

# 2026 Junior Camrose & Peggy Bayer

February 20th-22nd 2026

The event is being run by the Scottish Bridge Union and held at the Adamton Country House Hotel near Prestwick in Ayrshire.

TDs for the weekend are Chris Miller, Christine Walker & Matthew Robb with Mike Baron scoring. Michael Heubeck is organising the Vugraph for you and it is planned that some matches from each session will be available to watch on RealBridge.

The Match Manager is Anne Perkins with Clare & Allan Whiteford shadowing before taking over in 2027

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# Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer

## Feb 20-22 2026 - Schedule

<b>Friday</b>	<b>17.30</b>	<b>Buffet Dinner</b>	<b>Garden Restaurant</b>	
	19.00-21.10	SBU v Scotland	N. Ireland v Ireland	Wales v England
	21.25-23.35	N. Ireland v Wales	Ireland v Scotland	SBU v England
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7.30 – 9.00</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Garden Restaurant</b>	
	10.00-12.10	Wales v Ireland	SBU v N. Ireland	Scotland v England
	12.25-14.35	Scotland v Wales	Ireland v SBU	N. Ireland v England
	<b>14.35-15.20</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Garden Restaurant</b>	
	15.20-17.30	Wales v SBU	Scotland v N. Ireland	Ireland v England
	17.45-19.55	Ireland v Wales	N. Ireland v SBU	England v Scotland
	<b>20.30</b>	<b>Buffet Dinner</b>	<b>Garden Restaurant</b>	
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<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.30 – 9.00</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Garden Restaurant</b>	

# Scotland



## Junior Camrose

### Kevin Ren

Kevin grew up in Glasgow so is looking forward to playing this year (sort of) near home. Much like his usual card play, the football's been up and down to say the least. He was Amorim in till the end and is always ready and willing to give lectures on why it's been the fault of the club's owners, board and directors for this decade of decline. Kevin has promised to have his violin ready if Scotland win, inspired by that unbelievable rap performance we saw last year. Also on his wish list this weekend is for Spurs to turn up and shut up a certain annoying Arsenal fan whose name starts with H and ends with arry.



### Prajjwal Prajjwal



Prajjwal is a freshly-minted Economics and Mathematics graduate from Glasgow who somehow balances being a startup founder, Warden, and accountant while still claiming to have “a ton of free time”. For someone who insists he thrives on chaos, he has an alarming tendency to make things work at five minutes to midnight and then pretend that was the plan all along.

On the table, he's now a “seasoned” Junior Camrose veteran, which mostly means he has twice the experience of panicking over system cards and, more importantly, who he is partnering with. His bidding style can best be described as “mathematically justified, partner permitting”, and he remains firmly convinced that every double is either genius or character-building, with very little in between.

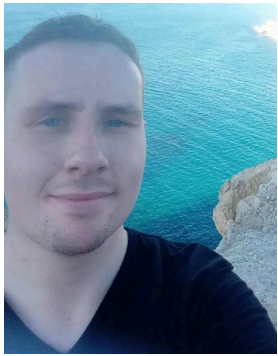
Off the table, Prajjwal helps wrangle juniors and teaching resources for the SBU, proving that someone who bids on vibes can, apparently, be trusted with real responsibility. He turns up to his third (but definitely not last) Junior Camrose with systems flexible, sleep schedule theoretical, and confidence wholly undeserved.

### Kajetan Granops

Still called Kajetan Granops. Still studying CompSci and Maths at Uni of Edinburgh. Still chronically late. Still funny plays. Still unfunny "jokes". Still no 4 card raises in the system. Still annoying. BREAKING NEWS: 23 years old. Decided to write like that for no apparent reason.



## John Russell



My name is John Russell, 25 and work as a travel consultant in Belfast. I've just recently moved to Northern Ireland after spending 2 years in Benidorm working. I've enjoyed my past experiences representing Scotland in both the Peggy Bayer and Junior Camrose.

## Tamsin Munro

When Tamsin's not cracking codes in their Cryptography Masters at London Metropolitan University, they can be found scaling the walls at Rainbow Rocket climbing gym in Cambridge, where they work part-time. Every climbing session becomes a competition and Tamsin's competitive spirit is no less intense when it comes to bridge.

It's not Tamsin's first Junior Camrose, but they're still insistent that any bidding or play mistakes are due to "inexperience". While they enjoy the game, they might also enjoy overthinking the bidding and stressing their way through being declarer, dummy or defence. Historically this has resulted in both minor successes and catastrophic failures, the team is very much hoping for the former this time around...



## Antone Huang

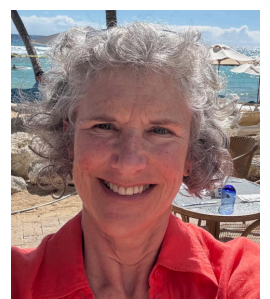


Antone — may be known as “Mr. Redouble” — is a Scottish History student at the University of Edinburgh. Introduced to bridge in China at the tender age of 8 by his uncle, he made his international debut for his country in Atlanta by 13. After a brief hiatus in Arizona, his passion for the game was reignited upon moving to the misty charms of Scotland. This year marks his fourth year representing the nation internationally — tartan tie and all.

When not pondering Marxism's impact on Cold-War Scotland or declaring a tricky redoubled contract, he indulges in parallel passions for literature and video games. He has worked as a level designer with industry giants like ByteDance and Tencent to indie teams such as Peropero Games and Malody.

## Laura Middleton

I have taught bridge at all levels from mini bridge in schools to adults. I've also had a few outings playing in the lady Milne team so have experience of these wonderful home nations events. I am delighted to be Npc for a third time and hoping this could be our year with home advantage.





