

## Teltscher Trophy Programme 2021

### Match Officials

Tournament Directors; Chris Benneworth, Colin Simcox, Rob Sassoon, Sarah Amos, Gordon Rainsford (Scoring)

Match Managers: Charlie Bucknell, Helen Hall

### Schedule and Format

Friday	17.00 – 19.10	D v F	C v E	B v A
	19.25 – 21.35	D v F	C v E	B v A
Saturday	10.00 – 12.10	A v C	B v D	F v E
	12.25 – 14.35	A v C	B v D	F v E
<i>Interval</i>				
	15.20 – 17.30	E v A	F v B	C v D
	17.45 – 19.55	E v A	F v B	C v D
Sunday	10.00 – 12.10	B v C	A v F	E v D
	12.25 – 14.35	B v C	A v F	E v D
<i>Interval</i>				
	15.20 – 17.30	F v C	E v B	D v A
	17.45 – 19.55	F v C	E v B	D v A
	20.10	Online Presentation		

Team A: Ireland

Team B: Wales

Team C: England

Team D: Scotland

Team E: EBU

Team F: Northern Ireland

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## Team Rosters and Player Biographies

System Cards can be found [here](#)

### **Ireland**

#### Micheal O'Briain

Micheal has retired after a career as an actuary in the insurance industry. He lives in Dublin with his wife Marie. Amongst other activities they mind their children's dogs and cat on a regular basis! He plays golf frequently but unfortunately not as well as he would like!

His first international cap was in the Junior European championships in Delft in 1972 partnering his brother Pdraig. He has since represented Ireland on many occasions at Junior, Open and more recently Senior levels in the Camrose, Teltscher, European and world events and has been part of winning teams in the Camrose and Teltscher. Bridge has brought him to many interesting places including Turku Finland, Beijing, Chennai India and Wuhan! He looks forward to going to Madeira in 2022 if the Senior European Championship is eventually held!

#### Pdraig O'Briain

Pdraig is retired from half a lifetime wrestling with computers. His international bridge career began in 1972 when he played with his brother Micheal in the Junior European Championships in Delft. He played in a number of European Open Team championships with Tomas Roche and Peter Pigot as well as Micheal. He played with Micheal on the first Irish team to win the Camrose in 2005.

#### Ranald Milne

Originally from England, Ranald moved to Dublin for work reasons in the 1980s, and quickly established himself on the local bridge scene. His most notable partnerships have been with Joe MacHale initially, and BJ O'Brien latterly. Known for his calm table presence and an affable and courteous demeanour, Ranald has won all the major national competitions, and has represented Ireland at both Open and Senior levels, including at the D'Orsi Bowl (senior world championships) in China in 2019. He is also a very well-regarded bridge teacher, who has inspired great devotion and loyalty among his large body of students. He and Catherine recently left Dublin for the greener pastures of county Clare, but thus far he has retained his Leinster allegiances.

#### BJ O'Brien

B.J. likes to play bridge

Since the lockdown he has found several new outlets where he can exercise his hobby.

The Gloucestershire league, the Welsh League, the Scottish League, the Northern Ireland League, and the Polish Seniors International.

He won the latest edition of the Scottish League with his Teltscher partner Ranald and Welsh teammates.

It is terrific to have had BBO and even better now with Realbridge where you can see and talk to all at your table, almost like "the real thing"

### Peter Goodman

Peter is a former Camrose winner with Wales, now living in Dublin with his Irish wife.

Peter has won numerous Irish National titles and his other successes include Spring Fours, Crockfords, Tollemarche, Brighton 4\* wins

### Terry Walsh

Terry, a career Civil Servant, worked as a systems analyst within the computer section of the Department of Finance before moving to the Public Expenditure division, working on Government budgets and Departmental expenditure. He is recently retired, living opposite Christchurch Cathedral and enjoying the amenities of Dublin city centre with his wife Bríd, also a keen bridge player.

### Derek O’Gorman

Derek O’Gorman is a recently retired HR Director. He played with Hugh McGann in his early international career, and in many national and international events with Terry Walsh over the last 25 years. With Terry they have enjoyed many national event wins including playing in the European Open Championships a number of years ago.

Derek has also acted as NPC for the Irish Senior Team when they have played in several European and World Championships.

