



The 2020



**Junior Camrose
and
Peggy Bayer**

**Presented by
The Welsh Bridge Union
on behalf of
Bridge Great Britain**

at

**The University of South Wales,
Newport**

14th – 16th FEBRUARY 2020

**Bridge
Great
Britain**



Welcome to Wales...

... the best place in the world... if we weren't in Newport

MATCH OFFICIALS

Match Manager	David Newman
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Tournament Director	Gareth Evans
Chairman of Appeals	Anne Jones
BBO Operator	Simon Richards

BBO Helpers

Thank you to **Simon Burgoyne, Emer Disley, Tony Disley, Jason He and Debbie Richards.**

BBO Commentators

Our commentators are **Alex Gipson, Simon Richards and Mark Roderick.**

HELPERS

A huge thank-you to everyone involved in the organisation of the event. Well done to David for organising his very first junior international tournament. To all the non-playing captains for supporting junior bridge, helping them improve and getting your teams out of bed with a hangover! Thank you to Simon Richards for taking on the operation of the beast that is BBO. And to our fabulous Director Sarah and the great Gareth for organising the only thing that actually matters – the bridge!

SPECTATORS

Please feel welcome to watch in the open room or watch on your mobile device in the cafe, but let the players concentrate in the closed room please.

THE FOOD

The most important bit!

Friday 14th

17:00	Captain's Meeting
17:30	Buffet Dinner
19:00	Bridge
23:35	Finish Play

Saturday 15th

08:30	Breakfast
10:00	Bridge
14:35	Lunch
15:20	Resume Play
19:55	Finish Play
20:30	Dinner

Sunday 16th

08:30	Breakfast
10:00	Bridge
14:35	Lunch
15:20	Resume Play
19:55	Finish and Leave Building
20:30	Dinner and Closing Ceremony

Monday 17th

08:30	Breakfast
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Our closing ceremony and dinner will be held at quite literally the trendiest place in Newport. It's not saying that much, but it is pretty cracking.

Bistrot Pierre
Friars Walk Shopping Centre
Usk Plaza
Newport
NP20 1HG

Playing Schedule

The last match may be replaced by a Peggy Bayer match depending on the standings in the JC and PB rankings at the time. Other matches may change depending on current standings.

The matches displayed in red will be shown on BBO.

Match	TIME	Table 1	Table 2	Table 3
Friday 14 th				
Match 1	19.00 – 21.10	Scotland v N Ireland	Ireland v England	Wales v EBU
Match 2	21.25 – 23.35	Wales v Scotland	N Ireland v Ireland	England v EBU
Saturday 15 th				
Match 3	10.00 – 12.10	Ireland v Wales	England v N Ireland	Scotland v EBU
Match 4	12.25 – 14.35	England v Scotland	N Ireland v Wales	Ireland v EBU
Lunch				
Match 5	15.20 – 17.30	Scotland v Ireland	Wales v England	N Ireland v EBU
Match 6	17.45 – 19.55	N Ireland v Scotland	England v Ireland	EBU v Wales
Sunday 16 th				
Match 7	10.00 – 12.10	Scotland v Wales	Ireland v N Ireland	EBU v England
Match 8	12.25 – 14.35	Wales v Ireland	N Ireland v England	EBU v Scotland
Lunch				
Match 9	15.20 – 17.30	Scotland v England	Wales v N Ireland	EBU v Ireland
Match 10	17.45 – 19.55	Ireland v Scotland	England v Wales	EBU v N Ireland
Closing Dinner Bistrot Pierre				

The Boring Bit...

Junior Camrose Format

The Junior Camrose sees 6 teams play to the death for the trophy; these are England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Ireland. For 2020, England is providing the 6th team, EBU. The competition is an under 26s competition.

Each team plays 2 matches against every other team. The matches are made up of 16 boards.

Teams consist of a maximum of 6 players. The team printed first in the schedule sits North-South in the Open Room and East-West in the Closed Room throughout the match.

The Captain of the second named team nominates their pairs first in each match. Line-ups must be submitted at least five minutes before each match is due to begin.

Peggy Bayer Format

Again six teams will be competing for the Peggy Bayer Trophy: England, EBU, Scotland, Wales, WBU and Ireland. These players must be under 21. Again, each match will comprise of 16 boards.

Systems and Conventions

The Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer Trophies are considered to be "Category 3" events, as defined within the World Bridge Federation Systems Policy. Therefore Brown Sticker and Highly Unusual Methods are not permitted.

Public presentation

In any one session, 6 matches are in progress, 3 in each event. One table in the Junior Camrose will be broadcast live on the internet via Bridge Base Online, affectionately known as BBO. Visitors are encouraged to gather in the café to watch on BBO. Spectators can also watch live in the Open Room. Spectators are subject to the regulations set out below. Entry to the Closed Room is prohibited.

Regulations for Open Room Spectators

You may watch the players live in the Open Room provided you observe the following rules:

1. No spectator may enter the Open Room while play is in progress. (Please note that this applies even if a match has started before the advertised time).
2. If a spectator leaves the Open Room while play is in progress he may not return until the play session (i.e. the match) has been completed.
3. During play in the Open Room spectators must refrain from mannerisms or remarks and must not converse with a player or display any reaction to bidding or play.
4. Spectators are permitted to observe the cards of 1 player only.
5. He/she should be seated behind that player and may not walk round the table or seek to look at the cards of any other player.
6. Spectators are not permitted to sit where they can see the screen of the computer operator covering the internet match.
7. Spectators may not draw attention to any irregularity/mistake nor speak on any question except by request of the Director.
8. The Director in Charge and/or the Match Manager is empowered to control the presence of spectators, individually or collectively.
9. Under no circumstances may a member of the audience enter the Closed Room.
10. Spectator facilities in the Open Room are limited.

Smoking and Alcohol

Please note that smoking is not permitted anywhere within the venue because it is disgusting, so if you haven't quit yet, please smoke outside. In addition the consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the playing areas. Don't worry, there will be plenty of time for that!

