

# INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR BRIDGE 2021



JUNIOR CAMROSE | PEGGY BAYER . . . 19th - 21st February on RealBridge

SBU for Bridge Great Britain.

Final Ranks:

Junior Camrose			Peggy Bayer		
Team	VPs	Pos	Team	VPs	Pos
England	161.81	1	England	164.42	1
Scotland	127.08	2	Scotland	122.70	2
Wales	121.00	4	Ireland	120.23	3
Ireland	97.84	3	Wales	86.23	4
N Ireland	50.15	5	SBU	63.51	5
SBU	42.12	6	N Ireland	41.91	6

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## Teams

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**JUNIOR CAMROSE RR2**

Team	Wal	Ire	Sco	Nlr	Eng	SBU	C/F	Total	Pos
Wales		2.03	2.41	17.72	0.93	16.09	58.66	97.84	4
Ireland	17.97		6.25	12.29	9.69	15.92	58.88	121.00	3
Scotland	17.59	13.75		13.97	2.69	20	59.08	127.08	2
N Ireland	2.28	7.71	6.03		0	17.59	16.54	50.15	5
England	19.07	10.31	17.31	20		20	75.12	161.81	1
SBU	3.91	4.08	0	2.41	0		31.72	42.12	6

**PEGGY BAYER RR2**

Team	Wal	Ire	Sco	Nlr	Eng	SBU	C/F	Total	Pos
Wales		11.76	3.27	19.52	2.15	7.97	41.56	86.23	4
Ireland	8.24		5.4	17.72	0	20	68.87	120.23	3
Scotland	16.73	14.6		12.29	0.39	19.25	59.44	122.70	2
N Ireland	0.48	2.28	7.71		0	12.03	19.41	41.91	6
England	17.85	20	19.61	20		20	66.96	164.42	1
SBU	12.03	0	0.75	7.97	0		42.76	63.51	5

**JUNIOR CAMROSE RR1**

Team	Wal	Ire	Sco	Nlr	Eng	SBU	Total	Pos
Wales		17.85	7.97	16.42	0	16.42	58.66	4
Ireland	2.15		16.73	20	0	20	58.88	3
Scotland	12.03	3.27		20	7.2	16.58	59.08	2
N Ireland	3.58	0	0		6.48	6.48	16.54	6
England	20	20	12.8	13.52		8.8	75.12	1
SBU	3.58	0	3.41	13.52	11.2		31.71	5

**PEGGY BAYER RR1**

Team	Wal	Ire	Sco	Nlr	Eng	SBU	Total	Pos
Wales		6.72	10	12.28	0	12.55	41.55	5
Ireland	13.28		12.8	11.76	14.18	17.85	69.87	1
Scotland	10	7.2		18.33	5.82	18.09	59.44	3
N Ireland	7.71	8.24	1.67		0	1.79	19.41	6
England	20	5.82	14.18	20		6.96	66.96	2

SBU	7.45	2.15	1.91	18.21	13.04		42.76	4	
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Danny Hamilton (NPC for the SBU Peggy Bayer team) covered the event from his perspective in his bridge blog at <https://bridgedanny.blogspot.com/>

## About the Competitions

The Junior Camrose Trophy is the Under 25 Home International Bridge Series, and has been played for since 1971. The Peggy Bayer Trophy is for the Under 20 group, and was introduced in 1990. Scotland are the holders of the Junior Camrose and England hold the Peggy Bayer.

## Match Schedule for both competitions:

### Friday 19th February 2021

Wales v Northern Ireland, Ireland v England, Scotland v SBU  
Scotland v Wales, Northern Ireland v Ireland, England v SBU

### Saturday 20th February 2021

Ireland v Scotland, England v Northern Ireland, Wales v SBU  
England v Wales, Northern Ireland v Scotland, Ireland v SBU  
Wales v Ireland, Scotland v England, Northern Ireland v SBU  
Northern Ireland v Wales, England v Ireland, SBU v Scotland

### Sunday 21st February 2021

Wales v Scotland, Ireland v Northern Ireland, SBU v England  
Scotland v Ireland, Northern Ireland v England, SBU v Wales  
Wales v England, Scotland v Northern Ireland, SBU v Ireland  
Ireland v Wales, England v Scotland, SBU v Northern Ireland

## Tournament Officials

Match Manager: Anne Perkins

Directors: Christine Walker, Julia Palmer

RealBridge Co-ordinator: Damien Byron

Website: Alan Officer

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## Team 1: Wales



### JUNIOR CAMROSE



#### **Stephen Loat**

In between his linguistic pursuits and trying to flog dental plans, (again, see Oral Health Foundation.com for that glowing smile and award winning service), Stephen has been working out. Thanks to months of dedicated, hard, labour intensive training, he has been able to progress from dumbbell curls of 0.5kg to those of 0.75kg! Understandably, he's very impressed with this, so don't hesitate to ask about the journey.

With what little free time remains, Stephen has also been trying to grow his own website, "The Modern Influencer". It's his goal to grow this website further over the coming years, so stay

tuned. And if you're not already following him on Instagram or Facebook, please do, and visit his website, [The Modern Influencer.co.uk](http://TheModernInfluencer.co.uk). He needs all the help he can get, so lend him a hand.

After all, when it comes to Bridge players, there's nothing they love more than giving up a hand.



#### **Iwan Williams**

Iwan goes to Manchester Metropolitan where he studies law. He dreams of being like Harvey from Suits but he's more like Harrold. He is in his final year and when I asked him what he planned on doing after graduation he said "become a solicitor or barrister". It seems that his commitment to his career plans are about the same as his commitment to learning Lebensohl.

In lockdown Iwan's main hobbies have been drinking and shouting at the television while watching Liverpool. I won't take the mickey out of this because as a fellow Liverpool fan I have to approve, however if he does get a string vest and starts drinking stella then I might start to worry.

Since becoming Stephen's partner he has really stepped up his Bridge. This was typified when during a bridge session he was declarer and, before playing a card, announced "I should count first, that's what Stephen has told me". Now one would hope that he meant count his tricks but maybe it was actually the first time he counted his points...either way, it's progress!

