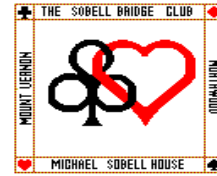


# THE SOBELL BRIDGE CLUB

In aid of The Friends of Michael Sobell House  
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## Car Parking – UPDATE

My previous letter warned members that, starting the 21<sup>st</sup> September, the Hospital authorities have introduced “Pay and Display” car parking backed by clamping. The cost of parking for more than two hours is £3.30 and the charge for releasing the clamp is £30. These charges apply to all car parks and for every hour of the day and week.

Certain **exemptions** apply to the club’s players. At present, we can use the car park by the hall and the eight spaces on the right and the four opposite, just beyond the hall, for free. Also, there is an introductory period of two weeks when cars will not be clamped in the other car parks. Instead notices will be placed on windscreens.

We have been trying to meet with the hospital authorities to negotiate further concessions. As yet, no such meeting has taken place. Therefore I must advise members to expect **clamping to start on 5<sup>th</sup> October** save in the exempt spaces described above. We hope that this is temporary and that negotiations will produce a sensible outcome.

As promised we will use an *honesty system* whereby anyone who has to pay the £3.30 will be exempt from table money. Nobody will be expected to pay £3.30 plus £2.50 to play bridge.

In the meantime, it is most important that **members make immediate changes** to their car parking habits.

- Only use the three car parking areas (the hall, the eight spaces beyond the hall and the four opposite)
- Do not park anywhere else along the approach road to our hall and **most especially** do not use the area at the end of the road where there is a fire entry point
- Instead, please use the middle of the hall car park. That is, as well as using the car parking spaces by the side, park down the middle, even though you are blocking in other cars
- Do not use the other car parks without paying the parking fee.

I have one final request. Please will **users of the hall on a Sunday** leave the eight car parking spaces free for use by our friends in the bridge class. They finish at about 9.30 and so we do not want them boxed in by people playing in the hall.

I hope to be able to write to you again soon with details of the final solution to these car parking issues.