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones and electronic devices capable of communication must be switched off in the playing area and be visible at the table at all times. Any player leaving the playing table prior to completion of the session must leave his mobile phone and electronic devices at the table. Spectators in the open room are requested to ensure that mobile phones are switched off.

THE BEST BIT – THE PEN PORTRAITS

What you have all been waiting for...

The Teams

Please note that some readers may find the contents of the following pen portraits rather disturbing and may wish to put their brochure down now.



Wales Junior Camrose

Sooz Nesom and Melanie Thomas
Stephen Loat and Sarah Greener
David Williams and Iwan Williams
NPC: Gilly Clench

Stephen Loat

Stephen is our resident dentist. Well actually he's the PR man for the Oral Health Foundation, but it's essentially the same thing so if your teeth fall out he'll put them back in for you. Stephen likes to think of himself as the next Alan Sugar and has started his own business, The Modern Influencer. He wanted me to plug it massively, links, social media tags and all, but just go speak to him and he'll enthusiastically tell you all about it (and give it a like or else). Stephen is a wizard on the Ultimate Frisbee pitch and is currently learning French. His French is far from magnifique but he is getting there petit à petit.

Sarah Greener

Sarah is a long-standing member of the JC team and STILL somehow putting up with Stephen. She is a proud member of the young farmers and their catch phrase is 'young farmers do it in wellies'... lucky Jordan. Sarah is also a brownie leader, so when told that the pen portraits were going to be quite jokey, she said, 'that's fine, as long as when you mention me being a brownie leader you don't hint that I'm a paedophile or anything'... ok Sarah, that probably sounds like a good idea. Sarah likes travelling and watching rugby, we know, such a cliché. She also collects snow globes. Cool. 180 snow globes in fact. Really, really cool.

Iwan Williams

Iwan is a partner in a law firm and regularly takes out injunctions against people for their rudeness at the bridge table, so be careful what you say this weekend! He

supports Manchester United and loves to discuss his passion so do go and ask him about his fandom. He pretends to look older than Stephen, but recently lost a hair growth battle against him for Movember.

David Williams

David says that he is less interesting than his brother so here goes... He spends his days writing so don't be surprised if you receive a beautifully crafted love letter at your door. He is working on a novel which is an erotic Japanese thriller written in Spanish with a comical twist and his signature dash of sadism. He won't be playing bridge that well this weekend because he puts all his card focus into Switch aka Uno the kids game. He also likes reading and his favourite book is Little Women.

Mel Thomas

Mel is almost as loud as her mum and can be seen from approximately 7 miles away in her brightly coloured clothing. She likes to match her eye shadow to her outfits, so it's green all the way this weekend. Mel has now changed jobs about 27 times and has recently come to the realisation that she doesn't like working, which is somewhat problematic. She recently broke the world record at parkrun and is well on her way to being both a famous actress and an Olympic swimmer just like she told Gilly aged 6.

Soozy Nesom

Sooz has the most ridiculous name in the competition and apparently wasn't taught how to spell growing up. She likes to pretend she's not really posh by mentioning that she got a scholarship to boarding school. In all fairness though she's an all round fantastic individual who has lived all over the place: Berlin, Prague, York (the highlight) and she "speaks German". Generally she likes to attract depressed friends so it's not looking good for the Welsh team... Since hanging out with Mel she is starting to wear more and more bright colours. She's currently doing a PhD and is tackling climate change single headedly by carrying around a coffee cup everywhere.

Gilly Clench, NPC

Gilly has been brought back as NPC for the second year running by popular demand. It has absolutely nothing to do with her feeding us all treats and prosecco all of last year... Gilly often can't fit through the door with her HUGE bouquets of flowers from her flower arranging classes; she's the youngest there by about 400 years. Gilly can occasionally be found pootling down a ski slope and when we say pootling, we mean it. Her proudest achievement is obviously her fabulous daughter Mel.

Wales Peggy Bayer

Steph Dux and Joe Bently

Laurents Marker and Alua Serikbayeva

NPC: Adrian Thomas

Joe Bently

Joe is our only true Welsh lad, although he recently revealed that he was born in Australia so essentially there are no Welsh people on the team... great. He does speak Welsh however and will gladly do a Gavin and Stacey impression for you. He prides himself on getting to University from the worst school in the country and he absolutely loves a good singsong in the car. He's smashed his first few months at bridge and has invented the 'strawberry jam hand' (red suits only). He's unfortunately yet to be dealt one though. He studies environmental Geography and does a lot of martial arts so don't mess with Joe or he'll beat you into... strawberry jam.

Steph Dux

Steph is somewhat of a dark horse; she may look like your average Hampshire gal, but in fact she's a banterous, 'Mornington-Crescent' playing little thing. She studies maths, so yes, like many of you she is a massive nerd. She likes to let her mouth do the talking by playing the oboe and the flute. She claims that she's very cool.

Laurents Marker

Our resident cool kid Laurents is usually to be found in the most up-to-date hipster gear and studies Maths at Cardiff University, which naturally led him to find his one true love in bridge. When asked to write some things to include in his pen portrait he wrote 'heterosexual', so you're in luck ladies, BUT he has dared the boys to try to 'change his mind'. He also felt the need to put 'single' on a separate line, so is clearly very desperate. Proving his coolness, he did a year abroad in San Francisco and is a cat lover. Best quote of his bridge career so far, "whenever I'm in hearts I think 'love'". Again, so desperate.

Alua Serikbayeva

Alua's 'horrible to spell' surname is from her home country of Kazakhstan. She's the most sophisticated of the group and enjoys being cold on ice skates and playing volleyball. Much like her partner Laurents, she too is weird enough to have felt the need to write 'not professionally though'. Alua is the happy owner of a black Labrador, much like the rest of the world. She studies biomedical sciences and her favourite book is Flowers for Algernon, which she didn't know how to spell... so can it really be her favourite?

