

ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION EVENT CALENDAR 2017/18

LEGEND

- @ FIDE rated
- # British Championships qualifying tournament
- * English Chess Federation Grand Prix
- ~ ECF Graded Event
- Y Juniors only
- + English Youth Grand Prix

- ~* 30 Jun-2 Jul **7th WHITBY CHESS CONGRESS**, WHITBY CHESS CLUB (Conservative Club), Uppang Lane, Whitby, Yorkshire YO21 3DT Contact: Noel Boustred Email: nboustred@yahoo.co.uk Web: <http://noelschess.weebly.com> - 7:00AM ends 5:50PM. 2 Sections; INTER (159 AND UNDER) and FOUNDATION (UNDER 120); Some prizes are a percentage of the entry fee but the "points for prizes" is scrapped. Only £17 for ECF Silver members to enter the Foundation. It is slightly more to enter the Inter but 1st prize is £160 this year. Whitby is well known for Dracula and Captain Cook. It is a beautiful seaside resort with a lively drinking harbour. The venue sells drink and some food. You can bring your own to the room upstairs in what was Whitby Chess Club by the petrol station half a mile from the train/bus station. There are local buses to Scarborough and Middlesborough
- ~*#@ 30 Jun-2 Jul **2nd North Wales FIDE Open (incorporating 4th Colwyn Bay Congress)**, St David's Room, Venue Cymru, Promenade, Llandudno LL30 1BB Contact: Syringa Camp Email: northwaleschess@aol.com Tel: 01492 535528 - 2nd North Wales FIDE Open (incorporating 4th Colwyn Bay Congress) @ Venue Cymru, Llandudno. £1,625 guaranteed prize fund. FIDE-rated Open, FIDE-rated Major (U1900/U160), Minor (U120/U1600). Prizes in each section: 1st-£250, 2nd-£150, 3rd-£75, grading prize-£50. Also £50 junior prize for highest scoring U18 as at 1st Jan 2017 (any section)
- ~* 1 Jul **Greater London Chess Club Summer Rapidplay**, St George's Bloomsbury (Upper Vestry House), 6 Little Russell Street, London WC1A 2HR Contact: Nigel Blades Email: tournaments@glcc.org.uk Tel: 020 8580 5872 Web: http://www.glcc.org.uk/summer_rapid2017.html - starts 10:30AM ends 5:30PM. Five round Rapidplay Tournament with Open, Major (U160 ECF/U1900 FIDE) and Minor (U120 ECF/U1600 FIDE) sections. ECF graded and FIDE rated. Rate of play: 25 minutes + 5 second increments per player per game
- ~* 1-2 Jul **52nd Hampstead FIDE Congress U2200/U1900/U135**, Henderson Court Resource Centre, 102 Fitzjohn's Avenue, London NW3 6NS Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.hampsteadchess.blogspot.co.uk - SWISS Under 2200 and Under 1900 FIDE sections, ECF Under 135 section
- ~ 2 Jul **The Graeme Thomson Memorial Quickplay Tournament**, 6th Form Common Room, Bristol Grammar School, University Road, Bristol BS8 1SR Contact: David Collier Email: docollier@sky.com Tel: 0117 9213721 Web: <http://www.bristolandcliftonchess.club/the-graeme-thomson-memorial-rapidplay-tournament-2017/> - starts 11:00AM ends 6:00PM
- ~* 2 Jul **British Chess U14 Train & Play**, Moulsham Primary School, Princes Road, Chelmsford CM2 9DG Contact: Richard Pert Email: richpert@hotmail.com - starts 9:30AM ends 4:00PM. Combination of ECF rapid graded games and top quality training. The day is hosted by International Master Richard Pert, with special guest coach WGM Harriet Hunt
- @ 6 Jul **Hendon 'First Thursday' Blitz**, Golders Green Unitarians Church, 31½ Hoop Lane, London NW11 8BS Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.hendonchessclub.com - SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open (one section)
- 6 Jul **7th Pimlico Summer Tournament**, St Saviours Church Hall, St George's Square, Pimlico, London SW1 Contact: Steve Sonnis Email: pimlicochess@aol.com Web: <https://pimlicochessclub.com/> - starts 6:30PM ends 9:30PM. A 5 round Swiss standard play tournament – starts Thursday 1 June and held every Thursday evening until 6 July, excluding 8 June due to the general election. 3 ECF graded sections – Open, U150 and U120. Tradewise Grand Prix qualifier. ECF silver members and above. £25 to enter
- ~@ 8 Jul **5th DeMontford Bell Kings Place Festival**, 90 York Way, London N1 9AG Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: <http://www.kingsplace.co.uk/chess> - SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open/Major U170/Minor U145/Amateur U120/My First Tournament Under 85
- ~ 9 Jul **Ashton Rapidplay Congress**, Broadoak & Smallshaw Community Centre, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs OL6 8QB Contact: David Hardy Email: davidghardy57@gmail.com Tel: 07974 952252 - starts 10:00AM ends 5:00PM. Manchester Chess Federation event, 6 round Swiss with 25 mins per game. 3 sections - U150, U115 and U80/ungraded. Limited to 75 entrants
- ~ 9 Jul **Colindale Chess Tournament**, The Pulse Community Flat, 15 Ostler Court, Charcot Road, Colindale NW9 5XW Contact: Marc Shaw Email: marc.shaw.chess@gmail.com. ECF graded childrens' chess tournament with training in-between matches by experienced chess coaches. Limited availability, please book early

- ~@ 14-16 Jul **14th 4NCL FIDE Rated Congress**, De Vere Wokefield Estate (near Reading) - starts 7:00pm ends 7:00pm. FIDE Open, FIDE U2000 (ECF U175), ECF U135. Five rounds Friday 7pm – Sunday 7pm. For entry forms and information visit www.4ncl.co.uk/fide/information_14.htm
- ~Y 15 Jul **Maidenhead Junior Club Tournament**, Claires Court Junior Boys School, Cannon Lane, Maidenhead, Berkshire; postcode of entrance drive SL6 4QQ Contact: Nigel Dennis Email: nigelwdennis@btinternet.com Tel: 01491 576052 Web: <http://nigelwdennis.wixsite.com/mysite> - starts 9:30AM ends 12:00PM. Two sections both ECF graded, one under ECF grade 110, and the other a beginners section for ungraded juniors or under ECF grade 25
- ~@ 15 Jul **Golders Green FIDE Rapid Chess**, Golders Green Parish Church, West Heath Drive (off North End Road), Golders Green, London NW11 7QG Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.goldersgreenchess.blogspot.co.uk - SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open / Major Under 170 / Minor Under 145 / Amateur Under 120
- ~# 15-16 Jul **The Weald Chess Congress**, The Sports Centre, Copthorne Prep School, Effingham Lane, Copthorne, West Sussex RH10 3HR Contact: Carol Graham Email: info@wealdchesscongress.org Web: <http://www.wealdchesscongress.org> - 5 round standardplay Swiss in 4 sections - Open, U175, U140, U110. Incorporating the SCCU Individual Championship (BCC qualifying place). Discount for entry before 3rd July
- Y 15-16 Jul **Northern Gigafinals**, venue TBC Contact: Sarah and Alex Longson - qualification required
- #@ 15-23 Jul **Scottish Chess Championship & International Open**, Bonar Hall, Park Place, Dundee DD14HN Contact: Alex McFarlane Email: scottishchamps@ChessScotland.com Web: <http://www.ScottishChessChamp.co.uk> - Scottish Championship incorporated in a 9 round International Open event, norm opportunities available - 15th-23rd July; Scottish Blitz Championship - Saturday 15th July; Under 1850 event - Sunday 16th - Friday 21st; Under 1850 Senior event - Sunday 16th - Friday 21st; Schools' Individual event - Sunday 16th - Friday 21st; Rapidplay - Sat 22nd - Sunday 23rd July
- ~ 21-23 Jul **Leeds Chess Congress 2017**, Wellington Hill Residents Association Club House, 21-23 Ringwood Drive, Leeds LS14 1AR Contact: Philip Higgins Email: congress@leedschessclub.co.uk Tel: 07434 588447 Web: <http://congress.leedschessclub.co.uk> - starts 10:00AM ends 5:45PM. 5 round Swiss. Open (All)/Major (U165)/Intermediate (U140)/Minor (U115). Entry - ECF Silver and above £25. Other £35. Prizes in each section
- ~* 22 Jul **Poplar Rapid-Play**, Langley Hall, St.Nicholas Church Centre, Ettrick Street, Poplar, London E14 0QD Contact: Norman Went Email: DocklandsChess@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 07905 360659 Web: <http://www.spanglefish.com/docklandschessclub> - 10:30AM ends 6:00PM. 2 grade band sections - Minor Under 130 and Major Under 171. 30 minutes per player per game. 6 rounds.
