

# Does the British Summer keep letting your kids down?

**Why not let them try something  
new this Summer?**

During June 2010, we will be providing local children the chance to discover more about the rewarding game of Minibridge! Local children are invited to try Minibridge on either 19 or 26 June at any time from 10am - 1pm at: All Saints Queensbury Church Hall, Waltham Drive, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 5PQ. Afterwards, if they are interested in learning more, we'll invite them to enrol onto our free summer camp during the holidays!

Please let us know at: [minibridge@ebu.co.uk](mailto:minibridge@ebu.co.uk), or call Mrs Trupti Shah on 0208 416 3686, if you would like to attend one of these events.

See back page for more information on the event  
and the benefits of Minibridge for children, or visit:  
[www.ebu.co.uk/minibridge/london.htm](http://www.ebu.co.uk/minibridge/london.htm)



## What is Minibridge?

Minibridge is a simplified version of the card game of bridge. Minibridge was first developed in France and the Netherlands as an introduction to bridge for schoolchildren and was soon acknowledged as an excellent game in its own right.

Card playing helps children to identify numbers, colours, similarities and sequences. By the age of six or seven, many children own or have access to a computer in the home or at school, and the first thing they often try to do is play the free card games that are available. Children love being clever and working things out - and winning. These are all possible when children learn to play Minibridge, but because it is a partnership game they will also learn that they need to co-operate, share information and combine as a team to beat the opposition. Minibridge is aimed at children aged from 7 to 13 years.

## What are the benefits for children?

It has long been believed by those who teach and are also involved in bridge that learning Minibridge will benefit school pupils not only in their education but in later years when they have more time available and look to a leisure pursuit which will have benefits to their health.

Minibridge has proven suitable for classroom use, allowing children the opportunity to improve their logical and lateral thinking skills within the framework of play, which offers dynamic brain training.

A study commissioned by the EBU showed that Minibridge taught skills in numeracy, problem solving, probability, speaking, listening, rule following, team building, mental capacity and much more. Minibridge also has a number of good links to the National Curriculum.

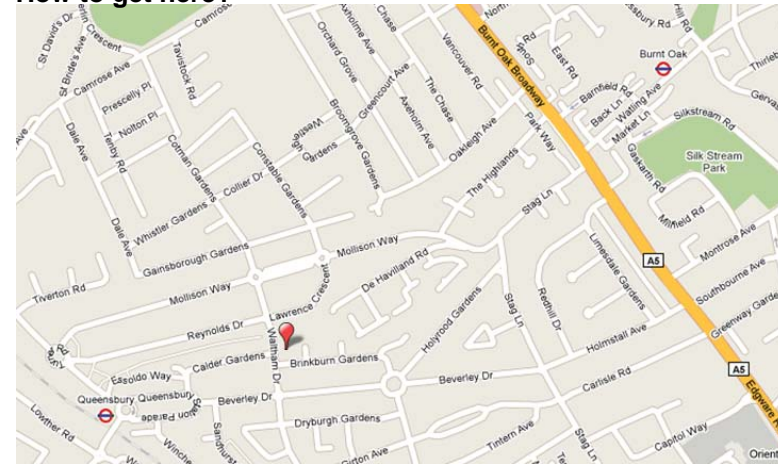
At the time of the study, David Miliband, then Minister of State for Schools Standards said, "Innovations such as Minibridge are to be encouraged...it was a pleasure to witness primary school children's complete concentration, whilst so obviously enjoying playing a game that is proven to improve their school learning ability."

## Why not let your children give the game a go?

The event is completely free and is being sponsored by the English Bridge Union (the national body for bridge).

We invite any children to come along to our event on either 19 or 26 June to show you and them this great game. Afterwards, if your child or pupil is interested in learning more, we have set up lessons through the Summer holidays for them to come along - again completely free!

## How to get here?



Our free events are taking place at All Saints Queensbury Church Hall, Waltham Drive, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 5PQ. The nearest tube station is Queensbury or Edgware, and there is plenty of parking near by.

## Further information

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