Adrian Thomas, NPC

The Welsh team didn't think they had enough loud captains in the mix, so we have brought Adrian along for good measure. He recently discovered his hearing is rated 'severe', which gives him an excuse to shout even louder. Now that he is playing in the

Welsh seniors team, he finally has a reason to be grey and balding. Adrian enjoys walking... a lot... his holidays look something like this: day 1 walk, day 2 walk, day 3 a long walk, day 4 walk some more, you get the picture. Adrian has the best laugh in the world so listen out for it and he has a tendency to come very close to you when talking to you – you've been warned.

WBU Peggy Bayer

Flora Oliver and Sophie Akers

Sian Miller and Ash Rahman

NPC: Mieke Deschepper

Flora Oliver

Flora is the baby of our team and absolutely loves the nickname 'kids' that has been given to the PB team players. Like Joe, Flora will kick your ass if you cross her at the bridge table as she has a black belt in jujitsu and regularly practises with Jackie Chan. An animal lover, Flora enjoys a prance around on a horse and is absolutely obsessed with games. She literally owns every single game in the world. Her favourite colour is pink.

Sophie Akers

Sophie loves animals more than she'll ever love you. She's a cracking chef and can whip up a cracking tea in no time. She's super sporty and usually turns up to bridge on her bike. She really enjoys Netflix and chill. Sophie is currently taking orders for her new knitting business so if you fancy yourself a jumper or hat it will obviously feature a Welsh flag. Sophie also studies biology, rides horses (yer she's really posh) and is a St John's Ambulance volunteer so if you have a heart attack let her know.

Ash Rahman

Ash loves food. And movies. That's all he wrote.

Sian Miller

Sian is our Northern lass from Lancashire and enjoys a cheeky hike as well as a good old night in a tent. Her ultimate goal is to become a pro snowboarder, but she's yet to learn. Everyone in the Welsh team really enjoys how Sian says club, if you ask her and give her a pound, she'll say it for you. Sian is studying to be a civil engineer, so it'll be a lot to juggle with the pro snowboarding. But she'll be raking it in.

Mieke Deschepper, NPC

Mieke is Belgian and has had a very interesting career, but we have no idea what it is because we can't understand a word she says. Her favourite pastime is getting close to people and pulling hair. She is really into systems and no system could be too complicated for her. Later this year she will make her debut in the Lady Milne, which will probably make her the only Welsh International who hasn't got a clue about ACOL.



Northern Ireland Junior Camrose

Xander Todd & Lucy O’Kane
Aileen Armstrong Andrew Newbold
Conor Gallagher & Luke McGarvey
NPC: Sandie Millership

Lucy O’Kane

Lucy is in her 1st year studying Biological & Biomedical Sciences at Trinity College, Dublin. She has competed in the Peggy Bayer competition twice, but this is her first time playing in the Junior Camrose

Xander Todd

Xander is currently in Middle Sixth, his final year at Belfast Royal Academy, studying Maths, Biology and SSD which he enjoys very much.

He is unsure on exactly what he wants to do after leaving B.R.A whether that be studying computer science at uni or doing something else entirely and hence, disappointing his parents.

In his free time Xander enjoys playing guitar very badly or listening to extremely indie music because he thinks that's a personality.

Conor Gallagher

Conor is 19 in his first year at Ulster University studying computing systems. He has previously competed in Peggy Bayer with this being his first competitive year in Junior Camrose. Besides that, he also plays for Belfast Harlequins Hockey Club as their goalkeeper.

Luke McGarvey

Luke has been working with Deloitte for a year and a half working with software development and testing. Alongside work he studies Business Technology at Ulster University. He has been playing bridge for 7 years now.

Aileen Armstrong

Aileen is 16 and is in year 11 and doing her GCSE’s this year. She lives in the isle of White and also enjoys drama and working towards her Duke of Edinburgh award for which she is using Bridge as a skill. This is her 2nd time playing for Northern Ireland but her 1st in the Junior Camrose.

Andrew Newbold

Andrew is 22 and is currently studying maths in Edinburgh. He is from Carrickfergus in Northern Ireland. Andrew enjoys singing in a choir and playing board games in addition to bridge. This is his first Junior Camrose and he is excited to do his best in representing Northern Ireland.

Sandie Millership, NPC

Sandie has a great interest in Junior bridge. She has been acting as NPC for the Peggy Bayer or Junior Camrose teams for longer than she cares to remember. She is very grateful for hair dyes as it stops her hair turning grey which is a side-effect of watching the Juniors play!



Scotland Junior Camrose

Ronan Valentine & Liam O'Brian
Jun Nakamaru-Pinder & Stewart Pinkerton
Athena Chow & Glen Falconer
NPC: Malgorzata Rozman

Jun Nakamaru-Pinder

Jun, 24, has been playing bridge for over 70% of his life, including several appearances for the Scottish junior team and a handful on the Open team. His greatest achievement to date is winning the European U26 mixed pairs with then Scot Olivia Bailey in 2016. He has the unverified accolade of the longest run of coming 2nd in the Peggy Bayer/Junior Camrose (8 years to date), although some former Scottish juniors may lay claim to this. Jun is confident that his teammates will do their best to extend this record. When not playing bridge (this proportion of his life has increased since graduating), he works in London as an actuarial consultant in the exciting world of pensions.

Stewart Pinkerton

Stewart is very much the silent partner, especially when it comes to answering e-mails or writing pen portraits often leaving them to the last minute. He is a graduate of St.Andrews. Coming from a Bridge playing family, he started young, and continues to play occasionally with his Grandad, a Senior Internationalist, who was a big influence in his Bridge career. Stewart has played many times Internationally. When not at the bridge table he has been known to spend time at the snooker table normally alongside a few libations. At the bridge table, he is known for his deep thinking and tendencies to over analyse as I'm sure his team would agree.

