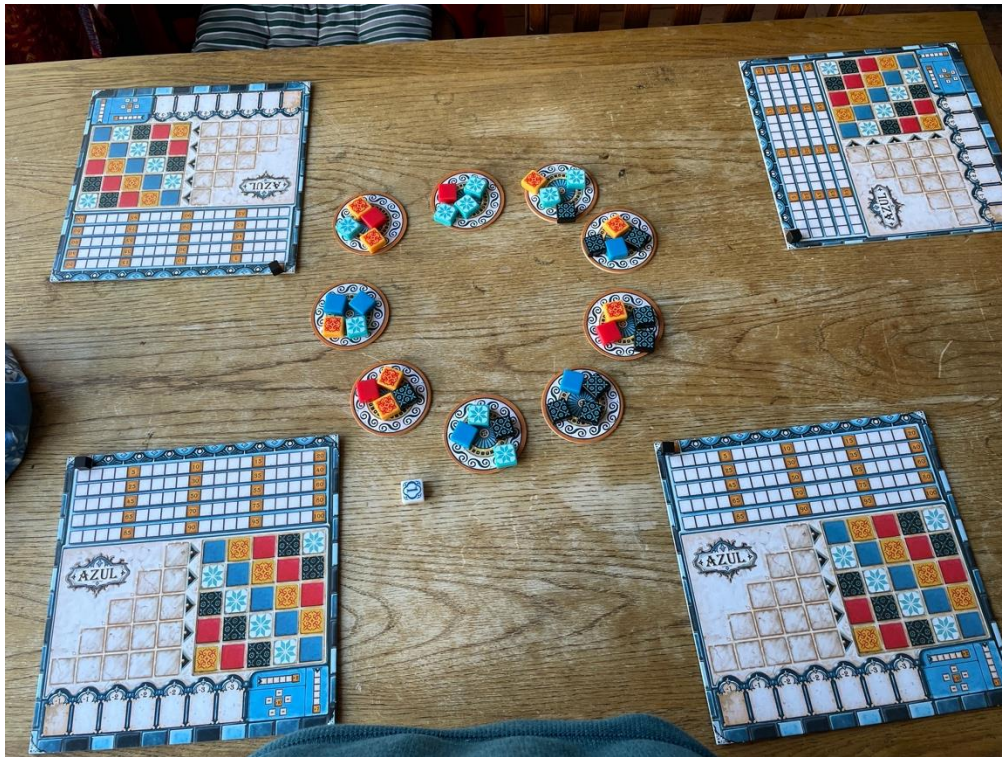


Board Games Group February 2024

A select group met at the Old Well and we started off with our now traditional warm up game of Bananagrams, which was won by Annie.

Our main game for the afternoon was Azul, which was new to almost all players. We played it twice. Azul (Portuguese for blue) is an abstract strategy board game. Based on Portuguese tiles called azulejos, in this game players are challenged to embellish the walls of the Royal Palace of Evora. Players collect sets of similarly coloured tiles which they place on their player board. When a row is filled, one of the tiles is moved into a square pattern on the right side of the player board, where it earns points depending on where it is placed in relation to other tiles on the board. Extra points are scored for specific patterns and completing sets; wasted supplies harm the player's score. The player with the most points at the end of the game wins.



At first Azul appears simple and the rules are easy to understand. This is however deceptive and there are layers of strategy that come into play, which we only began to appreciate in our second game. The first game was won by Jane and the second by Jean.

We concluded proceedings with another round of Bananagrams.

The next meeting will be on 11 March, so please get in touch if you'd like to join us. You don't need to know how to play any of the games as all of the games have been new to some each time.