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## Dates For Your Diary

19th - 20th March 2011	Advanced Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
26th - 27th March 2011	Improver Play Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
2nd - 3rd April 2011	Beginner Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
12th - 15th April 2011	Sandbanks Midweek Break	
19th - 20th April 2011	Children's Bridge	10.30 - 12.30 & 13.30 - 15.30
27th April 2011	Open Evening	18.00 - 19.15
27th April 2011	Taster Session For Beginners	18.30 - 19.45
7th - 8th May 2011	Next Step Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
14th May 2011	Spring Teams Championship	11.00 - 16.00
21st - 22nd May 2011	Beginner Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
4th - 5th June 2011	Intermediate Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
11th - 12th June 2011	Improver Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
14th September 2011	Open Evening	18.00 - 19.15
14th September 2011	Taster Session For Beginners	18.30 - 19.45
10th - 17th September 2011	Dubrovnik Summer Holiday	
17th - 18th September 2011	Beginner Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
8th - 9th October 2011	Intermediate Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
14th - 16th October 2011	Windsor Weekend Break	
15th October 2011	Autumn Teams Championship	11.00 - 16.00
15th - 16th October 2011	Next Step Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
5th - 6th November 2011	Improver Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
18th - 20th November 2011	Millstream Weekend Break	
19th November 2011	Annual Pairs Championship	11.00 - 16.00
26th - 27th November 2011	Advanced Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
3rd - 4th December 2011	Beginner Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
12th - 19th January 2012	Klostern Ski Trip	
3rd - 5th February 2012	Millstream Weekend Break	

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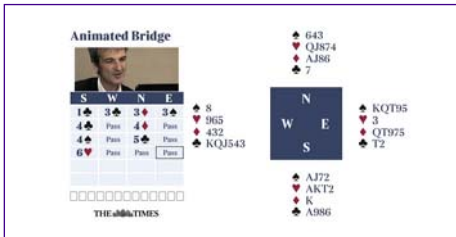
# Andrew's Editorial

Busy times at and away from Parsons Green. The Times have launched a huge, fabulous Spring campaign for Bridge. Check out [thetimes.co.uk/timesbridge](http://thetimes.co.uk/timesbridge): you'll see me talk through my daily deal for three months, which started on March 7th, in person, with animated cards: a world first for a daily Bridge column. And if that's not exciting enough, I have designed a 32-part Learn Bridge course with The Times, starting from scratch and taking you through to doubling and slams. I could not have picked four better stooges than our own Caroline, Grazyna and Club members Kooky Fallah and Nick Shave - Nick writes about his experiences of filming on page 6. I assure you it was really something to produce, but it looks great and I hope you will think subscribing to The Times website a worthwhile outlay...or you can wait for the DVD (£25).



underway with our summer courses. As usual, there's a wide array of options, with at least two daytime and one evening option for all our main courses (up to Improver Play). With David's Delights for the more experienced, Caroline's Revise and Play and an early autumn four-week beginner course with Richard as well, we hope to offer something for everyone. All details are on pages 14 to 26 and never forget: summer class sizes are generally smaller and it's easier and more pleasant travelling to and fro the Club than at any other time of the year.

Jack and Annabel have as ever been hard at work organising and planning a really nice holiday program for you and Jack and Lorna. Much look forward to being your hosts at the various exciting options that beckon. Sandbanks, Dubrovnik, Millstream, and now, hot off the press, they have discovered a fabulous-sounding hotel in the heart of old Windsor. I suggest you don't dally to book a place on what promises to be a super October weekend. Details of all the holidays, including the 2012 ski-trip to Klosters with no fewer than a record four ski-guides, are on pages 30 to 35.



Kooky organised a truly memorable Bridge evening at the Oxford and Cambridge Club in February, which raised £25,000 for her charity Myeloma UK - see page 9. It is wonderful to see how Bridge can be such a force for good. Days like that where we can all learn and play the game we love and raise money for such worthwhile causes are special days indeed - everyone's a winner. Talking of winners - David had a tremendous win at the prestigious NEC tournament in Japan - read his write-up on page 8.

Once we've enjoyed the late Easter and seen Catherine and William tie the knot, we get

Why don't you make it your 2011 Bridge ambition to be a better defender. Enrol on my Wednesday evening Advanced Defence course and/or buy my Defence book and it'll surely be an ambition realised. I love defence and there's no doubt that the players who finish near the top of the duplicates all have one thing in common: they know how to defend.

Whether it's across the table at ARBC central, at our more and more successful offshoot in the Notting Hill Harbour Club (see page 7) or delivering your children or grandchildren to our Easter children's courses on April 19th and 20th (see page 7), I much look forward to seeing you soon,



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*Andrew Robson*

Andrew Robson  
The Times Bridge Correspondent



# Filming The Times's Learn Bridge with Andrew Robson

By Nick Shave

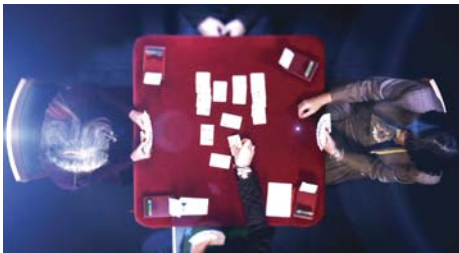


On any normal day, fanning and arranging a hand of cards is not that difficult, but today is not normal. Today we are filming Andrew Robson bridge lessons and I am one of four lucky players – Caroline, Grazyna and Kooky, the others – who have been chosen to appear before the cameras in a North London studio.



Our brief is deceptively simple: Andrew will talk through 32 hands of bridge in a series of lessons that are designed to introduce newcomers to the game and we, as starring players, will provide examples at the table, from shuffling the cards, to dealing, arranging, bidding, and then card play. It will all appear on The Times website, featuring a new lesson each day for subscribers to enjoy throughout March.

My first job is to fan the cards in front of the camera, and then arrange them into suits, numbering high to low from right to left. Simple. But as the cameras roll I realise I have a problem: the cards are only numbered in the top left-hand corners, which means my natural fan action (and I do have one, usually holding the cards in my right hand and fanning to the left)



will naturally reveal a hand of blank cards. And so I am forced to hold the cards in my left hand, gripping them like an infant entrusted with something breakable, while my right hand tries to make sense of their order without knocking them to the floor. Lesson one, then, (not included in Andrew's guide): "before you play, ensure you can hold a pack of cards."

But our creative director, Miles, is up against far greater challenges. He has been working on the shoot throughout the day and now, at 8.30pm, is experiencing some difficulty in remembering our names (except mine, because I am now earmarked as the man who is incapable of fanning a pack of cards). And so beneath the bright lights of our studio a story of mistaken identity begins to unfold, played out with such finesse by its lead actors it could yet be billed as a sequel to Hitchcock's *North by North West* or Monty Python's *Life of Brian* – only with more intrigue and bridge.



The intrigue revolves around Miles's problem with remembering Grazyna's name. Mysteriously, he regularly refers to her as Grainger, and even, I think, Grudger at one point. And confusingly, it also turns out that we have a Carolina among the 10-strong crew – she emerges half way through the shoot to wipe a board covered in foil that reflects light up onto our faces. But it all goes swimmingly. Between takes, Grainger, aka, Grazyna silently brushes the table so as to catch the fine flecks of dust that catch the light on the cloth, flickering like fireflies beneath the overhead camera. She is a true pro.

# Harbour Club



We are delighted with the success of our new format, the 13.00 – 15.00 Supervised Gentle Duplicate proving more and more popular – as indeed it has at ARBC Central. But keep spreading the word to your North London friends, it is really is a nice venue and free valet



parking makes life so simple. Personally I arrive by canal – located just 100 yards away – admittedly via bicycle not barge. Natasha is teaching two new classes – details below – and remember that if you cannot make a class you can venture to Parsons Green to make it up.



## Schedule for 2011

### Wednesdays **Bridge Play**

10.00-12.00 Supervised Bridge.  
13.00-15.00 Supervised Gentle Duplicate.  
Help with every bid and play in a non-competitive environment (no ranking list).  
All welcome, especially the less experienced.

