EBU JUNIOR CAMROSE TEAM





Oscar Selby

I was born in 2003 and live in Epsom with my 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 bridge debut last year at Tromso in Norway, partnering Harry Madden in the Under 15 European Youth Team Championships, August 2015. It was a lot of fun and I also enjoyed playing in Hluk, Czech Republic, later in the year. My hobbies outside bridge include playing football, basketball, chess, go, the piano and the oboe. Since writing this biography, Oscar finished 5th with Harry Madden in the Under 16 event at the 2016 European Youth Pairs Championship. He also made his debut in the Peggy Bayer Trophy. He was then part of the Under 16 team that performed well at the World Youth Team Championships in 2016, finishing 8th.



Harry Madden

I'm 20 years old and come from Derby, however I currently attend 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 Under 16 team at the 2015 European Championships. World Youth Team Championships in 2016 partnering Oscar Selby. At the 2016 European Youth Pairs Championship I finished 5th with Oscar Selby in the Under 16 event - narrowly missing out on a medal by 0.25%.

In 2019, we were part of the under 21 team that won a bronze medal at the European Championships in Norway. I would say this is my proudest achievement in my bridge career.Later that year, we were part of the under 21 team that won the Channel Trophy in Utrecht.

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.



Jamie Fegarty

I am 16 years old and live in Cambridgeshire sometimes playing at the Cambridge bridge club, however I play most of my bridge at congresses. I live with my brother, my parents and our 4 dogs. I have represented England twice in the World Championships in China and the Euros in Norway where we achieved a bronze medal. My biggest success would probably be coming third in the 2017 Autumn Congress Swiss Pairs.

My other interests include: orienteering and dog agility training.



Liam Fegarty

I am 19 years old and live with my brother and parents in a small village near Cambridge.I started learning bridge when I was about 7 and enjoy the game a lot. My mother taught me to play back then and I've learned so much from her. Now I love playing the game and being part of the Under 16 squad.

My biggest success has probably been when me and my brother (Jamie Fegarty) cam third at the EBU Autumn Congress Swiss Pairs. Outside of bridge I also thoroughly enjoy playing the piano. I also have a dog who I like to spend lots of time with.



Thomas Gardner

Thomas is 15 and lives in Sevenoaks, Kent. He goes to school in Tonbridge, where besides bridge, he enjoys playing the organ and cello.

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



Andy Cope

Andy has being 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, when time permits, plays in 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.



NPC Nick Smith

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

At the table, I've won 50-odd county titles and the occasional national one, on the way to becoming a Grand Master. Most recent successes have been in partnership with Alan Wilson, playing our own 2-way club system. But I'm probably better known as a bridge writer. Bridge Literature (1993) was my first book, a set of parodies of well-known works of Eng Lit. More Bridge Literature (2020) sends up a few more cherished texts and includes possibly the hardest single-dummy problems ever published. But so does Bridge and the Romantics (2019), a fictitious account of the cardplaying exploits and tangled love-lives of Shelley, Byron & co. Bridge Behind Bars (2009) was co-written with Julian Pottage. I've also written one conventional novel (Drowned Hogg Day, 2017) and numerous plays. I served as an England selector for 5 years. I've been married to Amanda for 27 years and we have two grown-up children. I also enjoy taking part in TV quizzes (Mastermind, Countdown, etc), captaining teams of bridge players on Only Connect and Eggheads where the 'Five Diamonds' team won f11K.