## Peggy Bayer

### **Niamh Reid**

Niamh is newly 17 years old and from Glasgow. She spends a lot of time on her Fantasy Football Premier League team (usually to no avail). However, this season luck has been (mostly) on her side. She vows to ignore any and all fixtures taking place during the Peggy Bayer and have full focus on bridge. When she's not on her phone, playing bridge or annoying Rachel's boyfriend, she plays hockey as a goalkeeper and she hopes that her nerves of steel will carry her through this Competition.



### **Eunice Ooi**



Eunice is 17 and has been playing bridge for about 3 years. Excited to make their debut at Peggy Bayer 2026, they promise to try and avoid making nervous conversation at the table. An avid birdwatcher, Eunice enjoys writing, talking to anybody who will listen about their children (7 bristlenose catfish, lovingly raised from eggs) and sleeping only between the hours of 3am-2pm. One day they hope to be part of the RSPB social media marketing team, or become a biology professor to yap about their research on orcas or jackdaws all they want. Hopefully both.

### **Rachel Yu**

Rachel is in her final year of high school. After remembering to attend a grand total of 0 training sessions on time, Rachel assures the rest of the U21 Scotland team that she has not given up bridge. She hopes to go on to study maths and computing science at uni, a very employable degree she is told, and after a short break following a stressful few months of various exams, she is definitely ready to throw herself into the stress of the Peggy Bayer 2026. More than anything, she is very glad that this year's Peggy Bayer is in Scotland, because that means she can take as many liquids as she wants.



### **Isla Jamieson**



Isla is 17 and in her final year at the High School of Glasgow. She currently has no hobbies as she has quit Dance and the flute to focus on her Advanced Highers and getting a lifeguard job which is the only thing she has been successful in this academic year.

Despite only having a couple months left of her secondary school experience, Isla still doesn't know what she wants to do with her life, applying for Uni and college for two completely unrelated degrees (History and Professional Cookery). She's excited to be back at the Peggy Bayer and hopes to make Team Scotland proud despite missing most practices to watch The Traitors.

## Ailsa Greenhalgh

Hi, I'm Ailsa, I'm 18 years old and am currently a student at the University of Strathclyde, where I study Aero-Mechanical Engineering. I am a member of the Clyde Bridge Centre in Glasgow. Alongside bridge I enjoy playing rugby for my Uni team and crafting.



## Iris Behr



Iris is a second-year Physics student - although she will almost do anything but study or sleep. That said, she is enjoying her studies even though her dodgy mathematics shines through in her trick counting. Iris has been keeping up with bridge while at university and occasionally when she goes back home to Aberdeen. Unsure who (or how many) she'll get paired with this time, Iris returns to the Peggy Bayer mildly hopeful that Scotland may make it onto the podium as it's taking place on home turf.

## Danny Hamilton *NPC (both Scottish Peggy Bayer Teams)*

I teach Maths at a Secondary School in Glasgow and like cycling and scones. This is my sixth year looking after Scotland Junior teams. Every year as I get older they seem to get younger. With two teams competing this time I'm confident of at least one top five finish. During the event I'll be updating Bridge Danny.blogspot with all the highs and lows.



# England

## Junior Camrose

### Jamie Fegarty

Jamie has had a long and successful career as a bridge player. Personal highlights include coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2019 Autumn Congress (consolation) Swiss Pair and coming second at the EBED Junior Teach in (although he was playing with a non-junior so it doesn't really count). In the past, Jamie used to play the game quickly but he decided he needed to think about the cards more. Before he would concede - 1100; now it's -1100 and half a VP time penalty. This is Jamie's first ever Junior Camrose so you'd better watch out. Outside of bridge, Jamie's favourite sport is tennis which makes sense as a double fault only costs 1 point and not 1100. He is also a casual mountaineer, having climbed K2 forty two times. As he arrives in Scotland he lays his eyes on a new challenge: Ben Nevis, although that's quite far away so he might have to make do with the hotel staircase.



### Liam Fegarty



### Venetia Anoyrkatis



Venetia 'Houdini' Anoyrkatis is the careful half of the duo formed with Tom Furness, regularly having to perform miracles to escape the Saw-trap auctions and contracts she finds herself in. Venetia practiced being an escape artist by disappearing on all her past partnerships. Being 1/4 Greek helps massively when trying to understand the bids her partner makes, but her warmongering Spartan genetics shine through when she's playing incredibly intense wargames, like Irish snap or noughts and crosses. A Spartan heritage she holds so dear that she pays homage to her ancestry by going for 300 at every available opportunity. Venetia is at the University of Bristol where she is a high ranking official in the Bristol University Bridge Empire and 'studies' her fake degree of history (fight me). When not playing bridge or 'studying', Venetia spends her time

asking silly questions (no you can't open the windows on an aeroplane) and having the survival instincts of parents in a superhero movie (don't get me started). Her (overly) trusting and optimistic attitude does light up a room and make her a wonderful addition to any bridge table.

### David Sargent

David "Sarginho" Sargent has a habit of sitting-out the first few matches, but not for the reasons you'd expect, his (bridge) partner never arrives on-time to venues. You won't struggle to notice Sarge entering the playing room, not because his footsteps resemble that of a Mammoth, nor because he will break chairs and egos alike, but in fact because his "aura" is that much greater than those around him.

Beware if you see Davide during the speedball, as you may have to learn the dark arts of "Juggler's Club" (- system file available on request) or you may face the mighty "forcing pass defence" to your strong pass system. Dave hopes to be served a more copious dessert than what one of his coaches received last year...yeah, ask him about that one :).



