

English Chess Federation



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FOREWORD



Dear chess colleagues,

I am honoured to have been recently elected to the post of ECF President and promise to work hard for the benefit of chess in this country.

The past year has been somewhat frenetic in more ways than one, ending with the resignation of our previous president. The new membership scheme has been introduced. Naturally there have been the usual initial teething problems but these are being resolved and we wait with bated breath to see how successful it is.

We currently have a Board that still has a couple of vacancies and several new members as a result of the recent elections. However, the current personnel are full of ideas for the future. Whether all the schemes are workable only time will tell, but please rest assured that we are all working with the best intentions for the future well-being of the ECF - in some cases over-working!

This year we are organising the 100th British Championships at Torquay and also working towards trying to achieve Charitable Status for the ECF. These two events in themselves will keep several members of the Board fully occupied, more than fully occupied for those members who also need time to earn a living as well.

It saddens me to see some pockets of the country who think they can exist without the ECF and are trying to destroy it when there are so many people who are trying their best to make it work. However, more volunteers are still needed. To paraphrase that well known saying, "Ask not what the ECF can do for you, ask what you can do for the ECF".

Because of the forthcoming workload, plus the additional work generated by the Membership scheme, we are very reliant on the work carried out in the office and I would like to thank the staff who work there for their efforts in keeping the ECF running on a daily basis. And also a thank you to all the volunteers without whom there would be no ECF.

- Roger Edwards, President of the English Chess Federation

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DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Chief Executive's Report

There is a detailed report on the ECF's activities in the year to April 2012 in the Achievement Report against Business Plan, as well as in the individual directors' reports. This report will concentrate on developments since April and broader organisational matters.

When I came to this role two years ago, I identified in my election address a number of areas in which I hoped to be able to make a positive contribution. It is for others to judge whether this was the case, but I should like to revisit these themes in this, my final report as Chief Executive.

Vision & Strategy

Over the last few years, the ECF has documented its long term vision and strategy in what I hope is an ambitious but realistic and professional way. Its annual business planning is more robust, if not immune to the twists and turns of actual events or incapable of improvement. I am delighted that Stephen Jones has volunteered his services as Strategic Planning Officer, and he can look to bring his expertise and fresh perspective to the task of helping the Board and Council decide the ECF's future direction. The Achievement Report and Long-Term Strategic Plan included among the AGM papers reflect Stephen's hard work, and I thank him for his efforts.

The last year has not been the easiest of times to focus on the medium to long term, and I regret that more progress has not been made in some areas. This notwithstanding, I urge Council and the Board to give serious thought to its ambitions for the future direction of the ECF. It is all too easy to become caught up in the job of delivering business as usual or – worse – to focus more on events of the recent past than the constructive task of building the future. My greatest regret over the last twelve months is that I was myself unable to focus on these aspects of future development to anything like a sufficient extent.

Trust & Transparency

Two years ago, it was clear that there was something of a 'trust and transparency deficit' with regard to the ECF. In my previous report, I suggested that there were encouraging signs of progress in this area.

It is disappointing to have to acknowledge that there have been some backward steps in the last year, at least insofar as the perception of the ECF is concerned. Several controversies – most notably, the 2011 British Championships prize-giving, the CAS legal action against FIDE, the deficiencies in the original accounting for the British Championships sponsorship monies – have damaged trust in the ECF in a way which may take some time to repair.

In dealing with these and other matters, I have sought to be open and honest. Sometimes, a judgement had to be made that the correct course was to say little – for example, while investigating and finally commenting upon what proved to be unfounded allegations about members of the English delegation at the EU Youth Chess Championships in Austria – despite considerable (and understandable) curiosity from third parties.

Finding the correct balance in communication is not easy, and with hindsight I believe that my judgements have not always been right in this. In attempting to respond to questions or to address misunderstandings or misstatements, I suspect that I have contributed to prolonging public debate of controversies when this was not in the best interests of English chess.

The volume of correspondence and internet forum comments in itself becomes an important factor in the effectiveness of the ECF as an organisation. For example, to receive and deal with something in the order of 200 e-mails from one individual alone in respect of one of the year's controversies – the total number of e-mails received on the same subject comfortably exceeded one thousand – required a substantial amount of time which clearly could have been better applied elsewhere.

Moreover, the nature and tone of many of these e-mails (and related forum posts) had an undeniable effect on my ability to motivate myself to focus on more productive work, and this effect evidently extended at times to other members of the Board.

Among the important issues raised by the events of the past year are two points which Council may wish to consider:

*** Code of Conduct** – The consultation paper presented to Finance Council in April 2012 attracted almost no response. In my judgement, the absence of a formal means of settling complaints contributed to the prolongation of the controversies. One should be under no illusion that all parties would accept the result of such a process without continuing to protest, but its existence would make it easier for most people to accept that it was reasonable to move on.

*** Public statements** – About half of the Board, as well as other ECF officials, choose to comment on the English Chess Forum. On a practical level, this can be very time-consuming if one official finds himself having to deal with a sequence of comments by several individuals. Perhaps more importantly, it raises the question as to whether such comments by officials prolong discussion of controversies to the detriment of English chess and whether it would be better for the ECF to state its position officially and then stay quiet.

I took the personal decision in August not to continue posting on the English Chess Forum. Whilst this was due partly to an unwillingness any longer to accept attacks upon my integrity and partly to a wish to free up more time for

more constructive tasks, the timing was motivated by the wish to give Council the opportunity to judge the impact on the forum discussions of my non-participation. This could lead to a more informed debate – if desired – on the merits or otherwise of posting on the forum.

My own feelings are distinctly mixed. My instinct is that it is a plus to communicate more and to answer questions where possible; experience, however, leads me to question whether this particular medium is the right one. As the outgoing Chief Executive, I do not consider it appropriate for me to seek to impose constraints on the new Board and other ECF officials. This is, however, a subject that Council may wish to consider, now or at a future meeting. Ultimately, it is a matter for Council how they want ECF officials to communicate in public.

Customer Service

Improving customer service is undeniably a work in progress. The office staff work hard to respond in a prompt and efficient way to membership queries, and on the whole this is achieved, the challenges of the bedding-down period for the new membership scheme notwithstanding. The office is currently having to cope with its busiest period (the influx of new memberships) while missing one member of staff on long-term sick leave, and some temporary help has proved necessary, to be funded from the contingency budget.

Whilst there will inevitably be exceptions, responsiveness to queries has, I believed, improved across the organisation. The ECF still lacks a formal complaints process, but in practice the procedure presented to Finance Council in April has been applied when complaints are received.

Finances

2011/12 was the first year which the ECF had to face without the benefit of funding from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. Since this represented approximately a third of the ECF's income – and this in the context of an organisation which had endured two years of annual deficits – overcoming this challenge was an important priority.

Last year, I reported on the outcome of the cost review, which enabled the ECF to reduce its expenditure by something in the order of £45,000 a year. In 2011/12, further significant cost savings have proved difficult to find, in the face of the inflationary pressures familiar to us all. The introduction of an online membership system has added the cost of an annual licence fee and card processing fees (for memberships purchased directly online), but the time savings brought about by the change should enable a saving in staff costs which will more than offset these new costs.

The new membership scheme and changed game fee framework should place the ECF on a sound and self-sufficient financial footing for the future. The structure of the scheme means that there is relatively little dependency on the take-up of membership per se. Indeed, a higher-than-expected proportion of non-members paying game fee would increase the ECF's income compared with its central budget projection.

In accordance with the wishes of Council (which supported the introduction of a universal membership scheme), the relative pricing of membership and game fee actively incentivises the former. While the new arrangements do not achieve Council's ambition for a membership-only scheme immediately, it is a reasonable expectation that this will be achievable in the not too distant future, if membership take-up reaches a sufficiently high percentage.

Such a major change as the new membership scheme cannot be achieved without risk. If the changes were to lead to a significant reduction in the amount of graded chess being played or the number of graded players – if segments of English chess were to withdraw from the ECF, for instance – this would adversely affect the financial position. I am pleased to report that, at the time of writing, there were no signs of this. In its first two months of operation, the PaySubsOnline system saw some 1250 new members joining the ECF directly online, with a healthy flow of new members also joining by the more traditional methods through the office. Early signs are that the proportion of members purchasing the higher value memberships (Gold and Platinum) is better than forecast, which will boost income compared with budget if sustained. The indications are that many leagues and county associations will opt to become Membership Organisations (13 agreements had been signed at the time of writing), and I fully expect to see a significant influx of bulk membership submissions during September and October. At the risk of being made to look foolish by events, I should not be surprised if the AGM in 2013 will be receiving a report to the effect that the ECF membership has reached a figure in excess of 12,000. This will be good news for the stability of the ECF, but more importantly, it will represent the establishment of a large community of members united by their enthusiasm for chess and their wish to see it develop and thrive in this country. Making the most of the opportunities presented by this community will be a critical success factor for the ECF, which means, I genuinely believe, that it will be of great importance to the future of chess in England.

