

## Wales Lady Milne 2015 biographies

### ***Aida Aris and Sue Ingham***

This is Aida's third time representing Wales in the Lady Milne competition, she has played twice before with Linda Greenland. This year she is playing in a new partnership with Sue Ingham. Aida lives in Cardiff with her husband, they have two sons, both working and living in London. In her spare time she enjoys reading bridge books, walking and swimming.

This is Sue's sixth Lady Milne, but her first in partnership with Aida. She lives in Cardiff with her partner, Gwynn, and a mad kitten called Freddie. Sue enjoys reading, playing the piano, dining out and going to the cinema. She was formerly employed at Cardiff Crown Court, but family responsibilities (no, not Freddie!) have led to early retirement. Sue has a 24-year-old daughter Charlotte, with whom she enjoys a weekly game of bridge at the Cardiff Bridge Club.

### ***Gilly Clench and Maggie Pierce***

Gilly has probably played with more partners in the Lady Milne than anyone else in Wales (no one can stand it for too long) and this is her first appearance with Maggie - though they have played "for fun" for many years. She was ably taught by the Welsh International, Adrian Thomas, with whom she had a daughter, Melanie, (and a dog Jeremy who was rather more renowned in the bridge world than Gilly) but all his good work went to waste, (Adrian's that is not the dog) as she merrily developed her own style, usually rather less successful. In the dim and distant past she was an opera singer, a music specialist and now knows far too much about building techniques for her own good, as she is heavily into developing property with her ridiculously young partner, Vas.

Maggie is making a re-appearance after several years – having been persuaded back by Gilly over a glass of wine (but confirmed in the cold light of next day). She has played with several partners over many years – the most successful being 1988 with Jill Casey when Wales won the Lady Milne (Diane Kurbalija was also part of the team ). Maggie has also played a couple of Camrose matches with Jill. She took early retirement many years ago (from IT support in Education) in order to concentrate on golf, travel, family and food.

### ***Liz Commins and Diane Kurbalija***

This is Liz's fifth Lady Milne, her third playing with Diane. Liz spends the majority of her free time playing Bridge and has been very busy lately having recently moved house. She is even considering doing a bit of gardening!! Liz also enjoys spending time with her family especially her grandson Rylee. She has another two grandsons on the way - one to be born in May and one in June so her summer looks like it is going to be extremely busy but she hopes very enjoyable.

Diane has played in a number of Lady Milne events over the years, including the year in which Wales won, many moons ago. She has also represented Wales in the Camrose, the Open European teams in Warsaw and Croatia, and in a number of Women's European team events. Since taking early retirement, Diane has travelled to wonderful destinations like Sri Lanka, Vietnam and South Africa. However, Diane loves, more than anything, to be out on the allotment on a sunny, warm day. It beats working and there's no shortage of gratitude that the long, stressful years in education are past.

***Linda Greenland (NPC)***

Linda is a retired accountant who now spends her time with partner Ken and frenetic border collie Dylan. On a sunny day the three of them can frequently be seen walking through the Kentish countryside looking for a pub with a beer garden.