## Tom Furness



Astute readers will note that today's spot the difference is a trick question. Not everything is as it seems, especially not when you're sat down with Tom 'Firing Squad' Furness, whose 'aggressive' bidding approach feels like you're up against 12 people. For intellectuals like Tom, it is not enough to win, his opponent must lose. Not just the match, but their sanity, their love for the game of bridge and their hope in the human race, which he hopes to achieve through a barrage of doubles, preempts and (occasionally) a good psyche. Last time he was here, Tom's formal outfit was a pair of black trackies and a 'clean' hoodie, which summarises Tom as a person: free, apathetic and generally not in the right place. Tom is studying

maths at Exeter university, this is surprising as statistics and logic never feature in his thought process. That being said, Tom is a careful and elegant card player, frequently bringing home the bogus contracts he puts himself in, much to his captain's and coach's dismay. Perhaps he joined the hide and seek society so he can hide from the post mortems. However, his carefree attitude does shine through, making it a joy for him to be your left hand, right hand or centre hand opponent!

## Thibault Crosnier

The 2015/16 transfer window was a successful one for the EBU, making their flagship signing of Thibault ' (In) The Tank' Crosnier from the French Bridge Federation. Taking inspiration from his favourite food (probably), Thibault plays the game at a snail's pace, taking meticulous care and precision to find the losing line each time he's at the table. Thibault does many other jobs for the EBU, such as running @bridgememesgb on IG (he begged me for this shoutout), where his true passion for the game is shown. He was also tasked with cleaning up after Sarginho's 'creative' bidding sequences, a job which has taken several years off his lifespan and centimetres off his hairline. When not at the table, Thibault can be found recruiting creatures of all kinds (like Venetia!) to join his ever growing Bristol University Bridge empire. Despite all this, Thibault is a very solid player and brings a calm, welcoming and truly un-tiltable demeanor to the bridge table.



**Michael Byrne** is the Non Playing Captain for the England Junior Camrose Team

## Peggy Bayer

### Cecilia Birdsall

Cecilia is 15 and 6 at heart. She lives too far south and too far away from her favourite person in the world, Harriet. She's currently in Y10 studying for her GCSEs but still makes enough time to play every instrument under the sun (2). But apart from her musical talents, some of her favourite things to do are play cricket (county level), peel oranges with a spoon as well as baking and eating as many cakes as she possibly can. This is her first Peggy Bayer.





## Alex Andrews



Alex is 17 and already a fine British gentleman. He likes tea just a tea-ny bit and his partner has a bet with him that he'll drink more than four cups of tea a day at the Peggy. It is unknown whether he knows more names of bridge conventions or types of tea – non-leaping Michael's, Red Bush, Earl Grey and non-serious 3NT all blend into one another after a while. Alex is also fulfilling his duty in the Team England intelligence department, learning French, Russian and Esperanto to pick up his opponents on unauthorised information. Outside of bridge and tea he likes discussing the weather like it's breaking news, complaining about public transport whilst still using it daily, and selecting biscuits based on dunkability.

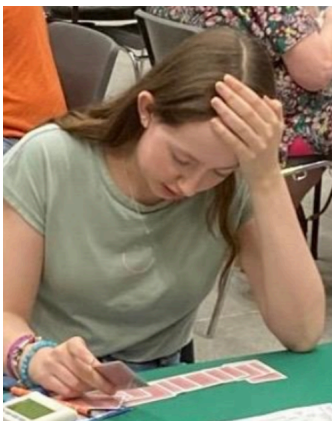
## Holden Clark

Holden has reached the grand age of 16 and, when he is not huddled in a corner hiding from his partner's teapotful of system questions, he seems to spend most of his time trying to figure out how to weasel his way into doing yet another subject for A-level.

At the Bridge table there have been some concerns about Holden (or should I say Hold'em. Though he assures us he has never been to Texas, allegations of espionage for the other game persist. Luckily for Hold'em, Team England is confident that they could smell a rat (or a Texan) if it was in San Francisco (Blackwood). Hold'em is also renown for his somewhat untraceable escapades which include: abusing oranges (don't ask), sprinting madly through random parts of London on the Tube Challenge, and trying his best to appear modest as he one-ups the rest of Team England by taking his drumming international, too.



## Harriet Cork



Harriet is 17 and is from "The North" (South Lincolnshire). This is her third Peggy Bayer and the second time she's successfully submitted a biography. Since last year she has stopped encouraging people to download Duolingo, but she still unnecessarily re-reads codes of conducts, takes the same A-levels (Spanish, English Language, Maths), and keeps buying books in languages she doesn't understand. She has now picked up the slightly nerdy hobby of editing Wikipedia articles because it's slightly better than not doing her school work. Most recently she has been attempting to learn Esperanto, but between herself and two other teammates who are also learning Esperanto, the collective ability to speak it has been shocking so far, so expect to hear some kind of nonsense speak around the venue.

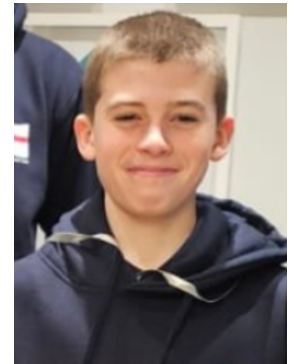
## Aleks Birdsall



Aleks Birdsall is an uprising bridge player located in Winchester, Hampshire. As an avid bridge player he is never afraid to back down during an auction, and only occasionally asks what a bid means during training. Nevertheless, his expertise knows no boundaries, oh wait; neither does his batting. Throughout the summer Aleks never shies away from mentioning his glorious figures for the Sparsholt 3X, however this is still yet to be completely analysed. His trumpet skills are also yet to be uncovered yet he struggles to play a note above an F# in the Hampshire COUNTY youth brass band (that's right COUNTY).