If Council decides in due course to pursue an application for charitable status, this should bring further financial benefits – for example, the card processing fees available from PayPal are halved for registered charities – and open the door for a more successful campaign to attract donations and sponsorship.

The baseline for judging the success of the membership scheme will be the financial stability of the Federation. Our ambitions for the ECF and English chess should naturally extend far beyond this, and I hope that this will prove merely to be the platform for a programme of investment in ventures to develop and grow the game.

Organisational matters

The transition to a more universal membership scheme has been the most significant change over the last year. Implementation of the scheme has not been exactly as I would have wished, with communication to member organisations taking place at a later stage than originally envisaged and delays in the introduction of the online membership system. At the time of writing, work was still ongoing to ensure that fully satisfactory invoicing systems were in place, although this should have been completed by the time of the AGM.

I apologise to Council for these shortcomings. My own personal capacity to allocate time to the project was often a critical factor, and the impact of some of the other matters touched on in this report meant that I sometimes fell short of my original intentions. Whilst the transition to the new membership scheme was always likely to be something of a bumpy ride, I am sorry that my own efforts were not always sufficient to make the journey smoother. At times, this has tried the patience of member organisations, and I apologise for this.

Further organisational changes are, in my judgement, desirable. The consultation papers presented to Finance Council in April 2012 on Governance, Financial Capital, a Code of Conduct and Charitable Status were intended to form the basis for firm proposals at this AGM. Responses to the papers were sparse – the total number of responses received was lower than the number of consultation papers – and it therefore seems inappropriate to attempt to move these matters forward at this time. This is regrettable, but further consultation and reflection are clearly needed.

The question of Charitable Status is dealt with elsewhere on the AGM agenda, so I shall not comment on it here. It is my recommendation that Council should as a minimum seek to address the question of Financial Capital at the same time as Charitable Status (which I suggest should be dealt with at an EGM, before the expiry of the PIF trust deeds in February 2013). Since a decision to proceed with an application for registered charity status will necessitate a reorganisation of the current ECF into two separate entities, it is strongly recommended that the opportunity be seized at that time to take some steps along the path to changes in governance.

It has been my privilege to serve English chess, albeit relatively briefly. 2011/12 was a difficult year, and I am grateful for the support of my colleagues in tackling its challenges. The office team – Tina Turner, Christine Carcas and Andrew Walker – has provided essential support for me and the rest of the federation, and I wish to record my sincere appreciation of their hard work. I should also like to record particular thanks to David Anderton and John Philpott, both of whom have been extraordinarily generous with their time. Their expertise has proved invaluable during my term in office.

As an organisation, the ECF is critically dependent upon its volunteers. Throughout my time with the ECF, there have been vacancies unfilled for lengthy periods of time. One of the most regrettable effects of the negative atmosphere created by the past year's controversies has been to make the challenge of finding volunteers more difficult, and I am sure that it has played some part in the decisions of some Board members, myself included, not to stand for re-election.

Where volunteers have been forthcoming, the benefits are clear to see. Phil Ehr has successfully established a large team of volunteers in supporting roles, which has enabled positive progress on a number of fronts in the area of Junior Chess. I am sure that this progress could be replicated elsewhere in the organisation, but this would only be possible with sufficient volunteers.

It is inevitable that the efforts of some volunteers should enjoy a higher profile or public appreciation than others. Some, such as my fellow Board member, Tim Woolgar, have had to endure public criticism in some quarters from the very outset. The Director of Marketing is in many ways a thankless role – raising the profile of chess in this country is a daunting challenge, all the more so when allocated a budget as close to nil as makes no difference – so it is only fair that I should record my gratitude to Tim for his efforts. His wise counsel and hard work over long hours helped enormously with the recent media storm over the EU Youth Chess Championship incident and ensured that the ECF dealt with the matter in a professional and effective way. Prior to this, his contribution to the online membership system project and his analysis of ways to improve the ECF's website were noteworthy.

All of my fellow Board members have worked hard in the service of the ECF, and I am grateful for their support. I wish the new Board every success as they face the challenges of the next few years.

- Andrew Farthing 16 September 2012

Home Chess Director's Report

British Championships

The 99th British Championships took place at the Parks Leisure Centre in North Shields between 22 July and 7 August. The British Championship itself was won by Gawain Jones after a two-game Rapidplay playoff against Stephen Gordon with whom he had tied on 9/11. Gawain and Stephen shared the English Championship prize, while Jovanka Houska took both the British and the English Women's titles. Congratulations to the team who organised this year's Championships. I look forward to next year's 100th Championships in Torquay.

Grading

The number of standard grades went up from 10,105 to 10,331. The number of rapidplay grades went up from 4,134 to 4,684. I am proud to say that the introduction of twice-yearly lists went smoothly, and I have to congratulate the grading team

on their hard work making this happen. We are also grateful for Mike Bennett's fantastic and long overdue improvements to the grading website, which makes monitoring grading performance throughout the season easy and interactive.

County Chess

In the County Championship, Middlesex won their first Open title since 1989. 58 qualified for the national stages, with 6 defaulted matches. For the first time, games from the Final were broadcast live over the Internet. All the games from the Finals appear on the ECF website, and are available for download.

National Club Championships 2011/12

Thanks to all who competed in this year's events and to those who organised the finals days.

The full results can be found at the following page: http://www.englishchess.org.uk/?page_id=21299

Correspondence Chess

Regrettably, the Counties & District Correspondence Championship did not take place in the 2011-12 season. The British Federation for Correspondence Chess has agreed to organise this event in future.

Signing at the London Chess Classic

This ground breaking initiative arose from a conversation between myself and Barry David (Chairman of the English Deaf Chess Association) at Hendon Chess Club in London where it became clear that deaf people using BSL (British Sign Language) could not access the commentary at elite chess tournaments. Indeed, it was thought that there had never been anything like a BSL-interpreted chess commentary anywhere. It was immediately agreed to do something to change this, by organising signing at the 2011 London Chess Classic with co-funding from the ECF and International Master Malcolm Pein, organiser of the Classic. It was a great success, and we shall be repeating the exercise this year

- Adam Raoof, 21 September 2012

International Chess Director's Report

Luke McShane took three notable scalps at the Tal Memorial in June defeating Levon Aronian, Vladimir Kramnik and Alexander Morozevich and finishing with four points against nine of the world's top players rated between 2738 and 2835. Only a last round loss to world number one Magnus Carlsen prevented him from possibly sharing first place. He was seconded by Peter Wells.

Gawain Jones qualified for the 2013 World Cup by virtue of his 2760 performance at the 2012 European Individual in Plovdiv, Bulgaria in March where a 4/4 start and five draws against higher rated players and a last round win saw him claim one of the qualifying places.

Nigel Short won the Gibraltar Masters in January with a 2838 performance scoring 8/10 and winning on tiebreak from Hou Yifan. He played nine grandmasters including four over 2700 and finished ahead of fifty-nine other grandmasters. He then won the Thailand Open with 8/9 and a rating performance of 2768.

Gawain Jones and Stephen Gordon became joint English champions finishing on 9/11 at this year's British Championship with Gawain becoming British champion after winning a two game play-off. Jovanka Houska retained her British ladies title whilst one of her students, Radha Jain, made a welcome return to international chess and became British under eighteen girl champion. Marcus Harvey & William Foo shared the under eighteen title and James Adair became under twenty one champion. I would also like to personally thank Lara Barnes for performing such an excellent job as tournament organiser and hope she remains involved with the tournament for many years.

David Howell won the Leiden Chess Tournament Open in the Netherlands in July with a rating performance of 2750 and the 6th Wunsiedel Open in Germany in May with a 2702 performance.

Colin Crouch & Chris Ross won silver medals on boards one and two for the United Kingdom team at the International Braille Chess Olympiad in India in August and Chris was then part of the International Braille Chess Association team at the Olympiad scoring 5.5/8 as his team won the bronze medal in their rating band.