## **Wales**

### Paul Lamford

I was born in Carmarthen and mainly played chess for many years, and competed in four Olympiads and other team events in some exotic places; it was an advantage to be Welsh as I would not have been selected for England. Bridge and backgammon gradually replaced chess, and the former is now my game (or mindsport) of choice, partly because my partner at the table and in life, Stefanie Rohan, also plays and has represented England Women. From time to time I return to backgammon, which Stefanie also plays, and I won the British Championship a couple of times and the 4 Nations Trophy for Wales in 2021. I also dabbled with poker and reached the final stages of the World Series a few years ago.

Bridge successes have been few, with the Chairman’s Cup in Sweden in 2014 the most prestigious. I also won the Men’s Teams Championship, a couple of Tollemache Cups, the Eastbourne Bowl, the Singapore Pairs Championship and Monte Carlo Pairs Championship. I had a regular partnership for some years with Paul Fegarty and I have played occasionally with Nigel Freake, David Kendrick, Willie Whittaker, Richard Plackett, Gunnar Hallberg, David Burn and the late Bob Brinig, all fine players. More recently I formed a partnership with Gary Jones and we were the top pair in the 2020 Camrose. Gary’s 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year clashed with the Teltscher so Paul Denning stepped in to form yet another new partnership.

Away from the bridge table, I compile sports odds, design computer games, and enjoy travel, classical music (and my wife Stefanie's concerts), and all sport, particularly horse-racing and football, games and puzzles. I have written a dozen books on games, including a couple on bridge, and have also provided puzzles for The Times and Radio 4.

In 2015 I transferred allegiance back to Wales. I have won the Welsh Premier League three times and am the current Welsh League and Welsh Cup holder.

#### Paul Denning

I played my first Camrose match for Wales in 1978 in partnership with Patrick Shields who is also playing this weekend as a member of the English team. Over the years I have played numerous times for Wales with Patrick, Adrian Thomas and Richard Plackett. My first outing in the Teltscher was last October partnering Alan Stephenson. My partnership with Paul Lamford is new and we are hoping that things will go smoothly, even though we haven't seen each other face to face for over a year.

#### Maggie Pierce

Maggie has played with several partners over many years – with two previous successes in the Lady Milne. She has also played a couple of Camrose matches with Jill Casey (now Reitz) in the distant past. Now for the first time playing in the Seniors team – final ambition realised. Maggie took early retirement many years ago (from IT support in Education) in order to concentrate on the important things in life. Playing golf - badly; cooking for and entertaining old bridge players, her kitchen is regarded as a watering hole but they don't drink water. She is keen member of the Beulah Road Crossword Team and having been brought up a Wrexham supporter has decided they are a lost cause and now is a Hammer (happy) .

#### David McAndrew

I played my first Camrose match in 1968 with David Johnson – we were both juniors. We continued playing until David moved to South Africa in the mid 1970s – we are still in touch and see each other occasionally.

After a gap of about 5 years I then played Camrose with Mike Hirst (who sadly died last year) until the mid 1980s when I gave up playing bridge entirely for over 25 years and played lots of golf instead. I was persuaded by Mike to resume playing bridge about 10 years ago but more on a casual basis until my partner, Maggie, suggested we play in the senior trials.

So this will be my first Teltscher Trophy, some 37 years after my last Camrose match. In some ways it will be like an old boys reunion – I recognize a number of names from my Camrose past.

#### Alan Stephenson

Having spent a number of occasions as NPC of Wales Teams including Wales' historic Camrose win which happened on home soil in Llandrindrod Wells in 2011, Alan decided to try his hand as a player, being selected to play for the WBU Team in the recent Camrose after finishing as runners up in the pairs trials with Peter Kaufmann. This will be Alan's third appearance in the Teltscher having played previously with Peter and once with Paul Denning who is also on this year's team in partnership with Paul Lamford. Alan is married to Krista, a former Welsh Junior and Lady Milne International, they live near Wrexham. Having taken early retirement a few years ago as well as playing bridge and snooker, Alan spends a fair amount of time on the golf course. A few years ago Alan spent a year as CEO of the Welsh Bridge Union but found it even harder than working full time.

## Peter Kaufmann

I chose to play Cricket rather than Bridge between 1975 and 2000ish despite being told by Imran Khan that I had the wrong lifestyle! I was born and spent most of my life in London pursuing various commercial and property interests, I was Chairman of Middlesex for several years in the Noughties, winning various National events including Crockfords before moving to North Wales in 2006 to look after my daughter's Estate. This is my first Seniors Camrose.