- Y 22-23 Jul **Southern Gigafinals**, venue TBC Contact: Sarah and Alex Longson - qualification required
- Y 24-25 Jul **U14 British Chess Holiday Training Camp**, Writtle Community House, 12-14 Redwood Drive, Writtle, Chelmsford CM1 3LY Contact: Richard Pert Email: richpert@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.britishchess.co.uk> - starts 8:30AM ends 3:30PM. Ideal preparation for children playing in the British Chess Championships. Training camp run by International Master Richard Pert and experienced coach Robin Slade. Guest coach is Grandmaster Chris Ward. Children aged 14 or younger - must have a chess grade of 30 or higher in order to attend. Parents stay is optional ~ for this course we are allowing children to be left for the day providing that you believe they are mature enough to be left alone. A low adult-child ratio will be maintained
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- ~*#@+ 28 Jul-6 Aug **2017 British Chess Championships**, Venue Cymru, The Promenade, Llandudno LL30 1BB Contact: Kevin Staveley Email: manager.british@englishchess.org.uk Tel: 01443 772750 Web: <http://www.britishchesschampionships.co.uk/>
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- @ 3 Aug **Hendon 'First Thursday' Blitz**, Golders Green Unitarians Church, 31½ Hoop Lane, London NW11 8BS Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.hendonchessclub.com - SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open (one section)
- ~@ 5 Aug **Golders Green FIDE Rapid Chess**, Golders Green Parish Church, West Heath Drive (off North End Road), Golders Green, London NW11 7QG Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.goldersgreenchess.blogspot.co.uk - SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open / Major Under 170 / Minor Under 145 / Amateur Under 120
- ~*#@ 11-13 Aug **2017 Midland Open Championships**, Park Inn by Radisson Birmingham West, Birmingham Rd, West Bromwich B70 6RS Contact: Alex Holowczak Email: alexholowczak@gmail.com Tel: 07913976768 Web: http://www.mccu.org.uk/m_congress/entryform.htm - three sections, FIDE Open, FIDE U1900, ECF U130. The leading player from an MCCU county will be MCCU Champion and qualify for the 2018 British Championship. The Open will be part of the British Championship Qualifying Grand Prix
- ~* 12-13 Aug **53rd Hampstead FIDE Congress U2200/U1900/U135**, Henderson Court Resource Centre, 102 Fitzjohn's Avenue, London NW3 6NS Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.hampsteadchess.blogspot.co.uk - SWISS Under 2200 and Under 1900 FIDE sections, ECF Under 135 section
- ~* 12-13 Aug **MCCU Grand Prix Chess Congress**, RyeCroft Community Hub, New Forest Road, RyeCroft, Walsall WS3 1TR Contact: Ray Dolan Email: sunshine.dolan@gmail.com Tel: 07815540866 Web: <http://MCCU.org.uk/> - starts 10:00AM ends 5:30PM. Open, Major under 160, Intermediate under 140, Minor under 120. Last Known Grade. Prize fund - each section First £200, Second £100, third £50
- ~Y 12-13 Aug **Terafinal**, venue TBC Contact: Sarah and Alex Longson - qualification required

- ~ 13 Aug **Richmond Rapidplay**, Orleans Park School TW1 3BB Contact: Paul McKeown Email: <http://rjcc.org.uk/> - starts 10.00am ends 5.00pm. The continuation of a famous and successful series of rapid play tournaments, suitable for both juniors and adult players
- UY 15-18 Aug **Jessie Gilbert Celebration International Festival - Junior Coaching Events**, 84-90 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 3BA Contact: Scott Freeman Email: chess@ccfworld.com Tel: 00 44 20 8645 9586 Web: http://www.ccfworld.com/Chess/Adult%20Competitions/JGCI_Junior.htm - starts 10:00AM ends 6:00PM. 4 days of various coaching courses, including Beginner Coaching, Basic End Game Coaching, an advanced group on Checkmates, plus Institute of Chess Courses for Levels 1-4
- ~* 18-20 Aug **48th Thanet Congress**, Canterbury Christ Church University, Broadstairs Campus, Northwood Road, Broadstairs, Kent CT10 2WA Contact: Andrew Flood Email: aflood@sspp.co.uk Tel: 07880 724893 Web: <http://www.thanetchesscongress.co.uk> - starts 7:00PM ends 6:30PM. The 48th Thanet Chess Congress has 5 individual categories of entry and is also the Kent Individual Chess Championship. There will be more prize money than ever which is likely to be in the order of £2,500. Website and printed application forms will be available from April 2017
- ~* 18-20 Aug **Manchester Summer Congress**, Owens Park, 293 Wilmslow Road, Manchester M14 6HD Contact: Harry Lamb Email: gmccacongress@yahoo.co.uk Web: <http://boltonchessclub.webs.com/apps/blog/> - starts 6:45PM ends 6:30PM. Weekend tournament. Three sections. Large prize fund. £450 first prize in each section. Accommodation on site. Lots of free car parking. Manchester is rapidly developing into a major weekend tourist resort. A wide choice of hotels. Lively pubs. Fantastic restaurants. Especially the Curry Mile (a short walk away) and Chinatown areas
- ~@ 18-20 Aug **Chester-le-Street Congress**, Park View Community Centre, Church Chare, Chester-le-Street, County Durham DH3 3PZ Contact: Tim Wall Email: timpeterwall@gmail.com Tel: 0750 372 2366 Web: <http://foresthallchess.org.uk> - starts 6:30PM ends 6:30PM. Events for players of all ages and abilities, £1500 prize fund. FIDE-RATED OPEN: £250, £125, £75, & Grading, Junior prize. MAJOR (U160 ECF): £200, £100, £50 & Grading, Junior prize. CHALLENGERS (U120 ECF): £150, £75, £40 & Grading, Junior prize. JUNIOR (b. 2001 or later, U100 ECF): £100, £50, £30, & Grading prize
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- ~* @ 19 Aug **Jessie Gilbert Celebration International Festival - Open Rapid Play**, 84-90 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 3BA contact: Scott Freeman Email: chess@ccfworld.com Tel: 00 44 20 8645 9586 Web: http://www.ccfworld.com/Chess/Adult%20Competitions/Rapidplay_JGCI.html - starts 10:15AM ends 6:30PM. A 7 Round Open FIDE Rated Rapid Play tournament
- * @ 20 Aug **Jessie Gilbert Celebration International Festival - FIDE Open Blitz**, 84-90 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 3BA Contact: Scott Freeman Email: chess@ccfworld.com Tel: 00 44 20 8645 9586 Web: http://www.ccfworld.com/Chess/Adult%20Competitions/Blitz_JGCI.html - starts 2:00PM ends 6:00PM. A 10 round (Sunday afternoon) FIDE Rated Open Blitz event with 8 minutes + 2 second Fischer increments
- @ 20-27 Aug **Split Open 2017**, Hotel Zagreb, 21000 Split, Croatia Contact: Mateo Ivic Email: splitchessopen@gmail.com Tel: +385 (0) 91 6400 589 Web: <http://www.splitchessopen.com> - starts 6:00PM ends 11:00PM. 7th Split Open chess tournament in Split, Croatia. Prize fund: 6500 euros
- ~* @ 21-25 Aug **Jessie Gilbert Celebration International Festival - Norm Event(s)**, 84-90 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 3BA Contact: Scott Freeman Email: chess@ccfworld.com Tel: 00 44 8645 9586 Web: http://www.ccfworld.com/Chess/Adult%20Competitions/JGCI_Norm.htm - starts 10:00AM ends 9:00PM. Round Robin event with 9 rounds in 5 days