As mandated by ECF Council, I ensured that England fielded their strongest available teams in the European Team Championship in Greece from 3-11 November 2011 having secured £10,500 of outside funding to add to the budget provided by the ECF. Although the team of Michael Adams, Nigel Short, David Howell, Gawain Jones and Nick Pert finished below their seeding, Michael won gold medal on top board finishing off with a win against Vassily Ivanchuk whilst Gawain had a 2700+ performance. The women's team consisted of Jovanka Houska, Dagne Ciuksyte, Maria Yurenok (making her England debut), Kanwal Bhatia and Sarah Hegarty. Dagne top scored with 6/8. Glenn Flear returned as captain of the women's team for the first time since 2008.

Thanks to Ian Reynolds and eight other anonymous donors I was also able to field our strongest available open team at the 2012 Olympiad. With Luke McShane sadly unavailable the team was unchanged from 2011 although Gawain moved to board two with Nigel and David each dropping a board. Captained by Peter Wells for the first time since 2008 the team finished in equal ninth place out of one hundred and fifty-seven teams albeit they were placed seventeenth on tie-break. Nigel was top scorer with 7.5/10 and the team was in contention for medals after winning their first three matches and then being on eleven

points out of fourteen. Sadly defeats in rounds eight and nine ended their medal hopes but two victories at the end meant they had achieved their best performance since 2008, when coincidentally, Peter was also captain.

Whilst the women's team didn't have any of their IMs playing this year, (Jovanka was taking a well earned rest after (I believe) thirteen successive appearances and Dagne had recently given birth), we were able to field one of our youngest teams for a long time with three players making their debuts. Anya Corke (born in 1990) scored fifty per cent on top board, Maria Yurenok followed up her England debut in 2011 by making her Olympiad debut and Sabrina Chevannes (born in 1986) made a long overdue return to the England team after an absence of five years and was actually England's leading percentage scorer in both teams after eight rounds before finishing with a very respectable 4.5/7. Sarah Hegarty (born in 1988) followed up her outstanding 2010 Olympiad debut by scoring 6.5/9 on board three whilst Kanwal Bhatia playing in her third consecutive Olympiad achieved a plus score. Stephen Gordon was captain and the team finished a very respectable 40th= (46th on tie-break) out of one hundred and twenty-seven teams.

The English event of 2011 was again The London Chess Classic organised by Malcolm Pein. Held at the fantastic London Olympia venue the top event pitted England's top four players against five of the world's best: Vishy Anand, Magnus Carlsen, Levon Aronian, Vladimir Kramnik and Hikaru Nakamura. Whilst Vladimir Kramnik won the event Luke McShane had a 2853 performance that was even more remarkable given he had returned to full time employment earlier in the year and hadn't played a tournament for nine months! Notable English performances in the open came from Lorin D'Costa who had a 2601 performance but sadly only played eight games so did not get a GM norm whilst Jovanka Houska had a 2573 performance but a last round loss meant she missed out on a GM norm. Dagne Ciuksyte was joint winner of the women's event with 7.5/9. England was well represented at the 2012 World Junior with Yang-Fan Zhou, Callum Kilpatrick, William Jones, Henrik Stepanyan and Ravi Haria all competing in the boys/open event and Lateefah Messam-Sparks and Anna York-Andersen competing in the girls event. Mark Hebden and myself were coaches for the English contingent.

England achieved two junior medals, coincidentally both bronze medals in August in the under eight age group. First Ieysaa Bin-Suhayl in the EU Youth in Mureck, Austria and then Joshua Altman a couple of weeks later in the European Youth in Prague. Ravi Haria was in contention for a medal going into the last round of the 2011 World Youth but a last round draw with the player who subsequently took the gold medal meant he finished third equal but sixth on tie-break half a point behind the two joint winners. Yang-Fan Zhou also had a good performance, a round 8 loss put him out of medal contention but a last round win meant he finished in equal fifth place (sixth on tie-break).

Sabrina Chevannes was instrumental in organising junior matches between Norway and India at the London Chess Classic. The higher profile match, against India, resulted in a 11.5-6.5 victory to England with William Foo and Conor Murphy scoring 2/2, Peter Batchelor scored 1.5 and Yang-Fan Zhou, Sam Franklin, Isaac Sanders, Ravi Haria, Amy Hoare and Rohan Shiatis all scoring 1. The result was a big boost for English junior chess and those who played can be very proud of their performance.

Ameet Ghasi completed his third and final IM norm at the August e2e4 Gatwick International whilst Alex Holowczak qualified for first his FIDE Arbiter title and then his International Arbiter title in the same year! Jack Rudd also became a FIDE Arbiter. I had also forgotten until I checked the FIDE site that I had been awarded the title of International Organiser as recently as October 2011!

Sean Hewitt's e2-e4 FIDE rated events continue to grow from strength to strength providing many players and arbiters with rating and norm opportunities. It is hard to believe they have only been in existence for five years and it would be unthinkable should they disappear from our calendar. He found time to organise events in Amersham, Brighton, Buxton, Dublin, Gatwick, High Wycombe and Hinckley. He was even kind enough to allow me to host an England Wales women's match alongside Amersham that was very useful preparation for both countries in the build up to the Olympiad.

In closing, I would like to thank the following people for their help: Sabrina Chevannes, Sean Hewitt, Malcolm Pein (who assisted in arranging anonymous funding for the England team in 2011) and Ian Reynolds who helped find funding the England open team in 2012. I would also like to thank The John Robinson Trust for their support for this year's World Junior and Friends of Chess for their continued support of our amateur and female players. I wish my successor well for the future.

- Lawrence Cooper

Junior Chess Director's Report

Junior Chess and Education grew this year as a result of committed volunteers—primarily parents and coaches. Their service in formal posts and informally behind the scenes is the greatest junior chess asset, for which I am profoundly thankful. Outside of costs reimbursed by parents, the John Robinson Youth Chess Trust (JRT) funded 100% of the junior budget for the third consecutive year.

International Representation

Fulfilling the strategy to broaden experience, delegations totalling 45 players represented England and the Federation in major championships (i.e., World Youth 2011, European Youth 2012 and U16 Olympiad) since the last AGM. Delegations totalling 51 children played in developmental championships (i.e., World Schools Individual, Glorney-Gilbert-Stokes-Robinson Cups, EU Youth and European Schools Team). Greater detail is contained in the Activity Report and the International Director's report. Objective selection standards, primarily leveraging rating and/or grading data, for the major championships worked well, albeit some refinements are necessary for 2013. Subjective judgment from the Player Development and Selection

Committee also largely satisfied the need to apply judgment to the developmental needs of aspiring players. The response of professional coaches to the increased activity is nothing short of awesome. The quality of their interaction with each child is central to our national aspiration to raise England's performance internationally.

Training & Development

Beyond the activity above, a coherent national training and development strategy does not yet exist. Well-established groups continue popular events serving the spectrum of beginners to national elites—schools, clubs, county associations, NCJS, DUKSCC, EPSCA, CSC, NYCA, J4NCL and others. Signs of a program for national elite players, however, are seen in the development of ECF-organised training weekends that prepare teams for international youth championships. The ECF Events Calendar and announcements on the ECF Juniors website supported a modest resurgence in privately organised training and mentoring from model coaches.

Championship Grand Prix

The former John Robinson Junior Grand Prix was transformed into the English Youth Chess Championship Grand Prix. It will award English Youth Championship titles to a boy and a girl in each birth year from age seven and encourages 17 and 18-year-olds to participate in the adult ECF Grand Prix. The JRT continued its support to the prize fund, which is now open to additional donors. More tournaments are included this year and discussions are underway to commission a junior championship in the North and/or Midlands in the Championship Grand Prix 2013/14.

Schools

We are very grateful to Yateley Manor for sponsoring the National Schools Chess Championships for many years. Three new sponsors (Winchester College, St. Catherine's Bramley and Heathside Preparatory School) each signed one-year contracts that tripled financial resources. Free entry was prioritized to attract state schools. A re-designed and re-launched tournament separated Under 19 and Under 11 Championships to provide a more natural divide for secondary and primary schools. Separate Girls' Championships were established. A pilot program was commissioned to potentially extend the 2013/14 tournaments into the Internet. More generally, ECF-organised events are exploring ways to re-ignite secondary school chess beyond the National Championships tournament.