## Angus Marshall

Angus may not look it, but he is a 16 year old man from North London. Angus plays bridge because he couldn't ride rollercoasters. With his younger brother Wilf, Angus often terrorises the Acol Bridge Club with the family's ultra aggression. Angus is the only person in the England squad who is constantly in fear of falling between the train and the platform as well as the only one who spends his time singing whilst playing. Aside from bridge, Angus also plays trumpet and cricket. Since he wasn't tall or cool enough to bowl pace, he bowls spin. Angus has been lucky enough to play cricket in India and the Caribbean as well as play bridge in other exotic locations like Northampton and Newport. He is always a very welcoming presence at the bridge table and a very kind, friendly bloke.



## Stephen Kennedy



If you see a blur of bright yellow holding a bucket of fried chicken, that's our captain, Stephen Kennedy. Having literally written the book on squeeze play (twice), Stephen is a highly decorated player who divides his time between crushing his opponents at the bridge table and getting marginally better at Rocket League.

While we are all waiting for his third literary masterpiece, Stephen is currently distracted by a new development: his first girlfriend. We are confident that he can juggle the captaincy, his Nintendo addiction, and his new romance, provided there is enough KFC to fuel the effort.

# Ireland

## Junior Camrose



### Luca Crone



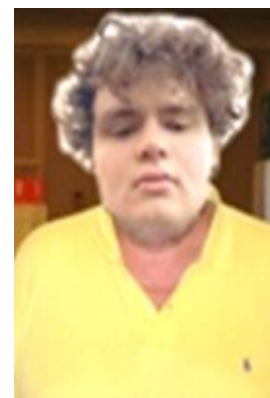
Hold on to your hats - the Windy City just got windier. Luca has taken America by storm with his big move to Chi-City. With endless opportunities to broaden his horizons, Luca has chosen to spend his time on more maths... and even more bridge. Yay. Fun.

Despite his background in finance, he's made little time for the bulls and the bears. He's too busy with his clients in his pro bridge era #slay. This weekend, Luca is hoping the team will pull their White Sox up — and Bobz(123) your uncle!

### Matthew 'AJ' O'Farrell

It is impossible for one to fully analyse and discuss Matthew 'AJ' O'Farrell. For this hierophant transcends human description. Upon entering a room, an aura of mischief, grandiose and mystery soon accompanies him. AJ lives a secretive life, not unveiling much about himself. Such confidential matters include: what AJ stands for (this shall remain forever an enigma); his Spotify Wrapped; what festivities transpired throughout his college Erasmus.

Although very little is known about Mr O'Farrell, he will undoubtedly strike fear, awe and most likely tremors from his shaking leg into any screenmate. Matthew used to play rugby, but is believed to have given up the sport due to the immense risk his presence imposed upon the opposition.



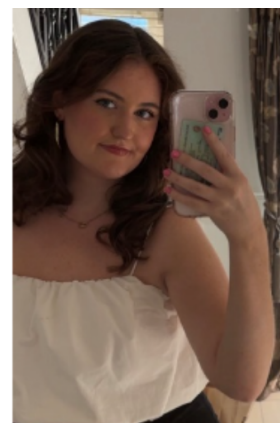
### Denise Walsh



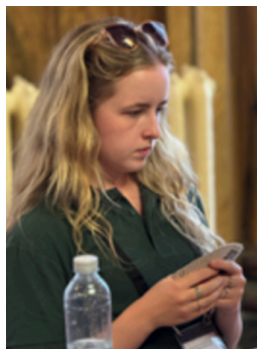
Although a self-proclaimed psychic, Denise never seems to get her finesses right. When things inevitably go wrong, she'll sigh saying, "I knew that would happen." Clearly her third eye is open, but the suit isn't... but not all is lost - her bridge knowledge came through recently when she buzzed in fastest on a bridge question at a speed quiz. If only that speed showed up at the table. A major Swiftie, she channels her inner Taylor to navigate the highs and lows at the table. A bad board? She'll just shake it off—or blames her partner with a "Look What You Made Me Do." When she makes a questionable bid, she's quick to say, "Don't Blame Me; attributing it to her "style." And when all else fails, Denise just checks her horoscope because sometimes the stars have better bidding advice than anyone at the table.

## Leah Finnegan

After years of posting on TikTok to an audience of mostly herself, Leah has finally thrown in the towel on her influencer aspirations. Her new job does still involve taking images... just unfortunately no longer of herself. Leah now spends her days pressing a button and sprinting behind lead walls, which she generously describes as "saving lives." She works in the busiest hospital in the country - a high-stakes environment that almost justifies her occasional decision to free-ride the Luas because, "it's only one stop"... and she is, after all, "saving lives". As a radiographer, Leah makes a living seeing through things - a talent we're hoping will extend to cards over the weekend.



## Isabel Burke



Isabel is renowned globally for her prowess in card play, this is due to her partner (Tom) putting her in dubious contracts that she is left to attempt. Isabel has had the fortune to play in a partnership with Tom for many years now. She has recently received a £70 million offer from Italy and is currently open to alternate bids. Isabel unfortunately has recently been affected by a terrible illness, whispering 'double it' in her sleep, doctors are worried. Outside of bridge, Isabel's hobbies are drinking.

## Tom Gorey

Tom (grandmaster in spirit) Gorey has been trying his very best for many years now but, upon playing against him, you may not believe that. If Tom is to cry at the table it is due to him having to go back to his mechanical engineering degree after the JC. He has recently received an offer of £70 million to never try play for Italy. Tom's hobbies consist of drinking. He also plays the guitar, which makes him really cool.