The karate kicking, social media influencing, baby faced assassin is back. That's right, Stephen Loat has returned for his 6th year in a row.

Since the last Camrose not much has changed with Stephen. He's still doing PR for Oral Health Foundation, so if you need a set of new teeth, he's your man. However, this year Stephen has changed things up a bit, and gotten himself a brand new partner! With the years of practice that goes into forming the perfect partnership, I'm sure there'll be no miscommunications between the months old pair.

In 2020, Stephen has also continued to pursue French. He's progressed quite nicely, or as they say in French, "Le Nice".



### **Soozy Nesom**

Soozy has now upgraded her name to Suzanna on real bridge to hide the fact she still can't spell. She is still living in Cardiff and despite constantly saying 'I definitely failed that one', seems to be doing very well in her economics PhD on the gender pay gap – yes it is a thing, don't argue.

Despite lockdown she has continued her role as Dotty Owl (fun right?) in her brownies group and has had to be creative with online baking! She recently discovered the BBC Good Food magazine and despite her Christmas cake

decoration not quite being up to scratch, has cooked up lots of new delights, but is now threatening to go vegan, which I'm sure she'll mention when you see her, they always do right!

A big thing Soozy has done this year is get really into running and got much quicker and will even do a hill on a rare occasion. During the pandemic, she has also been playing... Pandemic... I highly complex games which seems to take years to complete... sounds like another game we know. Bridge wise, she's lost, she's won, she's kept her cool with Mel, which surely deserves a medal and recently played in the Lady Milne trials for practice. Her and Mel have really enjoyed the new Young Chelsea event, so for those of you who haven't tried it, go for it!



## **Mel Thomas**

Back by HUGE demand for her third outing in the Welsh Junior Camrose team, Mel is ready to whip the Welsh teams into shape (yes, even you babies...). As well as playing A LOT of bridge and adding more conventions to her system, Melly has taken her bridge partnership to the next level and has asked Sooz to move into her snazzy new house (suggestions for bridge-themed names are welcome) and can't wait to continue making tasty and unusual food for her.

Since last year, she has started a new job organising food festivals (very fun), broken her own world record at parkrun, become an Olympic swimmer, as well as won an Oscar for her acting – she's been a very busy women! Fortunately, you'll still be able to see her bright colours and to hear her (for some reason, her Welsh accent has become much stronger) – although this year, you are able to control the volume!

## **Gilly Clench NPC**

Last year Gilly asked Mel why she had to mention her being loud in her pen portrait commenting that 'everyone just writes that', maybe one day the penny will drop. Despite lockdown, Gilly has looked at life as positively as ever and has used it as an opportunity to actually do less work, rather than just saying she will, to enjoy long walks and absolutely smash the flower arranging – the house has never looked so well decorated.

She helped her daughter Mel buy her first home this year and when Mel moved out she kept being asked whether she would miss her mum's cooking and as Gilly would admit, it was very much the other way around!

Like most people, Gilly has been playing a lot of bridge online and has enjoyed regular practice sessions on Monday mornings with England's Sally Brock and other friends, but is still missing the face-to-face aspect. Another thing she has missed during lockdown is holidays, although she has still managed several weekend escapes to Dawlish where her partner Vas has a house, as well as going to a Greek island for a week, which they booked the day before! How spontaneous!

## PEGGY BAYER



### Sophie Akers

Sophie Ake, as she is known by the team, loves animals more than she will ever love you. Being a proud owner of an adorable spaniel called Poppy, although it becomes suddenly much less adorable when you find out how many birds its managed to kill, and a rabbit, who does nothing exceptional. She is an excellent chef and makes cookies all the time, so don't forget to ask for one.

Sophie has a crippling addiction to house plants, and it is rumoured upwards of 10% of her student loan is spent on their purchase and maintenance, but after all she studies ecology, so I guess it's justified? Sophie is very afraid of lots of things, most surprisingly of which are ducks, which is very concerning for her partner, Steph. Despite all of this, she is considered very cool.



### Steph Dux

When we asked Steph what she wanted included, she told us, 'well not to brag but I do eat toast', which of course had to be included. Steph is musically gifted, which is just another way of saying she is not very sporty. Her creativity knows no bounds, evidenced by the tea towels in her house which are explicitly beautifully embroidered.

Steph is also actually a duck, which maybe we should have led with, as it really does make up a shocking percentage of her personality. Other hobbies include watching children's cartoons like the fully grown adult she is and

baking brownies, like clockwork, every Tuesday. Despite the fact she studies maths, she is actually very cool.



### Joe Bentley

Returning to Peggy Bayer with as much enthusiasm as last year is Joseph Bentley. A driven environmental geography student, Joe enjoys a good long walk... especially at night, so that to forget all the terrors that happened to him at the bridge table.

He loves being in nature, and learning about it through documentaries. Beware all, Joe is getting more and more obsessed with bridge every day, up to the point that he most probably spends more time playing bridge than working on his university degree. Being a natural leader of

the Welsh Peggy Bayer team, he is indeed very cool.



### **Alua Serikbayeva**

Returning to the Peggy Bayer for the second time is Alua Serikbayeva. Alua felt apprehensive competing this year, but after the team promised we would get her free coffee she was all for it. Being quadrilingual, a skiing and snowboarding enthusiast, volleyball Wizkid and an avid student of biomedical sciences, she is the touch of class that the rest of the team lacks.

With all these activities, it's a wonder she can balance bridge with the worst sleep schedule imaginable. Unmissable with her electric blue hair conflicting her calm demeanour at the table, she is indeed very cool.



### **Ash Rahman**

Ash is a civil engineering student who spends most of his time working on placement in sewers in Caerphilly, so he is used to handling disgusting contracts. He is very much an enigma, when asked what he wanted included in his pen portrait, Ash said that he likes food and movies, is this vagueness indicative of a secret passion?