Counties

Eton College kindly hosted and the Berkshire Junior Chess Association ran a tremendous U18 & U13 County Championships tournament. Entries were up by more than 50% by numbers of players as compared to 2011. Organisation for next year's event is not yet agreed.

Governance

Various improvements were made. Sponsorship contracts in compliance with financial byelaws were put in place for the National Schools Championships. A policy on coaches' fees and allowable expenses was clarified and made more consistent. A code of conduct from past years was updated and reintroduced for international trips. A more open and clear process for running tournaments where Federation titles are awarded was introduced. Membership requirements for Federation events were revised to strike an appropriate balance between outreach (in schools) and commitment to the new membership program.

Lessons

Experience this year validated the direction in which the ECF is evolving to support junior chess. Several lessons were learned, however, that should improve international selection, coordination with county leaders and logistics for trips abroad. I'll discuss specifics at the AGM if Council so wishes. Areas needing greater attention are financial sponsorship, training & development strategy, girls' chess, conversion of the current Accredited Coaches program into a Qualified Coaches program, and defining a clear vision for the Certificate of Merit.

Recommendations for Council

Lack of charitable status unnecessarily limits public support. Financial accounting processes need improvement. Persistent disputes within the chess community erode our ability to resolve issues, work in the same direction, and attract support. Solutions to these include: (1) prioritising charitable status ahead of other structural proposals; (2) adopting a code of conduct that addresses ethics and facilitates dispute resolution; and (3) increasing attention on and resources for financial controls and accounting.

Phil Ebr, Director of Junior Chess and Education, 21 September 2012

FIDE Delegate's Report

The two most important issues of the year are the Lausanne court case of January 2012 and the recent FIDE General Assembly. To put this report into context, however, it is necessary to return to the 2010 FIDE Presidential Election, in Khanty-Mansiysk, which was marked by numerous irregularities – the highly-questionable redistribution of proxies, the snatch-

ing away of microphones by Delegates raising points of order, and the abrupt disenfranchisement of the Peruvian Delegate, to name just three of the most egregious examples.

The then re-elected FIDE President, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, under the rather bland item 3.4 of the agenda “Nomination of the Vice Presidents” ambushed the General Assembly by suddenly announcing no less than five names – all of whom had backed him politically. At no point was it mentioned by the President that this was in breach of the FIDE statutes, which only allowed him to appoint “two and no more”. On the basis of this, the ECF along with a further 13 other federations, subsequently protested in writing to FIDE. This brought about no satisfactory response. The ECF was then asked by Garry Kasparov – the organiser of the Karpov 2010 campaign – whether, if we were provided with full financial guarantees, we would be prepared to appeal to the Court of Arbitration in Sport (CAS) in Lausanne Switzerland. Respect for the rule of law is a vital pillar of British society and the ECF took the view it was important to uphold these values internationally. The issue of the extra Vice-Presidents was very much a test case – a drawing a line in the sand – to make FIDE more accountable.

Our biggest concern was not to do with the merits of the case but whether there was any risk to ECF finances. Having taken legal advice from David Anderton we concluded that guarantees were good and the risk was negligible. That judgment has subsequently been proven correct. To decision to fight for the rule of law has not cost the ECF a single penny. With hindsight, however, it would probably have been wiser to provide greater disclosure to Council. As Delegate, I bear a greater share of responsibility for that omission. That said, the issue of funding was germane to the Lausanne court case and to have shed public light on the matter in Council could well have damaged our legal position. It was initially very unclear how the judges would view third-party finance. Indeed the FIDE lawyers repeatedly brought up the issue of funding during the case, arguing that this produced a “conflict of interest”. The judges dismissed these arguments as an irrelevance, but we could not be certain of this opinion beforehand.

One criticism that has been made repeatedly by the FIDE incumbents is that the court case was a politically-motivated attempt to bankrupt the organisation. That is totally false. Nothing could have been easier than for FIDE to withdraw the three additional VPs and to place before the 2012 General Assembly a motion permitting the nomination of the extra positions. That simple democratic procedure would have saved the governing body the best part of a million euros in legal fees. That they chose not to do so, indicates they were intent on fighting for the right to do whatever they wanted, whenever they wanted. Or, as the former BCF President and FIDE insider, David Jarrett, apparently revealingly confided to Stewart Reuben, they had no intention of being bullied into following their own rules.

FIDE came in for heavy criticism from the judges in the CAS ruling (e.g. “notes that these at the very least raise a number of prima facie issues regarding the clarity of the FIDE Statutes and Electoral Regulations, and regarding the internal governance of FIDE” and again “the Respondent’s awkward disregard for constitutional formalities during the FIDE Congress, which – by amongst others creating a level of ambiguity as to the nature of the appointment of the Five Vice Presidents – should have been understood by FIDE as having a potential to create discord and lead to the commencement of claims.”), but unfortunately the case was dismissed on a technicality. The question under consideration by CAS – whether a decision that is null-and-void under Swiss law is subject to the 21-day deadline or can be appealed at any time – had never before been addressed by a CAS tribunal and no one could know the answer before the ruling was handed down. This is doubtless why it took the judges six months to make their decision – twice the normal time for a CAS judgment – rather than the 2 minutes one would expect for a dismissing a late-submission. It should be stressed that it was almost impossible to meet the 21 day deadline, given that the vital evidence, in the official minutes, was only published four months after the FIDE Congress – which in itself was a breach of FIDE’s rules.

Although the outcome of the court case was disappointing, FIDE has had to take heed of the judges’ admonition “the Panel would encourage FIDE to assess critically its past practice in light of the texts of its statutes and regulations, so as to maintain an appropriate level of transparency in its decision-making process.” This has led directly to the biggest redrafting of the FIDE statutes, in decades at September’s FIDE Congress in Istanbul. Much of the work was done by Ms. Ank Santens, of White & Case, who represented the ECF in Lausanne. The sort of outrageous electoral abuse whereby one side’s proxy is trumped by a newer proxy from the same federation just five minutes before the vote, will (hopefully) become a thing of the past, thanks to the new rules. The ECF can be proud of the part it has played in this process.

I played an active role in General Assembly on the first two days, contributing to many debates such as on the laws of chess. More significantly, I questioned Mr Andrew Paulson of Agon, the offshore company founded in January 2012 and which has been handed the rights to practically all FIDE competitions for the next 10 years, with a right to extend that until 2027, on financial details. The capitalization of the company remains a mystery, but his non-answer in itself was revealing...

There was regrettably a defeat on a huge hike in fees for arbiters. This will largely affect the countries where there is most chess activity.

The biggest issue of the last day was the motion, by FIDE Vice-President Ali Nihat Yazici of Turkey, to expel seven major federations including our own. It became abundantly clear that from discussions with other Delegates this did not have a cat-in-hell’s chance of passing and that even staunch supporters of the current regime would not support a motion that, if passed, would obviously lead to the setting-up of a rival organisation. Thankfully, though, the matter never came to a vote.

- Nigel Short

ECF Accounts

The Board was not in a position to seek the approval of the AGM for the 2012/13 accounts as there were a number of unresolved issues with the draft prepared by the outgoing Finance Director. Responsibility for finalising the accounts has passed to Chris Mattos as the new Finance Director and John Philpott as the Financial Controller reporting to Chris. Much time has been spent reviewing the underlying accounting records and seeking to understand how some of the balances have arisen. This has led on to a significant number of adjustments being made to clear out old items and arrive at a “clean “ balance sheet at 30 April 2012 which provides a realistic and reliable starting point for the future.

ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION (A company limited by guarantee) YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2012

COMPANY INFORMATION

Registered Office	The Watch Oak Chain Lane Battle East Sussex TN33 0YD
Incorporated	In England & Wales. A Company limited by Guarantee
Company Number	5293039
Directors	R J Edwards (President) M J Gunn (Non-Executive Chairman) C J Mattos (Finance) A R Holowczak (Home Chess) D K Openshaw (International) P Ehr (Junior Chess & Education) S D Hewitt (Non-Executive) J T J Rudd (Non-Executive)
Secretary	J A Philpott
Bankers	NatWest Bank Havelock Road Hastings East Sussex TN34 1BW
Auditors	Goatcher Chandler Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditor 10 Overcliffe Gravesend Kent DA11 0EF

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present herewith the accounts for the year from 1st May 2011 to 30th April 2012.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the company are to encourage the study and practice of chess in England, to maintain the British Chess Championships, and to promote national and international chess tournaments in England.