## Conor Boland *Non Playing Captain*



Conor Boland is a former junior international who has become a feature of the Irish Open Team in the last few years. He is playing in several Camrose events and both the European Opens and the World Bridge Games with Tom Hanlon. He also has a home international title under his belt having been a member of Ireland's (only) Peggy Bayer winning team in 2016. He has won numerous national titles over the past few years and was part of the Spring Fours winning teams last year. Conor embarked on a career in the world of accounting and taxation .... but has already decided to take a sabbatical; ! This is Conor's first foray into the role of NPC.



## Peggy Bayer

### **Klara Flanagan**



Klara returns with one important question: “who is Peggy Bayer?”

### **Eve Connell**

Eve was born in 2007 and is from Navan in Co. Meath. She learned to play bridge from her Dad, and they play together weekly. She also plays every Monday in Drogheda with her friend Klara Flanagan. Eve enjoys playing and learning more about bridge. Outside of bridge she loves sport - she plays hockey in Dublin and enjoys running along the river near her home. This is her fourth Peggy Bayer competition. She has never been to Scotland before so she really looking forward to the visit.



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### **Bence Orosz**



Bence (or Ben) is as Irish as it gets. He was born in Hungary and that's where he learnt bridge from his maths teacher, originally because he lost a bet. But he has been playing since for the better part of the last two years, so who really won the bet? He moved to Ireland during the summer of 2023, and with a bit of luck quickly got in contact with the Irish junior team. The way he plays bridge is interesting to say the least, since he sometimes bids based on “How funny” a bid is, and only then counts his actual points. Outside of bridge, he spends his free time playing and watching football, running, listening to music or losing his mind over a maths question.

### **Sam Connolly**

i'm a 19-year-old from Dublin who learned bridge from my dad during the pandemic. I play in the Regent bridge club, where I hope to progress in the near future. I'm currently studying theoretical physics in Trinity College Dublin alongside my partner.



## Paul Luo



I am originally from Tianjin in China, where I learned to play bridge. I am currently studying in Ireland and have joined the Irish junior bridge programme.

## Grace Gissing

Grace is proof that grace is optional but sarcasm is essential. Professionally late, emotionally prepared, and fueled by coffee and poor decisions. She laughs at her own jokes, gives great advice she sometimes ignores, and somehow always ends up as the group spokesperson. Approachable, unpredictable, and 60% winging it at all times.



## Margaret Murphy *Non Playing Captain*



Margaret, colloquially known as Maggie, is to be feared by all players and NPCs. Currently on the run from the authorities for stealing 200 VPs in a recent tournament, Margaret is a renowned teacher in Ireland, raising the future generation of bridge players in the south-east.

# Wales

## Junior Camrose



### Elizabeth Renault



Elizabeth is a second year Computer Science student at Cardiff University, so be careful not to get on their bad side because they could probably hack all your devices. They are also the president of Cardiff University Bridge Society and are great at wrangling student bridge players and making sure they show up to practice on time. They keep very busy in their free time – balancing a job, applying for placements, and going to concerts approximately 3 times a week. It's a miracle they even have time to work on their degree and play bridge! You definitely shouldn't underestimate them – Elizabeth is an excellent bridge player and most importantly does a brilliant job of making up for their partner's many mistakes.

### Sarah King

Sarah is a Psychology student currently at Cardiff University on her placement year in a school which means she turns up to every Bridge game exhausted (good practice for JC!). Her new occupation will be perfect for teaching her teammates how to count to 13. She does her best to balance her time between hobbies, for example one memorable bridge session in which she multitasked, playing while watching a tennis match. At least she had something to do while being dummy. Sarah both bids and plays incredibly when she's awake so hope that you're playing her after 1pm which is when she confesses her brain goes to sleep.



### James Brindle



James is a 22 year-old philosophy student at Cardiff University who learned to play bridge at the ripe age of very young and promptly forgot to play for a decade or so. This will be their fourth year at the junior Camrose and they look forward to going down at least four doubled (or else what are we here for?)

### Woody Cohen

Woody is proud to represent Wales on his international debut - a fact made only slightly funnier by the detail that this is also his first year living in Wales. Having grown up in Wimbledon and spent four years in Scotland, he has now completed the geographically confusing trilogy of being English, educated in Scotland, and playing for Wales. Truly a Home Nations speedrun. Although Woody and James have only been partnered for a few months, the results are already showing. At the table, Woody's tentative bidding style pairs beautifully with his partner James' ferocious bidding tendencies.



## James Williams



James is a third year computer science student at Cardiff, so he can just about set up a match on BBO, self alert AND call the director. James returns to the Junior Camrose this year for the 2nd time and he is ready to bid 7NT again and nobody can stop him. James spends his spare time preparing overnight oats, expanding his pokemon showdown trophy cabinet, and explaining the concept of glorp to his closest friends and family members. In terms of bridge, whenever James has a bad board, he affirms that he wasn't sufficiently locked in &, and when he plays well, he considers himself 'with the sauce'. The Welsh squad are hoping to see a locked in James Williams with sufficient condimentality for all three days of the Junior Camrose this year.

## Jo Bentley

Joseph "The Bison" Bentley is gearing up for his last hurrah in the Junior Camrose. His job is still to stand in rivers and measure something about the water, but he dreams of becoming an AoE2 streamer. Jo serves as the wise old sage in our team, helping to calm our team as we go -1 on a makeable 3NT. Outside of Bridge, he has used his many years to craft his perfect Wok to Walk order and could probably even order it in Welsh; Jo may also be found creating Bridge memes in his spare time – when he isn't playing EU4 that is, which is a rare sight. Deprived of his Grand Strategy game, Jo will have to settle for the smaller strategies of Bridge instead.



