

English Bridge Union

Young Bridge Challenge 2004

The 2004 YBC was held on Saturday March 20th at Loughborough Grammar School. The event was again sponsored by Loughborough Grammar who gave the premises free of charge and fed all the youngsters on the day.

Photo Gallery from the event

The Schools Cup.

This is for teams where all members go to the same school. Sixteen teams entered. They were divided into two pools of eight. Each pool played a full round-robin and the top two from each pool qualified for the knock-out stage.

From pool A Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wakefield and Loughborough Grammar School qualified; from Pool B Haberdashers' School, Elstree and Nottingham High School qualified.

In the semi-finals

QEGS, Wakefield beat Nottingham High by 38 IMPs

Haberdashers' beat Loughborough GS by 5 IMPs.

In the final Haberdashers' beat QEGS, Wakefield by 23 IMPs to retain the trophy.

Haberdashers' – Minesh Shah, Hugo Steckelmacher, Thomas Andrews and Alex Morton.

QEGS Wakefield – Xander Mahoney, Jordan Thursby, Michael Lewis and Aaron Morgan

In the 3rd/4th place play-off Loughborough beat Nottingham by 28 IMPs.

Loughborough – Song Tao Ye, Bingyuan Yang, Edward Jones and Alex Smith

Nottingham – David Simner, Patrick Lam, Adam Irving and Simon Spencer

The Swiss Teams

The Swiss Teams event is for teams representing bridge clubs, teams from more than one school and schools eliminated from the Schools Cup. Fifteen teams started out – they were joined by the twelve teams eliminated from the Cup and one other scratch team giving 28 in total.

1st and Harry Scully Trophy winners : St John Fisher, Harrogate and Southend on Sea. 96 VPs

Laura Perryman, Jon de Souza, Jon Matthews and Nick Firth

2nd= Harrogate Bridge Club 'C' 74 VPs

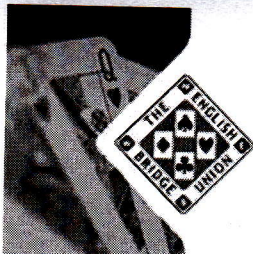
James thrower, Liam Jones, Rob Myers and Guisepppe Fiorento

2nd= and Schools Plate winners – Haberdashers' 'B' 74 VPs

Philip Maton, Martin Bennett, Nicholas Kanfer and Meekesh Shah

4th Nottingham High School 'C' 72 VPs

Chris Rossiter, Tian Yans, Ankush Khandelwal and Andrew Simner



GW Arnott-Davidson Trophy

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This new event for junior teams of eight was contested for the first time in 2003 when the North Midlands region won the trophy.

This year's event began with two regional qualifying rounds in February. Teams from London, South East, South West and Central East played in the Southern heat with the South West winning; teams from North Midlands and North West played in the Northern heat and North Midlands won.

The two heat winners played a head-to-head match over 36 boards at the Easter Festival of Bridge in London on Good Friday April 9 th 2004. Results were as follows:

	North Midlands	South West
	Song Tao Ye	John Atthey
	Bingyuan Yang	Tiffany Beard
	Tom Rainforth	Michael Jones
	James Thrower	Sinead Bird
	Ed Jones	Catherine Evans
	Alex Smith	Katy Lee
	David Simner	James Evans
	James Bolton	Xunyan Li
Boards 1 to 9	+2360	-2360
Boards 10 to 18	-100	+100
Boards 19 to 27	+3040	-3040
Boards 28 to 36	+3670	-3670
Total	8970	-8970

So North Midlands retained the trophy.