Directors

The following served as directors during the period:

C J de Mooi

A P Farthing
P W Purland (to 15 October 2011)
S Reuben (to 15 October 2011)
J T J Rudd
J Wickham
L H Cooper
A N Raoof
G A Caller
M J Gunn
T W Woolgar (from 15 October 2011)
P C Ehr (from 15 October 2011)

Alternate Directors

A R Holowczak – alternate for A N Raoof
N D Short – alternate for C J de Mooi (from 31 August 2011)
D Welch – alternate for P W Purland (to 15 October 2011)
T W Woolgar – alternate for S Reuben (from 17 August 2011 to 15 October 2011)

Changes to Directors since the end of the period

C J de Mooi resigned on 8 September 2012 and N D Short automatically ceased to be his alternate on that date.

L H Cooper resigned on 15 September 2012 and was replaced by S D Hewitt who had since 2 June 2012 been his alternate.

R J Edwards, C J Mattos and A R Holowczak were elected as directors at the Annual General Meeting on 13 October 2012. A P Farthing, G A Caller, A N Raoof, J Wickham and T W Woolgar ceased to be directors at the conclusion of that meeting.

D K Openshaw was appointed as a director on 20 November 2012.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that year. In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to:

- * Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- * Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- * State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- * Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant information (as defined by section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Small company exemptions

The directors have taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and have done so on the grounds that in their opinion the company is entitled to the exemptions as a small company.

Auditors

The auditors, Goatcher Chandler, were reappointed as auditors at the Annual General Meeting on 13 October 2012.

By order of the board

J A Philpott, Company Secretary - 12 January 2013

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION**

We have audited the financial statements of the English Chess Federation for the year ended 30 April 2012 on pages 7 to 11. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein and the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with sections 495 and 496 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any one other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the directors and auditors

As described on page 4, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with the relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006. We also report to you whether, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is inconsistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information required by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion:-

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30th April 2012, and of its deficit for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006; and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

**Clifford Chandler (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of
Goatcher Chandler
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor
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January 2013

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

		2011-12 £	2010-11 £
Turnover	2	295,933	267,567
Expenditure		302,475	268,877
		<u>(6,542)</u>	<u>(1,310)</u>
Bank interest received		3	2
Gross Deficit on ordinary activities		<u>(6,539)</u>	<u>(1,308)</u>
Balance brought forward		(14,655)	(13,347)
Balance carried forward		<u><u>(21,194)</u></u>	<u><u>(14,655)</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET

		2011-12 £	2010-11 £
Fixed Assets	3	3,885	3,057
Stock	4	1,389	9,932
Debtors	5	71,896	40,230
Cash at Bank and in Hand		123,637	85,297
Current Assets		<u>196,922</u>	<u>135,459</u>
Creditors falling due within 1 year	6	<u>(183,011)</u>	<u>(114,181)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>13,911</u>	<u>21,278</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>17,796</u></u>	<u><u>24,335</u></u>

Represented by:

Profit and loss account (see page 7)		(21,194)	(14,655)
Reserves	7	38,990	38,990
		<u>17,796</u>	<u>24,335</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on and signed on its behalf by:

12 January 2013

Chris Mattos
Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered significant in relation to the company's financial statements and there have been no material changes during the period.

Accounting Convention - The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and under the historical cost convention.

Turnover - Turnover represents the sales of services, subscriptions and grants received excluding value added tax. Turnover is recognised in the accounting period to which it relates. Turnover related to specific events and the expenditure related to that event is recognised in the financial year in which the final day of that event falls.

Expenditure - Expenditure represents the directly attributable costs of providing goods and services.

Stocks - Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value, after making allowance for obsolete and slow moving items. The write-off of slow moving and obsolete stock is recognised as expenditure and is disclosed in Note 2 on page 10.

Recognition of fixed assets - Non-current assets are initially recognised at the purchase price plus all directly attributable costs of bringing the asset into service.

Depreciation on fixed assets - Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life as follows:-

- * Computer Equipment 5 years
- * Office Equipment 3 years
- * Chess Equipment 5-10 years

Assets acquired from the British Chess Federation were fully depreciated at the start of the financial year. No value is recognised in the accounts for these assets.

Events that have not yet commenced or have not been completed - Entry fees and other payments received are recognised at the point that the event is completed. Where cash has been received for an event that had not commenced or has not been finished at year end, this is recognised as a liability to the ECF and is included as accrued income. Likewise, where payments have been made for an event that has not commenced or is not complete at year-end this is recognised as an asset to the ECF and is included as a prepayment.

Subscriptions - Members' subscriptions are credited when received and a provision has been made in the accounts for subscriptions paid in advance for future years and for the cost of services to be supplied after the Balance sheet date until the subscriptions expire.

Operating Leases - Payments made under operating leases are charged to expenditure in equal amounts in accordance with the terms of the lease. Amounts owing under operating leases due in 2012-13 are disclosed in Note 8 on page 11.

	2011-12	2010-11
	£	£
2. Operating Profit		
Operating profit is stated after crediting:		
Bank interest	3	2
and after charging		
Auditors' Remuneration	1,575	1,500
Depreciation	2,495	1,652
Impairments	-	5,055
Stock write-offs	8,543	-

3. Fixed Assets

Cost		
Brought forward	14,307	18,580
Additions during period	3,323	2,045
Impairments	-	(6,318)
Total	17,630	14,307
Depreciation		
Brought forward	11,250	10,861
Charged in year	2,495	1,652
Impairments	-	(1,263)
Total	13,745	11,250
Net Book Value	3,885	3,057

4. Stock

Trophies	-	44
Certificate of Merit stock	1,389	1,561
Other stock	-	8,327
Total	1,389	9,932

5. Debtors

Unfinished events	50,562	21,501
Other prepayments	3,854	7,980
Other debtors	17,480	10,749
Total	71,896	40,230

6. Creditors

Creditors and accrued expenses	13,586	11,000
Creditors - English Championship prize	18,000	20,000
Subscriptions received in advance	19,261	18,777
Unfinished events	82,176	16,299
VAT	9,988	8,105
Loan from John Robinson Trust	20,000	20,000
Loan from Chess Centre Limited	20,000	20,000
Total	183,011	114,181

7. Reserves

Legacies fund	35,578	35,578
Alexander Prize Fund	1,330	1,330
General Fund transferred from BCF	2,082	2,082
Total	38,990	38,990

8. Operating Leases

The ECF has two non-land operating leases

Expiring:		
Within one year	966	966
Within two to five years	5,500	6,949
Over five years	-	-

9. Honoraria

During the year the English Chess Federation made payments to the following non-staff members - R J Haddrell, H Grist
All payments were made for services provided to the English Chess Federation.

10. Directors Interests

The Directors are all officers of the British Chess Federation (an unincorporated body) and most hold offices in various regional and county chess associations.

SUMMARY MANAGEMENT INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

	2011-12	2010-11
	£	£
Income		
A. General Funding	6,149	45,694
B. Management Services	6,690	6,676
C. Direct Members	60,853	51,564
D. Game Fee	56,179	52,545
E. Home Chess	3,332	1,843
F. Junior Chess	64,642	46,175
G. Women's Chess	21	-
H. International Chess	21,484	1,811
I. British Championships	70,416	51,711
K. Grading	4,642	6,425
Certificate of Excellence	779	1,836
Master Points	110	74
Certificate of Merit	639	1,215
	<u>295,936</u>	<u>267,569</u>
Expenditure		
A. General Funding	-	-
B. Management Services	93,545	107,773
C. Direct Members	1,581	3,506
D. Game Fee	-	-
E. Home Chess	3,082	2,075
F. Junior Chess	72,314	50,843
G. Women's Chess	773	2,242
H. International Chess	41,400	21,696
I. British Championships	64,842	47,680
J. Marketing	522	150
K. Grading	13,342	16,492
Certificate of Excellence	1,269	1,238
Chess for Schools	-	5,823
Certificate of Merit	62	8,159
Loan Interest	1,200	1,200
Obsolete stock - written off	8,543	-
	<u>302,475</u>	<u>268,877</u>

DETAILED MANAGEMENT INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

	2011-12	2010-11
	£	£
A: General Funding		
PIF income	10,000	7
Donations	1,146	685
Interest	3	2
Government grant income	(5,000)	45,000
	<u>6,149</u>	<u>45,694</u>