- ~* @ 21-25 Aug **Jessie Gilbert Celebration International Festival - Elite Swiss**, 84-90 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 3BA Contact: Scott Freeman Email: chess@ccfworld.com Tel: 00 44 20 8645 9586 Web: http://www.ccfworld.com/Chess/Adult%20Competitions/JGCI_Elite%20Swiss.htm - starts 2:30PM ends 6:30PM. A 5 round event for anyone who has (at some point) had a published rating of 2000 or above
- ~* @ 21-25 Aug **Jessie Gilbert Celebration International Festival - Sections for All - B Event**, 84-90 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 3BA contact: Scott Freeman Email: chess@ccfworld.com Tel: 00 44 20 8645 9586 Web: http://www.ccfworld.com/Chess/Adult%20Competitions/JGCI_SFA.htm - starts 2:30PM ends 6:30PM. A 5 round event for players rated below 2000; the field will be split in sections as appears to be appropriate.
- ~* @ 21-25 Aug **Jessie Gilbert Celebration International Festival - Sections for All - C Event**, 84-90 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 3BA contact: Scott Freeman Email: chess@ccfworld.com Tel: 00 44 20 8645 9586 Web: http://www.ccfworld.com/Chess/Adult%20Competitions/JGCI_SFA.htm - starts 7:00PM ends 11:00PM. A 5 round event for players rated below 2000; the field will be split into sections as appears to be appropriate.
- ~* @ 22-25 Aug **Jessie Gilbert Celebration International Festival - Sections for All - A event**, 84-90 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 3BA Contact: Scott Freeman Email: chess@ccfworld.com Tel: 00 44 20 8645 9586 Web: http://www.ccfworld.com/Chess/Adult%20Competitions/JGCI_SFA.htm - starts 10:00AM ends 2:00PM. A 4 round event for players rated below 2000; the field will be split into as many fields as appears to be reasonably appropriate

- ~@ 25-27 Aug **Bristol Steve Boniface Memorial Congress**, 6th Form Common Room, Bristol Grammar School, University Road, Bristol BS8 1SR Contact: Alan Papier Email: chinadoc@chinadoc.force9.co.uk Tel: 0789 9826515 Web: <http://tim1949jones.wix.com/bristolchesscongress> - a 5 round tournament with 3 sections: FIDE rated Open, Major (Under 155), and Minor (Under 125). Grading prizes in all sections
- ~*#@ 26-28 Aug **53rd Berks & Bucks Chess Congress**, St Piran's School, Gringer Hill, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7LZ Contact: Liam Varnam Email: liamvarnam@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 07950 938 403 Web: <http://www.berksandbuckschess.com/> - six round Swiss. Sections (usually 12-16 players in each) allocated according to ECF grade. Usually 5-6 sections. Top two sections FIDE-rated, all sections ECF-graded
- ~*# 26-28 Aug **11th Leyland FIDE Chess Congress**, Wellfield High School, Yewlands Drive, Leyland PR25 2TP Contact: David Clayton Email: leylandchesscongress2017@gmail.com Web: www.leylandchess.org.uk/congress - FIDE Open, Major U170 & Minor U135 - six rounds over three days, including August Bank Holiday Monday
- *@ 28 Aug **CCF Summer FIDE Open Blitz**, 84-90 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 3BA Contact: Scott Freeman Email: chess@ccfworld.com Tel: 00 44 20 8645 9586 Web: http://www.ccfworld.com/Chess/Adult%20Competitions/Blitz_August.html - starts 7:30PM ends 10:20PM. A 7 round FIDE Open Blitz with 8 minutes plus 2 Second Fischer increments
- ~Y 2 Sep **Godalming Open Junior**, Aldro School, Lombard St. Shackleford, Godalming Surrey GU8 6AS Contact: David Archer Email: archerd@aldro.org Tel: 01483 810266 - starts 10:00AM ends 5:00PM. 5 round Swiss tournament with age group sections U18, U13, U11, U10, U9. Cash prizes for the U18 age group and trophies for the winners of the other age groups with medals for the runners up. All games will be using clocks, 30 min each, and all games will be graded by the ECF. Light refreshments will be available all day and there is plenty of free parking
- ~*#@# 3-8 Sep **67th DCCA Congress**, Livermead House Hotel, Torquay TQ2 6QJ Contact: Linda Crickmore Tel: 01752 768206 (before 9.00pm, please) - Ron Bruce Premier (FIDE-rated Open), Rowena Bruce Challengers U180, Bloodworth Intermediate U150, Walker Minor U120, Boniface Morning 5 Round U180 and Thynne Morning 5 Round U135. Bookstall by Keverel Chess
- U 4 Sep 2017 **Wiltshire 5-Minute Quickplay Tournament**, Brown Jack, 1 Prior Hill, Wroughton, Wiltshire SN4 0RS Contact: Tony Ransom - starts 7:15PM ends 10:00PM. There will be one overall tournament with prizes determined by the entry level. All entry fees will be returned as prize money. The entry fee is £3 adults / £1.50 juniors (cash only, NO CHEQUES). Entries will only be accepted on the night, so bring along a completed form. Please arrive between 7.15 and 7.30 to allow for a prompt start. It is expected that there will be 7 rounds, but this will depend on how promptly we can start and size of the entry
- @ 7 Sep **Hendon 'First Thursday' Blitz**, Golders Green Unitarians Church, 31½ Hoop Lane, London NW11 8BS Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.hendonchessclub.com - SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open (one section)
- @ 8-10 Sep **The City of Dublin 2017**, Gresham Hotel on Lower O' Connell Street, Dublin 1, Ireland Contact: Pat Fitzsimons Email: mastergame100@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.icu.ie/events/885> - starts 7:00PM ends 6:00PM. The City of Dublin Championships features something for everyone with 4 sections played over 6 rounds including a FIDE Rated Masters section
- ~@ 9 Sep **Golders Green FIDE Rapid Chess**, Golders Green Parish Church, West Heath Drive (off North End Road), Golders Green, London NW11 7QG Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.goldersgreenchess.blogspot.co.uk - SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open / Major Under 170 / Minor Under 145 / Amateur Under 120
- Y 9-10 Sep **ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend**, venue TBC Contact: Director of Junior Chess and Education Email: director.juniorchess@englishchess.org.uk - ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend for the International Programme (years 1 and 2) and the Academy Plus Programme (year 2). Spare places may be available for those not on either the programme who wish to attend as a one-off event. These will be advertised on the ECF Junior website. These study weekends are for advanced players
- @ 9-11 Sep **15th 4NCL FIDE Rated Congress**, Cedar Court Hotel, Wakefield - starts 7:00pm ends 7:00pm. FIDE Open, FIDE U2000 (ECF U175), ECF U135. Five rounds Friday 7pm – Sunday 7pm. For entry forms and information visit www.4ncl.co.uk/
- ~Y 10 Sep **Leamington Junior Open**, SYNDI Centre, Cottage Square, Leamington Spa CV31 1PT Contact: Alex Holowczak Email: alexholowczak@gmail.com Web: <http://www.warwickshirechess.org/> - two 5-round tournaments for Under 9s and Under 11s. Held alongside the Leamington Rapidplay
- ~*@ 11 Sep **2017 Leamington Rapidplay**, Cottage Square, Leamington Spa CV31 1PT Contact: Ed Goodwin Email: edgoodwin@live.com Web: www.leamingtonchessleague.org.uk/ - details to follow
