



# The Henley Bridge School

## Lessons for all – absolute beginner or aspiring expert!

We have courses of **lessons starting from 04 March and again from 22 April**. In March we have two courses for complete beginners. From April we offer **two courses for more experienced players** – Sharpening Bridge (our most advanced yet) and Key Conventions 2. There are lessons for all levels in between as well! Take a look at page 3 for further details. Dates to **learn in a day ('Bridge in a Day')** on page 6.

Courses are complemented by our **practice sessions – Supervised Play**. This is the ideal format to consolidate and improve – a learning environment with emphasis on relaxed and enjoyable Bridge. Note that **these sessions continue without interruption until at least the end of May** – the only exception is Easter Monday when there is no Bridge. Further information on page 2.

We continue at Henley Cricket Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 11 April. From then on all sessions will be held at the Red Lion.

Due to cancellations, there are again a few spaces remaining at the charity Bridge drive on 01 March. For further details, please hold Ctrl and click on the link below:

<http://thehenleybridgeschool.co.uk/category/charity-bridge-drives/>

Please contact us with any questions – we're always pleased to hear from you!

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With kind regards,

*Jon Green*



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## Supervised Play

There are two options for Supervised Play, our welcoming and friendly practice sessions:

### 1. Learning and Improving

Designed particularly for those just starting Bridge and in their first year or two of learning to play. Sessions at **4pm on Monday at the Red Lion** and **7:30pm on Tuesday at Henley Cricket Club (until 09 April then at the Red Lion)**.

### 2. Introduction to Duplicate Bridge

An opportunity to learn Duplicate Bridge – exciting and fun to play! Still our same learning environment in which to ask questions and discuss what might have happened. All welcome, including those completely new to Duplicate Bridge. Note there is now only one session at **7:30pm on Thursday at Henley Cricket Club (until 11 April then at the Red Lion)**.

For further details, please hold Ctrl and click on the link below:

<http://thehenleybridgeschool.co.uk/lessons/supervised-play/>

## Deal & Discuss

With a little experience of Duplicate Bridge (such as from Supervised Play), we encourage you to play with other people in a welcoming and relaxed setting. However, this is Duplicate Bridge with a difference! First play each deal in our friendly and enjoyable atmosphere. Then take a look, discuss what might have happened, and learn from any mistakes. **4pm on Tuesday at Henley Cricket Club (until 09 April then at the Red Lion)**.

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## How to improve

Our courses will take you step by step from complete beginner to whatever level you would like to reach. Here are the steps to take (with further information below):

1. Beginning Bridge
2. Continuing Bridge
3. Developing Bridge
4. Refresh & Build 1
5. Improving Bridge
6. Advancing Bridge
7. Sharpening Bridge
8. Key Conventions 1
9. Key Conventions 2

Please note that **our next courses start from either week commencing 04 March or week commencing 22 April.**

### 1. Beginning Bridge

If you've **never played Bridge before**, come and learn with us. No knowledge or experience of Bridge or card games required!

Monday	10am	Red Lion, Henley	Starts 04 March
Monday	7:30pm	Red Lion, Henley	Starts 04 March

Saturday 27 April (Bridge in a Day)

### 2. Continuing Bridge

For those who have **just started to play or looking to cover gaps in knowledge**. This includes a look at Strong Twos, Weak Threes, and Penalty Doubles.

Thursday	4pm	Henley Cricket Club	Starts 07 March
Monday	7:30pm	Red Lion, Henley	Starts 22 April

Saturday 13 April (Bridge in a Day)

### 3. Developing Bridge

**The next step after Continuing Bridge and ideal for those interested in the popular 'conventions'**. We tell you about Stayman, Blackwood, and Take-Out Doubles, and look at declarer play with trumps and defending.



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Wednesday 7:30pm Red Lion, Henley Starts 24 April

Saturday 16 March (Bridge in a Day)

## 4. Refresh & Build 1

Aimed at those with previous experience of Bridge looking for some theory or structure, particularly on modern bidding ideas. **Ideal for social players.**

Tuesday 1:30pm Henley Cricket Club Starts 05 March

Saturday 18 May (Bridge in a Day)

## 5. Improving Bridge

**Intermediate level** keen to progress a little further. Topics include responder's second bid, bidding opposite an overcall, holding up at NT, when to delay drawing trumps, and signalling in defence.

Monday 1:30pm Red Lion, Henley Starts 04 March

## 6. Advancing Bridge

Learn about hand evaluation (including the Losing Trick Count), protective bidding (or balancing), and jump shifts by responder. We also focus on improving your card play. Essential concepts to help **intermediate level players upwards** improve their game.

Please register your interest with us.

## 7. Sharpening Bridge

Aimed at **more experienced players**, we introduce the concept of reversing and explain jump shifts by opener. Our focus on the play includes calculating odds and combining chances as Declarer.

Monday 1:30pm Red Lion, Henley Starts 22 April

## 8. Key Conventions 1

For **more experienced or club players** interested in mastering the most important conventional bids. We cover transfers, fourth suit forcing, Jacoby 2NT, unassuming cue



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bids, weak twos, and negative doubles.

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## 9. Key Conventions 2

Complements Key Conventions 1 (see above). We cover splinters, trial bids (game and slam), Roman Key-Card Blackwood (RKCB), ace-showing cue-bids, inverted minors, two-suited overcalls, and defence to 1NT.

Wednesday

4pm

Red Lion, Henley

Starts 24 April



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## Bridge in a Day

Held in the beautiful setting of Hennerton Golf Club, near Wargrave. 10am to 5pm on Saturday with tea/coffee and a sandwich lunch provided.

16 March	Developing Bridge
13 April	Continuing Bridge
27 April	Beginning Bridge
18 May	Refresh & Build 1

## Prices

All 6-week courses cost £90 (and include a free session of supervised play). If you miss a lesson, switch to the same lesson at a different time that week or come back on a later course. Bridge in a Day is £65 (including tea/coffee and a sandwich lunch). Payment in advance by debit/credit card, cheque, or electronic transfer.

Each supervised play session is priced at £9 – no need to book, just turn up. Deal & Discuss (Gentle Duplicate) also £9 – no partner required, just come along and join us!