### Thursdays **Lessons with Natasha**

09.30 – 11.15 Improver  
11.30 – 13.15 Intermediate Play  
Dates: 5th – 26th May, 9th - 30th June

# Children's Bridge with Andrew and Natasha



**Dates: Tues 19th - Wed 20th April**  
**(times: 10.30-12.30 & 13.30-15.30)**

- Suitable for eight years old and above
- Complete beginners or those who've played before all welcome
- Come to as many or as few sessions as you like
- Biscuits and squash during sessions and lunch if they stay morning and afternoon
- Andrew, Natasha and the other helpers will ensure your child has and fun and worthwhile time, learning a skill that will be invaluable throughout life.

**Cost: £20 per Session**

Please book in with Lorna on 020 7471 4626





For the past two years, I have been lucky enough to play in the NEC Cup in Japan. This is one of the most interesting and prestigious events on the World Bridge calendar, so I was delighted to be given a further chance to participate in the 16th edition in early February.

Though the 12 hour flights and nine hour time difference can be quite challenging, I travelled with high hopes for my team. I partnered English International David Gold, and my teammates were Louk Verhees and Ricco van Prooijen, one of the leading partnerships in the Netherlands (one of the World's strongest Bridge nations).



Louk Verhees, David, David Gold and Ricco van Prooijen

Due to awkward timing (the event takes place during our spring term), I was unable to add on any leisure time, but arrived in Tokyo on Monday, giving me plenty of time to acclimatise before play started at 10am the next day! The event is held in Yokohama, which requires a two hour transfer from Tokyo. Feeling pretty tired from my trip, the first day was spent relaxing, and reading through my system notes.

The bridge started with three days of qualifying for a two day KO stage. My team (NEDUK) won all four matches on the first day, and held a lead of just one victory point (VP) at the end of play. This set the tone for the next two days, and we finished the 12 match qualifying stage in second place.

A narrow quarter final victory against a team

from Chinese Taipei was followed by a semi final against an Anglo-Irish combination headed by Paul Hackett. Though we trailed at half-time, an exciting finish saw us through to the final against a tough Chinese team. Fortunately, things went our way, and after five days of tough top-level bridge, the trophy was ours.

In addition to the bridge, a huge part of the experience involves sampling the wonderful local cuisine. Vital to my team's success were daily doses of delicious sushi and various Asian treats, including a very tasty Korean barbeque. If you have travelled to Japan, you will know that the Japanese are wonderfully hospitable people and incredibly gracious hosts. In keeping with this, the tournament ends with a fantastic closing ceremony attended by all of the players and tournament organizers as well as local followers. It was real thrill to be presented with the NEC Cup in front of them, and I am already looking forward to returning next year to try to retain the trophy!

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# Kooky's Special Evening in aid of Myeloma UK

By Andrew



Luigi Molinaro, Kooky, Zia Mahmood

It was a night to remember. Wonderful company, wonderful dinner, wonderful bridge and for a wonderful cause. One of our most loyal – and indeed best – players Kokely Fallah organised a fabulous evening at the Oxford and Cambridge club in Pall Mall. There were no dry eyes in the house as she told us of her brave battle with the illness. With top players auctioned off to the highest bidder and an auction, the evening made over £25,000 for Myeloma UK. The bridge was organised with customary efficiency by our Director Martin Lee, ably assisted by Natasha, and there was some really fun deals.

Here was a frisky slam contract that slipped through the net from the after-dinner session, where consumption of the odd glass of wine or three might account for North-South's optimistic bidding:

♠ J 6	♠ A K 9 5	♠ Q 7 4 3
♥ 8 6 3	♥ A 7	♥ Q J
♦ K 10 4 2	♦ Q 8 6	♦ A J 9 7 3
♣ 10 9 8 6	♣ A K Q 3	♣ J 6

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♠ 10 8 2
♥ K 10 9 5 4 2
♦ 5
♣ 7 4 2

<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
2♥ <sup>(1)</sup>	pass	6♥ <sup>(2)</sup>	end

West led ♠J, an attacking option that was perhaps unwise. Declarer won dummy's ♠K and got some great fortune with ♥A and a second heart to ♥K saw ♥QJ fall. Declarer drew West's last trump then tested clubs. A 3-3 split was too much to hope for but he ruffed a fourth club and rattled off trumps. His last three cards in hand were ♦5 and ♠108 and in dummy ♠A95. East had come down to ♠Q7 and ♦A. Declarer cleverly exited with ♦5 and East won perforce and had to lead from his ♠Q. Declarer's ♠10 took the penultimate trick, dummy's ♠A took the last and that was slam made. In the cold light of day, East will have wished he had discarded ♦A and kept a lower diamond, rendering the throw-in inoperable.



Nicola Smith, Dicky Darzi, Carla Sidney-Woollett

The winners on the evening were our own Heathers, Bakhshi and Dhondy; although the real winners, of course, were Myeloma UK.

You can donate to Myeloma UK now via [www.myeloma.org.uk/fundraising/donate/donat-e-now](http://www.myeloma.org.uk/fundraising/donate/donat-e-now)

1) Weak Two (err yes) "5-10" points and a good six-card suit.  
 2) Can I buy a pair of North's rose-tinted spectacles?

# A Bridge Game too far

By Clare Cooper



*A Bridge Game Too Far -  
a new play by Andy Moseley.*

*Coward Studio, Hampton Hill Playhouse,  
Hampton Hill High Street, April 6th - 9th 7.45  
telephone bookings 0208 979 4596*

'Set in a retirement community where the weekly bridge game is played like there is no tomorrow! Mabel has decided she is opting out of the bridge club and isn't going to play any more. Panic ensues! Questions are asked. Who is going to play with who now? and what will happen if Mabel doesn't play anymore?'



We are also taking it to local 1 act play festivals in Walton, and to the Orange Tree in Richmond on 27th March. There is an accompanying play 'Are you Lonesome Tonight' by the same writer, which had success at similar festivals last year.

Have you always longed to appear on stage?

We are looking for 4 people per performance to come and assist us with our set! All you have to do is come along and play bridge on stage for the duration of the play (about 30mins). Most of the play takes place in a bridge club and we want some real players to form the backdrop to our play! Free tickets to see the other play, Are you Lonesome Tonight, and a free drink at the bar! No rehearsal required but we will give you instructions. As I say all you have to do is come along and do what you love doing for 30mins! You can do one, or as many nights as you wish!

*If you are interested please contact Clare Cooper alexclare56@btinternet.com*



This is a short 1 act play, with some fine comedy which I think will be appreciated by bridge players. Lots of references to bridge but ironically I play the only non bridge player and say all the wrong things! But I'm trying to interest the rest of the cast in bridge as we go along (none of whom play as it happens).

## Read Andrew in Country Life Magazine every week





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# Club Photos

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Howard Leigh, Pat Moore-Searson  
& Elise Moore-Searson



Anna Harman



Elizabeth Bishop & David Lewis



David teaching Next Step Weekend



Heather Dhondy, Pauline Van Luven,  
Heather, Nevena Senior



Patti Gamble



Louise Anderson



Paul Weston & Andrew



# Club Photos

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Charles Atkins



Richard Bullwinkle



Linny Jones



Dinah Wiener



Nancy Lees



Phyllis Martin



John Hill



Lena Anninos



Jill Morland

# Beginning Bridge at ARBC



## Why Learn Bridge?

Whether aged 8 or 88, Bridge is the best way to keep your brain agile, whilst making new like-minded friends. It is an endlessly stimulating game and great to learn. Seize the moment – start now!

## Why Learn at ARBC?

Recognised leaders in our field, we specialise in teaching from absolute scratch, taking things slowly enough for everyone to get the hang of it, but keeping things moving, as you will be dying to get to the next stage. Andrew may be a World and European Champion, but he has taught many thousands of Beginners over the past twenty years. By making things practical, he knows exactly how to make the game as easy as possible to learn, and, most importantly, he and his team make it fun!

