**Crockfords Notices for the week starting 6th January**

*Office hours this week: Mon 9-12 pm, Tues 10-12pm, Thurs 10-12pm*

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**A sad farewell to Rita Roy:** Rita is a longstanding member and she will be missed. Her funeral is at 1pm on Friday 3 January at the Linwood Crematorium, corner Linwood Ave and Keighleys Road.

**Welcome back to bridge 2020** which starts Monday 6 January.

**Coming Important Club Events:**

* Monday, 10th February at 7pm 2020 Learner lessons start
* Sunday 23rd February from 4pm, Club barbeque, Spouses/partners welcome too
* Thursday 19th March 2020 at 7pm, AGM

**Pat Mckee Memorial Trophy:** This special event to celebrate the life contribution of an outstanding club member will be held on four Thursday afternoons in January, commencing 9th January. To qualify you only need to play on two of the four Thursdays with any partner. We hope as many of you as possible will join us at 1.00pm on any of these Thursdays. It is also a great opportunity to refine your bridge bidding and play – especially if you have some new partnerships lined up for the year.

**Learner Lessons**: It would be great to have another push for members as we did a few years ago where members introduced their friends and family to the joys of our game and encouraged them to come to our free lessons. We had about 40 starting the lessons that year and we had a good up take of new members from that.

**The building at our entrance on Riccarton Rd is for lease.**

**Programme Books:** There are still some 2020 programme books waiting for you to collect at bridge this week. It comes with the 2020 subscription invoice. Please collect them this week or arrange for a friend to collect yours.

**Bridge Partnerships:** During the year some members have lost their regular bridge partners, usually due to ill-health. If you are looking for a partner for a particular competition, or your regular partner is unavailable on some week, please take the time to look through the members” names in your Programme booklet to identify someone who may appreciate an invitation to partner you. This is a very small way in which we can help our fellow members stay connected with Crockfords and the game we all enjoy. You could also ring your Grade Partner Finder, which is in the Programme Book on Page 2.