What we do know is that Ash claims his three main goals in life are being dealt a 7NT hand, bidding a 7NT hand and holding bragging rights over making a 7NT hand. He is yet to achieve any of these, but Ash is a dreamer. Maybe the Peggy Bayer will be the opportunity he needs to realise his dreams? This would definitely make him: very cool.



### **Dr Lorrie Murphy NPC**

Lorrie's bridge career took off so well, that a long time ago she decided to focus on volleyball and golf. However, she does enjoy the challenge of an occasional bridge tournament and has absorbed much of the flavour of high-level bridge from frequent exposure to Paddy Murphy's analysis of difficult bridge hands.

Having spent a brief period as treasurer for the North Wales Bridge Association, Lorrie has now returned to being best known in bridge circles as "Paddy's wife". As joint non-playing Captain for the Wales Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer teams, she will be employing all manner of strategies to get a tip top performance from them, which may involve the promise of biscuits, wine or beer!

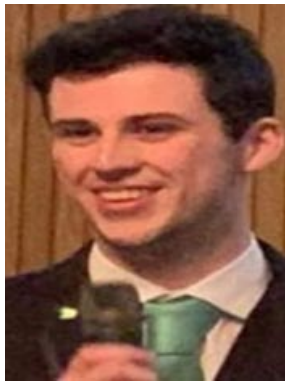


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## Team 2: Ireland



### JUNIOR CAMROSE



#### Michael Donnelly

Having just moved to Amsterdam for the ... culture, Michael has found himself making waves in the "seaweed" business while undertaking further study in the field of Marketing at the VU. Playing his 5th Junior Camrose in a row, he regards the tournament as one of the few constants in his life, we're unsure if the event feels the same way about him but this reporter finds it highly unlikely.

While his talents don't include shutting up; amongst his chief weaponry are, an almost fanatical devotion to his team, his win or have fun trying attitude, and most importantly he's the "Ying" to partner Conor Boland's "Meh".



#### Conor Boland

Con•or Bo•land: (1) (adj) to be 24, play bridge as a hobby and work in an accountancy firm; (2) to enjoy cocktails, brisk walks, and the humor of B-rated sitcoms.

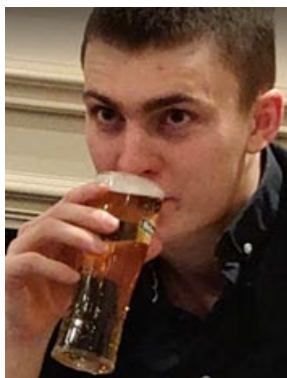


#### John Connolly

Having committed to a sedentary lifestyle long ago, John is ipso facto unable to attend live tournaments. However he is making his final Junior Camrose appearance only due to the event conveniently taking place within our respective houses this year.

Speaking truthfully, his own compatriots barely know who he is, with young stars Luca Crone and Matthew O'Farrell convinced they were fulfilling a make-a-wish when introduced to the 24 year old undergrad with a weak heart.

To understand John best one needs to gaze at his meek form through the lens of the Internet. His search history for example reads along the lines of "reddit", "how to claim state compensation", and for some reason "Mazars" on incognito mode.



## ■ ■ Stephen Barr

Stephen enjoys the most comfortable life of all his teammates after a clerical error has found him earning Michael's salary as well as his own. If anyone does feel like asking Stephen about his work, we please ask you not to mention the 5 a.m. starts, the 9 p.m. bedtimes, or the stabbings outside their door, as we fear that beneath his brave face is a man close to the edge.

With the Junior Camrose going digital this year, Stephen is disappointed to be missing out on his one night out of the year, but he's happy that after years of petitioning the organising committee, he can finally play the last round of the evening (or indeed maybe all the rounds) from bed.



## ■ ■ Isabel Burke

Isabel is sixteen years of age and began playing bridge almost three years ago. She lives in Galway, and her favourite subjects in school are maths and chemistry and she hopes to study pharmacy in college. She often smuggles bridge books in between her school books when she is supposed to be studying! This is Isabel's second appearance on the Junior Camrose team and she hopes that there will be many more to come.



## ■ ■ Sheila Walsh

Sheila's feeling let down, due to Ms Rona's visit to town. Her dream to visit Scotland one day, has now endured another delay.

Her freshly ironed, hung-up kilt, shall continue to lie idle, destined to wilt.

Sheila's braveheart shall long for another day, until then, Ms Rona shall have her way.

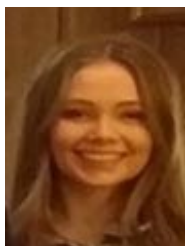


## ■ ■ Thomas MacCormac NPC

Thomas is a legendary figure within Irish bridge. A grandmaster (the highest ranking within the Irish bridge structure), he has won countless national titles, and has represented Ireland at open, as well as junior, level.

Also a very popular and successful teacher, Thomas has been involved in junior bridge for many years, in particular recently with a squad of juniors that includes four of this year's Junior Camrose team.

## PEGGY BAYER



### **Denise Walsh**

It took three months for Denise to realise there was a pandemic as she was already isolating in her room, watching Netflix and reading fan-fiction. During the pandemic, Denise busied herself with working on negotiations to trade Dublin for the six counties. This is Denise's third Peggy Bayer appearance.



### **Leah Finnegan**

Leah used to spend her time making TikToks to tunes by Daniel O'Donnell. She was a die-hard fan, but her love for Daniel ceased once she learned that he played on BBO with one of her teammates, and not her. Heartbroken from her idol's betrayal, she has vowed to buy Nathan Carter's singles in bulk to ensure Daniel never has another number 1. This is Leah's third Peggy Bayer appearance.



### **Tom Gorey**

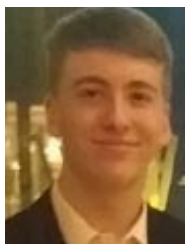
This is Tom's first Peggy Bayer appearance. Tom is in transition year in Kilkenny and started learning bridge in school when our teacher Margaret (NPC of the Peggy Bayer team) came in on Wednesdays to teach the game. Outside of bridge he likes football and reading. Tom likes bridge because of how competitive it is and how you can learn something new on every board.