B: Management Services

<u>Income</u>		
Sales of books & equipment	-	420
Insurance services commission	1,675	1,685
Yearbook	2,902	3,189
Sundry	2,113	1,382
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	6,690	6,676
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Salaries and NIC - office staff	57,937	65,987
Printing and stationery	1,499	2,233
Photocopying	345	302
Credit card charges	1,626	1,532
Bank charges	2,253	1,732
Insurance	1,895	3,346
Depreciation	2,495	1,652
Audit fee	1,575	1,500
Telecommunications	1,250	2,135
Postage	3,418	3,543
Internet and website	975	1,196
Rent & rates	7,175	7,494
Office equipment maintenance & rental	2,655	2,341
Corporation tax	436	1,179
President's expenses	1,377	1,839
Board & Council expenses	2,017	2,325
Sundry	1,897	3,890
Yearbook	2,720	3,547
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	93,545	107,773
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Net Expenditure	(86,855)	(101,097)

C: Direct Members

<u>Income</u>		
Direct members' subscriptions	43,376	37,395
Membership Organisations	16,204	13,922
Direct Members' sundry income	1,273	247
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	60,853	51,564
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<u>Expenditure</u>	1,581	3,506
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Net Income	59,272	48,058

D: Game Fee

<u>Income</u>		
League	37,421	39,221
Congress	10,968	9,038
Junior	3,150	3,566
Non-territorial affiliates	435	325
Prior year	2,539	195
Intra-club	1,666	190
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Net Income	56,179	52,545

E: Home Chess

<u>Income</u>		
National Club Championships	673	369
County Championships	1,578	1,280
Other	1,081	194
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	3,332	1,843
<u>Expenditure</u>		
National Club Championships	832	650
County Championships	1,292	1,227
Other	958	198
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	3,082	2,075
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Net Income	250	(232)

F: Junior Chess

<u>Income</u>		
World Youth	33,897	18,837
European Youth	18,030	12,155
World Junior	-	3,810
Other International Tournaments	2,800	1,973
Glorney, Gilbert, Stokes & Robinson	5,557	3,090
National Schools	3,866	3,728
Other Income	492	2,582
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	64,642	46,175
<u>Expenditure</u>		
World Youth	35,780	14,712
European Youth	21,914	14,396
World Junior	-	9,269
Other International Tournaments	3,726	3,529
Glorney, Gilbert, Stokes & Robinson	5,610	3,330
National Schools	3,864	3,799
Other	1,420	1,808
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	72,314	50,843
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Net Income/(Expenditure)	(7,672)	(4,668)

G: Women's Chess

<u>Income</u>		
Sundry	21	-
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<u>Expenditure</u>		
International matches	200	1,942
National Girls' Championship	369	-
Sundry	204	300
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	773	2,242
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Net Expenditure	(752)	(2,242)

H. International Chess

<u>Income</u>		
European Team Championship/Olympiad	10,500	1,206
European Seniors	9,034	-
European Individual	1,950	350
Other income	-	255
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	21,484	1,811

<u>Expenditure</u>		
European Team Championship/Olympiad	29,732	19,380
European Seniors	8,538	-
European Individual	2,480	1,089
Grants to individuals	650	500
Other expenditure	-	727
	<u>41,400</u>	<u>21,696</u>
Net Expenditure	(19,916)	(19,885)

I. British Championships

<u>Income</u>		
Entry fees	33,243	33,156
Donations	8,233	1,391
Sponsorship	13,000	-
John Robinson funds	12,000	12,250
English Championship prize	2,000	2,000
Other	1,940	2,448
	<u>70,416</u>	<u>51,245</u>

<u>Expenditure</u>		
Prizes	32,086	28,427
Conditions	12,600	-
Control team	7,971	12,025
Presentation and commentary	2,200	1,870
Venue	3,346	-
Other	6,639	4,992
	<u>64,842</u>	<u>47,214</u>
Net Income	5,574	4,031

Note – the above figures exclude any sponsorship/donations paid directly to players.

J. Marketing

Awards	322	150
Other	200	-
	<u>(522)</u>	<u>(150)</u>

K. Grading

<u>Income</u>		
Sale of Grading Lists	589	1,338
FIDE-related receipts	3,956	4,849
Sundry income	97	238
	<u>4,642</u>	<u>6,425</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Grading Administrator	6,660	6,483
Printing Grading Lists	343	1,074
FIDE-related costs	5,179	8,247
International Rating Officer	650	600
Sundry expenditure	510	88
	<u>13,342</u>	<u>16,492</u>
Net Expenditure	(8,700)	(10,067)

FIDE HONOURS

The principal sources for this material were The FIDE Golden Book 1924-2002 by Willy Ielicki and BCF Yearbooks

ADMINISTRATIVE

1924	One of the 15 founders of FIDE	F H Rawlins	1947-58	Permanent Fund Administrator	G S A Wheatcroft
1925	Vice President	L Rees	1950s	Acting Australasian Zonal President	R G Wade (OBE)
1927-41	Permanent Fund Administrator	The Hon G Hamilton-Russell	1953	Life Member	Baruch H Wood (OBE)
1927-44	Permanent Fund Administrator	H E St. John Mildway	1958-78	Permanent Fund Administrator	Vic Soanes
1925	Life Member	Herbert Dobell	1972	Medal of Merit	A Sunnucks (Mrs Mothersill)
1925	Life Member	Richard Clewin Griffith	1974-82	Zonal President	Harry Golombek OBE
1925	Life Member	Major E Montague Jones	1978-96	Permanent Fund Administrator	Harry Golombek OBE
1925	Life Member	L Rees	1996-	Permanent Fund Administrator	David Jarrett
1927	FIDE Congress	London	1982-94	Zonal President	Kevin O'Connell
1927	Life Member	The Hon. G Hamilton-Russell	1987	Most esteemed Friend of FIDE	Jerwood Foundation
1927	Life Member	H Hartley	1987	Most esteemed Friend of FIDE	Lloyds Bank
1927	Life Member	G St. John Mildway	1987	Most esteemed Friend of FIDE	Novag Computers
1928	Life Member	R P Michell	1989-93	Executive Board Member	David Anderton OBE
1928	Honorary Member	L Rees	1994	Most esteemed Friend of FIDE	Hastings Borough Council
1929	Life Member	J Keeble	1996-	FIDE Treasurer	David Jarrett
1929	Life Member	A J Lowther	1997	Most esteemed Friend of FIDE	British Airways, Zambia
1929	Life Member	E G Sergeant	1999	Commander of the Legion of GMs	Steve Davis OBE
1930	Honorary Member	The Hon. G Hamilton-Russell	1999	Commander of the Legion of GMs	L Lewis
1930	Life Member	H Scott	1999	Grand Knight of FIDE	Lord Callaghan
1933	FIDE Congress	Folkestone	2001	Honorary Member	R G Wade, OBE
1935	Life Member	A M S Shannon	2001	President's Award for Tournaments	Hastings International Congress
1937	Life Member	A J Mackenzie	2006	FIDE Chief Executive	David Jarrett
1938	Life Member	J N Derbyshire	2011	Honorary Member	David Jarrett

TEAM PLAYING HONOURS (1927-1972)