- ~ 15-17 Sep **Bradford Congress**, Latvian Welfare Club, Clifton Villas, Manningham, Bradford BD8 7BY Contact: Stuart Swire Email: bradfordchess@blueyonder.co.uk Tel: 01274 411817 Web: <http://www.bradfordchess.co.uk/> - starts 7:00PM ends 6:30PM. 3 sections - OPEN TOURNAMENT - open to all players Entry £25; MAJOR TOURNAMENT - open to players with a grading of 170 or below Entry £23; MINOR TOURNAMENT - open to players with a grading of 135 or below Entry £23
- ~ 16 Sep **32nd Crowborough Chess Congress**, The Crowborough Community Centre, Pine Grove, Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 1AR Contact: David Fryer Email: secretary@crowboroughchess.org Tel: 07919 402315 Web: <http://crowboroughchess.org> - starts 9:45AM ends 5:30PM. 6 round Swiss tournament with 25 minutes per player plus 5 seconds per move from start. One section with grading prizes. ENTRY LIMITED TO ECF 215 and FIDE 2300

- ~Y 16 Sep **Maidenhead Junior Club Tournament**, Claires Court Junior Boys School, Cannon Lane, Maidenhead, Berkshire; postcode of entrance drive SL6 4QQ Contact: Nigel Dennis Email: nigelwdennis@btinternet.com Tel: 01491 576052 Web: <http://nigelwdennis.wixsite.com/mysite> - starts 9:30AM ends 12:00PM. Two sections both ECF graded, one under ECF grade 110, and the other a beginners section for ungraded juniors or under ECF grade 25
- ~* 16 Sep **Poplar Rapid-Play**, Langley Hall, St.Nicholas Church Centre, Ettrick Street, Poplar, London E14 0QD Contact: Norman Went Email: DocklandsChess@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 07905 360659 Web: <http://www.spanglefish.com/docklandschessclub> - 10:30AM ends 6:00PM. 2 grade band sections - Minor Under 130 and Major Under 171. 30 minutes per player per game. 6 rounds.
- ~Y 17 Sep **ECF Secondary School Rapidplay Chess Tournament**, Eton College, Windsor SL4 6DW Contact: Neill Cooper Email: manager.secondary@englishchess.org.uk Tel: 01883 624051 Web: <http://englishchess.org.uk/NSCC/> - starts 10:30AM ends 5:30PM. 5 round Swiss rapidplay tournament. Digital chess clocks: all moves in 20 minutes + 5 sec/move. All games will be ECF graded. Teams will consist of 6 players in school years 7 to 13. Schools can enter one or two teams. Squads can have up to 8 players with 6 playing in any match. Schools which have no pupils beyond year 8 are allowed up to 2 players from years 5 and 6
- ~Y 17 Sep **LJCC Qualifying Event**, Graded Tournament & Training Day, Horris Hill, Newtown, Newbury RG20 9DE Contact: Nick Pert Email: fletchess@gmail.com - starts 11:00AM ends 5:00PM. London Junior Chess Championships Qualifying Event. Improvers section (ungraded); Under 10 LJCC qualifying event; Under 12 LJCC qualifying event; Under 18 section (graded)
- ~* 23-24 Sep **54th Hampstead FIDE Congress U2200/U1900/U135**, Henderson Court Resource Centre, 102 Fitzjohn's Avenue, London NW3 6NS Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.hampsteadchess.blogspot.co.uk - SWISS Under 2200 and Under 1900 FIDE sections, ECF Under 135 section
- ~ 23-24 Sep **1st Medway Chess Congress**, Chatham Grammar School for Girls, Rainham Road, Chatham, Kent ME5 7EH Contact: David Lettington Email: invicta_chess@outlook.com Tel: 07729624141 Web: <http://www.invictachess.co.uk> - 5 round Swiss tournament. Open Section, Major Section (U165), Minor Section (U125). Prize fund of £700 will be increased if there are more than 60 entrants. Online entry or downloadable form on website
- @ 23-24 Sep **The Irish Rapid and Blitz Championships 2017**, Plaza Suite, Academy Plaza Hotel, Findlater Place, Dublin 1 Contact: John McMorrow Email: chairperson@icu.ie Web: <http://www.icu.ie/events/972> - starts 10:30AM ends 4:00PM. This event is open to anyone. Guaranteed prize fund of roughly 2,000 euro for the weekend. FIDE-rated 7 round Rapidplay on Saturday (15 minutes +10 second increment) and a FIDE-rated 11 round Blitz on Sunday (3 minutes + 2 second increment)
- ~* 24 Sep **Cambridgeshire Rapidplay**, St Faith's School, Trumpington Road, Cambridge CB2 8AG Contact: Paul Kemp Email: paulkemp64@gmail.com Tel: 01223 872081 Web: <http://www.cambschess.co.uk> - starts 10:00AM ends 5:30PM. Four 5-round rapidplay tournaments: Open; Major (U160); Challengers (U120); Junior (Under 12). £800 prize fund
- ~* 29 Sep- 1 Oct **Castle Chess 12th Fareham Congress**, The Lysses House Hotel, 51 High Street, Fareham, Hampshire PO16 7BQ Contact: Tony Corfe Email: tony@mrcorfe.com Tel: 01707 659080 Web: <http://www.castlechess.co.uk> - starts 7:00PM ends 6:00PM. Event held in a popular 3* Hotel: CHAMPIONSHIP U195 incl. Premier U175; MAJOR U155 incl. Intermediate U135; MINOR U115 incl. Challenger U95. Guaranteed prize fund minimum £180 per event. 6 rounds
- ~* @ 29 Sep-1 Oct **Northumberland Chess Congress**, The Parks Leisure Centre, Howdon Road, Royal Quays, North Shields NE26 3BL Contact: David Watson Email: davidmwatson@blueyonder.co.uk Web: <http://www.northumberlandchesscongress.webs.com> - starts 7:00PM ends 11:00PM. 4 events - Open FIDE rated 5 rounds; Major 165 ECF and below 5 rounds; Minor 135 ECF and below 5 rounds - rate of play for all the above - 110 minutes plus 10 seconds increment from the start. Foundation 105 ECF and below who have never won a main prize in a congress - rate of play 1 hour each - playing each opponent twice once with White and once with Black - 10 rounds
- ~ 29 Sep-1 Oct **7th Original Harrogate Chess Congress**, Harrogate Chess Club, Apley Grange, 35 Oatlands Drive, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG2 8PU Contact: Noel Boustred Email: noelschess@gmail.com Web: <http://noelschess.weebly.com> - starts 7:00 ends 6:00PM. This, the original Harrogate Chess Congress, is the only one with an invitation to bring food and drink so you don't have to buy anything! £1.50 off entry if you've entered before. £150 for 1st prize in each section. 2 sections - Minor U135 and Major U170. Harrogate is a beautiful part of Yorkshire. Lots of free parking outside venue gates (over 150 spaces)
- ~Y+ 30 Sep-1 Oct **Junior 4NCL**, De Vere Wokefield Estate Entry guidelines at http://www.4ncl.co.uk/jn_entry.htm
- ~ 30 Sep-1 Oct **Norfolk County Chess Championships**, The Tithe Barn, Horstead Contact: John Wickham Email: j.r.wickham@btinternet.com Tel: 07808 876785 - starts 9:30AM ends 6:15PM. Closed event for those born in Norfolk, or those who have been resident in the county of Norfolk for 6 months, or those who are a member of a club registered with NCCA. 5 round Swiss. Limited to 48 entrants
- @ 5 Oct **Hendon 'First Thursday' Blitz**, Golders Green Unitarians Church, 31½ Hoop Lane, London NW11 8BS Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.hendonchessclub.com - SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open (one section)

- ~* 7 Oct **Poplar Rapid-Play**, Langley Hall, St.Nicholas Church Centre, Ettrick Street, Poplar, London E14 0QD Contact: Norman Went Email: DocklandsChess@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 07905 360659 Web: <http://www.spanglefish.com/docklandschessclub> - 10:30AM ends 6:00PM. 2 grade band sections - Minor Under 130 and Major Under 171. 30 minutes per player per game. 6 rounds.