### **Adam Murphy**

Adam is playing in the Peggy Bayer for the second year running, having made his first appearance in it last year. He has been playing bridge for more than 5 minutes and has played in 2112 competitions, give or take a few thousand. Aside from playing bridge,

Adam mainly enjoys music, whether it be playing (mainly guitar, but also bass, drums and keyboard from time to time) or listening (usually rock and metal; in particular stuff that's heavy, energetic and/or complex, like Metallica, Rush and Pink Floyd – each of which he could talk about for hours). Other interests include video games and watching football.



### **Luca Crone**

Luka may have mastered his poker face at the table. But don't let that fool you, as anyone that knows him will tell you he tends to enjoy playing bridge like poker. Some say Luca has an optimistic outlook on life (particularly when it comes to bidding slams) as ones he gets an inkling he is determined no matter what!

And while Luca isn't playing bridge he is either reading one of his infamous collection of bridge books or teaching bridge to his new-found protegés at college. This is Luca's second Peggy Bayer cap.



### **Matthew O'Farrell**

Matthew is back for his second shot at the Peggy Bayer this year, aiming to improve on last year's performance. He hopes all his hours wasted on BBO over lockdown will help this cause. Away from the bridge table he enjoys watching sport and procrastinating over whether or not he should start studying for his exams.



### **Margaret Murphy NPC**

Margaret has been non-playing captain of several Irish junior teams. She is a keen player, but her real love in bridge is teaching, developing and generally helping junior players, which she has been doing for more years than she cares to remember.

She is a legendary figure in her local schools in Kilkenny, where countless students (including one on this year's Peggy Bayer team) have benefited from her guidance.



### **Karel De Raeymaeker (Coach)**

Karel is an Irish grandmaster (the highest ranking within the Irish bridge structure). He has won countless national titles, and has represented Ireland at open level. Karel has been involved in junior bridge for many years, and has devoted countless hours to young players in his role as very popular coach to the Irish juniors.

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## Team 3: Scotland



### JUNIOR CAMROSE



#### **Glen Falconer**

Glen is a 24 year old DevOps Engineer originally from the "Outdoor Capital of the UK", Fort William, so naturally finds himself indoors playing bridge. He now lives in Dumfries and Galloway with his fiancé and new border collie puppy, Rosie pictured to your left.

This is Glen's 4th and final Junior Camrose so you'd think he would have learned how to stop revoking by now but fortunately RealBridge takes care of that problem. Glen has enjoyed his time playing in the Junior Camrose but also the opportunities he has had across Europe in the European Pairs in Latvia/Croatia and European Teams in Norway which were all incredible experiences.

In his spare time he is re-learning how to play piano and enjoys taking advantage of the outdoors (with the addition of lockdown) walking with his new friend.



#### **Athena Chow**

Athena is 24 years old and is currently studying towards her MSc in Health Economics at City University in London. She is delighted to be making her third 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 in July 2019.

Having been toughened up by Les Steel, she now rarely cries at the table. Since September 2019, 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. Athena is very excited about the new duplicate event on Friday nights on Real Bridge run by the Young Chelsea for junior players and how successful it has been so far, and looks forward to welcoming even more juniors each week. Away from bridge she enjoys a round of golf, a rare steak and a pint of Guinness.



### **Liam O'Brien**

Liam is 25 and spends most of his time teaching or playing bridge. He learned to play bridge at school with his partner Ronan, and they have played together since.

This will be his fifth and final Junior Camrose leaving Ronan to fend for himself. He and Ronan have been regulars on the Scottish Junior bridge scene with limited success until this event last year.



### **Ronan Valentine**

*Ronan is pictured here in his scientific process of picking his losing line*

Ronan is a 24 year old, English teacher 'living' in Liverpool. Ronan was part of last year's Junior Camrose winning team and would like to be part of the team to repeat that feat for the first time in the players' lifetime. We don't win that often.

This will be the end of the O'Brien-Valentine partnership's love affair with the JC and PB as Liam 'expires' after this year. Liam has secretly confessed that he is relieved to be handing over 'babysitting duties' onto a new victim for next year and that he 'expects to be able to come off high blood pressure medication' when not receiving Ronan's dummies in this event.

However, as the baby of the team, this is Ronan's penultimate Junior Camrose. Yes, penultimate. He has another one. Yes, he can provide documentation.

### **Liz McGowan NPC for Junior Camrose**



Liz McGowan has been captaining Junior teams since long before the present group was born, so cannot blame them entirely for her worry wrinkles, or her rapidly thinning grey hair. She will miss the camaraderie of the real face-to-face encounter, while admiring the smooth organisation of the SBU. There will be compensations: she need not put on a brave public face; and no-one will hear her scream.

### **Lorraine Findlay NPC for Peggy Bayer**

## PEGGY BAYER



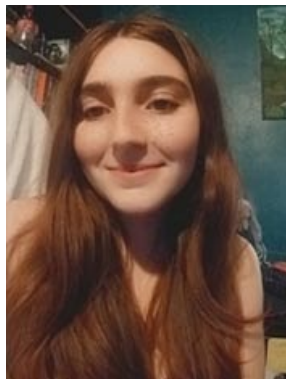
### **John Russell**

Hi, my name is John. I work full time as a travel agent. I have been playing bridge for around 7 years now. I played in last two year's Peggy Bayer competitions which I really enjoyed. This will be my final year playing in the Peggy Bayer.



### **Jamie Day**

Jamie is 17 lives and in Aberdeen, he has lived in several countries over the years including Azerbaijan and Angola. He started playing at his local bridge club, and has continued from there, with much assistance from several helpful club members.



### **Chloe Farrell**

Chloe is 18 and studying engineering in college and hopes to get into an apprenticeship by the end of the year.

She has taken part in the 26th European Youth Bridge teams in 2017 and this will be her third Peggy Bayer after playing bridge for 5 and a half years. She spends her free time making digital art and crocheting, a hobby she picked up over lockdown and expanded greatly, she has now made things from simple hearts to a 12-inch-tall medusa.



### **David Tobias**

David has moved on to his first year of studying physics at the University of Warwick.