Liam O'Brien

Liam is 23 and spends most of his time playing or teaching Bridge, and working occasionally at Brechin Football Club. He and Ronan are regulars on the Scottish Bridge scene, and this will be their fourth Junior Camrose. They have also played several times at Junior European level, twice narrowly missing qualification for the Pairs Final.

Ronan Valentine

Ronan is a 22 year old, trainee English teacher living life as a traitor in Liverpool. Ronan and his partner Liam have ended up as a mainstay in Scottish junior teams of late, which can only be highly worrisome to the junior selectors. Ronan's time to play bridge has been limited by his professional commitments, which makes predicting what bid

he'll find at the table near impossible. This is Ronan's fourth Junior Camrose, and second visit to Wales.

Athena Chow

Athena is 23 years old and is currently studying towards her Masters in Actuarial Science at the University of Kent. She is delighted to be making her second appearance for Scotland at the Junior Camrose this year, and has very much enjoyed being part of the team in the Junior European Championships in Norway last July. Having been toughened up by Les Steel, she now rarely cries at the table. Since September, Athena has been a regular at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club on Friday nights, and has been known to be the last to leave the bar on many an evening. She has also recently discovered that to be invited to dinners with David Gold, all one needs to do is to bid the suit '765' 3 times whilst on Vugraph. Away from bridge she enjoys a round of golf, a rare steak and a pint of Guinness.

Glen Falconer

Glen is an IT consultant based in Glasgow area who enjoys playing bridge and musical instruments when he gets the time. He plays in various open bridge events and in the East District League's first division. He also enjoys teaching his local group of beginners in Falkirk where he lives, finding it a very rewarding experience even though it can be difficult at times. Outside bridge he plays saxophone and piano and his most recent ventures included playing with a swing band at the Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival in August and with Nocturne Wulf (A heavy metal band based in Glasgow) in September. Glen has been looking forward to this competition but not as much as he is excited to have a birthday this year at the end of the month!

Athena and Glen have been playing together for over a year now but with the difference in locations, they have struggled to get a game in but they are very much looking forward to representing Scotland again this year.

Malgorzata Rozman, NPC

Gosia, as she prefers to be called, is in her early 30's. She moved from Poland to the UK around 11 years ago. She started out in IT but then went back to University to take a degree in nursing. She took a break from bridge after arriving in the UK and started playing again just over a year ago. Initially she played at the Edinburgh University club, meeting Athena there, before moving on to the Melville. When her partner had to cancel for a district event Athena suggested playing with George Plant who can play Polish club. Their partnership is ongoing and they jointly took on the role of Junior development at the start of this season. Gosia is excited to see the juniors improving their game. She played for Poland as a junior and hopes the juniors enjoy the experience as much as she did. She thinks that travelling and meeting new people is all part of this experience too.

Scotland Peggy Bayer

Chloe Farrell & John Russell

Wan Hew Tran & Adam Tobias

David Tobias & Aidan Woodley

NPC: George Plant

Chloe Farrell

Chloe is in S6, studying higher Maths and Art and Design, Advanced Higher Physics, National 5 Practical Metalwork and is attending a Performing Engineering Operations course at college. She is also a young leader at her local brownie pack. She has been playing bridge for around four and a half years and has taken part in the 26th European Youth Bridge Team Championships in 2017 and the Peggy Bayer in 2019. She plays in a club about once a week, runs a mini bridge club at her school during lunches and plays online when she can. This is Chloe's second Peggy Bayer.

John Russell

John is 19 years old living and working in Aberdeen as a travel agent. He has been playing Bridge for a few years now and is really looking forward to playing in this competition for a third year in a row. John has been playing with senior members in the Aberdeen bridge club to improve his play and make further progress in the game.

Adam Tobias

Adam is in his second year studying Medicine at Edinburgh University, and although he doesn't have a lot of free time, is hoping to join the increasingly popular Bridge Club there. This is his third Peggy Bayer, the second in partnership with Wan-Hew. A former pupil of Hutchesons' Grammar School in Glasgow, which is a breeding ground for many of our Juniors.

Wan-Hew Tran

Wan-Hew also learned his Bridge at Hutchesons' in Glasgow, but is now in his second year of engineering at Cambridge University. This is his third appearance in the Peggy Bayer. He has been playing a bit at University and hopes to keep improving his game. He and Adam are delighted to be part of the team again.

David Tobias

David is in S5 at Hutchesons' Grammar School in Glasgow. He has been playing for 4 years, and this is his third Peggy Bayer. He loves competing internationally, and is keen to improve his bridge, so much so he is cutting short a skiing holiday to get back in time for the weekend. Hopefully his bidding will not go off piste!

Aidan Woodley

Aidan is in S4 at Queensferry High School studying for his National 5s. He has been playing bridge at the New Melville Club in Edinburgh for two years now and is looking forward to his first Peggy Bayer tournament.

George Plant, NPC

George is a retired Chartered Mechanical Engineer. He came from a board game and card playing family and as soon as he could hold thirteen cards joined the preferred family game of partnership whist. While at University he picked up bridge by kibitzing a lunch time game. His interest being piqued he bought his first bridge book on Acol by the Lederers. Being a keen sportsman he only played socially and not very often. When he stopped playing badminton competitively he had a couple of years playing chess and backgammon before moving on to bridge. One of the main reasons he changed was playing a chess league match in a Scout hall in December when he could see his own breath. This made him think of bridge where clubs had heating and bars. He has won quite a number of National events but has not been able to break through to represent Scotland. He has been playing with Gosia npc of the Junior Camrose team for just over a year now.

He had to stop playing golf a few years ago due to various injuries. He replaced his summer pastime with Croquet and has just finished his second full season having made rapid progress from a handicap of 24 to 3.5



England Junior Camrose

Stephen Kennedy & Tony Ye
Ewa Wieczorek & Laura Covill
Kripa Panchagnula & Jonathan Clark
NPC: David Bakhshi

Laura Covill

At 24 and half years, Laura isn't quite our oldest member, but she is perhaps our most experienced, having made her debut in the 2013 channel trophy. Since then she has been a mainstay of the junior scene, even if she has typically struggled to get selected for the European U26 women's team.

