024.

Once again, we took a large group of our young players to participate in the Youth Bridge Challenge at Loughborough, with travel being funded directly by EBED (English Bridge Education and Development). I continued to run free online coaching sessions for the U16 squad members twice per week and these children are making excellent progress, with some competing in international youth tournaments.

Income sources

Our income from donations has fallen again this year, as predicted, but a one-off donation from the Makers of Playing Cards Guild was very helpful. Patreon subscriptions bring in an ever-dwindling amount and, as mentioned above, parents of the Saturday group also make contributions.

Challenges for the future

As outlined last year, we are focusing on the challenge of attracting more young people into the game of bridge and making it accessible to all. Central to this is the development of an excellent website, providing learning resources that will support teachers and youth leaders who would like to teach a group of young people, as well as providing everything that an interested youngster needs to teach themselves to play.

During this year, we have made some initial upgrades to the existing site and created new resources with teaching videos and practice hands. EBED have funded the minor website development, reimbursing the fees paid to a developer on Freelancer. In 2025-2026, we will be designing and creating a completely new website with many extra features, again supported by EBED.

NEW TRICKS ACCOUNTS 2024-2025

Cash in bank 3 April 2024	7,945.20
Cash in bank 2 April 2025	6,241.42

INCOME

Saturday kids contributions	1,990.00
Teaching	195.00
Small donations	71.30
Large donation (Makers of Cards)	2,400.00
Large donation (CSL)	900.00
Patreon	567.05
EBED Reimbursement Freelancer	790.87
EBED Reimbursement Travel	499.05
TOTAL INCOME	7,413.27

EXPENDITURE

Teaching

Suzanne Anisfeld	1,330.00	Immanuel School
Gabi Johnson	800.00	Acland Burghley School & Saturdays
Bridget Rampton	1,000.00	Coldfall School
Ingar Hansen	800.00	North Bridge House School
Saturday supervisors	2,960.00	
Shark Bridge	39.65	

Miscellaneous

Hiscox insurance	121.08
Sage Accounting	77.20

Opinion Stage (Quiz hosting)	237.59	
DBS check	45.00	
Website development (Freelancer)	790.87	Reimbursed by EBED
Travel (Kids to camp)	499.05	Reimbursed by EBED
Domain hosting (FastComet)	108.20	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8,808.64	