Alongside the bridge club, David has become part of the university men's hockey team. This will be his 5th Peggy Bayer and he is looking forward to another year of competition.

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## Team 4: Northern Ireland



### JUNIOR CAMROSE



#### **Aileen Armstrong**

Aileen is 17 and currently in lower 6th. During this lockdown 3, she is either to be found online taking part in lessons or playing BBO. She is expectantly waiting to see if the snow will actually make it to the Isle of Wight this year, as on average it snows once every 5 years and lasts one day!

This is Aileen's 2nd Junior Camrose.



#### **Andrew Newbold**

Andrew is a recently graduated 23-year-old from Carrickfergus. Andrew would like to blame the "current events" for having a social life similar to his cat, but this is only slightly worse than usual.

Besides playing on BBO he enjoys playing RPGs on his PC or Switch. Say hello if you play him this year and remind him that he's probably forgotten about his tea brewing in the kitchen. This is his 2nd Junior Camrose.



#### **Conor Gallagher**

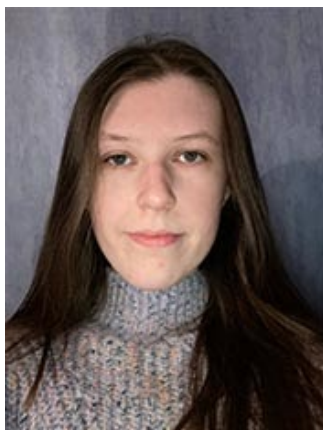
Conor is 20 in his second year at Ulster University studying Computing Systems. In his spare time, he enjoys playing hockey, wearing amazing jackets, giving terrible speeches at assorted events and also the occasional bridge game. This is his 2nd Junior Camrose.






### **Luke McGarvey**

Luke works in software development. Alongside work he studies Business Technology at Ulster University. He has been playing bridge for 8 years now. This is his 2nd Junior Camrose.



### **Lucy O'Kane**

 Lucy is in her 2nd year studying Biology at Trinity College Dublin. This is her 2nd Junior Camrose.



### **Xander Todd**

Xander has just turned 19 and is attending Queen's University Belfast for computer science. When not playing bridge, he likes to hang out with friends, play guitar or code. This will be Xander's 2nd Junior Camrose and he is hoping to come out of it slightly less traumatized than last year.



### **Sandie Millership NPC**

Sandie has been involved in Junior bridge for more years than she cares to remember. She loves watching the youngster's enthusiasm for the game but also gives thanks for permanent hair colours which disguise the grey hair watching them produces. She has captained the Junior Camrose & Peggy Bayer teams many times.

## PEGGY BAYER



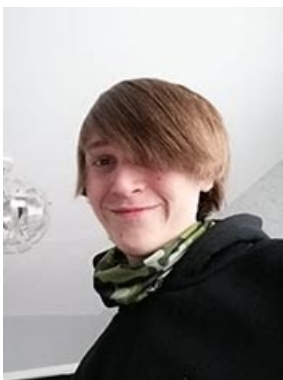
### Alex Scott

Alex is a Lower 6th student at Belfast Royal Academy, studying Technology, Physics, Maths and Further Maths. She has played bridge since her first year but also enjoys reading and art. This is her first Peggy Bayer.



### Ewan Todd

Ewan is a fifth year in BRA and has played bridge since joining. He studies mainly English, maths and computer science. He has many family members that play bridge (including his elder brother Xander who is on the Junior Camrose team) and has a competitive gene. This is his 1st Peggy Bayer.



### Evan McKeown

Evan is 17 and 6ft 2" from Carrickfergus Grammar School. He enjoys Badminton, playing games, singing, reading, & drawing in his spare time. He is positive, bubbly & enjoys the company of others. This is his 1st Peggy Bayer.



### Alex Millar

Alex has been playing bridge for 5 years now ever since he joined Carrickfergus Grammar and he's loved every second of whether it be the tournaments or just the lunch times that he's spent learning new skills that took a long time work out.

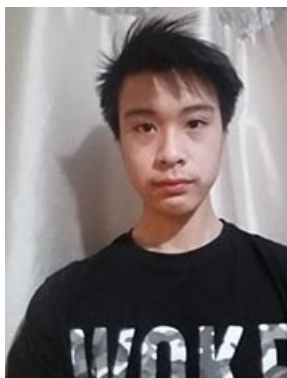
Outside of bridge he is a keen musician and is a member of several bands and the school choir. He looks forward to learning new skills, becoming a better bridge player and hopefully winning some more tournaments. This is his 1st

Peggy Bayer.



### **JP Miller**

JP has been at BRA for 5 years and has been playing bridge all since he started. He, partnering EJ (we call them EJP) have represented BRA many times in the Irish Schools Pairs & Teams with some success. He enjoys maths and playing videogames and going out with friends. In general, he and EJ prefer teams' competitions as opposed to pairs as it is more fulfilling. This is his 1st Peggy Bayer.



### **EJ Atienza**

EJ is also in his 5th year at B.R.A with bridge being played throughout the 5 years. He is partnered by JP. He enjoys playing videogames casually (especially with friends) and has a moderately high interest in chess. This also his 1st Peggy Bayer.



### **Norman Lacey NPC**

Norman started playing bridge in 2014 at the tender age of 69. He was lucky as his first teacher, who is still his mentor, taught him that while conventions are worthwhile a good bridge player thinks, analyses information, and plans his play.

A different approach is needed depending on if you're in trump or NT contracts. Balanced and unbalanced hands have different strengths. Young players are the ones who will be the top players when we are under the green beige instead of playing on it. Give them your best efforts to help them succeed. This is Norman's 1st Peggy Bayer too.