- UY 7 Oct **York Junior Chess Day**, Archbishop of York CoE Junior School, Copmanthorpe Lane, York YO23 2QT Contact: Peter Cloudsdale Email: cloudsdale_c@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 01904 624958 Web: <http://whiterosejuniorchessacademy.org.uk> - starts 10:00AM ends 4:00PM. Junior training and competitions. Entry fee £10.00 payable to White Rose Junior Chess Academy. Training with Andrew Ledger IM from Sheffield and Lateefah Messam-Sparks from London, a full time chess teacher. A quality event for juniors aged 6-18. All levels of experience. Beginners are welcome. Event to be opened by Lord Mayor of York
- @ 7-8 Oct **4NCL Team and Individual Rapidplay Championships**, De Vere Wokefield Park Entry guidelines here – www.4ncl.co.uk
- ~Y 8 Oct **Camden LJCC Qualifying Event**, Graded Junior Tournament & Training Day, Camden School for Girls, Sandall Road, London NW5 2DB Contact: Lateefah Messam-Sparks Email: chesssparks@gmail.com Tel: 07715 461347 - starts 10:00AM ends 5:30PM. London Junior Chess Championships Qualifying Event and training day with FIDE Instructor and ECF Accredited Coach Lateefah Messam-Sparks. U8 LJCC qualifying section; U10 LJCC qualifying section; U12 LJCC qualifying section; U18 section All sections graded. Central Location and prizes for winners
- ~ 13-15 Oct **52nd Dorset Chess Congress**, The Elstead Hotel, 12-14 Knyveton Road, Bournemouth BH1 3QP Contact: Ian Clark Email: ianclark@dorsetchess.co.uk Tel: 01202 536370 Web: <http://www.dorsetchess.co.uk> - starts 7:00PM ends 7:00PM. Chess tournament with 4 sections. Back in Elstead Hotel after 2 years absence. Plenty of free parking in and outside hotel. Near railway station
- ~* 13-15 Oct **Crewe Chess Congress**, IBIS Styles Hotel, Emperor Way, Crewe Business park, Crewe CW1 6BD Contact: Neville Layhe Email: leshall1021@gmail.com Tel: 01270 588885 Web: <http://www.crewechessclub.co.uk> - starts 7:00PM ends 6:30PM. 4 sections: Open, Major U165, Intermediate U135, Minor U105. 4 prizes per section: 1st £200, 2nd £100, 3rd £50 Grading £25. ENTRY FORM on website: <https://crewechessclub.co.uk/congress2017/> - email: Nevilleyayhe@gmail.com
- ~@ 14 Oct **Golders Green FIDE Rapid Chess**, Golders Green Parish Church, West Heath Drive (off North End Road), Golders Green, London NW11 7QG Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.goldersgreenchess.blogspot.co.uk - SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open / Major Under 170 / Minor Under 145 / Amateur Under 120
- ~ 15 Oct **Leicester 'Atkins' Rapidplay**, Leicester Grammar School, London Road, Great Glen LE8 9FL Contact: Paul Mottram Email: chess@paulmottram.com - 10:00AM ends 5:40PM. 6 round Swiss rapidplay with 25 mins + 5 secs time control. Sections: Open, U165, U140, U115 and U80 (juniors only)
- ~ 15 Oct **Richmond Rapidplay**, Orleans Park School TW1 3BB Contact: Paul McKeown Email: <http://rjcc.org.uk/> - starts 10.00am ends 5.00pm. The continuation of a famous and successful series of rapid play tournaments, suitable for both juniors and adult players
- @ 15-21 Oct **43rd Guernsey International Chess Festival**, The Peninsula Hotel, Les Dicqs, Vale, Guernsey GY6 8JP Contact: Fred Hamperl Email: hamperfred@hotmail.com Tel: +44 (0)7911 139088 Web: <http://www.guernseychessclub.org.gg/festival/festival.htm> - starts 2:00PM. The tournament remains at the popular Peninsula Hotel on Guernsey's sandy west coast
- ~# 20-22 Oct **Scarborough Chess Congress**, THE OCEAN ROOM, SPA COMPLEX, SOUTH BAY, Scarborough YO11 2HD Contact: Lara Barnes Email: scarboroughchess@gmail.com Tel: 01709 889854 Web: <http://www.scarboroughchesscongress.org.uk> - starts 7:00PM. Biggest weekend congress in the UK! Please don't telephone after 9pm
- UY 21 Oct **Aldro Inter Schools Tournament**, Aldro School, Shackleford, Godalming, Surrey GU8 6AS Contact: David Archer Email: archerd@aldro.org Tel: 01483 810266 - starts 7:15AM ends 1:00PM. Three round Swiss tournament for teams of 4 players. School team event. U13, U11 and U9 age groups. Major and Minor sections for the U11 and U9 age groups (numbers permitting). Medals for the top 3 teams in each section
- ~ 21-22 Oct **5th Witney Congress**, Cokethorpe School, Witney Contact: Mike Truran Email: mike@truranfamily.co.uk Web: <http://www.witnychess.co.uk/> - sponsored by Cokethorpe School. Four main sections: Open, U170, U145 and U120, with a prize fund of over £1900. Contact: Mike Truran Email: mike@truranfamily.co.uk Web: <http://www.witnychess.co.uk/> - Sponsored by Cokethorpe School
- ~* 21-22 Oct **55th Hampstead FIDE Congress U2200/U1900/U135**, Henderson Court Resource Centre, 102 Fitzjohn's Avenue, London NW3 6NS Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.hampsteadchess.blogspot.co.uk - SWISS Under 2200 and Under 1900 FIDE sections, ECF Under 135 section
- ~ 27-29 Oct **54th Hull Chess Congress**, Hymers College, Hymers Avenue, Hull HU3 1LW Contact: Steve King Email: president@hullchess.com Tel: 01482 801550 Web: <http://www.hullchess.com> - five round Swiss - Open Section, Major (Under 166) Inter (Under 141) Minor (Under 116) Prizes £350, £200, £100, Plus 2 X £50 Grading Prizes. For information on how to pay by bank transfer please contact the HDCA Treasurer Steve Hodge (stevehodge657@gmail.com)

- ~* 28-29 Oct **35th Bury St Edmunds Congress**, The Apex, Charter Square, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3FD Contact: Steve Lovell Email: secretary@bsecongress.org.uk Web: <http://www.bsecongress.org.uk> - starts 9:30AM ends 6:15PM. Five round Swiss. Four sections - Open, Major (U170), Intermediate (U145), Minor (U120)
- @ 2 Nov **Hendon 'First Thursday' Blitz**, Golders Green Unitarians Church, 31½ Hoop Lane, London NW11 8BS Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.hendonchessclub.com - SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open (one section)