## Mark Roderick *Non Playing Captain*



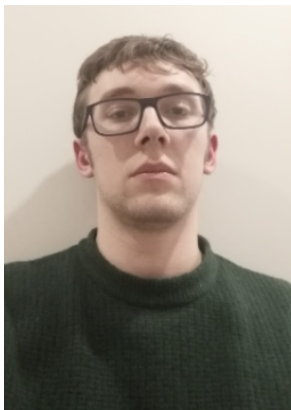
Mark is debuting as captain for the Junior Camrose this year, bravely stepping into a role that he has spent many years observing from a safe distance. As a former Junior Camrose and non-junior Camrose player himself, Mark is well versed in the trials and tribulations of weekend long internationals. However, captaining the team this year he will have to quickly learn to put on a range of other hats, including group therapist, mediator and snack provider, to name but a few. Alongside playing bridge and coaching the junior team, Mark is a competitive Boccia player currently aspiring to make the Paralympic team, has an acquired taste for curries and very strong opinions about squirrels. Mark's biggest challenge this year will be ensuring that the whole team are still talking to each other by the end of the weekend, and maintaining his own sanity as he is forced to watch his players on the viewgraph be in (and go down in) the most 'creative' of contracts.



**Suzanna Nesom** *Non Playing Captain*

Soozy will be competing in the category of “most fun team captain”. Considering that she enjoys running in torrential rain and thinks that building bridge hands makes for a good date night, she is at least guaranteed to have the most fun this weekend due to the reduced suffering of not actually having to compete in bridge! Soozy also expects her team will have a lot of fun with her expert coaching in vibes and creative card play, not to mention the consumption of snax TM .

After studying at LSE, Soozy became good with numbers and can tell when one number is bigger than another. This is useful in knowing which team is winning and in her day- to-day activities where she thinks deeply about voluntary carbon markets, linear regression and child support cliff- edges in Scotland, which children and their families may be in danger of falling over. Fortunately, Soozy found that these cliff-edges were small and inconsequential; where upon informing the first minister of Scotland, he decided to increase them! Hopefully the Scottish team can make it without any... accidents.



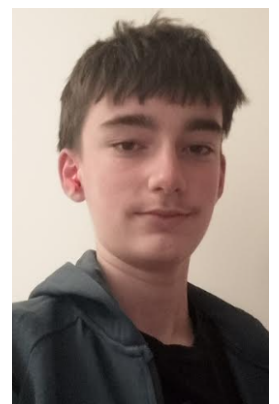
**Jack Baxter**

Jack is a 4-limbed mammal who enjoys consuming essential macro/ micronutrients. He spends his days inhaling oxygen and performing gastric digestion with remarkable persistence, and his nights consolidating his daily experiences. He can remember 50,000 scents and beats his heart a remarkable 100,000 times a day. He was born at a young age and has sadly continued aging at a rather predictable rate since. He exists primarily in 3 dimensions and curiously possesses hands - some of which containing 13 cards. He is alive at the time of writing.

**Kester Woolley**

Forged from the darkness between stars he knows no warmth nor love nor kindness. In his presence the unnatural is made natural and the dead sing. He is chaos incarnate. War and violence and fear brought into a singular intelligent malevolence.

Dies iræ, dies illa,  
Solvat sæclum in favilla  
To hear his name spoken would drive one to madness, to gaze upon his visage would make one wish they were mad. Prostrate yourselves before him as unworthy.  
Unde mundus iudicetur  
He lies beyond time, beyond space in dreams of dreams. A parasite on all that is real. Each footfall brings calamity each breath brings desolation. He will unmake the world.  
Flammis acribis addictis





## Emma Furniss

A British citizen who has never before lived in the country, Emma is a first year architecture student who was seemingly unaware of the cold when she chose to study at Cardiff. Little is known of her mysterious past in the far off lands of Vietnam, and we can only speculate as to her nefarious purposes here in the UK. Emma has been playing bridge for a few months, having first played in October, and this is her first appearance at a competition.

## Cole McGuire

Cole McGuire is a first year physics student at Cardiff University. He turns up to bridge sessions each week in a button up shirt and the thinnest jacket ever regardless of the weather. I'm really not sure how he hasn't developed hypothermia yet. Overall, Cole is a very calm guy, significantly more calm than everyone else in the room when he forgets to mention his nut allergy.



## Jazmyn Sangha



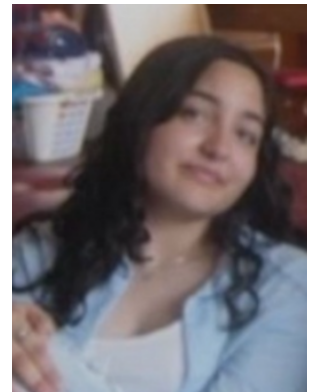
Secretary of Cardiff University's Baking Society despite not being able to eat any baked goods, Jazmyn's people-pleasing tendencies have worked against her. Coercion from two housemates has led to the rest of her time being taken up by Bridge Society - though we can't insult her insane bidding as she will make our living situation a nightmare. At the bridge table, be warned that Jazmyn has joined the opponents' conversations to their surprise. Jazmyn even shocks me by asking questions before competitions like 'how many points for a standard open?' Let's hope that being housemates, coursemates, and now bridge partners doesn't put a strain on our relationship!

## Sophia Rehman

Originally from London, Sophia is a Psychology student at Cardiff University. This means that you should watch out for her vibe bidding, (which she has been failing at since 11) as she may just finally have learnt skills to make it work.