# Junior Camrose & Peggy Bayer 2021

## Team 5: England



### JUNIOR CAMROSE

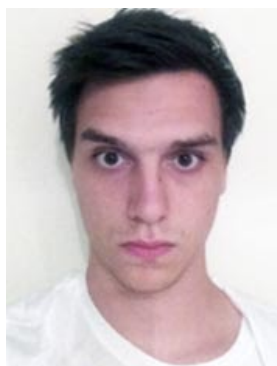


#### + Eshan Singhal

*Eshan looking confused at the camera because he can't tell which suit it is. Or for that matter, where the other players have gone*

Eshan is a software engineer living in London, who loves to travel the world (when it's open!). Sadly Eshan has yet to develop the software to help him play card perfect online, but he tries his best anyway.

Eshan was part of the team which won the Junior Camrose in 2019 and went on to qualify for the World Championships in the same year. He has now formed a partnership with Filippos Kritsalis and his bridge is going from strength to strength.



#### + Filippos Kritsalis

*This is Filippos' relaxed face - you should see him concentrate!*

Filippos, considered by many the most talented player of Mediterranean origin to currently play in the U26 squad. Born in Athens, Filippos started playing bridge at high school and represented Greece in a few tournaments.

He joined the English squad in 2018 after coming to the UK to study maff at the University of Nottingham and is now playing with Eshan Singhal. His hobbies include bridge, basketball, reading books, bridge, bridge, and telling Eshan that he defended wrong. His best bridge memory is qualifying for the U26 european pairs final in Latvia, and his worst bridge memory is playing in the U26 european pairs final in Latvia.



#### + Jonathan Clark

*Jono's trademark "model" smile, often used to disguise the grimace as partner forgets the system, yet again.*

Known as "John-No" in an effort to make him more <something>, he often feels he missed his calling in life as the conductor of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (look out for

him taking cards out of his hand and waving them around for a few beats before placing them on the table).

Jonathan left the Cambridge University Bridge Club last year after his partner and club treasurer, Kripa, decided they could no longer afford his travel expenses despite them being no more than anyone else's (Jono hasn't worked this one out yet). He defected to Imperial College where he is hoping to show Cambridge who's boss by winning the Portland Bowl (the fact he thinks he's got a chance is kinda cute) whilst he does a masters in computer science on the side. He first learnt how to play bridge in secondary school where he would play most lunchtimes with friends. His favourite bridge strategy is to look for obscure squeezes (that don't exist) until his opponents go to sleep before claiming one down.

### **Kripa Panchagnula**

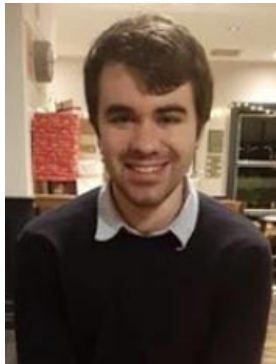


*Here is a depiction of Kripa on tilt*

Kripa is 22 and held the title of stingiest Cambridge University Bridge Club (CUBC) Treasurer as an undergrad over the last 3 years, only paying out for food, drink and his travel expenses (NB this is now false, new playing cards have been bought for the first time in eons much to his dismay and during a pandemic nonetheless). He thought this wasn't enough, and decided to start a PhD to get the coveted title as a postgrad.

Year on year he's refused to take the discounted offer of CUBC beginner lessons, despite placing all the cards in the hand incorrectly when opponents played "not bridge" and managing to get one card endings wrong. He and Jono have played together all their bridge lives (apart from when they didn't) and will do so in the future (until they decide they've had enough). They are hoping their 0% record in this tournament doesn't get worse on their second outing."

### **Charlie Bucknell**



*Editing the bios made Charlie believe he didn't have to caption his own photo. He was wrong.*

Charlie, 23, is a true bridge professional living in Oxford. During the day, he toils away as the EBU's popular tournament secretary, coping with absurd requests from left, right and centre in his usual polite demeanour.

At night, he takes out his frustration on the game we all know and love, jacking up the table with hefty doses of pzazz, ingenuity, chaos and sheer temerity. There are sure to be plenty of swings at Charlie's table.





## + Eva Wieczorek

*Ewa's glower is often reserved for partners when presenting their dummy which is usually disappointing and far less than they promised.*

Ewa is currently a bridge player at Oxford University pretending to do her PhD in biochemistry. She often finds herself working when she should be playing but surely a successful campaign at the Junior Camrose will help reverse that. When she isn't playing working, she frequently finds herself rock climbing. This is hypothesised to be as a result of her contracts placing herself between a rock and a hard place, so she is possibly confused and thinks she is still playing bridge.

Unlike most humans, Ewa hasn't stuck to traditional social norms but prefers the company of squirrels and rather unfairly on them, takes them for walks in the freezing winter cold, something from her Polish heritage I'm sure.

Ewa is looking forward to bringing home her first Junior Camrose trophy even though she observes she is already at home since Lockdown won't let her go anywhere.



## + Simon Cope NPC

Simon is a 38 year old Professional Bridge Player from Noooooorrrfff London. Having captained England at U25, Ladies, and Open level, he is patiently waiting to get the call up from the Seniors to complete the set (okay, that's a slight exaggeration).

The pandemic has seen him spend even more time online (something he didn't think was possible) and playing more golf (until Boris nicked even that joy!). He can't wait to get back to travelling the world as soon as it is safe to do so, and is happy to captain this junior team – several years after his last role with the juniors.

## PEGGY BAYER



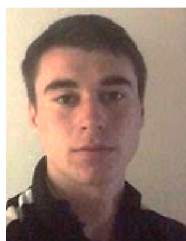
## + Oscar Selby

Oscar was born in 2003 and lives in Epsom with his parents and twin sisters.

"I learnt bridge so that I would be allowed to stay up late and join in when my parents had friends over to play. When I was 7 I attended lessons at the Andrew Robson bridge club and started playing duplicates including the Social duplicate at YCBC. I made my international debut partnering Harry Madden in Tromso in the U15 European Youth Team Championships.

My hobbies outside bridge include playing football, basketball, chess, go, the piano and the oboe."

Oscar & Harry came 5th in the U16 event at the 2016 European Youth Pairs Championship - the highest finishing position for any English pair, and made his debut in the Peggy Bayer Trophy the same year. They also performed well at the World Youth Team Championships in 2016.



