

**WBU**



**Mark Roderick**

I live in Barry South Wales not far from Cardiff and home of Gavin and Stacey (though I claim to be the only person from Barry never to watched it). Growing up I did nothing but play chess and even won the South Wales under 15's. At 16 my Chemistry teacher approached me and asked if I would teach him chess and in exchange he would teach me bridge. We both gave up our lunch break and the rest as they say is history, though I must say I turned out to be a better bridge player than he did chess player!!

I first played for the Welsh juniors when I was 18 and remained there for 7 years with my last game for them being in the Junior Europeans in 2000. Since then I have represented Wales on several occasions and this is my 7<sup>th</sup> Camrose with 3 different partners.



**Dr Paddy Murphy**

Paddy lives in beautiful North Wales and is a Reader in organic chemistry at Bangor University, with research interests in natural product chemistry and its use in the treatment of disease. He has been president of the WBU on 2 occasions and continues to help with the running of bridge in North Wales in his role as Chairman of the NWBA. When not creating havoc in the chemistry lab or playing cards, he is either trying to revive his failing snooker abilities, walking or listening to audio books (or all three simultaneously). This is his third Camrose appearance.



**Alan Stephenson**

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



**Peter Kaufman**

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



**Sue Ingham**

This is Sue's first Camrose, having previously played Lady Milne with a variety of partners, including her daughter Charlotte. She works for the Tribunals Service in Cardiff, processing appeals against Social Security decisions. When not working or playing bridge she enjoys reading, eating out (when permitted), walking, and playing the piano.



**Gwynn Davis**

Gwynn is a retired academic (University of Bristol Law School). He has represented Wales before, in the late 60s and 70s, but that was in a very different sport. It's taken the Welsh bridge selectors a long time to realise his potential, this being his first Camrose, as it is for Sue, his partner in bridge and in life. Gwynn teaches a bit of bridge, occasionally writes about it, and has also written *Aberystwyth Boy*, a collection of stories now in its second edition.



**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 non-playing Captain for the WBU Camrose team, she will be employing all manner of strategies to get a tip top performance from the team including posting everyone a packet of their favourite biscuits.