## **England**

### David Mossop

"Although I have played bridge all my adult life, family and work commitments kept me from top level bridge until 1997. During the next four years I was in teams which won the BBL Premier League twice, the Gold cup twice, Crockfords three times and the Spring Fours, partnering Tom Townsend, Tim Rees and David Price. I was also in a team which made the quarter finals of the World Open Teams (the Rosenblum Cup) in 1998.

In 2001 I relocated to Switzerland where over the years I won an equivalent range of local titles and represented the country on three occasions. I found Swiss bridge too limiting so I have recently switched my allegiance back to England, although I remain resident in Switzerland.

In 2014 I was delighted to be in teams which won gold in the European seniors, the Commonwealth games, and Crockfords."

Since writing this biography, David was part of the England team which reached the quarter-finals of the D'Orsi Trophy at the 2015 World Bridge Championships, and he won the 2015 Premier League and 2016 Crockfords Cup. He was a member of the successful 2016 Camrose team.

### Gunnar Hallberg

Gunnar Hallberg started his bridge life as a Swede and was a regular on their national team during the 1980's. He was 6 times Swedish teams champion, Nordic champion and European silver medalist.

He moved to England to play bridge professionally in 1995 - and is still an even more unpopular opponent in London's rubber clubs than on the tournament scene. A losing semi-finalist for England in the 2000 World Olympiad, he has won the Cavendish (teams), the Australian championships and North America's prestigious Vanderbilt trophy (becoming the first Brit ever to do so).

In 2002 at the Rosenblum in Montreal, Gunnar reached the quarter final stage. He finished fifth place at the 2005 European Open Teams and the European Mixed Teams in Tenerife.

In the Summer of 2009, Gunnar reached the final of the European Pairs at the European Open Championships in Sanremo, Italy.

Later in the year, Gunnar partnered John Holland and won the Gold Medal in the Senior Bermuda Bowl together with the English team.

In 2014, Gunnar was part of the England Seniors team which won the European Championships, and in 2015 he was part of the England team which reached the quarter-finals of the D'Orsi Trophy at the World Bridge Championships.

In February 2016 he won a silver medal at the EBL's European Winter Games in Monaco.

## Brian Senior

Brian Senior is a full-time bridge professional. He plays as a professional partner or team-mate, is a bridge teacher, and a bridge journalist. While he has written many other books on the game, he is perhaps best known as the editor, publisher, and a major contributor to the official world championship book each year.

Brian has, at different times, represented Great Britain, England, Northern Ireland and Ireland in international competition, and has won all the major EBU Teams competitions at least once. As a widely travelled player, he has also won bridge tournaments on every continent except Antarctica.

Brian is married to Nevena, a regular member of England's highly successful Women's team, and has a 15-year old daughter, Katya. Away from bridge his interests include sport, particularly cricket, cinema, theatre and reading – mostly SF and fantasy, history and biographies. One of the benefits of being widely travelled for bridge, is that he also gets to try a lot of different foreign foods.

## Paul Hackett

The Patriarch of arguably the most famous bridge family in the world, Paul was born in Peshawar in 1941. With the death of his father, killed in action in a fighter plane over Singapore Straights, he returned to England. Not wanting to go into the business world after University, Paul took up golf and bridge and tried to earn a living from both of them.

Unable to last the pace of early mornings on the golf course, late nights at the table and a couple of hours recovering in Turkish baths, Paul opted to concentrate on bridge.

He soon formed a partnership with Martin Hoffman. They traveled round Europe in the Phillip Morris tournaments, the equivalent of the European pairs, winning Gold and Bronze in successive years. Later Paul, partnering Tony Waterlow, won the silver in the European Pairs in Rome.

Paul qualified for the Bermuda Bowl in 1980, partnering John Collings, and playing one of the worst systems ever invented the Walpurgis Club, which was followed by an equally poor replacement, the Walpurgis Diamond. Booked by Phillip Morris to play with Giorgio Belladonna, Paul for several years toured the North African Circuit, together with teammates, Martin and Zia.

Probably the creator of the modern European Professional, Paul traveled the world and has won more tournaments in different countries than anyone else.

Paul married Olivia and is the father of Jason and Justin. Justin's wife Barbara, a world champion representing Germany, has added medals to the trophy cabinet. A very close family Jason was asked what his relationship with his father had been throughout his life. He summed it up by saying "When I was a child I saw very little of him because he was always traveling; now I see him almost every day."