### **+ Harry Madden**

Harry is 19 years old and come from Derby, however he currently attends Warwick University to study Mathematics.

"I come from a bridge playing family - both my parents and older sister also play. I was part of the U16 team at the 2015 European and 2016 World Youth Team Championships in 2016 partnering Oscar.

Away from international bridge, I play regularly in congresses and also in Derbyshire and Warwickshire whilst I'm at uni. In 2018, I played in the U21 team at the World Championships in China where I partnered Kripa Panchagnula, before winning a bronze medal at the European Championships in Norway — my proudest achievement. I am also well recognised for my ability to read opponents and guess the location of a missing queen.

Outside of bridge, I play cricket, tennis, football and a bit of Badminton. And if you're reading this then I'll probably beat you at any sport you can name. I'm also a keen Leeds United supporter and season ticket holder."

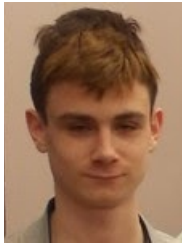


### **+ Andy Cope**

Andy has been playing bridge since 2012 and made his England debut in 2016 for the Under 16 team in the Czech Republic Junior Teams Championships, finishing 7th.

He regularly plays at Coventry and West Midlands Bridge Clubs, and enjoys competing in various Warwickshire county competitions and national competitions, particularly enjoying the junior events. Amongst his current major achievements is winning a wine prize at a Green Point event, which his dad enjoyed!

Andy also enjoys many other sports including football, rugby, hockey, cricket and tennis. He also plays the drums and trumpet.



## **+ Theo Anoyrkatis**

Theo is 15 years old and has been playing bridge for the past 2 years.

"I come from a bridge playing family. My Dad, Harry, taught both me and my brother, Sam, to play and is also teaching my younger sister, Venetia to play. I recently won the Under 21 Pairs at the Easter Congress with my brother Sam. When I'm not playing bridge I enjoy spending time outdoors in the beautiful Devon countryside."

Theo also won the Swiss Teams competition at the 2017 Riviera Congress, teaming up with brother Sam and parents Sally & Harry to take the title.



## **+ Jasmine Bakhshi**

Jasmine is one of the youngest players to represent England in a junior international event, playing in the Czech Republic in November 2015 shortly after her 11th birthday.

She then went on to play in the Women's U26 team in the Channel Trophy the following month. She was then part of the Under 16 team that performed well at the World Youth Team Championships in 2016, finishing 8th and winning more than half of their matches in the round robin phase. Jasmine won the Under 19 Championship Pairs in 2015, and defended her title in 2016 (when it was then for those Under 21) playing with her brother Liam Sanderson.

She lives in London with parents, David and Heather, who are also leading bridge players.



## **+ Imogen La Chapelle**

Imogen is eighteen and currently studying Medicine at the University of East Anglia.

"I started playing bridge around six years ago at my local club, the Norfolk and Norwich, having played cards at home with my family and then being curious after kibitzing my dad. My first ever bridge game was an individual event at my club where I was able to equally wreck everyone's chances!"

I play in the A team for Norfolk in the Eastern Counties League and have represented Norfolk for the last two years in the Tollemache. I am currently forming a partnership with Jasmine Bakhshi and we have been selected to play for both the Under 26 women and the Under 21s in different junior international events. I also played with Oscar Selby in the recent Year End mixed pairs and came a very close third.

My interests outside of bridge include sport and lots of socialising."





### **+** Elizabeth Gahan (reserve)

Elizabeth first represented England in a junior international event at a young age, playing in the Czech Republic in November 2015 aged just 13.

"I started playing bridge when I was nine years old in primary school. I did mini bridge for two years until moving on to play bridge with my local club West Midlands. I play bridge twice a week and enjoy every moment."

She lives in Solihull and is a regular participant in events in Warwickshire and at the West Midlands Bridge Club.



### **+** Henry Rose (reserve)

Henry is 15 years old and lives in Oxfordshire. He learned to play bridge about 5 years ago with Holly Kilpatrick at the Oxford Junior Bridge Club. He has been hooked ever since.

He has already played in one European and two world championships. In 2018 he won a bronze medal in the U16 European open pairs partnering Oscar Selby and was also part of the U16 team winning the silver medal in the inaugural world online teams tournament.

Aside from bridge Henry spends his time playing the piano and on the Thames coxing a junior rowing eight.



## **+** Mike Bell NPC

Mike, 36, lives in London. Of course, his location is fairly irrelevant, given that, like everyone else in this event, he mostly stays at home, plays bridge on the internet and watches TV on an ever-increasing array of streaming services. In fact, he has only been outside once so far this year, when he accidentally had Amazon deliver his parcel to a pickup point.

Mike is "a bit of" a system geek. He has long planned to write a book on bidding methods, but has now accepted that if he can't find time to even start it during three lockdowns, the chances of his ever finishing it are remote.

Mike's regular partner is English junior Ben Norton. They were to play in the 2020 Europeans, which were unable to go ahead. It remains to be seen if the event will be able to take place in 2021, but, regardless, they are hopeful they will find their way into a Bermuda Bowl sooner rather than later.



## **+** Michael Byrne, Assistant NPC

Michael teaches bridge full time in Manchester, teaching between 50 and 100 people a week, with a suspiciously high success rate in remembering their names. After winning the the Schools plate at Nottingham University, he arrived at Manchester University and discovered Manchester Bridge Club where he was a permanent fixture for the next few years, including several years where he actually lived upstairs.

His career as a junior international included a Peggy Bayer and three Junior Camrose wins, and appearances in two U25 European Championships, a World Championships, three European Pairs Championships, and three Channel trophies.

The majority of his success however has come as a non playing captain and in his capacity as Under 20 squad Leader he has captained his players to two World Championship Silver medals and an unprecedented seven Peggy Bayer wins.