When not playing bridge for the juniors, she coaches them! Her U16s (that clearly belong to Giorgio, NPC of the Peggy Bayer EBU team) took bronze at the 2019 Europeans thanks to her expert ability to spot that Poland were playing an illegal system, knocking them into fourth. As a player, her eyes are equally vigilant.

When not coaching bridge, she does science. Laura's very good at science which is why she's studying for a PhD in molecular genetics. Unfortunately, sticking electrodes into the eyes of flies is unlikely to help her when taking a finesse, but she will definitely look very wise when doing so.

Ewa Wieczorek

Ewa Wieczorek is about to embark on a masters in ubiquitination pathways, so in bridge and in science she's an expert in taking out the trash. Having just turned 22, Ewa has many years left in her to fulfill her goal of becoming a lifelong student, and has already played in two European and one World Championships.

When Ewa isn't having to help her more 'experienced' partner with simple tasks such as remembering practise sessions and getting down the stairs, she is avoiding studying Biochemistry at Oxford and trying to get the EBU to sponsor her for a visa after Brexit.

Stephen Kennedy

Stephen Kennedy was born in 1995 and made his international debut at the Peggy Bayer tournament in 2014. Since then he has blossomed like a yellow, yellow sunflower into a leading light of English bridge and journalism in equal measure. A modern Renaissance Man, when not busy writing his popular English Bridge magazine on defence, Stephen is a pioneer of the niche field of croc art and also cooks a mean curry. The Junior Camrose is a valuable chance for Stephen to take a break from being hounded by the rabid fans of his books on squeeze play (a third one is in the offing!) who flock to his Bexhill-on-Sea home, so please, no autographs.

Tony Ye

Tony Yay was born in southern China and moved to England to study Maths after attending high school in Singapore. In his EBU biography he states that he is unhappy with “the sheer amount” of mistakes he makes. The rest of the team aren’t thrilled about it either.

Having been raised in China, he sometimes struggles with the English language. Most notably with the word transfer. But being raised in China has had advantages. Tony is quite proficient at Chinese finesse, especially against the Italians.

When not playing bridge, Tony likes to play video games, such as overcooked, a partnership game that usually ends with shouting and death threats. Not unlike his regular games at the bridge club.

Jonathan Clark

Known as "John-No" in an effort to make him more likeable (whether this achieves it or not is yet to be seen), he often feels he missed his calling in life as the conductor of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra; his attempts to compensate for this result in him taking cards out of his hand, and waving them around for a few beats before placing them on the table. The slower he does this, the more time he is spending thinking about an obscure squeeze (there never is one, I don't know why he bothers).

Jonathan is a finalist in Management Studies at Cambridge university. He first learnt how to play bridge in secondary school where he would play most lunchtimes with friends. He also met his current partner (bridge not life, although the Jury’s still out on that one), Kripa Panchagnula, at school who he has been partnering with for over 6 years. At university he is also heavily involved with the bridge club where he is the teaching officer and convincing the treasurer to open the purse strings.

Kripa Panchagnula

Kripa is also about 18 (plus or minus 3, a figure better known as 22) and is considered the stingiest Treasurer the Cambridge University Bridge Club has ever seen, only paying out for food, drink and his travel expenses in the past 3 years. He refused his discounted offer to join the university's bridge beginner classes even though he always places the cards incorrectly when the opponents play "not bridge" (tip for the opponents), and given his normal approach of getting one card endings wrong. He and Jono have played their whole bridge careers together (apart from the times when they didn't), and will do so for all the times in the future (until they decide they've had enough). Hopefully that won't be in this tournament as they are hoping to build on their perfect record in this event of Played:0, Won:0.

David Bakhshi, NPC

Having captained the England team at the 2019 Junior Camrose, David has been given the opportunity to repeat the experience with 3 different pairs this year.

His team contains four players making their Junior Camrose debuts – Jonathan, Kripa, Ewa & Tony.

David is looking forward to a very competitive event, and is happy to have brought another talented group of players to represent England.

He is also very proud to be present at the event in which his daughter, Jasmine, makes her debut representing England in the Peggy Bayer Trophy.

David is a full time bridge professional, and is the current England U26 squad leader.

EBU Junior Camrose

Harry Madden & Oscar Selby

Liz Gahan & Sam Anoyrkatis

Theo Anoyrkatis & Andy Cope

NPC: Mike Bell

Theo Anoyrkatis

This is Theo's 3rd go in the Home nationals, and having failed to lose it on either of the previous attempts he is fully expecting to mess it up this time.

Theo has had various jobs including architect, chef and racing driver but he recently found his calling as a hitman before having to hand in his notice when he realized it was against the U21 Squad Contract. He now limits his killing to the butchering of vulnerable games, which he relishes with an unquenchable thirst (similar to a vampire only less messy).

Andy Cope

Theo's partner in crime is Andy Cope who hails from the midlands. (Somebody has to). This is his second Peggy Bayer although he has played in several Channel Trophies, European and World Championships, achieving an unprecedented record of mediocrity in all of them.

Now he plays so much bridge he no longer has time for his favourite hobby of basket weaving (see last year's pen portrait) and has stalled at level 3, but he is determined to make time for it next year.

Andy speaks fluent Cantonese and Sanskrit, but struggles to understand common English phrases such as "don't bid any stupid slams" or "make sure you count trumps you donkey".

Sam Anoyrkatis

When it comes to Sam, the truth is far stranger than any fiction, and whatever tales you have heard, it is far far worse. In addition to the weird clothing (he will only wear shorts and crocs and rips all of his t shirts) he frequently forgets to eat, although he can sometimes be seen wandering around with a raw cucumber.