1927	Olympiad, Bronze , 3/16, 36½/60	British Empire	1962	Olympiad, 13th-14th, 26½/44	BCF
1927	Olympiad, Silver 12/15	Sir G Thomas	1963	Clare Benedict Team, Bronze , 3/6	England
1928	Olympiad, we did not play		1963	Women's Olympiad, we did not play	
1930	Olympiad, 8/18, 40½/70	British Empire	1963	World Student Team, Bronze	British Universities
1931	Olympiad, 9/19, 44/72	British Empire	1964	Olympiad, 18/50, 31/52	BCF
1933	Olympiad, 10/15, 27/56	BCF	1965	Clare Benedict Team, 4/6	England
1935	Olympiad, 12/20, 37/66	BCF	1966	Clare Benedict Team, 5/6	England
1937	Olympiad, = 12/19, 34/72	BCF	1966	Women's Olympiad, 9th, 12/26	BCF
1939	Olympiad, we withdrew		1966	Olympiad, 21/52, 27½/52	BCF
1952	Olympiad, 16/25, 14/32	BCF	1967	Harrachov Students Olympiad, Bronze	England
1952	World Student Team, Silver	British Universities	1967	Clare Benedict Team, Bronze , 3/6	England
1953	World Deaf Teams, Silver	England	1968	Clare Benedict Team, Bronze , 3/6	England
1953	World Student Team, Silver	British Universities	1968	Olympiad, 16/53, 33/52	BCF
1954	Olympiad, 9/26, 18 points in final	BCF	1969	Women's Olympiad, 10/15, 12½/28	BCF
1955	Clare Benedict Team, 5/6	England	1969	Clare Benedict Team, Bronze , 3/6	England
1956	Clare Benedict Team, 6/6	England	1970	Olympiad, 25/60, 30/44	BCF
1956	Olympiad, 8/34, 20 points final	BCF	1970	Olympiad, Board 3 Gold 12½/16	W Hartston
1957	Women's Olympiad, 7/21, 8 points	BCF	1970	Clare Benedict Team, Silver , 2/6	England
1958	Olympiad, 11/36, 16 points	BCF	1970	World Student Team, Silver	British Universities
1960	Olympiad, = 11th, 16½ points	BCF	1971	Clare Benedict Team, Silver , 2/6	England
1960	Clare Benedict Team, Silver , 2/6	England	1972	Olympiad, 17/48, 37/56	England
1961	Clare Benedict Team, Bronze , 3/6	England	1972	Women's Olympiad, 8/23, 4 points	England
1962	Clare Benedict Team, Bronze , 3/6	England	1972	Clare Benedict Team, 4/6	England
1972-76	Correspondence Olympiad, Bronze	Great Britain	1990	World Solving, 1st-2nd	Great Britain
1973	Clare Benedict Team, Silver , 2/8	England	1992	Olympiad, 8/102, 33/56	England
1974	Olympiad, 10/73, 26/88	England	1992	Women's Olympiad, 22/62, 22/42	England
1974	Women's Olympiad, 8/26, 4/30	England	1993	European Team, Bronze , 3/38	England
1974	Clare Benedict Team, Gold , 1/8	England	1993	European Women's Team, 13/37	England
1975	Europe of the Nine Tournament, Bronze	Great Britain	1994	Olympiad, 4/124, 34½/56	England
1975	European Team, 8/8	England	1994	Women's Olympiad, 6/81, 24½/42	England
1976	Olympiad, Bronze , 3/48, 35½/52	England	1996	Olympiad, 4/114, 34/56	England
1976	Olympiad, Board 4 Gold	M Stean	1996	Olympiad, Board 4 Gold 10½/13	M Sadler
1976	Women's Olympiad, Silver , 2/23	England	1996	Women's Olympiad, 10/74, 24/42	England
1977	Clare Benedict Team, Silver , 2/8	England	1997	European, Gold , 1/34	England
1977-82	Correspondence Olympiad, Bronze	Great Britain	1997	European Women's Team, Bronze , 3/30	England
1978	Common Market Team, Silver , 2/8, 17½	Great Britain	1997	World Team Championship, 4th, 20½/36	England
1978	Olympiad, = 12/65, 31½/56	England	1998	Olympiad, 11/76, 30½/56	England
1978	Women's Olympiad, 8/8, 7½ points	England	1998	Women's Olympiad, 20/72, 22/42	England
1978	World Under 26 Team, Gold	England	1999	European, Board 5 Bronze	M Chandler
1979	Claire Benedict Team, Gold , 1/7	England	1999	European Team, 10/36	England
1979	World U-16 Team Championship, Gold	England	1999	European Women's Team, 7/36	England
1980	European Team, Bronze , 3/8	England	1999	European Women's, Board 1 Gold	Harriet Hunt
1980	Common Market Team, Gold , 1/9, 23½	Great Britain	2000	Olympiad, 7th-13th, 33/56	England
1980	Olympiad, 6/42, 32½/56	England	2000	Women's Olympiad, 7th-9th, 25/42	England
1980	Women's Olympiad, 13/42, 22/42	England	2001	European Team, 4/35	England
1980	World Under 26 Team, Silver	England	2001	Michael Adams, Board 1 Gold	M Adams
1981	World Under 26 Team, Silver	England	2001	European Women's Team, Bronze 3/32	England

1982	Olympiad, 10/94, 32/56	England	2002	Olympiad, 7/134, 33½/56	England
1982	Women's Olympiad, Board 2 Silver	Sheila Jackson	2002	Women's Olympiad, 18/89, 24/42	England
1982-83	European Team, 4/8	England	2003	European Team 17/37, 19/36	England
1982-87	Correspondence Olympiad, Gold	Great Britain	2003	European Women's Team 10/31, 9½/18	England
1984	Olympiad, Silver, 2/88, 37/56	England	2004	Olympiad, 30/129, 31/84	England
1984	Olympiad, Board 2 Gold	John Nunn	2004	Women's Olympiad, 8/87, 25/56	England
1984	Women's Olympiad, 7/52, 24½/42	England	2004	Olympiad, Board 1 Bronze	M Adams
1985	World Team Championship, Bronze , 3/10, 30½/54	England	2004	World Chess Solving Championships, Silver	Great Britain
1986	World Under 26 Team, Gold	England	2005	European Solving Championship, Silver	Great Britain
1986	Olympiad, Silver, 2/108, 39½/56	England	2005	World Chess Solving Championships, Gold	Great Britain
1986	Olympiad, Board 3 Gold	Nigel Short	2006	World Chess Solving Championships, Gold	Great Britain
1986	Women's Olympiad, 8/49, 24½/42	England	2006	Olympiad, 19th	England
1987-95	Correspondence Olympiad, Silver	England	2006	Women's Olympiad, 42/108	England
1986	World Solving, Gold	Great Britain	2007	European Team 10 mp, 19.5/36, 16/39	England
1988	Olympiad, Silver, 2/107, 34½/56	England	2007	Euro. Women's Team 8 mp, 14.5/36, 22/29	England
1988	Women's Olympiad, 11/56, 23/42	England	2007	European Team, Board 1 Bronze	M Adams
1989	World Team Championship, Bronze , 3/10, 21½/36	England	2008	IBCA Olympiad, Board 1 Silver	Colin Crouch
1989	European Team, = 8/28	England	2008	European Team, 26/44, 15/146	England
1990	Olympiad, Bronze, 3/65, 35½/56	England	2008	European Women's Team, 24.5/44, 50/111	England
1990	Women's Olympiad, 7/65, 24/42	England	2009	European Team, 10/18, 12/38	England
1990	Visa-IBM Chess Summit, Silver	England	2009	European Women's Team, 8/18, 17/28	England
			2010	Olympiad, 14/22, 20/149	England
	2010	European Team, 26/44, 24/148	England		
	2010	European Women's Team, 27.5/44, 21/115	England		
	2010	Women's Olympiad, 14/22, 15/115	England		
	2011	World Chess Solving Championships, Silver	England		
	2011	European Team, 18.5/36, 22/38	England		
	2011	European Women's Team, 17/36, 23/28	England		
	2011	European Team, Board 1 Gold	M Adams		
	2012	Olympiad 17/150 36/44	England		
	2012	Women's Olympiad 46/127 24.5/44	England		
INDIVIDUAL HONOURS					
1924	Unofficial European Women's Champion	Helene Cotton	1936-37	World Girls' Champion	E Saunders (Mrs Pritchard)
1926, 1927	World Girls' Champion	Vera Menchik	1951	World Under 20, Silver , 8/11	M Barker
1927-44	Women's World Champion	V Menchik-Stevenson	1958	Braille Corres. World Champion	Reginald Wallter Bonham
1928, 29-30	World Girls' Champion	R Gregory	1959	World Under 20, Bronze , 8/11	Dave Rumens
1931, 32-33	World Girls' Champion	H Bullen	1967	World Under 20, Silver , 5½/8	Ray Keene (OBE)
1934	World Girls' Champion	M Ballard	1973	World Under 20, Silver , 8	Tony Miles
1935	World Girls' Champion	Rowena Dew (Mrs Bruce)	1973	World Under 20, Bronze , 7½	Michael Stean
1974	World Under 20, Gold , 7/9	Tony Miles	1994	European Under 14, Gold	Karl Mah
1974	World Under 16, Gold	A Jonathan Mestel	1996	World Girls' Under 18, Silver	Harriet Hunt
1975	World Under 20, Bronze , 9	A Jonathan Mestel	1996	World Girls' Under 16, Bronze	Ruth Sheldon
1975	European Under 20, Gold	John Nunn	1996	World Amateur, Gold	Brian Johnson
1975	World Under 16, Gold	David Goodman	1997	World Girls' Under 20, Gold	Harriet Hunt
1977	European Under 20, Gold	Shaun Taulbut	1997	World Individual Solving, Gold	Dr Jonathan Mestel
1978	World Under 16, Bronze , 8	Nigel Short	1997	World Championship, 4th-5th	Nigel Short
1979	World Under 16, Silver , 8	Nigel Short	1997	World Championship, 3rd	Michael Adams
1980	World Under 20, Silver , 9	Nigel Short	1998	World Under 18, Gold 8½	Nicholas Pert
1981	World Under 20, Bronze , 9	Nigel Short	1998	World Girls' Under 18, Gold	Ruth Sheldon
1981	World Under 17, Gold , 7½/9	Stuart Conquest	1998	Women's World Amateur, Gold	Rosalind Kieran
1982	World Under 16, Bronze , 7½	James Howell	1999	World Championship, Semi-finalist	Michael Adams
1984	World Deaf Championship, Bronze	A J Boyce	1999	Women's World Amateur, Gold	Jessie Gilbert
1985	Interzonal Qualifiers	Miles, Nunn, Short, Speelman	2000	World Championship, Semi-finalist	Michael Adams
1986	World Under 12, Gold 8/11	Dharshan Kumaran	2000	European Girls' Under 20, Gold	Jovanka Houska
1987	World Girls' Under 14, Gold	Cathy Haslinger	2000	European Under 10, Silver	David Howell
1987	Interzonal Qualifiers	Miles, Nunn	2001	European Under 12, Bronze	David Howell
1987	Interzonal 1-3	Nigel Short (MBE)	2001	European Under 14 Girls', Bronze	Jessie Gilbert
1987	Interzonal 1-3	Jon Speelman	2002	World Under 12, Bronze	David Howell
1987	World Under 16, Silver 9	Michael Adams	2004	World Championship, Silver	Michael Adams
1987	World Under 18, Silver	Demetrios Agnos	2004	World Chess Solving Champion	John Nunn
1987	Infolink Euro Rapidplay Champ, Gold	Michael Adams	2004	Commonwealth Championship	Nigel Short MBE
1987	Infolink Euro Rapidplay Champ, Silver	Jon Speelman	2004	Euro Community Youth Girls U12, Gold	Sheila Dines
1988	World Under 18, Gold 9/9!	M Hennigan	2004	Euro Community Youth Girls U16, Silver	Sarah Hegarty
1988	World Under 18, Silver 6½/9	D Agnos	2005	World Chess Solving Champs, Silver	Jonathan Mestel
1988	Candidates, Quarter-finals	Nigel Short	2005	World Chess Solving Champs, Bronze	John Nunn
1988	Candidates, Semi-finals	Jon Speelman	2006	Commonwealth Championship	Nigel Short MBE
1989	World Under 16, Bronze	Matthew Sadler	2006	European Union Championship, Gold	Nigel Short MBE
1990	World Girls' Under 10, Bronze 7½	Jovanka Houska	2006	European Union Championship, Bronze	Luke McShane
1991	World Under 16, Gold	Dharshan Kumaran	2006	World School Under 12, Gold	Samuel Franklin
1992	World Girls' Under 14, Bronze	Harriet Hunt	2007	World Chess Solving Champs, Gold	John Nunn
1992	World Girls' Under 12, Silver	Ruth Sheldon	2008	European Union Championship 2-4=	M Adams, N Short MBE
1992	World Under 10, Gold , 8½	Luke McShane	2008	Commonwealth Championship	Nigel Short MBE
1993	World Championship Candidate	Nigel Short (MBE)	2010	European Solving Championships, Gold	John Nunn
1993	World Girls' Under 14, Gold	Ruth Sheldon	2010	World Solving Championships, Gold	John Nunn
	2011	World Solving Championships, Silver			John Nunn