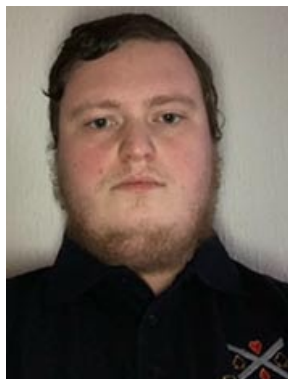
Away from the bridge table Michael enjoys cooking, watching films and he is a keen quizzer, competing every week in Manchester. He was also part of the "5 diamonds" EBU team that went on eggheads in 2015, although as the 6th man he never made it onto the actual tv programme.

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## Team 6: SBU



### JUNIOR CAMROSE



 **Donald MacKillop**

Hi, I'm Donald and I'm recent graduate with a masters in statistics from the University of St Andrews. I started playing bridge in 2014 in my home town of Fort William, Scotland. Since then I have played for Scotland in 2 Peggy Bayer events in 2016 and 2017 as well as competing internationally at the Open European Championship in Latvia in 2016 and more recently in the Chairman's Cup in Sweden in 2019.



 **Niall Tennant**

I am from Edinburgh and went to Heriot Watt University to study chemistry.

I have been playing bridge for 3 years, I got into bridge through my dad. We went to lessons through the council then joined the Carlton bridge club where we began playing regularly. What I enjoy most about bridge is that you are constantly learning and there is always something new.



 **David MacCallum**

David is 24 and works in Cyber Security. He's an alumini of Hutchie and Edi Uni. He has been playing for over 12 years, but don't mistake his experience for expertise.

 **Calum Stout**

Like most of his team-mates on the SBU team, Calum has experience at Peggy Bayer level, but this is his first Junior Camrose. Sadly it will also be his last (because of his age, not because his NPC is going to shoot him the next time he comes down in a contract... honest). He will be missed... by his opponents.

Joking aside, Calum is a positive influence to have on the team. At least he better be, because he was recently put in charge of team spirit. He doesn't know that yet, but that's what happens when you don't reply to emails – you get volunteered for things. He is a survivor of THAT after-party in Wales several years ago, but swears he was not responsible for the drunken shenanigans that transpired there. His NPC believes him, on account of the fact he obviously remembers it.



 **Adam Tobias**

Adam learnt bridge at school as a former pupil at Hutchesons' in Glasgow, and has been playing with his partner Wan-Hew since. Having played in the Peggy Bayer four times previously, this will be his first appearance in the Junior Camrose and hopes to leave an impression (hopefully not on the director).

Adam is now a 3rd year Medical student at Edinburgh University and is currently taking a course in Medical statistics. As well as this, Adam also enjoys chess and programming.

 **Wan-hew Tran**

This will be Wan-Hew's first appearance in the Junior Camrose, having partnered Adam Tobias in the Peggy Bayer for the last three years. You would think, after that time, the pair of them would know their system inside-out, but it still took a 3-hour Zoom session with their NPC to figure out.

Wan-Hew expressed his surprise at the call-up to the Junior Camrose, admitting that he "would have practiced more if he thought he was going to get picked" – otherwise known as getting your excuses in early. There's a lesson in there somewhere, but I'm not sure what it is. Wan-Hew believes Game invites are forcing and doesn't believe in 10-card fits. You can decide for yourself if this is true, but he was warned what would happen if he didn't submit a profile on time.



 **Alisdair McLeod NPC**

Alisdair officially became the SBU Youth Coordinator in December. Since then, he has barely done his "day job" (but that's OK because he can't fire himself and it pays nothing anyway). His memories of playing for the Scottish Juniors are fond, but few.

Even then, his main involvement with the Junior program was teaching the next generation. He would never say he was a better bridge player than his current charges when he was their age, but he's reasonably confident he was better at replying to emails!

As well as Bridge, Alisdair enjoys chess, board games, writing, and logic puzzles – so basically, anything he can do while sitting on his rear end. His polite and friendly demeanour can suddenly disappear when you occupy a temple he wants, falsely accuse him of being the impostor among us, or when Aberdeen concede yet another goal.

Achievements include an MA in Mental Philosophy, a 388-day streak on Duolingo at time of writing, and training all his facebook friends to ensure everything they post is true, lest they suffer the dreaded “Alisdair Fact-Check”. You can ask him to expand on any of this, but don’t say you weren’t warned. Aberdonian born and bred, he had to put aside all the stereotypes he’d learned about Dundee when he moved in with his fiancé Kathleen, and their schnoodle, Scout.

## PEGGY BAYER



 **Harry Stuart**

Harry is a keen rugby and bridge player (obviously) and has enjoyed the move to online bridge. He is an instinctive player who loves to bid and make games. He has promised not to make any four card overcalls.



 **Aidan Woodley**

Aidan is a pupil at Queensferry High School in Edinburgh and his home club is the New Melville. He is the veteran of the team, having competed in the Peggy Bayer last year.



 **Michael Kennedy**

Like most of the team Michael started playing bridge at The High School of Glasgow, making his debut at the Scottish Schools Minibridge tournament in 2016. This year he is studying for his Highers. He is a careful and accurate player.



 **Kevin Ren**

Kevin is in his 5th year of High School studying for his Highers and has been playing bridge for six years. His calculated approach achieves consistency and often optimal results. He was part of the winning team at the Scottish Schools 2019 Championship. His extra-curricular life include sport and music but right now he is focusing on and looking forward to his first Peggy Bayer Competition.



 **Alexander Duncan**

Alexander first had success at bridge playing in a Bronze Pairs tournament. This year he is studying for his Highers and hoping Scotland can do the double at the Peggy Bayer and Rugby Six Nations.



 **Johnny Meek**

Jonny is the newest member of the team and a fast learner. He is a careful analyst and No Trumps specialist.



 **Danny Hamilton NPC**

Danny "Doctor" Hamilton is a Maths teacher at The High School of Glasgow. He learned to play bridge at Edinburgh University and is a member of the Buchanan Club.

He likes bad jokes and has two guinea pigs and two small children who he's been teaching to play bridge. They are learning fast but the guinea pigs find it quite hard to hold the cards.

Dr. Hamilton is delighted that the High School of Glasgow Team has improved so much and are now playing International Bridge. With the addition of Aidan we have a great squad and it should be a very enjoyable tournament.