Sophia is very relieved to be playing in the Peggy Bayer this year.

Having been in the Junior Camrose last year with 5 days notice, multiple panic attacks and a moody walk along the motorway ( she thinks she's staring in a 2000s teen drama). Nothing can stop her from defeating her & haters & (herself).



# Northern Ireland

## Junior Camrose



### **Lucy O'Kane**

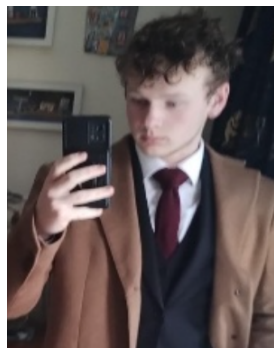
Lucy O'Kane is in her third year studying medicine, after studying biochemistry at university.

### **Xander Todd**

Xander's back, Xander is soooooo back, back to bid game, maybe they'll make it, who knows. 6' 3 and bought a book by bell hooks once, haven't finished reading it yet but they'll get to it. Oh yh ummm plays the guitar and was decent at volleyball at one point. Yada yada yada Yippee :D



### **Caleb Hazley**



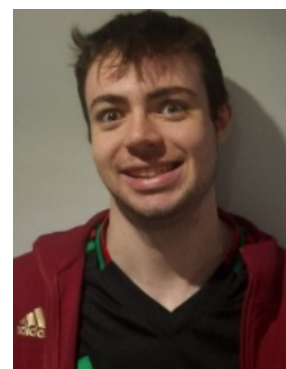
After finishing GCSEs Caleb went to England joined the royal marines where he shot at things and underwent rigorous training, before being medically discharged and forced to return home for A-levels. Now he studies maths, further maths, physics and biology.

For the last 4 years Caleb has been playing bridge and has acquired a signature style of bidding where he feels compelled to sacrifice, even with 0 points. Caleb also enjoys hiking and pretty much just sports in general.

### **Marc Campbell**

Marc is in his last year of A-levels at Carrickfergus Grammar School and he is currently studying Maths, further maths, physics and biology he also attempts to play rugby but sadly our school team had to stop (they weren't very good).

He has been playing bridge for around three years now where he has built a surprising skill to keep doing better than expected when he is thrown into horrible contracts by his partner that he claims are 'sacrificial bids'



## Wayne Somerville *Non Playing Captain*



Wayne is a regular member of the Camrose team and one of the coaches for the Irish juniors. He himself represented Northern Ireland and Ireland as a junior between 2006 and 2014. He has won numerous titles in Northern Ireland including its top league and knockout competitions.

Away from the table, he is currently doing an HND in Computing (Software and Games Development). He is also a keen chess player and loves doing logic puzzles. If you catch him with earbuds on, he is almost certainly listening to symphonic metal.

## Peggy Bayer

### Wiktorija Januszevska

Hello! My name is Wiktorija Januszevska and I'm 18 years old and I am in my last year of school in Belfast Royal Academy, studying Maths, French and Computer Science. I have been playing bridge for over 3 years and this is my third Peggy Bayer event. My spark for bridge started through school, from the inspiration of one of my maths teachers. Through him, I got to meet my talented partner Eleanor and our amazing coach Sandie. However, outside of bridge, I love food and travelling. In my photo I am sat in a restaurant in the heart of Naples, which I was lucky enough to visit through school, as I was representing the UK in an international AI conference back in October! And as everyone agrees, I hope, Italy has the BEST food so best believe I was never hungry on my trip. 💎💎



### Eleanor Murphy



Hi! My name is Eleanor Murphy and I'm 17 years old and I am in my first year of my A-Levels at Belfast Royal Academy. I'm currently studying Double Maths, Biology, Chemistry and History. I'm aspiring to become a Doctor after I leave school - with a special interest in hearts and cardiology! (Not in reference to the suit!)

I started learning Bridge from my Nana when I was younger, but had never really played properly until joining our school's bridge club, run by one of our maths teachers! I have since played bridge in school for over 3 years with my partner, Wiktorija and this is our third Peggy Bayer event.

Other than bridge I'm quite passionate about swimming, as I work as a coach for a local club and am a qualified lifeguard!



## Conor Burnett

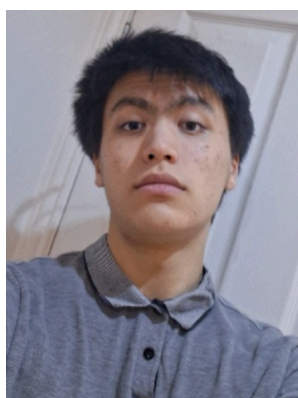
Conor's playstyle in bridge mimics his way of living, not having a clue what's going on most of the time and gambling on stupid Decisions. He has been playing bridge for 7 years now through school and though he missed a year of the Peggy Bayer due to external complications he is back and ready to make just as many mistakes if not more.

Conor has also been in the scouts since he was 7 years of age and has been volunteering in multiple units of the scouting organisation since he was 14. His favourite activity to make the kids do is unpaid manual labour on the hall the scouts is run in, simply due to the fact he is not bothered to do it himself.

He is also a massive nerd who plays DnD with his friends and has recently got into magic the gathering, which like bridge, leaves him in a confused state of Peril. However beyond all this he is very eager for this competition and is excited to meet everyone.



## Zachary Saunders



My name is Zachary Saunders, I've played bridge since first year. I also do music as well where I play in an Irish traditional group for competitions like This one !

## Sandie Millership *Non Playing Captain*

Sandie is a retired Pharmacist living in Bangor.