## FREE Taster Sessions

**Next date: 18.30-19.45 on Wednesday 27th April**

£155 for our eight-class Beginner Course represents fantastic value – especially as it includes Free Club Membership, plus a folder and clear handouts with each class. But if you have any doubts, come to one of our optional three-times yearly Taster sessions. These sessions will give you a flavour - and we are sure you will not look back.

## Beginner Course

Starting from absolute scratch and assuming no knowledge, Beginner gives the perfect introduction to Bridge. After this course you will say a confident “Yes” when asked if you can play the game! Free Club membership until September 2011 included. The next course is Next Step.

Beginner Courses coming up...

<b>BEGINNER EIGHT WEEK</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> 15.00 - 16.30 Andrew	<b>Monday</b> 18.35 - 20.05 David	<b>Tuesday</b> 20.30 - 22.00 Richard	<b>Wednesday</b> 09.45 - 11.15 Natasha	<b>BEGINNER FOUR WEEK</b>
	1. Getting Started	4th May	9th May	10th May	
2. Playing Bridge	11th May	16th May	17th May	18th May	
3. Introducing Notrumps	18th May	23rd May	24th May	25th May	
4. The Play - Making Tricks	25th May	6th June*	7th June*	8th June*	
5. Finding Fits & Bidding Game	8th June*	13th June	14th June	15th June	
6. Notrump Bidding	15th June	20th June	21st June	22nd June	
7. Trump Bidding	22nd June	4th July*	12th July**	29th June	
8. Overcalling	6th July*	11th July	19th July	6th July	
<b>Beginner in a Weekend -</b>					
Spring 2nd - 3rd April 10.00 - 16.30 (David) Summer 21st - 22nd May 10.00 - 16.30 (David) Autumn 17th - 18th Sept 10.00 - 16.30 (David) Autumn 3rd - 4th Dec 10.00 - 16.30 (Richard)					

*\* please note these weeks are not consecutive*

## Andrew's team of teachers – the best in the land

ARBC has an unrivalled strength in depth of teachers, both in their excellence as players and, most importantly, as teachers of the game. Apart from Andrew himself, Daily Bridge Correspondent of The Times and teacher extraordinaire, there's David, who possesses a rare talent: one of the World's Top 100 players with many international successes under his belt, his clarity and communication skills are exceptional, as his large and devoted following will testify. There's Caroline, whose enthusiasm knows no bounds; a class with her will put a smile on your face for a week, plus you'll learn tons of exciting new Bridge. There's Richard, teacher and entertainer supreme. And Natasha, whose gentleness and patience is amazing. All have never-ending keenness to impart their wisdom.



**Beginner**

**Next Step**

You can play an enjoyable social game

**Intermediate**

**Intermediate Play**

You're confident with the basic moves...  
have you had a go at Supervised Gentle Duplicate yet?

**Improver**

**Improver Play**

You know all the basic conventions and strategies.  
Time for Gentle Duplicate and on... you'll then be hungry for ...

**Advanced**

**Caroline's Revise & Play**

**Advanced Play**

**Advanced Defence**

**David's Delights**

# Lesson Information



## Our Courses

- All courses last for eight weeks (unless stated), once a week.
- You must be a Club member to take a course. Free membership is included in the price for Beginner and Next Step.
- All our weekly courses cost £155.
- All courses are carefully constructed, fun, interactive and stimulating.
- Whichever course you choose will make a huge difference to your Bridge, especially if it is backed up by practice in our many Supervised Rubber Bridge sessions.

## Special Features

- If you cannot make a lesson, come to that same lesson at another time (without letting us know).
- You will receive clear handouts each week.
- You will each receive a special ARBC folder, in which to put your notes.

## Weekends

- For those who prefer the intensive course, rather than the once-a-week approach, we teach the Beginner, Next Step, Intermediate, Improver, Improver Play and Advanced Courses in a weekend. Includes lunch both days, 10.00 - 16.30. Dates of all weekend courses now fixed until the end of 2011.

**Next Step** is an essential practical course, consolidating and extending the basic principles covered in Beginner. It is also suitable for those who have played some Bridge outside. Free Club membership until September 2011 included.

<b>NEXT STEP</b>	<b>Wednesday 20.30 - 22.00 David</b>	<b>Tuesday 09.45 - 11.15 David</b>	<b>Tuesday 18.35 - 20.05 Andrew</b>	<b>Wednesday 11.30 - 13.00 Natasha</b>
1. Notrump Play	4th May	10th May	10th May	11th May
2. Trump Play	11th May	17th May	17th May	18th May
3. Bidding Unbalanced Hands	18th May	24th May	24th May	25th May
4. Finding Fits	25th May	7th June*	7th June*	8th June*
5. Overcalling	8th June*	14th June	Mon 13th June	15th June
6. Opening Bids at the Three Level	15th June	21st June	21st June	22nd June
7. The Opening Lead	22nd June	5th July*	5th July*	29th June
8. The Defence	6th July*	12th July	12th July	6th July

**Next Step in a Weekend** - Summer 7th - 8th May (David)  
Autumn 15th - 16th Oct (David)

**Intermediate** is our most popular course, Intermediate covers all basic aspects of the game. Many repeat it – and all say it was most worthwhile! Once you've finished Intermediate, give Supervised Gentle Duplicate a try – help with every bid and play whilst moving around meeting new people.

<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>	<b>Wednesday 13.15 - 14.45 Andrew</b>	<b>Wednesday 18.45 - 20.15 David</b>	<b>Tuesday 20.15 - 21.45 Andrew</b>	<b>Thursday 12.00 - 13.30 David</b>
1. Bidding as Opener	4th May	4th May	10th May	12th May
2. Bidding as Responder	11th May	11th May	17th May	19th May
3. Making Tricks (1) with trumps	18th May	18th May	24th May	26th May
4. Making Tricks (2) without trumps	25th May	25th May	7th June*	9th June*
5. One Notrump	8th June*	8th June*	Mon 13th June	16th June
6. Overcalling	15th June	15th June	21st June	23rd June
7. The Opening Lead	22nd June	22nd June	5th July*	7th July*
8. The Defence	6th July*	6th July*	12th July	14th July

**Intermediate in a Weekend** - Summer 4th - 5th June (Richard)  
Autumn 8th - 9th Oct (Richard)



# Lesson Information



**Intermediate Play** is the ideal follow-on from Intermediate. The play themes will link in with Intermediate, giving you the confidence to move forward. I'm sure this consolidation course will make a big difference to your game.

<b>INTERMEDIATE PLAY</b>	<b>Wednesday 18.35 - 20.20 Andrew</b>	<b>Tuesday 11.25 - 13.10 David</b>	<b>Monday 16.00 - 17.45 Richard</b>
1. Force	4th May	10th May	16th May
2. Length	11th May	17th May	23rd May
3. Position - The Finesse	18th May	24th May	6th June*
4. Using Trumps	25th May	7th June*	13th June
5. Overcalling and SQOT	8th June*	14th June	20th June
6. Defending Notrump Contracts	15th June	21st June	11th July**
7. Defending Trump Contracts	22nd June	5th July*	18th July
8. Pot Pourri	6th July*	12th July	25th July

**Improver** features all the basic conventions to equip you for a decent game. I have noticed a huge rise in the level of those who have taken the course. There are six carefully constructed set deals per week.

<b>IMPROVER</b>	<b>Monday 20.15 - 22.00 David</b>	<b>Tuesday 11.00 - 12.45 Richard</b>	<b>Monday 14.00 - 15.45 Richard</b>
1. Uncontested Bidding Review	9th May	10th May	16th May
2. Signalling in Defence	16th May	17th May	23rd May
3. Stayman	23rd May	24th May	6th June*
4. Take-out Double	6th June*	7th June*	13th June
5. Penalty Double	13th June	14th June	20th June
6. Blackwood	20th June	21st June	11th July**
7. Strong Twos	4th July*	12th July**	18th July
8. Weak Threes	11th July	19th July	25th July

**Improver in a Weekend -** Summer 11th - 12th June (Richard)  
Autumn 5th - 6th Nov (Richard)

**Improver Play** is a universally well-received course and practises the bidding themes of Improver, whilst introducing exciting and essential play themes to improve your game. Once you have completed the Improver Play course, you are well equipped to face the big wide world of ARBC Gentle Duplicate and beyond. Repeat viewing highly recommended, especially for course-junkies.