As well as fulfilling his playing commitments Paul has been instrumental in creating many well known tournaments, such as the Nat-West Trophy, The Molex, The Commonwealth Bridge Championships and the Warren Buffett Cup, often working in conjunction with Manchester Bridge Club owner, Jeff Morris.

Hobbies include Genealogy, tracing his ancestry back to the 10th century and having over 4000 names on the family tree, Soca, Calypso music, dancing, the theatre and bridge politics. Together with the rest of his family their exploration of food and wines is well known.

A member of Staffs and Shropshire and supporting their events Paul also plays in three different leagues.

In 2009, Paul partnering Ross Harper, won the Gold Medal in the Senior Bermuda Bowl together with the English team. As he remarked, "I was the first member of the family to play bridge and the last to win a world title". More details can be seen [here](#).

In 2010 Paul, who was part of the England Seniors team, went on to win the World Senior Championship in Philadelphia. He also became Britain's first world senior grand master.

In 2011 he collected a silver in the Senior European Championship.

In 2014 he was part of the England team which won the Senior European Championships, and he won a bronze medal in the Senior Teams events at the World Bridge Series in Sanya.

In 2015 he was part of the England team which reached the quarter-finals of the D'Orsi Trophy at the World Bridge Championships.

### Richard Chamberlain

Although Richard lives in an Oxfordshire village under the Uffington White Horse, he has been a regular representing Cheltenham and Gloucestershire for over 40 years. This has included victories in the Tollemache, Pachabo and Garden Cities. Outside of bridge, Richard is a keen golfer, umpires in the Oxfordshire Cricket league and has compiled numerical and word crosswords under the pseudonym Hedgehog.

### Patrick Shields

Patrick learned the rudiments through family bridge in Glasgow, but learned to play properly while at university in Cardiff and played in the Welsh team for a number of years. He has lived in Cheltenham for decades and plays and organises bridge in Cheltenham and Gloucestershire. He has played in this event in the past for Wales (with Patrick Jourdain) but has now changed his allegiance to England. He first represented England in the Transatlantic Seniors Cup in January of this year, but is hoping for better results this weekend.

### John Holland

In 1981, John won his first national title winning the Portland Pairs, the National Mixed Pairs, and then represented Great Britain in the Mixed Teams at the European Common Market Championships.

Since then John's achievements include:

1st World Senior Teams (Rand Cup) 2010 partners Gunnar Hallberg & Paul Hackett; 1st World D'Orsi Seniors Bowl 2009 partner Gunnar Hallberg; 1st European Senior Championships in 2014, partnering Gunnar Hallberg; 3rd Common Market Mixed Teams 1993 partner Michelle Brunner; 3rd European Open Teams 2005 partner David Bakhshi; 2nd Commonwealth Games 2006 partner Michelle Brunner.

Represented England in two European Teams championships in 2006 and 2008, partnering John Armstrong, and four Senior European Teams championships in 2010 2012 2014 - where he won the

gold medal - and 2016, partnering Gunnar Hallberg and Brian Senior. In 2015 he was part of the England team which reached the quarter-finals of the D'Orsi Trophy at the World Bridge Championships.

Nine Camrose caps (partnering Boris Ewart, John Armstrong, Michelle Brunner (four with Michelle), Gunner Hallberg and Ben Green). Five Senior Camrose caps (partner Gunnar Hallberg and Norman Selway), plus three appearances for the Patron's team.

Many national wins including the Gold Cup in 2015, Crockfords Cup in 2000; Six Hubert Phillips Bowl; and National Swiss Teams in 1985/1992/2003/2012 and National Point-a-Board Teams in 2014.

John has also won the Sunder Telegraph Salver, for most Master Points achieved in a calendar year in 2009, 2012 2013 2014 2015 and 2017. He is third on the all-time list of Master Point scorers.

### Simon Cocheme

Simon is an enthusiastic but moderate (his choice of word) player and, after working for IBM for 37 years, is devoting some of his retirement years to various aspects of the game. He was on the London Committee and organised the Lederer Memorial Invitation Tournament on their behalf for five years. He was vice-chairman of the EBU Selection Committee from 2008 to 2014. He has been NPC of the England Senior team five times, including their victory in the 2014 European Championships, and when they reached the quarter-final at the D'Orsi Trophy at the 2015 World Bridge Championships.

