

LADY MILNE TROPHY 2019

WALES

Sarah Amos & Andrea Knox

Sarah was born in Swansea and grew up moving around Wales as her civil servant father was moved by his work. She started playing bridge after separating from her first husband and going home to her mother, who was out every night playing or teaching the game. She is probably best known as a top-level Tournament Director in both Wales and England. She has been playing bridge most more often since moving to Wales two years ago and is delighted to have made it to the Lady Milne after several years trying!

Andrea has lived in North Wales for the last 10 years, having previously lived and worked in London, Birmingham and Hong Kong. She is dually qualified as a Solicitor and a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner and runs a niche commercial law consultancy firm based in Colwyn Bay and Anglesey. She plays bridge "*to relax*" [!!] and would describe herself as a much better lawyer than a bridge player!

Andrea and Sarah are good friends away from the bridge table, which helps to smooth over the occasional partnership misunderstanding or over-adventurous bid [with her insolvency background, Andrea is not afraid of the odd light bid ...] After encouragement and "training" from Paddy Murphy, Barry Lloyd Jones and Mark Roderick, Andrea is really looking forward to making her debut for the Welsh Team in the Lady Milne.

Ceri & Maggie Pierce

Ceri is playing for the 3rd year running with her partner, wicked step-mother - Maggie, although this will be her 7th Lady Milne and Maggie's 583rd ish! She returned to the bridge table after a long break during which time she had 3 children, Nick, Pete and Abbie, the eldest 2 now away at University and the youngest with GCSEs fast approaching (where did that time go?) Ceri works as an IT Consultant (of sorts) and also teaches bridge. She lives in the lovely village of Wedmore in Somerset. Her hobbies include mainly eating and drinking and the occasional long walk with the dog.

Maggie can still stand on one leg to put a sock on - so not quite put out to grass. She has been part of the scene, on and off, for some time with various partners - twice in the winning team. Now in a family partnership with step-daughter Ceri - hoping to make it a third? Away from the green baize Maggie hits a little white ball around (badly), weeds and provides hospitality. If you are around on Sunday evening you will probably be invited to Wales. Make sure it is in writing.....

Sue Ingham & Gilly Clench

This is Sue's eighth Lady Milne, having played with four previous partners, but this is her first in partnership with Gilly. Sue was a member of the Welsh Team which won the Lady Milne four years ago. She lives in Cardiff with her partner Gwynn and cat Freddie. After five idle years she has decided to start earning some money again and has recently gone back to full-time employment, working for Social Security Tribunals.

Gilly has played in the Lady Milne on many occasions and with almost the same number of partners (no one can stand it for long) and this is the first year playing with Sue. Earlier this year she was delighted to be NPC of the Junior Team, in which her daughter Mel played, and hopes to inspire more juniors to play before next year when Wales is the host. She has been trying to encourage the Welsh women (mainly by reminding everyone when the entry dates are really) and is fully supportive of Sam Punch in advertising this wonderful game - otherwise there won't be anyone to play against in the future. An ex-opera singer, Gilly currently renovates houses with her partner and is as loud as ever (both clothes and voice)!

Tony Disley NPC

A former Investment Manager, Tony retired in 2011 and spends time with his grandchildren and officiating as a golf referee, playing relatively little as the frustrations of diminishing ability and rising handicap have hit hard. Recapturing the bridge bug in 2009, Tony has played for the Welsh senior team in 3 Teltscher Trophies and 1 European. Married to Emer, [from Dublin] they live in Bridgend, South Wales.