- ~@ 3-5 Nov **Central London Chess Congress**, Imperial College Union, Beit Quadrangle, Prince Consort Road, London SW7 2BB Contact: John Sargent Email: JohnSargent@GMail.com Web: <http://union.ic.ac.uk/rcc/chess> - a weekend of competitive chess in an excellent central London location. The eighth Central London Chess Congress will be held from the 3rd to the 5th of November 2017 in the shadow of the Royal Albert Hall. Open, Major and Minor sections. Round 1 starts 19.00 Friday, Rounds 2/4 at 10.00 Sat/Sun and Rounds 3/5 at 15.00 Sat/Sun. ***Note: No U18s allowed due to Westminster Council restrictions on venue***
- @ 4-6 Nov **15th 4NCL FIDE Rated Congress**, Holiday Inn, Coventry - starts 7:00pm ends 7:00pm. FIDE Open, FIDE U2000 (ECF U175), ECF U135. Five rounds Friday 7pm – Sunday 7pm. For entry forms and information visit www.4ncl.co.uk/
- ~ 5 Nov **36th Bolton Rapidplay**, Bolton Ukrainian Club, 99 Castle Street, Bolton BL2 1JP Contact: Rod Middleton Email: roderickmiddleton@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01204 383634 - starts 10:00AM ends 6:30PM. 3 sections: Open; Major; Knights
- ~ 6-10 Nov **18th Royal Beacon Seniors Congress**, Royal Beacon Hotel, The Beacon, Exmouth EX8 Contact: RH Jones Email: jones_r53@sky.com Tel: 01395 223340 Web: <http://keverelchess.com> - starts 1:00PM ends 7:00PM - a well-established event for "Juniors" (50 - 64) and Seniors (65+). The event has hosted 34 top class congresses since 1999 and is well-known as one of the best venues on the circuit for smaller events
- ~@ 11 Nov **Golders Green FIDE Rapid Chess**, Golders Green Parish Church, West Heath Drive (off North End Road), Golders Green, London NW11 7QG Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.goldersgreenchess.blogspot.co.uk - SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open / Major Under 170 / Minor Under 145 / Amateur Under 120
- @ 10-12 Nov **The Irish Women's Championship 2017**, Buswells Hotel, Dublin 2, Ireland Contact: John McMorrow Email: chairperson@icu.ie Web: <http://www.icu.ie/events/866> - starts 7:30PM ends 7:00PM. The Irish Women's Championship 2017 will take place from November 10-12 in Buswells Hotel, Dublin 2. The event features the best female Irish chess players and has a prize fund of 800 euro. The event will be contested over 5 FIDE-rated rounds
- ~* 10-12 Nov **Torbay Congress**, Livermead House Hotel, Torquay Road, Seafront, Torquay TQ2 6QJ Contact: Tony Tatam Email: secretary@torbaycongress.com Tel: 01752 300620 Web: <http://www.torbaycongress.com> - starts 6:30PM ends 7:00PM. A five-round congress with four sections --- Open, U170, U140 and U120
- Y 11-12 Nov **ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend**, venue TBC Contact: Director of Junior Chess and Education Email: director.juniorchess@englishchess.org.uk - ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend for the International Programme (years 1 and 2) and the Academy Plus Programme (year 2). Spare places may be available for those not on either the programme who wish to attend as a one off event. These will be advertised on the ECF Junior website. These study weekends are for advanced players
- ~@ 11-12 Nov **4NCL Weekend 1**, Divisions 1 and 2 Park Inn Telford; **Divisions 3 South and 4** De Vere Wokefield Estate; **Division 3** North Cedar Holiday Inn, Doncaster Contact: Mike Truran Email: mike@truranfamily.co.uk Web: www.4ncl.co.uk
- U 17-19 Nov **Kilkenny Congress 2017**, Butler House and Club House Hotel, Kilkenny, Ireland Contact: Maurice Buckley Email: lee-cat@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.icu.ie/events/876> - starts 7:00PM ends 6:00PM. One of Ireland's biggest weekenders with some of Europe's strongest players and a 40+ year tradition of excellence
- ~* 18 Nov **Poplar Rapid-Play**, Langley Hall, St.Nicholas Church Centre, Etrick Street, Poplar, London E14 0QD Contact: Norman Went Email: DocklandsChess@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 07905 360659 Web: <http://www.spanglefish.com/docklandschessclub> - 10:30AM ends 6:00PM. 2 grade band sections - Minor Under 130 and Major Under 171. 30 minutes per player per game. 6 rounds
- ~* @ 18-19 Nov **British Rapidplay Chess 2017**, Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley, West Yorkshire LS29 8RQ (provisional venue) Contact: Brent Kitson Email: kitson453@btinternet.com Tel: 01132662330 Web: <http://www.british-rapidplay.org.uk> - starts 10:30AM. British Rapidplay National Championships; Open/Major/Intermediate/Minor/British Under 11 Trial/British Junior Rapidplay
- ~Y 19 Nov **2017 Warwickshire Junior Championship**, Kenilworth School & Sports College, Leyes Lane, Kenilworth CV8 2DA Contact: Alex Holowczak Email: alexholowczak@gmail.com - sections for players aged Under 8/10/12/14/16/18. Entry restricted to players who were born in, go to school in, or who are resident in the county of Warwickshire, and the West Midlands county districts of the City of Birmingham, the City of Coventry and Solihull
- ~* 24-26 Nov **Preston Chess Congress**, Cotton Court, Church St, Preston PR1 3BY Contact: Malcolm Peacock Email: malcolm@popmalc.org.uk Web: <http://chess.popmalc.org.uk/congress> - starts 6:30PM. Weekend congress with 4 sections
- ~@ 24-26 Nov **Bristol Winter Congress 2017**, Bristol Grammar School (BGS), University Road, Bristol BS8 1SR Contact: Alan Papier / Igor Doklestic Email: chinadoc@chinadoc.force9.co.uk Tel: 07899 826515 Web: <http://tim1949jones.wixsite.com/bristolchesscongress> - a 5 round tournament with 3 sections: FIDE rated Open, Major (U155), Minor (U125). Prizes in all sections. Central venue

- ~Y 25 Nov **Northampton LJCC Qualifying Event**, Graded Junior Tournament & Training Day, Caroline Chisholm School, Wooldale Centre for Learning, Wooldale Road, Northampton NN4 6TP Contact: Lateefah Messam-Sparks Email: chesssparks@gmail.com Tel: 07715 461347 - starts 10:00AM ends 5:30PM. London Junior Chess Championships Qualifying Event and training day with FIDE Instructor and ECF Accredited Coach Lateefah Messam-Sparks. U8 LJCC qualifying section; U10 LJCC qualifying section; U12 LJCC qualifying section; U18 section All sections graded. Doors open at 9.30am and prizes for section winners