The name Cochemé is of French origin but Simon's grandfather's branch of the family became British because they lived in Mauritius. Simon was born in Malaya and, when on holiday there in 2003, was invited to play for them in their annual match against Singapore. If Malaysia had won, the score would have been included here.

He likes to go and watch World and European Championships. His wife has absolutely no interest in bridge, but is happy to accompany him if the championship is being held in an interesting place (Beijing, Verona, Istanbul – yes; Ostend – no).

Simon had two books, co-authored with David Bird, another ex-IBMer, published in the '90s, and now writes an informative (he says) and entertaining (he hopes) column for English Bridge.

His greatest achievement in Bridge is being runner-up (twice) in the annual Eric Rodwell look-alike contest.

## **Scotland**

### Alan Goodman

Alan has played in Camrose, European and other international events for Scotland's Open and Senior teams over the last 13 years. He has also captained many Scottish teams. He is married with three grown-up girls and one 9-year-old grandson. A past captain of his local golf club, he is now free to go golfing whenever lockdown and weather permit, but still enjoys other sports; for example, continually torturing himself as a fan of "The Magpies".

### Brian Short



Brian played bridge with his long-time partner Sandy Duncan for Great Britain on 3 occasions before Scotland gained international bridge autonomy. This is now his 6<sup>th</sup> Senior Camrose appearance. He has 54 Camrose caps for Scotland, with series wins on three occasions, and he has made multiple European and Olympiad appearances in Open, Senior and mixed events, with five different partners. He won the Gold Cup in 2006 and has won every major Scottish event more than once, including Scotland's premier team event (the Scottish Cup) on 13 occasions. Two sons, a daughter and 6 grandchildren keep him occupied. As one son lives in Australia and the other in Switzerland, Kate and he have plenty of excuses to travel.

### John Murdoch

John started playing bridge when he was nine and peaked at the age of twelve (he says) and then began a slow decline thereafter. His problem was that the bridge club shared premises with a snooker club and was built beside the local football pitch, thus the game of bridge took third place. John worked as a librarian in Glasgow, becoming a shop steward for Unison for many years and then latterly acting as a Unison Branch Secretary.

### Iain Sime

Iain is a retired Chartered Tax Adviser. He is now able to devote more time to futile pastimes such as supporting the Scotland and Hearts football teams and playing bridge. Regarding the latter, Iain is evidence of the perceived wisdom that, if you want to be any good at this game, you ought to learn to play bridge before you are 30.

Despite being no good, Iain has been a regular in the Scottish Camrose team, which proves how lucky he is. Iain's best bridge results were partnering John Murdoch in the Scottish senior team, which won them a European bronze medal, then reaching the Quarter Finals of the d'Orsi Senior Bowl in Bali. Iain's wife Linda is now also retired and has recently started playing bridge. With a 'lucky' coach she could be in a Camrose team in a couple of years.

Iain has contributed to the bridge boom in the Edinburgh area by devising and teaching a popular "Bronze to Silver" course for advancing players.

### Barnet Shenkin

After working in the rug business in Glasgow for thirty years, Barnet emigrated in 1998 to Florida with his wife Maggie after reading a Travis McGee novel. He has been playing, teaching, and writing about bridge matters in the USA since then.

The pandemic resulted in him giving zoom presentations, along with BBO, and large numbers attended, especially in the early stages when people were confined at home. He also started a "Hand of the Week" slot on YouTube.

He writes for USA bridge magazines in the USA and will soon have a new book published with interesting stories. Now, having read all 21 of the John D MacDonald novels and lived the beach-bum life, Maggie and he are planning to return to Scotland to spend time with the grandchildren.

Victor Silverstone is a good friend of Barnet, being his bridge mentor when they both lived in Glasgow many moons ago. They are both very pleased to resume their old partnership on the International stage.

### Victor Silverstone

Victor had the first of his many Camrose outings in 1965 with Willie Coyle. Appearances followed for Great Britain in the European Championships as well as successes in the Gold Cup and numerous of Scotland's major competitions. In 1975 Victor moved to London on a free transfer but later played more Camrose matches for Scotland with his long-time friend Barnet Shenkin. Following the Great Britain scission, Victor opted to become English (in bridge terms) for practical reasons and represented England in Camrose and Senior European events.

