



PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS PROVE BRIDGE IS CHILD'S PLAY

History was made last week when 16 pupils from Pembury School, Tunbridge Wells, visited the Houses of Parliament to play a game of Minibridge with peers from the All Party Parliamentary Group for the development of bridge.

The children were treated to orange squash and chocolate biscuits by the Lord Speaker of the House of Lords, Baroness Hayman and then to a grand tour of the Houses of Parliament conducted by Lord Skelmersdale. This was followed by a Minibridge match in the River Room which the Lord Speaker had graciously made available for the event.

The players representing the All Party Parliamentary Group were Lord Baker of Dorking, Lord Brougham and Vaux, Baroness Gardner of Parkes, Lord Hamilton of Epsom, Lord Harrison of Chester, Baroness Howe of Idlicote, Lord Skelmersdale, Baroness Henig of Lancaster and her husband Jack.

After 8 boards of Minibridge had been played, it was announced by the Tournament Director that the pupils had won the day. The pupils from Pembury School had very clearly demonstrated how Minibridge is a great way of learning maths and logic whilst having lots of fun.

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Photos of this historic event can be found here: <http://picasaweb.google.com/englishbridgeunion/PemburySchoolVisitTheHouseOfLords#>. For further information, please contact **Matt Betts**, the EBU's press and communications officer, on **01296 317 200** or by email Matt@ebu.co.uk.

Who Plays Bridge?

Microsoft chairman Bill Gates, tennis legend Martina Navratilova, actor Omar Sharif and the world's top investor, Warren Buffett...to name just four. In this country an estimated 300,000 people play bridge regularly in hundreds of clubs in cities, towns and villages up and down the land.

What is Bridge?

Bridge is a trick-taking card game of skill and chance. It is played by four players who form two partnerships (sides); the partners sit opposite each other at a table. The game consists of the auction (often called bidding) and play, after which the hand is scored. Further information on the EBU and bridge can be found on the Media section of our website, please view [here](#).

About the English Bridge Union

The English Bridge Union was formed on 23 May 1936 and is a non-profit making membership-funded organisation committed to promoting the game of duplicate bridge. It is also a National Bridge Organisation in its own right affiliated to the European Bridge League and the World Bridge Federation. New players are the lifeblood of the game and the EBU are keen to encourage them. For more information on the English Bridge Union please visit: www.ebu.co.uk/media/pressresources.htm