



PRESS RELEASE

School teacher receives prestigious service award for teaching bridge

The English Bridge Union has awarded Richard Croot the *Alex Salisbury Award* in recognition of the outstanding service he has given to the development of bridge at his school: Hereford Cathedral School, Hereford, over many years.

Richard Croot was initially taught rudimentary bridge by his father at the age of six, which was followed by lessons from his maths teacher at Fettes school. His passion for bridge continued whilst studying at the universities of Bristol and Durham and in the past few years Richard has represented the county of Herefordshire.

He has been teaching bridge at the school since 1995 and has seen a number of his pupils go on to England junior success. Richard has also entered his school teams into the Herefordshire county leagues and the Hereford bridge club competitions.

At the moment Richard teaches bridge to his Year 7 classes and plans to set up an after school bridge club in the next academic year.

The award was presented by EBU Chairman, Peter Stocken at a ceremony on Tuesday 20 May 2008 in front of many of Richard's bridge students. Photos can be viewed [here](#).

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About Bridge

Bridge is one of the most enduring and popular games in the world; for over 100 years, people of all types and from all walks of life have been fascinated by the game. It is one of the most popular leisure activities in Britain, with around 300,000 people playing on a regular basis. 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. Please click [here](#) for more information on bridge.

About the English Bridge Union

The English Bridge Union Limited (EBU) is a 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