Once Bernard Teltscher instigated and promoted the Senior Camrose, Victor was privileged to be an omnipresent player in the patron's team. Recently Victor has come back into the Scottish fold and played with Derek Diamond in Dublin for Scotland's senior European team winning the bronze medal. Now at last Victor and Barnet are re-united from afar. However, no matter his high hopes for this born-again partnership, nothing, nothing will ever surpass his greatest ever success which was a win at the London Acol club duplicate with a 79% score with his dear wife.

## **EBU**

### Nick Smith

My father, Roy Smith, was a keen tournament player, so I began playing bridge at school in the 70s and then at Oxford (initially with Barry Rigal), playing in 4 varsity matches and captaining the team once. Meanwhile, I wrote a doctorate on suspense in the English novel. Academic jobs proved hard to come by, so I trained as a teacher and turned to educational publishing in 1987, founding Oxford Open Learning and, latterly, Oxford Home Schooling.

At the table, I've won 50-odd county titles and the occasional national one, on the way to becoming a Grand Master. Most recent successes have been in partnership with Alan Wilson, playing our own 2-way club system. But I'm probably better known as a bridge writer. *Bridge Literature* (1993) was my first book, a set of parodies of well-known works of Eng Lit. *More Bridge Literature* (2020) sends up a few more cherished texts and includes possibly the hardest single-dummy problems ever published. But so does *Bridge and the Romantics* (2019), a fictitious account of the card-playing exploits and tangled love-lives of Shelley, Byron & co. *Bridge Behind Bars* (2009) was co-written with Julian Pottage. I've also written one conventional novel (*Drowned Hogg Day*, 2017) and numerous plays.

I served as an England selector for 5 years. I've been married to Amanda for 27 years and we have two grown-up children. I also enjoy taking part in TV quizzes (*Mastermind*, *Countdown*, etc), captaining teams of bridge players on *Only Connect* and *Eggheads* where the 'Five Diamonds' team won £11K.

### Roger Bryant

I learnt Bridge by accident. I was isolated with a childhood illness and desperately bored. So I phoned Devon County Library – yes, there were public services in those days – and asked them to get me a couple of books, perhaps a very difficult foreign language and another challenging book. Next day, I got my hands on *Greek for the Traveller*, and *Teach Yourself Contract Bridge*. I was immediately hooked on both.

A few months later, Terence Reese was to get me into trouble. I had devised a Deceptive Play. I sat at the back, under a high window, reading his Reese on Play concealed inside something by Chaucer about a hencoop. Unfortunately one of our teachers was the tallest man in Devon, affectionately known as Giraffe. He was galloping by on the veldt outside and happened to look in through the window. Ah, I'd missed a Safety Play...

I moved to the Midlands when I entered the world of work. I've always managed to fit in some bridge, though not an awful lot during a busy career in High Tech. I've played with very many different partners – what does that say about me? – and they've helped me win several National titles over the years.

I pioneered the broadcast of English events on BBO VuGraph, having been quick to realise what an immense boon it was to the game. And I still get involved, mainly as Organiser or Commentator.

My greatest hope at present? That we can get back to proper bridge soonest. To quote a Greek saying: you forget your friends if you don't see them.

#### Nick Stevens

I learnt to play bridge from my parents at the age of 15. I did not take it very seriously until I went to Nottingham University and formed a partnership with William Crook. We had some success at national level and got a Camrose cap against Wales.

When I left Nottingham work became my priority and for many years I played mostly county bridge with Peter Harvey. The only major competition that I played was the Gold Cup where despite our best efforts, losing twice in the semis and twice in the final I am still trying for my first win.

After Peter retired from competitive bridge I formed a partnership with Colin Dean which is still ongoing. My partnership with Clive is fairly new and because of Covid has been played almost entirely online. I am semi-retired now so hope to be able to give more time to the game which I still enjoy enormously.

#### John Hassett:

John is married and has one son and two grandchildren

Qualified chemical engineer.

Crammed in various careers

Designed and sold water treatment programmes

Building society regional manager

Designed built and ran nursing home, now parttime landlord

Interests include golf and still playing 5 a side and trying to give 40 year olds the runaround

Bridge winner gold cup, crockfords hubert phillips, tollemache, national pairs, garden cities

A few seniors England games

### Clive Owen

Semi retired chartered accountant. Started a practice in the 1980's which grew to be in the top 100 in size. Married to Margaret for over 40 years . Son is a history professor in USA. Sadly younger son who was a junior international of considerable ability died tragically 2 years ago. Third Tetscher but with a new partner. We have only played face to face twice.