Sam is being studied at Oxford university, where he also studies (surprise surprise) maths, something he is remarkably good at (well, better than bidding at any rate).

He travels very light and normally only takes with him a small bag and a toothbrush (which he normally doesn't use anyway), he saves space by not bring a razor and refusing to shave.

Liz Gahan

Sam's minder, or rather bridge partner is Liz Gahan (Pronounced Go-on, as in "shall I go on to a slam or stop safely in my favourite contract of 2D) who at 17 years old is threatening to turn into an adult. (Nearly but not quite).

She is also half American although the team doesn't hold that against her, as she is the only one of them that can drive, coming in handy at training weekends and congresses where she can transport the team from place to place.

Liz has also been a consistent member of the English junior team and has played for many years. Her debut at a training weekend came when she was just 11 years old. After studying a tricky end position in 4S laid out on the blackboard the lecturer asked if anyone had any questions, raising her hand she bravely asked "can I go to the toilet?"

Harry Madden

Harry is originally from the North of England, one of the outer regions that people from London are not allowed to travel to. In an effort to make himself more eligible for the junior team he tried moving South but only got as far as Derby (in the midlands) but slowly but surely he is gradually working his way down to the center of the universe that all truly good people live in, London.

Harry attempts to maintain his image as laid back all round good lad, but his skill and keenness as a bridge player shine through and he is going to come out as a geek any day now.

Oscar Selby

Oscar is 17 years old and is studying for his A levels at Westminster School in London, although he doesn't actually live there, he commutes in every day by train, his daily commute preparing him for a life of drudgery as an adult.

Oscar took up bridge when a tragic attack by a pigeon ended his footballing career, (although in fairness to the pigeon if you do try and eat them they are allowed to fight back) and unlike everyone else on the Peggy Bayer he has once lost the event. This has made him ~~consumed by his own bitterness~~ realize the value of trying his best, taking no-one and nothing for granted.

Mike Bell, NPC

Their captain is **Mike Bell**, whose greatest achievement as a junior was turning up to the Junior Camrose without a tie for the final banquet. In fairness he didn't bring a suit, shoes or a shirt either, but at least he kept the clothes on he had been wearing during the day.

As a player he has won many trophies and international competitions, and was looking forward to playing his first European Championship this summer in Madeira. Sadly, he is going to suffer an "unfortunate accident" (Theo Anoyrkatis has one final job to do) and won't be able to go, but it's the thought that counts anyway.

England Peggy Bayer

Jack Ronayne & Theo Gillis

Imogen La Chapelle & Alex Pemberton

Henry Rose & Jasmine Bakhshi

NPC: Heather Dhondy

Jasmine Bakhshi

Jasmine, comes from London from a bridge playing family. Her father is a previous holder of the Peggy Bayer and her mother is a previous winner of the Lady Milne, and her brother has been a regular on the U21 team but has since moved to America to ~~escape the Peggy Bayer~~ attend university.

Jasmine is noted for her bright and bubbly persona, which she maintains until trumps break 5-0 at which point she ~~turns her hair fiery red and shoots out fireballs~~ looks carefully for a solution.

Despite her tender years, Jasmine is already a veteran of 2 World Youth Championships, and last year won a bronze medal for the England U16 team at the European Championships. She was also the proud recipient of the Joan Gerard Award at the 2019 World Youth Championships

Henry Rose

Henry is also 15 and for reasons passing understanding attends Eton College, where he has to wear robes (true) and his favourite teacher is professor Dumbledore (not true). Originally from Oxford he has spent many years working on his evil grin, which he wields whenever he has pulled off a clever play (rare) or the opponents have made a terrible mistake (frequent) and he wants to gloat without saying anything.

Imogen La Chapelle

Imogen is 17 and hails from Norwich, Norfolk. She started playing cards at home with her family. After kibitzing her dad, she decided it was time to join the local bridge club, the Norfolk and Norwich.

She has represented Norfolk in the Eastern Counties League and was part of a team that won the Harry Scully Trophy in 2016. She has just come back from a silver medal in the Channel Trophy playing for the U26W team, she hopes to come back with gold this time.

Imogen made her debut last year and enjoyed the competition so much she has swapped in her old partner for a new one.

Alex Pemberton

Imogen's partner is Alex who is making his debut in the Peggy Bayer. He is from London and is renowned for being a steely competitor, both at and away from the bridge table. Most recently he lost a closely contested fight with an oak tree, and has been sporting a black eye as proof.

Alex has previously played in Slovakia at the European Championships for the U16 team where he finished 4th and he also went to Croatia last summer for the Junior World Open championships where he wasn't quite 4th.

Theo Gillis

Theo lives in London and once more comes from a talented bridge playing family. He made his debut in the Peggy Bayer two years ago and managed to avoid losing, although he tried to keep it close by going off in a grand slam in the last set.

Theo studies at Cambridge University and his attendance record is close to 100%, every time he has a lecture, he makes sure he goes.....to the bar.

Jack Ronayne

Jack is a silent killer, a tall and shadowy figure about whom little is known. Whilst he towers over everyone (there is no truth in the rumour that players taller than the U21 squad leader are ineligible for selection, although there should be) he often fades into the background, lying in wait until he is ready to strike.

Jack is at Warwick University where he studies...something boring like everyone else on the team. His main hobbies are akido (hitting other people with wooden sticks) in which he is a 3 star master, and pole vaulting (although he doesn't normally use the pole).

Heather Dhondy, NPC

Their Captain is **Heather Dhondy** who has won more medals and accolades in women's bridge than just about anyone. For her sins she used to play with Scotland's Liz McGowan and fondly remembers all of their struggles and great successes, including winning the World Mixed teams in 1996.

Heather has won 13 Lady Milne Trophies (correct at time of writing) 5 European Championships (correct at time of writing) and is married to the former Chairman of the EBU (correct at time of writing). This will be her debut as captain of an U21 team and she is determined to come back with silverware.

