



Warwick Chess



Annual Report 2018-19

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2018-19 in Numbers!

- 161 Members (Record Membership, as of March 2019)
- **Largest British University Chess Society**
- Local League: 5 CDCL Teams
- Rapidplay: 3 2020 Teams
- National: 9 BUCA Teams (Record)
- European: 1 EUSA Team
- CDCL Division 1 Champions 2019, 2018, ...
- BUCA Division 1 Champions 2018, 2017, 2002
- BUCA 2019: 3 Team Prizes, 16 Board Prizes
- 2017 European Championship: 10th Place
- Weekly Thursday 7.30pm Clubnights
- Simultaneous Display w/ **GM Keith Arkell**
- **2nd ECF & FIDE-rated Rapidplay** – 74 players, with live boards in the Open.
- Chess in Schools – Wednesdays & Fridays
- First ever **Chess 5-a-side Football Team**

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Engaging New Members! Clubnights & Simul w/ Keith Arkell.

We run clubnights in the newly built Oculus building, at the University of Warwick, every Thursday from 7.30pm - 10pm. Clubnights are our main weekly social occasions - we run tournaments (Exchange Chess, Blitz, Secret Queen, etc), a Beginners' Course, parties for festive occasions like Christmas, as well as a simultaneous display with GM Keith Arkell. This year we boast a record 161 members!

Freshers' Tournament



Simultaneous with GM Keith Arkell



Don't Stress! Play Chess! Freshers, Socials & Football.

At Freshers' week, you can find us at the Freshers' Fair, and on the Piazza outside the Student Union! Every year, we give out over 3000+ flyers, plus freebies and promo material for our sponsor, Optiver. During term 3, you can find us weekly outside the SU, at our Don't Stress! Play Chess! Stand encourage people to relax during the exam period - to play chess!



Socials!

We have socials to Pop!, Skool Dayz, Lazer Quest, Barbeques, and regular visits to the Terrace Bar to play pool!



5-A-Side Football

This year, we set up our first 5-a-side Football Team, which play in the University 5-a-side Sunday League! We even came 4th, in the Winter Season, beating established societies, such as Engineering!



Competitive Chess & The 2nd Warwick Rapidplay! (ECF & FIDE-rated)

We have many opportunities for our members to play competitive chess, as the largest University Chess society across the UK. We run 5 weekly teams in the local Coventry & District Chess League, over 3 Divisions, as well as 3 teams to the 2020 National Rapidplay League, and a record 9 Teams to the British Universities Chess (BUCA) Team Championships. We won BUCA in 2018 and 2017; this year, we came 4th, qualifying for the 2019 European Championships - winning 3 Team prizes, and 16 Board prizes.



The 2nd Warwick University Rapidplay Tournament (ECF-graded and FIDE Rated)

This year, we had a record 74 players at the 2nd Warwick University Rapidplay - with players from far and wide. We even got the top boards of the Open Section onto live boards - a first for us.



Trips to Birmingham & Coventry!

To give our players more competitive chess opportunities, we run trips to local Rapidplays, in the 25th Birmingham Rapidplay, and the Coventry & District Chess League Centenary Rapidplay 2019. For the Coventry Centenary, we brought one minibus of players to play; whilst at the Birmingham Rapidplay, we brought a minibus and two car-loads of 27 players!



Warwick Chess in Schools!

The Society prides itself in its outreach work and links with the local community, we strongly encourage our members to go into schools and academies to coach chess. Some of our members volunteer with the local Coventry Chess Academy, a leading chess academy in the Midlands. Many of our volunteers are part of the Warwick Chess in Schools Programme, a Warwick Volunteers-funded programme to bring chess into local schools in underprivileged areas of Coventry. Currently we have session on Wednesdays and Fridays, at Grange Farm Primary, and Templars Primary.



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We are sponsored exclusively by market trading firm, Optiver, who make so much of our competitive and social chess, and volunteering in schools, possible. Optiver, is also the sponsor for Anish Giri, who has now visited us twice, both times delivering a simultaneous display. We are very proud of our relationship with Optiver, and encourage our members to actively consider Optiver's graduate opportunities!





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