

Southern Counties Junior Bridge Camp – July 2018

Hot Juniors

The hottest days of the year didn't stop 63 juniors aged 7 to 21 from playing bridge almost non-stop at the Southern Counties Junior Bridge Camp at Ardingly College on 7th and 8th July. The Chapel made an impressive venue for the competitions - have we found a new use for redundant church buildings?

Highlights included a 3 way tie for first place in the Priday Cup, won by Oscar Selby and Andy Cope from Jamie and Liam Fegarty on the result of the boards played against each other, and the master-class on high level competitive bidding by Espen and Helen Erichsen. Dominic Cooke and William Clennell won the NS Saturday evening pairs, and Henry Rose and Jasmine Bakshi the EW. The Ratnesan family made a clean sweep of the novice competitions, with Radha winning on Saturday together with Eliska Whitney, and Rajei and Ranesh on Sunday. Three juniors were awarded their EBED mini-bridge award, six their bronze award, one his gold, and four platinum.

Four brave girls opted to play rounders in 30 degrees of heat, but most juniors and adults opted either to use the Ardingly swimming pool or (after a rapid programme alteration) to watch the World Cup football. We wish the England U-16 team, who used the event as their final training, the best of luck at their World Cup in August.

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