EBU Peggy Bayer

Jamie Fegarty & Venetia Anoyrkatis

James Cater & Lucy Norman

Bjorn Ahl & Thomas Gardner

NPC: Giorgio Provenza

Thomas Gardner

Thomas is 14 and lives in Sevenoaks, Kent. He goes to school in Tonbridge, where besides bridge, he enjoys playing the organ and cello.

He has been playing bridge for four years, although he has been playing whist for many years. Thomas first discovered the elegance of the game when his father (who occasionally plays bridge when he has time to) recommended a basic bridge book by Andrew Robson to his older brother who, after reading it, recommended it to him - he

has been enthralled with the game ever since. It is somewhat ironic that Thomas gets to make his debut in the competition before his brother, but (unlike his brother) irony is something Thomas can cope with.

Venetia Anoyrkatis

Venetia is 13 years old and comes from a bridge playing family now living in Devon. Some people will know her brothers, who have played the last two Peggy Bayers, but be assured she is not like them, as she lacks an interest in wearing shorts and Crocs in Mid-February. Her hair is neither strange nor ever changing in colour and she ~~never~~ rarely bids terrible slams.

Venetia enjoys many sporting activities such as badminton, netball and swimming, particularly wild swimming at beautiful Devon beaches or rivers, another family speciality. If not playing bridge at the weekend she also loves climbing, and is part of a local youth climbing group. She started playing bridge three years ago mainly to spend time with the rest of the family. Now the rest of the family are playing bridge to spend time with Venetia.

James Cater

James is now 14 years old and has played bridge regularly since being introduced to it at school three years ago. He joined the England U16 team in 2018 and participated in the Online World Championships and the Open World Championships in Croatia in 2019. His finest achievement to date was in the Swiss Pairs Year End Congress 2019 where he placed 16th with his partner.

Bjorn Ahl

Bjorn is 15 years old and started playing bridge when he was 13. Ever since his mum introduced him to this card game (which is so much more than just a card game) he has been hooked. It is a great way to meet new individuals and he is delighted to have found new friends just by sitting at the table.

Bjorn is half Irish and half Swedish, although he refuses to drink Guinness or shop at Ikea on grounds of principal.

Apart from playing bridge he enjoys sporting activities the most. Karate and football, and of course, bridge are his main favourites.

Lucy Norman

Lucy is 13 years old and lives in Dorset. She first started to play bridge aged 10 and was immediately hooked. She has 2 sisters who refuse to play bridge but her parents are both keen players.

Lucy plays at the Allendale Bridge Club in Wimborne, Dorset and enjoys playing in county events and congresses including the End of Year Congress in London, and the Torquay Congress.

Her bridge achievements to date include winning a Swiss teams county competition in Hampshire, and playing in the U16 team in the '3 Seas Trophy' in 2019 winning the event.

Aside from bridge, Lucy also enjoys taekwondo, climbing, skiing and the piano. although her efforts to combine all three at the same time have resulted in disaster and trips to Wimborne A&E department.

Jamie Fegarty

Jamie is 14 years old and lives in Cambridgeshire, sometimes playing at the Cambridge Bridge Club, however, Jamie plays most of his bridge at congresses. He lives with his brother Liam, his parents and has 4 dogs. Jamie has represented England twice in the World Championships in China and the Euros in Norway where he achieved a bronze medal along with Jasmine and Henry. Unlike them, however, he has not made the mistake of growing up, and continues to enjoy life in the U16 Squad.

Giorgio Provenza, NPC

Despite coming from a family of card players, Giorgio did not learn to play bridge until his early twenties. Since then however, the game has taken over more and more of his life. After ten years spent lawyering and working in the financial sector, he decided to make a job out of his passion and became a full time bridge teacher. Since then he has been a popular figure in the South West London area, teaching, coaching, mentoring, training other teachers and promoting the game at every opportunity.

With teaching experience in three different countries, he considers his best achievement thus far having seen a former student of his win a silver medal in a Junior World Championship. He is thrilled by this new role with the U16 and hopes to add other medals to that tally as soon as possible.

Married to Erica, who categorically refuses to learn the game – maybe the secret behind 19 years together – and father of Anthony, a bubbly 14 year old who plays a little but hasn't decided yet if he wants to put in the effort to become good at it.

When he doesn't play, teach, read or think about bridge, he loves playing golf, although poorly, listening to music, reading novels and watching football, often yelling at the TV.



Ireland Junior Camrose

Conor Boland & Michael Donnelly,
Isabel Burke & Sheila Walsh,
John Connolly & Stephen Barr,
NPC: Thomas MacCormac

Stephen Barr

Recently returned from a “life-changing” trip around South America, Stephen is hungry for a win in the Junior Camrose. Having just begun his new career as an Excel jockey, he would appreciate it if you could form yourselves into organised rows and columns before speaking to him. Stephen is probably best avoided after dinner this weekend, as he gets cranky past his bedtime.

John Connolly

Having not been seen outside his house for months, John has become somewhat of a myth in Irish junior bridge, with he and his teammate Isabel being in the precarious position where neither is sure that the other actually exists. The opposite of Stephen, John is probably best avoided in the mornings until he’s had his cup of lean to settle his nerves.

Michael Donnelly

Graduating recently from UCD, Michael has started to help run a local “import-export” business, out of a storage container eerily similar to the one from “You”. Michael has a very specific type, most of us will be fine but those of you not born in Britain watch out!

Conor Boland

He's back baby! Much like Napoleon he's returned to try and take it to the English, but this is Newport, not Waterloo. Boland, not England.

Isabel Burke

Isabel loves to play bridge, having begun to play at home initially. She plays in two clubs in her home city of Galway. She is in her Junior Certificate year in school, with maths and business studies being her favourite subjects. She also likes to play piano and golf and loves her two dogs, Millie and Bob. This is Isabel’s first international appearance, and at the age of just 15, we hope that she has many years of junior bridge ahead of her.