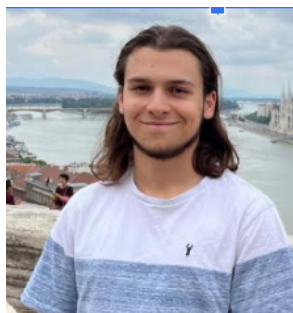
Sandie has been involved in Junior bridge for more years than she cares to remember. She loves watching the youngster's enthusiasm for the game but also gives thanks for permanent hair colours which disguise the grey hair watching them produces. She has captained the Junior Camrose & Peggy Bayer teams many times and also captained the Lady Milne team on numerous occasions and the Teltscher team 2 years ago.

She has played many times in the Lady Milne & also played in the inaugural Senior Camrose with her late Husband, Jeff (yes, she is that old !)



# Scottish Bridge Union

## Junior Camrose



**Luke Fenton**

I'm a second year maths student at Edinburgh and I've been playing bridge since September with their Bridge Society, but I've been a fan of card games all my life. My other hobbies are martial arts and skiing.

**Yujia Zhu**

Hi I am Yujia and I'm studying medicine and cancer research at the University of Edinburgh. I have always enjoyed playing card games including bridge, and I played it semi-competitively throughout college. After a few years of hiatus, I started playing again at the university's bridge club. Outside of bridge, I enjoy travelling, both physically and on Geoguessr.



**David Goodall**



I am a second year history and politics student at the University of Edinburgh. Learning to play bridge by watching my grandfather playing on Bridge Base, I have greatly enjoyed playing at the university and competitive levels this last year. Outside of bridge, I greatly enjoy running, reading, and learning new cooking recipes.

**Jamie Day**

Jamie started playing Bridge aged twelve, when his maths teacher took a minibus of kids to the local club, and has loved it ever since. His tendency to mysteriously pick the right slam is matched only by his ability to switch to the wrong suit in defence. He hopes to play some interesting bridge this weekend!



## Harry Stuart



Harry has represented Scotland at both the Peggy Bayer and Junior Camrose and is looking forward to representing Scotland on home soil.

I'm Harry I'm 22 from Glasgow enjoy watching football, nfl, rugby. lol don't have clue what to put

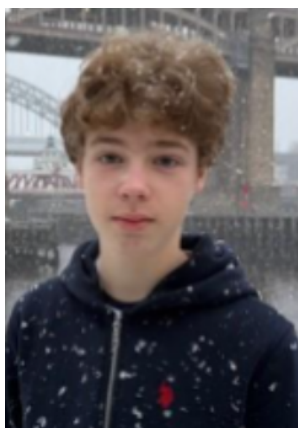
## Troy Van de L'Isle *Non Playing Captain*

I am recently retired but keep myself busy with maths tuition and bridge. I have played bridge since I was at school and am loving bringing bridge to a new audience through teaching at the New Melville Bridge Club. You can often find me on BBO having a go at the daily and weekly tournaments.



## Peggy Bayer

### Artem Belikov



Artem is currently studying in S3. He has a passion for watching and following sports. It would therefore be much appreciated if you didn't mention Liverpool's downfall this season, unless you want to hear a long lecture about why Liverpool will achieve the Treble next year or so.

Apart from sport, Artem's interests include playing the piano and avoiding his younger sister in a quest to improve their relationship. Any other approach seems Pointless. However, his favourite hobby is bridge. Halfway through S1, he joined the school bridge club thinking it would be a gambling-based, relatively simple card game like poker. Now, about two years into his bridge journey, he finds himself with the honour of being selected to play for the "junior" Scotland team, hoping to be a committed and sensible teammate - i.e. not persuading his teammates to double and bid slam whenever there's even a faint chance of success, whilst

quoting: "May the odds be ever in your favour."



### Shiva Viswanathan

Shiva is a warrior and a poet. He believes that it is important to "move swiftly like the wind, be closely formed like wood, attack like fire and be still like a mountain." He has been playing bridge for around two years and this is first experience in the Peggy Bayer.





## **Emmett Taher**

Emmett is currently enjoying his 3rd year of secondary school. He is new to the team but is very excited to play in the Peggy Beyer. In the brief intervals of free time that he can enjoy, he likes to read, play bridge and water his various plants. Despite the lack of them in bridge, he has always fancied himself as a bit of a joker, and laughs a lot, but can seem harsh or ruff, at times, if he doesn't have a heart. He is looking forward to competitive auctions and playing lots of bridge!

## **Anya Burton Coyle**

Anya is 15 years old and is currently in S4. She started playing in the school bridge club in May of last year, and although half of her time at bridge club is now spent listening to Moayan and Andrew talking about Clash Royale, listening to them making 6-7 jokes, or trying to teach their coach Pete about how to use the word "lowkey". Since then her bridge addiction has grown, and she now spends every free moment that she has on IntoBridge. When Anya isn't crashing out because she played the wrong card, she enjoys breaking her bones while trying to do gymnastics and playing the piano badly (although she is alright at the saxophone).



## **Andrew Mazanetz**



Andrew is a 14-year-old boy who goes to school 5 times a week and enjoys playing rugby after school on Mondays and Wednesday and then plays a match on Saturday. He also likes playing a game called clash royale all day when he's not doing anything else ,even sometimes during bridge. But hopefully he will be locked in for the tournament and will win. But that probably won't happen!

## **Maoyan Li**

Maoyan Li is a fourteen-year-old boy at school working 5 days a week on an 8:40 to 3:30 shift. Away from working valiantly in school, he likes to play video games, badminton, card games, and eating food (especially burgers). He is looking forward to the Peggy Bear to test if he can remember all the bidding he was taught while telling Andrew to stop playing Clash Royale.