### Alan Wilson - NPC

Alan is a mostly-retired economist who has lived in Oxfordshire for the past 20+ years after being Surrey-based for 30+ years before that. He learnt to play bridge with some friends at school, but the game took second place to chess until after university.

His bridge successes are too few to list, being a perennial member of the game's supporting cast: best result in the Gold Cup reaching the semi-final once; best result in Crockfords reaching the final on 3 occasions but never making the top half in the final; similarly qualifying for the Tollemache final on 3 occasions but never making the top half in the final; best result in the Premier League 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 2; and so on.

He has been a member of the EBU's Laws & Ethics Committee since 2017. Captaining the EBU team for the Tetscher Trophy in 2021 is his first foray into the international arena.

## **Northern Ireland**

### Rex Anderson and David Greenwood

**Rex** is a retired solicitor living in Coleraine and is currently writing a history of the NIBU. His Camrose career commenced in 1969 when he played with his father. Rex holds the record for Camrose caps having been capped 112 times. In 2015 he played on the Irish Senior Team which reached the quarter finals in the D'Orsi Bowl in Chennai

**David** is a retired Financial Adviser. He has represented Ireland on a number of occasions, and has played in 5 Camrose matches with his wife Diane. His partnership with Rex has been the bedrock of the N Ireland Camrose team for many years. He is the only member of the team to have won the Camrose (albeit playing for England at the time!)

### Ian Lindsay

**Ian** has represented the NIBU with six different partners. He is a retired chartered accountant who now acts as Treasurer for six charities connected with music, the visual arts, health and the disabled. Ian is a past Secretary, Chairman, Selector, and Congress Organiser, of the NIBU a past President of the Irish Bridge Union and the examining accountant of BGB.

### Ian Hamilton

Ian is a retired GP and Occupational Physician living in Belfast. He loves cricket, being Fixture Secretary for his club, and baseball, following the Chicago Cubs. He spends much of his time on NIBU business, being Masterpoints Secretary, organising the NIBU leagues and NIBU Simultaneous Pairs

competitions. He has a number of Camrose caps with several partners, including his brother, plus several more in the Teltscher with Hastings Campbell. This is his second Camrose outing with Ian Lindsay.

### Alan Sharp

Alan Sharp taught history at the University of Ulster for forty years, retiring as Provost of its Coleraine campus in 2009. He continues to write about international diplomacy after the First World War and was pleased to survive to celebrate (if that is the correct term) the centenary of the 1919 peace settlements at a number of conferences in the UK and around Europe. He was heavily involved with British University sport for over three decades and retains a keen interest in student sport at a local, national and international level. His retirement plans included improving his bridge and depleting his wine cellar, neither has proved particularly successful but, like his daily walks with his wife Jen, Danny the border terrier and Rosie the retriever, they represent sources of great pleasure. He is a past President of the NIBU and has represented Ulster and Northern Ireland with Brian McDowell and his previous partner Antony Alcock. This will be his third Teltscher trophy appearance.

### Brian McDowell

Brian McDowell retired many years ago having spent all his life in IT; the last 30 years as Head of Management Information and Director of Computing at Ulster University. In the distant past he was a single-figure handicap golfer but is now lucky to break 100 on his very occasional outings. His interests are now mainly in bridge and wine – he organises Wine Appreciation courses for his local U3A. He also enjoys Nordic walking on beaches and in forests on the beautiful Causeway Coast where he lives. He is Chairman of his local bridge club and has provided assistance to the NIBU by developing a new website and in establishing an infrastructure to facilitate NIBU and its affiliated clubs in providing competitive events during lockdown. He was International Match Manager for NIBU for five years, organising Home International matches hosted by the union. He has played and captained Northern Ireland in Camrose and Teltscher matches over a number of years.

Brian lives in Portstewart with his wife of 54 years and has three children and six grandchildren all living in England.

### Michael McFaul NPC

Michael is a retired Chief Librarian and present Secretary of the Northern Ireland Bridge Union. He writes a monthly column for the Irish Bridge Journal to which he has contributed many humorous articles over the last 40 years. Michael has played on the team that represented Northern Ireland at the 2014 Commonwealth Bridge event and 2020 Camrose & Teltscher trophies. He has previously acted as NPC for the Teltscher team and Camrose teams.