<b>IMPROVER PLAY</b>	<b>Tuesday 13.20 - 15.05 Caroline</b>	<b>Tuesday 18.35 - 20.20 Richard</b>	<b>Thursday 10.00 - 11.45 David</b>
1. Signalling in Defence	3rd May	10th May	12th May
2. Finesse or Drop	10th May	17th May	19th May
3. Retaining the finesse position	17th May	24th May	26th May
4. Throwing Losers	24th May	7th June*	9th June*
5. Setting up a long suit	7th June*	14th June	16th June
6. Trumps - draw or delay?	14th June	21st June	23rd June
7. TOP Defence	21st June	12th July**	7th July*
8. Pot Pourri	28th June	19th July	14th July

**Improver in a Weekend -** Spring 26th - 27th March (Richard)

*\* please note these weeks are not consecutive*

# Lesson Information



**Advanced** is suitable for duplicate players, or experienced social players, I have thought very carefully about the themes. They will surely illuminate and fascinate.

**Advanced Play** has been recently rewritten, with new themes, new deals and new handouts. I am sure you will find it really quite eye-opening and lots and fun.

**Advanced Defence:** A good defender is a popular partner – and a winner. See 48% turn into 58% in a gem of a course.

## Caroline's Revise & Play

[Pay by Session - £20]

Caroline invites you to practice some key conventions that will improve your Bridge no end. With such a charismatic teacher, how can you turn her down?

## David's Delights

[Pay by Session - £20]

Some wonderful, instructive deals from our Bridge whiz, perfect for Duplicate players.

**Friday** - May 6th, May 13th, May 20th, May 27th, June 10th & June 17th

**Wednesday** - Aug 10th, Aug 17th, Aug 24th, Aug 31st, Sept 7th & Sept 14th

<b>ADVANCED</b>	<b>Wednesday 10.15 - 12.00 Caroline</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Losing Trick Count</li> <li>2. Uncontested Bidding Review</li> <li>3. Coping with Intervention</li> <li>4. Fourth Suit Forcing</li> <li>5. More ways to Signal</li> <li>6. Unassuming Cue Bid</li> <li>7. More uses of Double</li> <li>8. Notrumps</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4th May</li> <li>11th May</li> <li>18th May</li> <li>25th May</li> <li>8th June*</li> <li>15th June</li> <li>22nd June</li> <li>29th June</li> </ol>

<b>Advanced in a Weekend</b> -	Spring 19th - 20th March (Richard) Autumn 26th - 27th Nov (Richard)
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<b>ADVANCED PLAY</b>	<b>Tuesday 15.20 - 17.05 Caroline</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Principle of Restricted Choice</li> <li>2. Suit Combinations</li> <li>3. Communication</li> <li>4. Cooperative Signalling</li> <li>5. Card-placing</li> <li>6. Seven-card fits</li> <li>7. Fun with trumps</li> <li>8. Elimination and Throw-in</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3rd May</li> <li>10th May</li> <li>17th May</li> <li>24th May</li> <li>7th June*</li> <li>14th June</li> <li>21st June</li> <li>28th June</li> </ol>

<b>ADVANCED DEFENCE</b>	<b>Wednesday 20.30 - 22.15 Andrew</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Defending Notrumps</li> <li>2. Defending Trumps</li> <li>3. Second hand plays</li> <li>4. Third hand plays</li> <li>5. Attitude Signal</li> <li>6. Discarding</li> <li>7. Scoring Ruffs</li> <li>8. Trump Promotions</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4th May</li> <li>11th May</li> <li>18th May</li> <li>25th May</li> <li>8th June*</li> <li>15th June</li> <li>22nd June</li> <li>6th July*</li> </ol>

<b>CAROLINE'S REVISE &amp; PLAY</b>	<b>Thursday 14.00 - 16.00 Caroline</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Losing Trick Count</li> <li>2. Stayman</li> <li>3. Double</li> <li>4. Preemptive Bidding</li> <li>5. Defence</li> <li>6. Overcalling &amp; the UCB</li> <li>7. 4th Suit Forcing</li> <li>8. Roman Key Card Blackwood</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12th May</li> <li>19th May</li> <li>26th May</li> <li>9th June*</li> <li>16th June</li> <li>23rd June</li> <li>30th June</li> <li>7th July</li> </ol>

# COURSE APPLICATION 2011

Andrew Robson Bridge Club, 31 Parsons Green Lane, SW6 4HH  
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Are you an existing member?

Yes

No

The Andrew Robson Bridge Club is a members only club. Please see overleaf for membership details

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## Cost of Courses

All weekly courses cost      £155      PLUS membership (except for Beginner and Next Step).

### SEE OVER FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please fill in this course application form, and send it to the club with payment.

Credit/Debit card payments will accepted over the phone.

Cheques received by post will be acknowledged.

Please make cheques payable to: **The Andrew Robson Bridge Club Ltd**

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Course Required .....

Date & Time .....

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

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You must be a member to play in the Club or take a course.

N.B. If you are taking our Beginner or Next Step courses, Club membership is included in the price of the course and lasts until the start of the following term.

We offer two payment options, either by standing order or by cheque/cash/credit card. Membership is renewable on the 1st of January each year. If you join the Club mid-year, the cost of membership is proportionally reduced.

You will notice that membership is cheaper for those paying by standing order. This is because it reduces our administrative costs.

## Standing Order Payment

Month Joined:	Cost:
January-March	£52
<b>April-August</b>	<b>£36</b>
September-November	£20
December	FREE

## Cheque / Cash Payment

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January-March	£65
<b>April-August</b>	<b>£45</b>
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December	FREE

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## How easy is it to get to the Bridge Club?... Very easy here's how.

### 1. Our favourite way - walking - or like Andrew and many of his team - why not cycle?

We actively encourage all our members to either walk or cycle into the Club. There is cycle parking located to the side of the Club, and also by the entrance to Parsons Green Underground Station.

### 2. Public Transport – another fine option and easier than you may think.

Tube – Parsons Green Station is less than a minute's walk from the club. The station is on the Wimbledon branch of the District Line and trains run every 10 minutes.

Bus – The No 14 stops on the Fulham Road, near the top of Parsons Green Lane. The service links Putney Heath to Tottenham Court Road Station. Daytime frequency is every 6-8 minutes and night time frequency is every 12 minutes. The 414 also goes down the Fulham Road up to Edgware Road. The No 22 stops on the New Kings Road, near the bottom of Parsons Green Lane. The service links Putney Common to Piccadilly Circus. Daytime frequency is every 7-10 minutes and night time frequency is every 12 minutes.

### 3. Taxis/mini-cabs

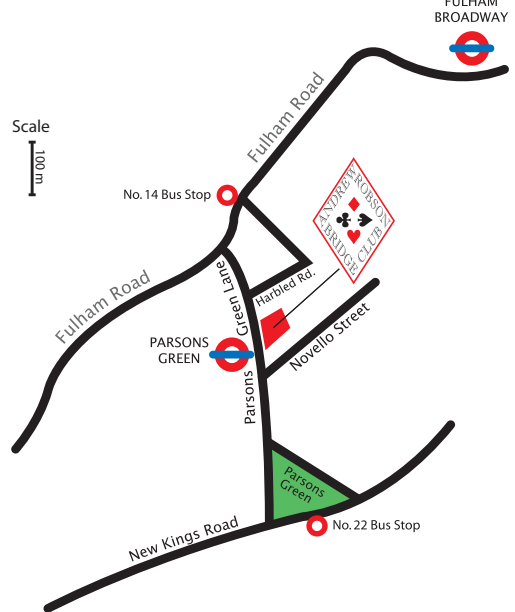
The Club loves members using local taxi and mini-cabs rather than their cars. If you would like to book a cab, there are several numbers of local firms displayed on the notice board in reception; alternatively ask a member of staff.

