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On a Day for Spooks... a special Endeavour

At a meeting on Hallowe'en Night the big hall in Kidlington was buzzing as OBA vision-wizard **Robert Procter** and OBA app-master **Alan Wilson** rattled the bones of our 2011 members survey.

They chased grave-fleeing skeletons into a cupboard, they warded off Karapet's cursing witch on her broomstick and for all current members and the many to come they summoned up a bright future for Oxfordshire bridge.

As the 2011-12 season unfolds, watch for details of new activities around the county, from the social to events for all levels of skill.

Through our survey hundreds of members have shown a will for an era of great endeavour. And you'll support us, of course? - *David Bygott*

Recent results...

OBA Ladies' Pairs Championship

- 1 **Eleanor Rice & Pauline Serby** 59.74 %
- 2 Paula Hopkinson & Jean Ingham-Johnson 54.87 %
- 3= Brenda MacDonagh & Claire MacDonagh 52.05 %
- 3= Cathy Rowland & Mary-Ann Sheehy 52.05 %

OBA Men's' Pairs Championship

- 1 **Ron Quainton & Peter Russell** 60.28 %
(Ron & Peter retained the title.)
- 2 Stuart McPhee & Dan McIntosh 58.06 %
- 3 Alastair Gidman & Krys Kazmierczak 55.56 %
- 4 David Bygott & Jeremy Bygott 52.50 %

La France? Formidable! (1)

Summertown BC is taking part in November's sim pairs in aid of **Children in Need**. The club's venue is donating its hire fee to the charity. "Bravo, Maison Française d'Oxford!"

<http://www.mfo.ac.uk/>

La France? Formidable! (2)

In the 2011 World Championships last month in Holland the English Ladies (with **Susan Stockdale**, once of Oxon) came a fine fourth. Compare the men of England, who didn't even qualify to go Holland this year!

The Ladies final was won by the **French Ladies** (over Indonesia). Not only that, but the **French Seniors** won the d'Orsi Bowl (over USA 2). A twin win to celebrate? Indeed! So enter our **prize quiz** (*part A below, part B on p. 2*) and you could win a two-course meal for two by the waterside at the famous **Trout Inn**.

<http://www.thetroutoxford.co.uk/>



(Photo by the editor)

Prize quiz, part A

*Solve these crossword-type clues, perhaps with your partner? He/she might have seen the answers at **The Trout** or in his/her home.*

1. "PC Ron Storm, I see, has all it takes to be a much loved Oxford detective." (9,5)
2. Drawing on a little wisdom, 1's aide survived to star in his own TV series. (5)
3. "Enter two from Oxford CID for start of literary career for me." (5,6)

Women with winning ways

Before board 25 in the Quarter-Final of the Venice Cup the Swedish ladies should have been warned: "Danger! English women at work!" Our ladies' eyes were on the Semi.

N, dealer

E/W vul

♠ 1084	
♥ QJ4	
♦ AQ2	
♣ 8543	
♠ KJ5	♠ 97
♥ A1065	♥ K9732
♦ K986	♦ J
♣ K7	♣ A10962
♠ AQ632	
♥ 8	
♦ 107543	
♣ QJ	

Where **Susan Stockdale** sat S, after two passes she opened a weak 2S. This ran to **Fiona Brown**, who raised to 3S. The contract went 6 down, non-vulnerable, costing -300. But at the other table Sweden's N opened a mini 1NT. Now **Nevena Senior** (E) stepped in – vul - with 2C. Sweden's S tried 3S, but England's W (**Heather Dhondy**) closed the auction with 4H, scoring +620. Net result: + 320 to England.

Remember, remember...

to enter by 29 November to compete on 4 December in the **OBA Swiss Pairs**.

For brochure details visit

<http://www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk/> .

Bridge lessons in Charlbury

Ina Merriman is back from the EBU's Greek congress in Kos, where she and **Rita Finch** came third in the Swiss Teams ahead of some fine players (including Oxon's **Lynne Hayes**). Once again **Ina** is running a bridge class in Charlbury. Extra discussion at **The Bull** may follow. You can call Ina on 01608 810375.

A taste of France for you?

To honour the English Ladies' fine fourth place in the World Championships and salute the French double triumph in the right spirit, our quiz has 2 prizes with French flair from premises near Oxford BC.



Gatineau, an ace confectioner of chocolate delights, will create (and kindly donate) a delicious cake. <http://www.gatineau.uk.com/>

In addition, a sparkling bottle from Burgundy will be donated by **ExCellar**, a most helpful wine merchant with many years of experience.



Prize quiz, part B

Have you solved puzzles 1-3 in part A (*on page 1*)? Then choose the right answers to 4-6 below.

- 4 Place where a 1642 ghost may come down the Rose & Crown's chimney
a Sutt on Cheney b Ratley c Dedham
- 5 Wine capital of Burgundy with a Roger
a Bony b Beunez c Beaune
- 6 A lettuce that came here from Greece
a pysche b uroözogon c cos

Enter the quiz in time!

Five or six right answers will be accepted from OBA members, who should give their **name** and **EBU number**. For your chance to win... get your answers **by Fri 25.11.2011** to the editor (phone number below) or email our membership secretary vicky@octon.eu.

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