- ~* 25-26 Nov **56th Hampstead FIDE Congress U2200/U1900/U135**, Henderson Court Resource Centre, 102 Fitzjohn's Avenue, London NW3 6NS Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.hampsteadchess.blogspot.co.uk - SWISS Under 2200 and Under 1900 FIDE sections, ECF Under 135 section
- ~Y 26 Nov **LJCC Qualifying Event**, Graded Junior Tournament & Training Day, Wellington College, Dukes Ride, Crowthorne, Berkshire RG45 7PT Contact: Nick Pert Email: fleetchess@gmail.com - starts 11:00AM. London Junior Chess Championships Qualifying Event. Improvers section (ungraded); Under 10 LJCC qualifying event; Under 12 LJCC qualifying event; Under 18 section (graded)
- ~ 26 Nov **Wiltshire Team-Rapidplay Tournament 2017**, Nationwide Head Office, Pipers Way, Swindon, Wiltshire SN38 1NW Contact: Tony Ransom - starts 10:00AM ends 6:00PM
- @ 7 Dec **Hendon 'First Thursday' Blitz**, Golders Green Unitarians Church, 31½ Hoop Lane, London NW11 8BS Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.hendonchessclub.com - SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open (one section)
- ~Y 10 Dec **Kenilworth Junior Open**, Kenilworth School & Sports College, Leyes Lane, Kenilworth CV8 2DA Contact: Alex Holowczak Email: alexholowczak@gmail.com Web: http://www.warwickshirechess.org/ - 5 rounds, sections for Under 11 and Under 18, and grade-restricted sections for all juniors
- ~Y 16 Dec **National Prep School Rapidplay**, Aldro School, Shackleford, Godalming, Surrey GU8 6AS Contact: David Archer Email: archerd@aldro.org Tel: 01483 810266 starts 10:00AM ends 5:00PM. Five round Swiss tournament with individual sections for U13, U12, U11, U10 and U9 players. All games will be graded. There will be trophies for the winners of each age group and medals for the runners up. The Team Cup will be awarded to the top school. Only four players from each school will count towards the team cup.
- ~*#@ 28 Dec-7 Jan **Hastings International Chess Congress**, Horntye Park Sport Complex, Bohemia Road, Hastings TN34 1EX Contact: Alan Hustwayte Email: alan.b.hustwayte@tesco.net Tel: 01424 443300 Web: http://www.hastingschess.com - starts 2:15PM ends 9:30PM. The annual (93rd) Hastings International Chess Congress includes 9-round FIDE Masters tournament, Christmas and New Year 4 and 5 round tournaments and the 5 round 35th Hastings Weekend Congress with a FIDE Rated Open and Intermediate and Under-130 tournaments

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- Y 6-7 Jan **ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend**, venue TBA Contact: Traci Whitfield Email: director.juniorchess@englishchess.org.uk. ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend for the International Programme (Years 1, 2 and 3) and the Academy Plus Programme (Year 3). Spare places may be available for those not on either the programme who wish to attend as a one off event. These will be advertised on the ECF Junior website although you may email the ECF Director of Junior Chess directly if you wish. These study weekends are for advanced players
- U 12-14 Jan **The 50th Mulcahy Memorial 2018**, Gresham Metropole Hotel, McCurtain Street, Cork Contact: Pat Twomey Email: ptwomey@hotmail.com Web: http://www.icu.ie/events/973 - starts 7:30PM ends 7:00PM. The 50th Mulcahy Memorial looks set to be one of the strongest in the recent history of the event. The tournament takes place in the Metropole Hotel from Friday 12th January to Sunday 14th January 2018
- ~@ 13-14 Jan **4NCL Weekend 2**, Divisions 1 and 2 St Johns Hotel Solihull; **Divisions 3 South and 4** De Vere Wokefield Estate; **Division 3 North** Mercure Bolton Georgian House Contact: Mike Truran Email: mike@truranfamily.co.uk Web: www.4ncl.co.uk
- ~* 13-14 Jan **Somerset New Year Congress**, Walton Park Hotel, Wellington Terrace, Clevedon, North Somerset BS21 7BL Contact: Rebecca Gardiner Email: congresssecretary@hotmail.com Tel: 01209 217210 Web: http://someretchesscongress.webs.com/ - starts 9:30AM ends 6:00PM. Five round seeded Swiss tournament with 3 sections- U175, U145 & U120
- ~Y+ 20-21 Jan @ 26-28 Jan **Junior 4NCL**, Park Inn, Telford Entry guidelines at http://www.4ncl.co.uk/jn_entry.htm
The 16th Annual Gonzaga Charity Classic 2018, Gonzaga College SJ, Sandford Road, Ranelagh, Dublin 6 Contact: Peter Carroll Email: gonzagachessclassic@gmail.com Web: http://www.icu.ie/events/974 - starts 7:30PM ends 7:00PM. This is Dublin's largest weekender with over 250 entrants expected and a FIDE rated Masters section with many GMs, IMs and FMs. Top games are broadcast in the in a 400 seat auditorium and all of the proceeds go to Charity with 3,000 euro raised annually
- ~* 28 Jan **29th Nottingham Rapidplay**, Nottingham High School, Waverley Mount, Nottingham NG7 4ED Contact: Robert Richmond Email: Robrchmnd@aol.com Tel: 01159455908 Web: http://NottsChess.org - starts 10:00AM ends 6:30PM. OPEN / U160 / U135 / U110. 6 rounds. Entry form and on-line entry on NottsChess website

- ~@ 2-4 Feb **Frodsham Chess Congress**, Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham, Cheshire WA6 7QN Contact: Pat Ridley Email: patrick.ridley@ntlworld.com Tel: 07816 200512 Web: <http://www.kisekigo.com/frodsham.html> - starts 7:00PM ends 6:45PM. A 5 round Swiss standard play tournament with a FIDE-rated Open and Under 160 and Under 120 sections. Discounts for junior (under 18) and senior (over 65) players, and special discount for players in the parallel Cheshire Go tournament at the same venue on Saturday 3rd Feb. Free car parking. Good road and rail access. The entry form will be available here and on the congress web page in the Autumn.