### 4. Private Cars

We would like to discourage you from driving to the Club. The local residents are understandably very concerned about increasing the number of cars in an already congested area. In particular, please avoid parking on the Residents Bays that double up as Pay and Display in the streets between the Club and the Fulham Road. If you must drive, please try car-sharing. The Bridge Club has 12 of its own spaces in the yard just next to the Club (clearly marked).

- After 5pm you can park free on yellow lines in the side streets and on Resident Bays.
- After 6.30 pm you can park on the yellow line, on the far side of the Parsons Green Lane, from the chip shop opposite the club up to the Fulham Road.

- The remaining yellow lines on Parsons Green Lane are off-limit until 8pm.



**OPEN EVENING (FREE)**  
 Wednesday 27th April 18.00 - 19.15  
 All visitors welcome to the free session

Special 'have-a-go' taster session  
 for absolute beginners:  
 18.30 to 19.45

# Lesson Schedule - Summer 2011

## COURSES (£155)

Courses last for 8 weeks each. You can change from one slot to another. See Course Planner over the page for all topics and dates.

**TEACHERS**  
 A = Andrew D = David  
 C = Caroline R = Richard  
 N = Natasha

## MONDAY

14.00 - 15.45  
**Improver (R)**  
 16th May

16.00 - 17.45  
**Intermediate Play (R)**  
 16th May

18.35 - 20.05  
**Beginner (D)**  
 9th May

20.15 - 22.00  
**Improver (D)**  
 9th May

## TUESDAY

**FOUR WEEK BEGINNER (R)**  
 (incl. Baffle Snapper)  
 19.00 - 22.00  
 And for Early Autumn  
 Sept 20th, 27th, Oct 4th & Oct 11th

## TUESDAY

09.45 - 11.15  
**Next Step (D)**  
 10th May

11.00 - 12.45  
**Improver (R)**  
 10th May

11.25 - 13.10  
**Intermediate Play (D)**  
 10th May

13.20 - 15.05  
**Improver Play (C)**  
 3rd May

15.20 - 17.05  
**Advanced Play (C)**  
 3rd May

18.35 - 20.05  
**Next Step (A)**  
 10th May

18.35 - 20.20  
**Improver Play (R)**  
 10th May

20.15 - 21.45  
**Intermediate (A)**  
 10th May

20.30 - 22.00  
**Beginner (R)**  
 10th May

## WEDNESDAY

09.45 - 11.15  
**Beginner (N)**  
 11th May

10.15 - 12.00  
**Advanced (C)**  
 4th May

11.30 - 13.00  
**Next Step (N)**  
 11th May

13.15 - 14.45  
**Intermediate (A)**  
 4th May

15.00 - 16.30  
**Beginner (A)**  
 4th May

18.35 - 20.20  
**Intermediate Play (A)**  
 4th May

18.45 - 20.15  
**Intermediate (D)**  
 4th May

20.30 - 22.15  
**Advanced Defence (A)**  
 4th May

20.30 - 22.00  
**Next Step (D)**  
 4th May

## THURSDAY

10.00 - 11.45  
**Improver Play (D)**  
 12th May

12.00 - 13.30  
**Intermediate (D)**  
 12th May

### 14.00 - 16.00

#### CAROLINE'S REVISE & PLAY

- 12th May to 7th July (missing 2nd June)
1. Losing Trick Count
  2. Stayman
  3. Double
  4. Preemptive Bidding
  5. Defence
  6. Overcalling & the UCB
  7. 4th Suit Forcing
  8. Roman Key Card Backwood
- 30th June

£20 A SESSION  
**NO BOOKING REQUIRED**

## Spring / Summer WEEKENDS

Beginner (D) April 2/3  
 Beginner (D) May 21/22  
 Next Step (D) May 7/8  
 Intermediate (R) June 4/5  
 Improver (R) June 11/12  
 Improver Play (R) March 26/27  
 Advanced (R) March 19/20  
 Weekends run from 10.00 to 16.30 on Saturday and Sunday

## Planning ahead to Autumn 2011?

**WEEKENDS**

Beginner (D) Sept 17/18  
 Beginner (R) Dec 3/4  
 Next Step (D) Oct 15/16  
 Intermediate (R) Oct 8/9  
 Improver (R) Nov 5/6  
 Advanced (R) Nov 26/27  
 Weekends run from 10.00 to 16.30 on Saturday and Sunday

## DAVID'S DELIGHTS

David creates stimulating hands for Duplicate players

**WEDNESDAY**  
 19.45 - 21.45

Aug 10th Aug 31st  
 Aug 17th Sept 7th  
 Aug 24th Sept 14th

**FRIDAY**  
 10.30 - 12.30


May 6th May 27th  
 May 13th June 10th  
 May 20th June 17th

£20 a Session  
**NO BOOKING REQUIRED**

# Playing Schedule - Summer 2011

Doors open half an hour before the start of play. No session requires a partner. See Lesson Schedule for details of lessons

Green shaded sessions are suitable for beginners upwards.  
 Blue shaded sessions are for ALL (not complete beginners)  
 Red shaded sessions are for gaining experience.  
 Black shaded sessions are for more experienced players.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 <p>13.30 - 17.00  <b>DUPLICATE</b>                      24 Boards                      £10</p>	<p>10.30 - 12.30  <b>SUPERVISED PLAY</b>                      Suitable for Beginners upwards                      £10 with Natasha and Grazyna</p>	<p>10.30 - 12.30  <b>SUPERVISED PLAY</b>                      with Lorna, Heather and Martin                      £10</p>	<p>10.15 - 13.30  <b>DUPLICATE</b>                      £10</p>	<p>10.30 - 12.30  <b>SUPERVISED PLAY</b>                      Suitable for Beginners upwards                      £10 with Natasha and Grazyna</p>
<p>14.00 - 16.30  <b>SUPERVISED PLAY</b>                      with Caroline                      £10</p>	<p>10.30 - 12.30  <b>SUPERVISED DUPLICATE</b>                      with Caroline                      £12</p>	<p>13.30 - 17.00  <b>DUPLICATE</b>                      24 Boards                      Free run-through the hands                      with Andrew afterwards                      £10</p>	<p>10.30 - 12.30  <b>SUPERVISED PLAY</b>                      with Caroline                      £10</p>	<p>10.30 - 12.30  <b>SPECIAL HANDS</b>                      with Caroline                      £12</p>
<p>17.30 - 19.30  <b>SUPERVISED PLAY</b>                      with Caroline                      £10</p>	<p>13.30 - 17.00  <b>DUPLICATE</b>                      24 Boards                      £10</p>	<p>14.00 - 16.30  <b>SUPERVISED PLAY</b>                      with Caroline                      £10</p>	<p>14.00 - 16.30  <b>GENTLE DUPLICATE</b>                      with Richard                      £10</p>	<p>10.30 - 12.30  <b>DAVID'S DELIGHTS</b>                      6th May, 13th May, 20th May,                      27th May, 10th June*, 17th June                      £20</p>
<p>19.30 - 22.45  <b>RUBBER / SUPERVISED PLAY &amp; DINNER</b>                      with Caroline                      Please Book                      £20</p>	<p>18.00 - 20.30  <b>SUPERVISED PLAY</b>                      Suitable for Beginners upwards                      £10 with Lorna and Grazyna</p>	<p>17.15 - 19.15  <b>SUPERVISED PLAY</b>                      Suitable for Beginners upwards                      £10 with Nick</p>	<p>14.00 - 16.30  <b>SUPERVISED GENTLE DUPLICATE</b>                      with Lorna, Martin and Jon (until Easter)                      £12                      Grazyna after Easter</p>	<p>13.00 - 16.30  <b>DUPLICATE</b>                      24 Boards                      £10</p>
<p>19.45 - 22.15  <b>GENTLE DUPLICATE</b>                      with Richard                      £10</p>	<p>19.30 - 22.45  <b>DUPLICATE</b>                      £10</p>	<p>19.30 - 22.45  <b>RUBBER / SUPERVISED PLAY &amp; DINNER</b>                      Suitable for Beginners upwards                      with Grazyna, Richard and Martin                      Please Book                      £20</p>	<p>14.00 - 16.00  <b>CAROLINE'S REVISE &amp; PLAY</b>                      12th May to 7th July (missing 2nd June)                      £20</p>	<p>18.30 - 22.45  <b>SOCIAL 'CHICAGO' BRIDGE</b>                      with Paddy                      £10</p>
		<p>19.45 - 21.45  <b>DAVID'S DELIGHTS</b>                      10th Aug, 17th Aug, 24th Aug,                      31st Aug, 7th Sept, 14th Sept                      £20</p>	<p>19.15 - 21.45  <b>SUPERVISED GENTLE DUPLICATE</b>                      £12 with Grazyna, Richard and Nick</p>	<p>13.45 - 17.00  <b>Duplicate</b>                      with Nick                      (Not Bank Holiday weekends)                      £10</p>
			<p>19.15 - 22.45  <b>DUPLICATE</b>                      24 Boards                      £10</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY</b></p>