Sheila Walsh

Like her sister, Denise (who is on this year's Peggy Bayer team), Sheila has represented Ireland at junior level on several occasions. She only agreed to come to Wales so she could buy a pair of dragon slippers.

Thomas MacCormac, NPC

A legend in Irish bridge circles, Thomas has represented Ireland on many occasions at both junior and open levels, has won everything worth winning, and is a much-loved and very successful bridge teacher. He's a former President of the CBAI, and has devoted great energy in recent years to the development of the "Gonzaga team", four of whom are on his squad this time, including numerous trips to the USA to play in high-profile events there.

Ireland Peggy Bayer

Adam Murphy & Matthew Farrell,
Conor Totterdell & Luca Crone,
Denise Walsh & Leah Finnegan,
NPC: Dermot O'Brien

Mathew O'Farrell

His grandmother originally taught his sister and him bridge. He then began playing at his local club from where it became a serious hobby. He goes to school at St Conleth's College in Dublin. For his other interests he plays tennis and rugby and follows the latter with great enthusiasm. He quite enjoys history and economics at school. This is his first international outing.

Adam Murphy

Adam is a keen chess player, and taught himself bridge a year or so ago. He loves the game and plays regularly at his local club. This is his first international outing.

Luca Crone

Luca started bridge last year. He did mini-bridge in transition year and then taught himself the rest. He loves piano and maths. He also plays football. He enjoys the odd game with Daniel O'Donnell. He also loves doubling. He is Ireland's youngest ever national champion, but this is his first international outing.

Conor Totterdell

Conor likes reading and playing football. Two summers ago, his friend started talking about bridge and he told him that he would be good at it, as he is good at maths. He went to a lesson with his friend and he got really into it and by the end of the summer he started playing locally. At the end of last summer he applied to become a proper

member of the bridge club and after a few competitions he is now an intermediate B. This is his first international outing.

Denise Walsh

Denise plays bridge occasionally. Both she and her sister, Sheila (who is playing on our Junior Camrose team this year) have represented Ireland at junior level previously.

Leah Finnegan

Occasionally bridge plays Leah. Likewise she has played previously for Ireland at junior level.

Dermot O'Brien, NPC

Dermot is a well-known bridge player and teacher, and is also involved in bridge administration within the CBAI, in various roles including Chair of the Junior Committee. Aside from bridge he loves all sports, and is part of the O'Brien cricketing dynasty which has put one over on the English on a few occasions.

Junior Camrose Scoring Record

	Wales	Scotland	England	Ireland	N Ireland	EBU	Total
Wales							
Scotland							
England							
Ireland							
N Ireland							
EBU							

Peggy Bayer Scoring Record

	Wales	Scotland	England	Ireland	WBU	EBU	Total
Wales							
Scotland							
England							
Ireland							
WBU							
EBU							

International Match Point Scale

Points Difference			IMPs	
0	-	10	=	0
20	-	40	=	1
50	-	80	=	2
90	-	120	=	3
130	-	160	=	4
170	-	210	=	5
220	-	260	=	6
270	-	310	=	7
320	-	360	=	8
370	-	420	=	9
430	-	490	=	10
500	-	590	=	11
600	-	740	=	12
750	-	890	=	13
900	-	1090	=	14
1100	-	1290	=	15
1300	-	1490	=	16
1500	-	1790	=	17
1750	-	1990	=	18
2000	-	2240	=	19
2250	-	2490	=	20
2500	-	2990	=	21
3000	-	3490	=	22
3500	-	3990	=	23
4000		and above	=	24

WBF VP Scales – 32 Boards

IMPs	Winner VP	Loser VP
0	10.00	10.00
1	10.22	9.78
2	10.44	9.56
3	10.65	9.35
4	10.86	9.14
5	11.07	8.93
6	11.27	8.73
7	11.47	8.53
8	11.67	8.33
9	11.86	8.14
10	12.05	7.95
11	12.24	7.76
12	12.42	7.58
13	12.60	7.40
14	12.78	7.22
15	12.95	7.05
16	13.12	6.88
17	13.29	6.71
18	13.46	6.54
19	13.62	6.38
20	13.78	6.22
21	13.94	6.06
22	14.09	5.91
23	14.24	5.76
24	14.39	5.61
25	14.54	5.46
26	14.68	5.32
27	14.82	5.18

28	14.96	5.04
29	15.10	4.90
30	15.24	4.76
31	15.37	4.63
32	15.50	4.50
33	15.63	4.37
34	15.76	4.24
35	15.88	4.12
36	16.00	4.00
37	16.12	3.88
38	16.24	3.76
39	16.35	3.65
40	16.46	3.54
41	16.57	3.43
42	16.68	3.32
43	16.79	3.21
44	16.90	3.10
45	17.01	2.99
46	17.11	2.89
47	17.21	2.79
48	17.31	2.69
49	17.41	2.59
50	17.51	2.49
51	17.60	2.40
52	17.69	2.31
53	17.78	2.22
54	17.87	2.13
55	17.96	2.04
56	18.05	1.95
57	18.13	1.87

58	18.21	1.79
59	18.29	1.71
60	18.37	1.63
61	18.45	1.55
62	18.53	1.47
63	18.61	1.39
64	18.69	1.31
65	18.76	1.24
66	18.83	1.17
67	18.90	1.10
68	18.97	1.03
69	19.04	0.96
70	19.11	0.89
71	19.18	0.82
72	19.25	0.75
73	19.32	0.68
74	19.38	0.62
75	19.44	0.56
76	19.50	0.50
77	19.56	0.44
78	19.62	0.38
79	19.68	0.32
80	19.74	0.26
81	19.80	0.20
82	19.85	0.15
83	19.90	0.10
84	19.95	0.05
85	20.00	0.00



Thanks for coming everyone!
Hope you had a ball.

See you next year