- ~Y 3 Feb **EPSCA Rapidplay**, Broadgreen International School, Liverpool L13 5UQ Contact: Julian Clissold Email: julian.clissold@outlook.com Tel: 01204 852036 Web: <http://www.epsca.org.uk/> - starts 11:00AM ends 6:00PM. English Primary Schools Chess Association (EPSCA) Rapidplay for children aged up to age 11
- ~* 3-4 Feb **41st Annual Kidlington Chess Tournament**, Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington OX5 1AB Contact: Gerard O'Reilly Email: gerard@fianchetto.co.uk Tel: 01865 727419 Web: <https://www.kidlingtonchess.org.uk/> - starts 9:30AM ends 6:00PM. 4 sections - Open, U180, U145, U120. 5 rounds in each section - 3 on Saturday (starting 9.30am, 2pm, 6.30pm), 2 on Sunday (starting 9.30am, 2pm). Half-point bye available in any one of first four rounds. Time allowance - 90 minutes, plus 15 seconds increment per move from move 1. Prize fund over £2000
- ~@ 10-11 Feb **4NCL Weekend 3**, Divisions 1 and 2 Park Inn Northampton; **Divisions 3 South and 4** De Vere Wokefield Estate; **Division 3 North** Mercure Hotel Bolton Contact: Mike Truran Email: mike@truranfamily.co.uk Web: www.4ncl.co.uk
- ~*#Y+ 17-18 Feb **Wiltshire & West of England Junior Open Championships**, venue to be confirmed Contact: Bev Schofield Email: bev@schofieldhall.co.uk Tel: 01793 487575 Web: <http://wiltshirejuniorchess.com> - 9:45AM ends 6:30PM. Although this (32nd) Junior Open Congress is organised by Wiltshire Junior Chess, it is open to ANY chess player under 18 on the 31st August 2017
- U 23 Feb **The 25th Annual Bunratty Chess Festival**, Bunratty Castle Hotel, Bunratty, Co. Clare, Ireland Contact: Paul Carey Email: info@bunrattychess.com Tel: +353-87-6820105 Web: <http://www.bunrattychess.com/index.php> - starts 7:00PM ends 6:00PM. The 25th edition of Ireland's largest and most celebrated event. Renowned as one of the top and most popular weekenders in Europe and referred to by GM Nigel Short as the "Rolls-Royce of weekenders"
- ~* 23-25 Feb **43rd East Devon Chess Congress**, Exeter Corn Exchange, Market Street, Exeter EX1 1BW Contact: Dr Tim Paulden (Congress Director) Email: timpaulden@gmail.com - starts 6:45PM ends 7:30PM. One of the most popular Congresses in the South West - our 2017 event attracted over 150 entrants! Venue in Exeter City Centre, close to railway stations, car parks, and accommodation.
- ~Y 10 Mar **English Primary Schools Chess Association Under 9 Zones**, various venues in the North, South and East of England Contact: Nigel Dennis Email: nigelwdennis@btinternet.com Web: <http://www.epsca.org.uk/> - starts 11:45AM ends 6:00PM. Three zones qualifying for a final
- ~Y 17 Mar **English Primary Schools Chess Association Under 11 Zones**, various venues in the North, South and East of England Contact: Nigel Dennis Email: nigelwdennis@btinternet.com Web: <http://www.epsca.org.uk/> - starts 11:45AM ends 6:00PM. Three zones qualifying for a final
- 17-18 Mar **4NCL Weekend 4 Divisions 1 and 2** - De Vere Wokefield Estate; **Division 3 North** – Mercure Bolton Georgian House
- ~Y 24 Mar **English Primary Schools Chess Association Under 11 Girls Final**, venue tba Contact: Nigel Dennis Email: nigelwdennis@btinternet.com Web: <http://www.epsca.org.uk/> - starts 11:45AM ends 6:00PM. EPSCA Associations can enter a team without playing in a qualifying zone
- 24-25 Mar **4NCL Weekend 4 Divisions 3 South and 4** - De Vere Wokefield Estate
- #@ 31 Mar-7 Apr **4th Polar Capital Jersey International Chess Tournament**, Hotel Ambassadeur, La Grand route de la Cote, St. Clement, Jersey JE2 6SB Contact: Paul Wojciechowski Email: paulmwoj@gmail.com Tel: +44 7797740785 Web: <http://www.jerseychessclub.com> - 9 round Open/Holiday/Minor Tournament and UBS Blitz Tournament. Chief Arbiter Adam Raoof (IA)
- ~Y 7-8 Apr **National Chess Junior Squad Championships**, venue tbc Contact: Peter Purland Email: petepurland@btopenworld.com Tel: 0151 649 1797 Web: <http://www.ncjs.co.uk> - starts 10:00AM. Squad championship but open to all juniors
- ~* 14-15 Apr **36th. St.Albans Congress**, St. Columba's College, King Harry Lane, St.Albans, Herts AL1 4RU Contact: Terry Douse Email: stalbanscongress@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01727 751072 Web: <http://www.stalbanscongress.com> - starts 10:00AM ends 6:30PM. Prize fund £3500. Swiss tournament over 5 rounds. 5 sections - Minor Under 120, Intermediate Under 140, Major Under 160, Challengers Under 180, Open - no grade limits. Large playing hall. Hot and cold refreshments. Large free car park. Good transport links
- Y 14-15 Apr **ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend**, venue TBA Contact: Traci Whitfield Email: director.juniorchess@englishchess.org.uk. ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend for the International Programme (Years 1, 2 and 3) and the Academy Plus Programme (Year 3). Spare places may be available for those not on either the programme who wish to attend as a one off event. These will be advertised on the ECF Junior website although you may email the ECF Director of Junior Chess directly if you wish. These study weekends are for advanced players
- ~Y 21 Apr **English Primary Schools Chess Association Under 11 Final**, venue tba Contact: Nigel Dennis Email: nigelwdennis@btinternet.com Web: <http://www.epsca.org.uk/> - starts 11:45AM ends 6:00PM. Teams qualify for the final from three zones

- ~ 21-22 Apr **43rd Nottingham Congress**, Nottingham High School, Waverley Mount, Nottingham NG7 4ED Contact: Robert Richmond Email: robrchmnd@aol.com Tel: 0115 9455908 Web: <http://NottsChess.org> - starts 8:00AM ends 5:45PM. OPEN / U165 / U135 / U110. OPEN 1st prize £650. Entry form and online entry on NottsChess.org
- ~Y+ 21-22 Apr **Junior 4NCL**, Park Inn, Telford Entry guidelines at http://www.4ncl.co.uk/jn_entry.htm
- ~Y 28 Apr **English Primary Schools Chess Association Under 9 Final**, venue tba Contact: Nigel Dennis Email: nigelwdennis@btinternet.com Web: <http://www.epsca.org.uk/> - starts 11:45AM ends 6:00PM. Teams qualify for the final from three zones
- 5-7 May **4NCL Weekend 5 Divisions 1 and 2** - Park Inn, Telford, **Divisions 3 South and 4** - De Vere Wokefield Estate, **Division 3 North** – Holiday Inn, Doncaster
- Y 8-9 Sep **ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend**, venue TBA Contact: Traci Whitfield Email: director.juniorchess@englishchess.org.uk. ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend for the International Programme (Years 1, 2 and 3) and the Academy Plus Programme (Year 3). Spare places may be available for those not on either the programme who wish to attend as a one off event. These will be advertised on the ECF Junior website although you may email the ECF Director of Junior Chess directly if you wish. These study weekends are for advanced players
- ~* 9-11 Nov **2018 Torbay Chess Congress**, Livermead House Hotel, Torbay Road, Seafront, Torquay TQ2 6RH Contact: Phil McConnell Email: secretary@torbaycongress.com Web: <http://www.torbaycongress.com> - starts 7:00PM ends 7:00PM. Four sections - Open, U170, U140, U120. Five rounds. Doors open 6.30pm Friday 10th November
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