## Which session should I come to?

- You do not need to have a partner for any session that we run. Many players arrive without partners.
- We will always find you a suitable partner, and there are house players.
- Please book for Monday or Wednesday Dinner & Bridge. For all other sessions, just turn up.

### **Supervised Rubber Play for Beginners upwards** with Natasha, Grazyna and others £10

Never forget the three best ways to overcome the first hurdles in Bridge: practice, practice and practice! As you see from the green shading on the Playing Schedule, there are two mornings and three evening sessions for beginners upwards. Don't be daunted - ARBC is gentleness itself.

### **Supervised Rubber Play** £10

**Bridge & dinner** - £20 with dinner or £15 without

Imagine playing relaxed Bridge with your friends in your living room, able to ask advice from friendly, expert supervisors. This is exactly what we aim to provide. Suitable for all levels, you will be seated with those of a similar level. On Monday and Wednesday evenings the supervised Bridge includes a delicious dinner, and booking is requested (though for no other session).

### **Supervised Duplicate** with Caroline £12

Tuesday Morning 10.30 - 12.30

This session introduces the challenge and excitement of Duplicate by replaying hands from the previous week's Duplicates, remaining at your table. Led by Caroline, we give on hand help with every bid and play.

### **Supervised Gentle Duplicate** £12

Thursday Afternoon 14.00 - 16.30

Thursday Evening 19.15 - 21.45

Very supervised and very gentle, this newish session is proving very popular, bridging the gap between Social Bridge and the addictive Duplicate Bridge. It is non-competitive with no overall ranking, but you have an opportunity to fill in mock Travellers (which include recommended bidding) and move around the room to get the full flavour of what lies ahead. Come on your own or with a partner and prepare to ask lots of questions and learn lots of answers.

### **Gentle Duplicate** £10

Monday Evening 19.45 - 22.15

Thursday Afternoon 14.00 - 16.30

This session perfectly bridges the gap between Supervised and Duplicate Bridge. You will move around the room like regular Duplicates and there will be a winner (and a prize!). However the tempo will be much gentler and less competitive. We have written recommended bidding for each deal (on the Travellers) and will be on hand to explain the scoring and give some tactical pointers, although we will refrain from actually telling you what to bid/play.





## **Supervised Special Hands** with Caroline £12

Friday Morning 10.30 - 12.30

We have a large base of instructive and challenging hands. Caroline and the team will enthuse and explain the key plays. Highly recommended.

## **Social Chicago Bridge** with Paddy £10

(for the Susan Hampshire Salver)

Friday Evening from 18.30 - 22.30

Held every Friday night, Chicago is the perfect relaxing way to start the weekend. Four hands, dealt at the table, are played against a couple. Then you move to another table and do the same thing again. The ever-genial Paddy will be delighted to give his friendly pearls of wisdom when asked. Chicago combines the excitement of playing dealt hands with the conviviality and friendly competition of playing different partnerships throughout the evening. Arrive any time from 18.30pm onwards. Bar snacks and drinks will, of course, be available throughout. Unmissable!

## **Duplicate** £10

Duplicate Bridge is non-supervised and is the way Tournament Bridge is played. All our Duplicates are played in a friendly atmosphere. Bridge Mates are used and we provide hand records and immediate results. All Ladders and Trophies run three times a year: from January 1st - April 30th: from May 1st - August 31st: from September 1st - December 31st. Winner of our Top 10 Trophy wins a prize and a game with Andrew (no repeat games).

**Daytime:** We offer a hugely popular daily daytime Duplicate. Score Ladder Points - with a delicious hamper prize for the winner donated by club member Luigi Molinaro [of Luigi's Delicatessen fame]. Our four weekday afternoon Duplicates always play 24 Boards, starting at 13.30 – except Friday at 13.00. The Thursday morning Duplicate plays 20/21 boards.

**Evening:** Two Duplicates: Tuesday 19.30 - 22.45 and Thursday 19.15 - 22.45 (24 Boards). Our Evening Ladder will combine both Tuesday and Thursday evening's results. Enjoy Peter Stocken's 'special deal' and take home his wonderful hand analyses. Winner of the Ladder will be the holder of the Stocken Cup.

## **Saturday Duplicate** with Nick £10

13.45 - 17.00

Come for a stimulating weekend afternoon Duplicate, with points counting towards our Daytime Ladder and Andrew's Top Ten Trophy. Not run on Bank Holiday Weekends.

# Winners!

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*Luigi's Daytime Duplicate Ladder:* [Patti Gamble](#)

*Andrew's Top 10 Duplicate Trophy:* *Winner:* [Nicky Cannon-Brookes](#)

*Game with Andrew:* [Paul Weston](#)

*Stocken Cup:* [Andrew Shillam](#)

*Susan Hampshire Chicago Trophy:* [Howard Leigh](#)

# Standing Order Form



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Account No.: 97698881

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**Please quote Holder's name when processing payment.**

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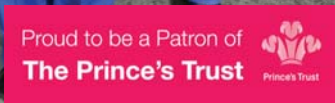
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# The Key to Bridge

By Andrew



taken from Andrew's Bridge Lesson Book on Defence

The key to bridge is shape. When I defend, my primary goal is to work out declarer's shape.

I start in the bidding. If declarer bids two suits, he is 5-4, if he repeats a suit he (likely) has six etc. I also (at my own risk) take into account his tempo – a reluctantly repeated suit may be just five cards. Knowing his shape helps enormously in deciding what to lead and how to defend subsequently.

Then dummy is tabled. If dummy has a long, strong suit, I expect declarer to set it up early. If he doesn't touch it, I suspect it is ready-to-run (needing no setting up). If dummy has a ruffing

value, I expect declarer to void dummy and ruff losers. If he does not, I assume he has no losers to ruff.

I am constantly constructing hands for declarer and asking myself whether declarer would play the hand in the way he is if he held my construction. If the answer is no, then he does not have that hand (naturally I take into account how experienced declarer is – and the possibility that he is misplaying!). I hope to be fairly sure of declarer's shape by the second or third trick.

As West, how quickly can you work out declarer's shape on our featured 3NT deal?

<p>♠ J 9 7 2 ♥ Q 9 6 ♦ K 3 ♣ J 9 8 3</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100px; height: 100px; border-collapse: collapse; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W                      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W                      E	S	<p>♠ A Q ♥ K 7 5 3 2 ♦ J 10 8 ♣ 7 5 4</p>	<p>♠ 10 5 3 ♥ A 10 8 4 ♦ 6 4 2 ♣ A 10 2</p>
N						
W                      E						
S						
	<p>♠ K 8 6 4 ♥ J ♦ A Q 9 7 5 ♣ K Q 6</p>					

Dealer: South

Vulnerability: Neither

S	W	N	E
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠(1)	Pass	3♦(2)	Pass
3NT(3) end			

- (1) Showing his five ♦ – four ♠ shape.
- (2) 10-12 points and three+ diamonds.
- (3) Good clubs and 25 partnership points.

**Contract: 3NT**

**Opening Lead: ♣3**

You as West lead the three of clubs to East's ace and receive a top-of-two remaining ten of clubs return. Declarer wins the king and you follow with the jack, helpfully indicating to partner that you do not have the queen (if you could afford the jack you could afford the queen). Do you know declarer's shape yet?

Yes you do. Partner's ten of clubs return indicates an initial holding of three cards, leaving declarer with three. Declarer advertised five diamonds and four spades in the bidding. Therefore he has just one heart.

Declarer crosses to the ace of spades at trick three, then leads and passes the jack of diamonds. You win the king and know to switch to hearts, declarer's singleton suit. In case that singleton is the jack, you place the queen of hearts on the table (key play).

Say declarer ducks and the queen wins. You follow with the nine (top of two – to retain the lead) and, if that is also ducked, the six, partner holding ♥10 over ♥7. Four heart tricks, a diamond and a club mean down two.

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## Dear ARBC Members,

We moved back into our house just two weeks before Christmas and Sophie is very excited to be sleeping in a big girl's bed in her new bedroom. Sophie is also enjoying bidding with me and even opened 2♣ the other day! It won't be long before she visits ARBC for an afternoon Duplicate.....

We have an exciting new destination for our UK Bridge weekends; from Friday 14th to Sunday 16th October 2011 we will visit the 4\* Mercure Windsor Castle Hotel, ideally located opposite the main gates of Windsor Castle and its grounds. The restaurant has the prestigious two AA Rosettes award for excellent cuisine and all within an hour's drive from London!



The summer trip to Dubrovnik, 10th – 17th September 2011, has had an excellent take up and the group flight is now full. There are still rooms available in the hotel but one would have to make one's own travel plans. Please contact me for further flight details if you would like to join us on this fantastic holiday to one of Europe's finest cities.

In April we will visit the 4\* Haven Hotel in Sandbanks, Poole, and there are one or two spare spaces left if you would like to join us at this late stage.

We will return to the Millstream Hotel in Bosham on 18th – 20th November and 3rd – 5th February 2012. This is ARBC's favourite hotel, with excellent cuisine in their two AA Rosette restaurant and warm hospitality.

Our recent ski holiday to Klosters was a resounding success, judging by all your kind messages of thanks. We will return to Klosters from Thursday 12th – 19th January 2012 and the exciting news is that we will have FOUR ski guides this year to reduce maximum ski group size to ten.

So a lot to look forward to in 2011/2012 - remember that no partner is necessary on any ARBC Holiday and the Bridge standard is friendly Intermediate.

Hope to see you on an ARBC Holiday very soon,

**Jack, Annabel and Sophie**





## Windsor Weekend Break

### 4\* Mercure Windsor Castle Hotel Friday 14th – Sunday 16th October 2011

We are delighted to offer a Bridge weekend at the 4\* Mercure Windsor Castle Hotel in Windsor.



The Grade II listed hotel enjoys a prime location in this supremely Royalty-conscious and delightful town. The hotel overlooks Sir Christopher Wren's Windsor Guildhall and is ideally situated opposite the main gates of Windsor Castle.

The critically acclaimed Eighteen Restaurant has two AA rosettes and an award winning a la carte menu, offering both Modern British and Modern European cuisine. The Bar@18 is perfect for coffee or cocktails.



The hotel has recently completed a major refurbishment with stylish decor and sumptuous furnishings. Bedrooms include traditional or contemporary rooms, all with internet access and minibar.

Places of interest to visit: Windsor Castle, St George's Chapel, Guildhall, Windsor Royal Theatre, Eton High Street and Eton College to name but a few, all within walking distance from the hotel.

Lorna H and I do hope that you can join us for a fun and informative Bridge weekend in the historic surroundings of Windsor Castle, less than an hour from London.



Further holiday details can be found in the information sheets in the club foyer or on the club's website.

**Prices from £395**



## Sandbanks Midweek Break, Poole, Dorset

### The 4\* Haven Hotel

Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th April 2011

After the huge success of ARBC's 2010 trip to Harrogate, I am delighted to host a midweek break to the 4\* Haven Hotel. Idyllically located at the very tip of the exclusive Sandbanks peninsula on Dorset's South coast and with uninterrupted views of Poole Harbour - the perfect base from which to visit the Purbecks and the Dorset's famous Jurassic coast. The Haven Hotel offers award-winning luxury from its acclaimed restaurants to its heavenly Spa.

We shall be dining in the critically acclaimed La Roche restaurant which has recently been awarded two AA red Rosettes for the sixteenth year in succession.



Poole is less than two hours from London, either by car, or train from Waterloo. Further holiday details can be found in the full information sheets in the club foyer or website.

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## Dubrovnik

### 5\* Grand Villa Argentina Hotel

Saturday 10th - 17th September 2011

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The hotel offers various facial, beauty and body treatments, massages and therapies, a fully equipped gym and an indoor swimming pool, sauna and whirlpool to help guests relax.

Lorna H and I do hope that you can join us for a week of entertaining Bridge amongst the delights of this beautiful city.

**Prices from £1495**

**The Group flight is full, so please make your own travel plans – contact Jack for further details.**



## Klosters Ski Holiday

### 4\* Hotel Alpina

Thursday 12th - 19th January 2012

We are delighted to be returning to Klosters for our annual ski trip after the runaway success of the previous trip. Jack Stocken and Lorna Heaton will be hosting an informative and entertaining Bridge programme, created by Andrew. The Bridge (and skiing!) standard is friendly Intermediate and no partner necessary.



Klosters ([www.klosters.ch](http://www.klosters.ch)) is a captivating and welcoming mountain village, well linked to Davos, and with extensive skiing right on the doorstep and just three minutes from our hotel. The well-preserved village, the refined ambience and the hearty welcome extended by the locals all combine to make visitors feel at home. Winter sports enthusiasts will find a broad range of activities, while those looking for more relaxing recreation can enjoy the scenic landscape during leisurely walks.

You will be pleased to hear that we have booked four ski guides this year; William Winter will return after missing out this year, Suzi and Paul (who both did such a good job in January), and we are delighted to welcome Kirsti Viccari to the team. They are all former or current Ski Club of Great Britain reps. Jack and Annabel will be arranging all other aspects of the holiday.



We return to the Hotel Alpina ([www.alpina-klosters.ch](http://www.alpina-klosters.ch)) which is a beautiful, family run four star hotel in the heart of Klosters. The restaurant has been awarded 16 Gault Milau points for culinary excellence. Facilities include an excellent beauty centre, swimming pool, sauna etc and the bedrooms are all stylish and modern.

In the past few years we have been very lucky with the January weather with sun and blue skies. Please book early, as last year we were fully booked by August!

**Prices TBC**





## Bosham, Chichester

### The Millstream Hotel

Friday 18th – 20th November 2011

And

Friday 3rd – 5th February 2012

Officially ARBC's favourite Hotel, we have been running Bridge weekends here for over seven years and it's easy to see why:

- Delicious food from their restaurant which has two AA Rosettes
- Friendly and relaxed Bridge with like minded people
- Andrew's excellent course material and set hands, taught by Jack
- Lorna's good humour and legendary bonhomie
- Bosham is a charming sailing village, less than 90 minutes from ARBC
- No tournament director within 100 miles!

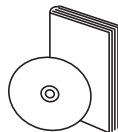
The standard of Bridge is friendly Intermediate and please book early as we are often full. No partner necessary.

## Prices from £379

ARBC holidays are great fun, and it is important to stress that they are not aimed at the type of player who likes a serious 24-board duplicate each night; instead the emphasis is on instruction, with a little gentle competition played in the friendly, social manner that so typifies the ethos of the Club. Details of how to contact Jack are above - we look forward to hearing from you.

Andrew and the team





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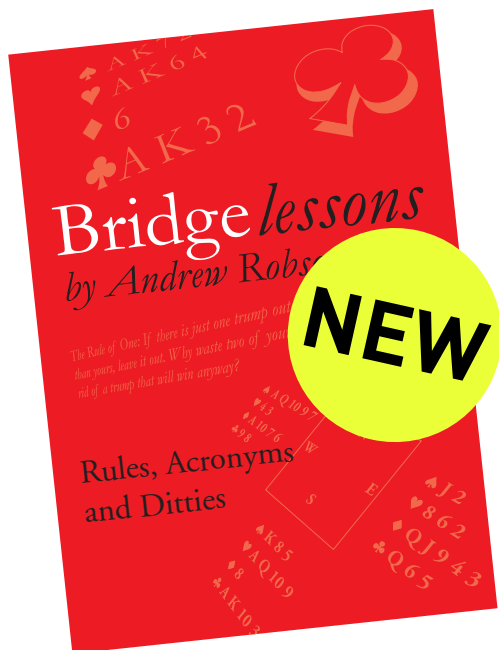
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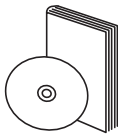


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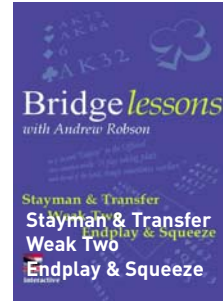
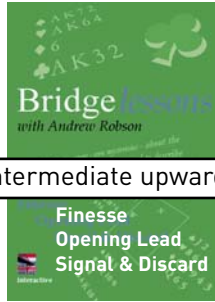
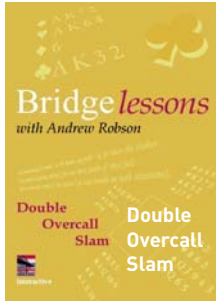
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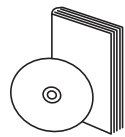
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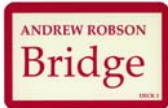


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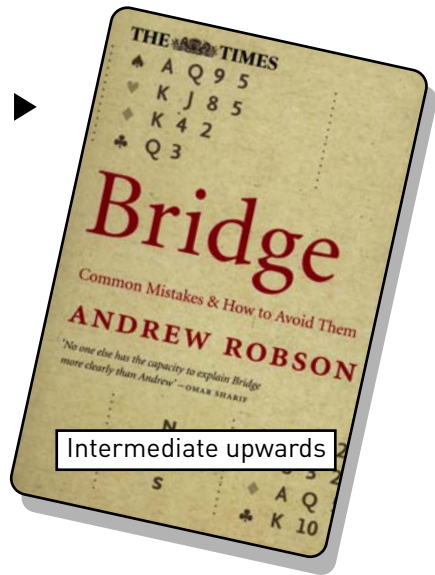
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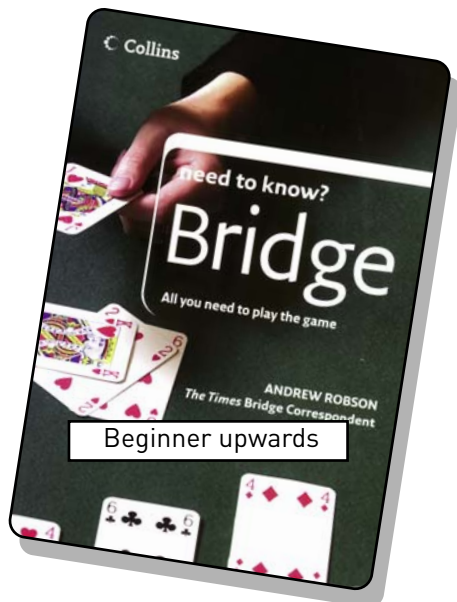


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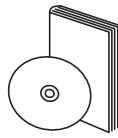
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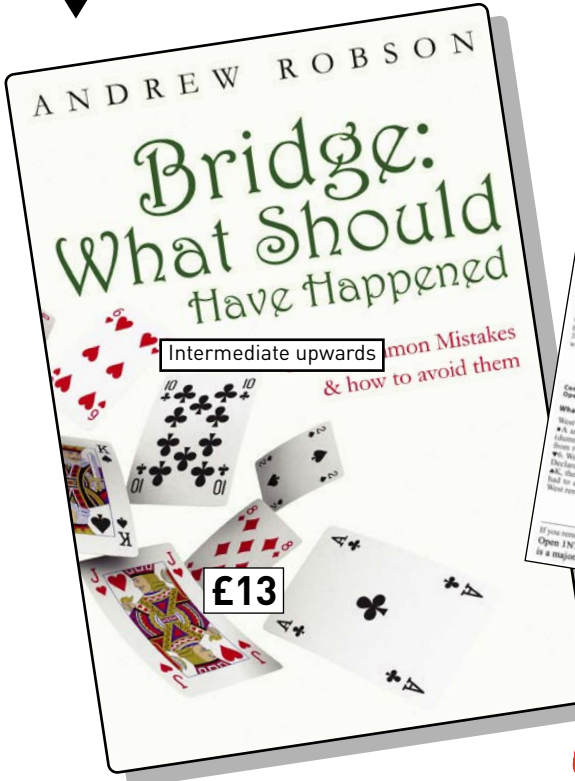
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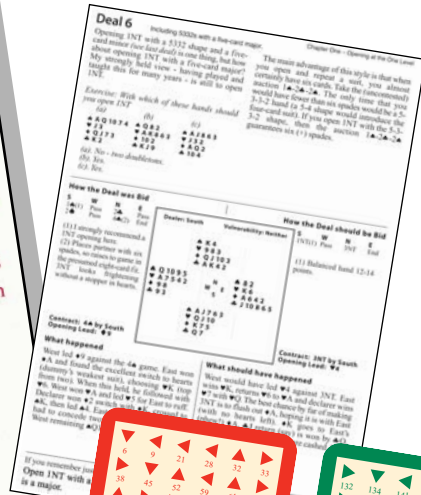
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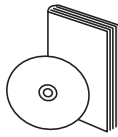
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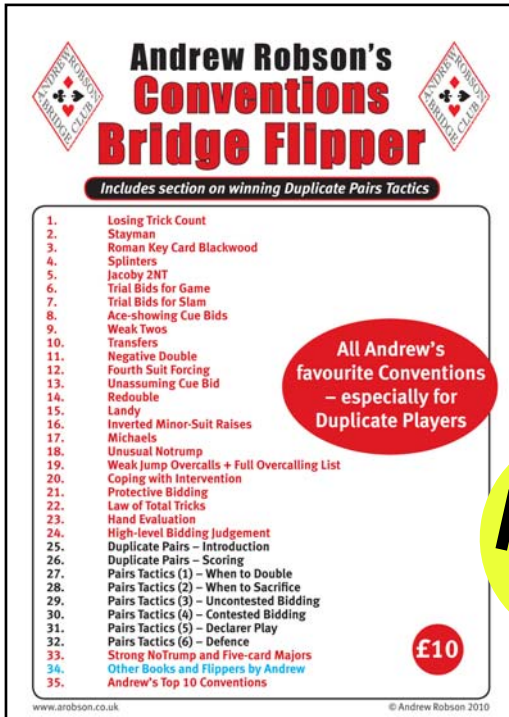
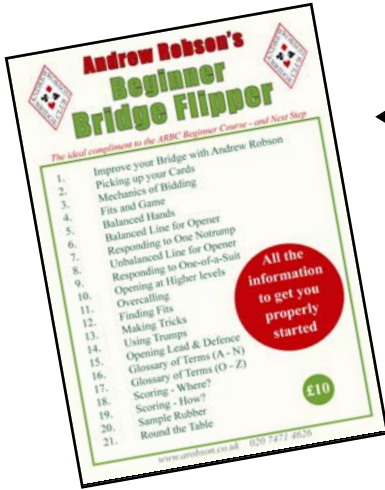
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