ECF AWARDS

President's Award for Services to Chess 2012 - Ihor Lewyk, Tony Paish and Ken Dickson

Ihor Lewyk from the Bradford Chess Club



Ihor receives his certificate from Peter Purland

For many years he has organised chess for adults and juniors. He is the President of Yorkshire Chess Association and has introduced a new website. Ihor is a county captain of the Open team and Captain of Bradford. On a wider front he competes in Congresses and has introduced juniors to the 4NCL. He is captain of White Rose teams and assists with both. He is always conscientious and very hard working. An active member of the ECF, he believes in fair dealing and is knowledgeable on many topics.

Tony Paish

Tony Paish joined the Insurance Chess Club in 1955/56 while with the Prudential ("Ibis") and played for Ibis until he joined the British Insurance Association ("BIA") in 1966. He became one of the Club's Assistant Secretaries in 1967/68, running the Tournaments, and was elected

Secretary in 1983/84.

He was elected a Vice-President in 1985 when the BIA merged with five other insurance company trade associations to become the Association of British Insurers ("ABI"). Tony then became the Office Representative for the ABI which subsequently combined forces with Zurich to form the "Combined Team", ABI/Zurich.

Following the decline of the Inter-Office Competition and the subsequent merger with the London Banks Chess League to form the Combined Banks & Insurance Chess League, Tony became the Secretary of the Combined League. He holds that position to this day.

Tony has always supported the Club's playing activities through the Inter-Office Competition, the match programme, the Club Championship, the Nurse Lightning Championship and the Ratcliff Blitz Championship, and has consistently been listed among the Club's strongest players. He has played regularly in the Club Championship ever since he joined the Club, although he has missed a few in recent years through force majeure. Tony has won the Championship nine times, until recently a record.

More prodigious even than his playing record, has been Tony's contribution to the administrative life of the Club. He was elected Secretary in 1983. Prior to that time there had been two Committee Meetings annually, but in subsequent years the introduction of a new constitutional structure necessitated the convening of up to half a dozen Executive Meetings, in addition to the two meetings of the full Committee. This period also involved a heavy administrative workload, with Sub-Committees reviewing the Rules, considering the Club's Future Activities and, most importantly, preparing for the Club's Centenary in 1993.

To mark his fifty years of continuous membership, Tony was elected as a Life Member of the Club in 2006. He has twice been awarded the Rodney James Award for Services to the Club. He retired as Secretary at the AGM 2010 and was presented with an engraved salver marking his twenty-seven year term in that office.

Those of us who have worked with Tony appreciate the depth of intellect that he brought to an apparently mundane position. Apart from performing the administrative aspects of the Secretaryship superlatively well, Tony has also applied himself to thinking through and managing the various tests and challenges the Club has faced. Not the least of these has been the various changes of venue during his time: Lloyd's Training Centre, the Chartered Insurance Institute at Aldermanbury, the Bishopsgate Institute, 11 Belgrave Road Victoria, and now the Carpenters Arms at Marble Arch. Throw in the shrinking of the Inter-Office League and the advent of the Combined League, numerous Sub-Committees and the Centenary year, and you begin to get an idea of the prodigious workload Tony has shouldered. All of this has been minutely meticulous, to the extent that Tony's complete set of meeting minutes could well serve as a Club History in itself.



GM Nigel Short, ECF FIDE Delegate, making the presentation to Tony (picture by Ray Morris-Hill)

Previous Recipients

1983	TJ Beach, BP Reilly, BH Wood	1999	J Leake, A Phillpott, The Times
1984	WR Morry, Mr & Mrs RM Bruce, GD Self	2000	H Sims, J Littlewood
1985	KJ Bloodworth, O Dixson, TW Sweby	2001	CM Bent, J Lawson
1986	DH Butler, WB Turner, RG Wade	2002	J Beard, P Burnett, C Murray
1987	CW Warburton, JJ Lauder, The BBC	2003	BN Beasley, R Smith, D Hemsley, R Furness
1988	PC Gibbs, PE Morrish, RO Powis	2004	M Bolan, J French, P Watson
1989	DJ Blackman, RE Boxall, GF Walsh	2005	PR Bielby, RH Jones, JM Robinson, SR Boniface
1990	M Taylor, GMA Smith OBE, GAM Boswell	2006	J Barber, Z Ryle, P Habershon
1991	B Cafferty, EE Croker, JG Jones	2007	P Littlewood, R Milner, M O'Hara, I Smith,
1992	KG Humphreys, R Woodcock, Oakham School		M Thevenin, D Welch
1993	G Kendall, AJ Douglas	2008	C Gurney, University Centre Hastings,
1994	R Haddrell, L Roberts, R James		A Niedzwiedzki, D Ingram Dickson, B Holland
1995	G Goodwin, J Roycroft, C Power	2009	D Anderton, S Rigby, I Pheby
1996	RG Blake, R James, S Lovell	2010	J Johnson
1997	K Brown, F Manning, R Simpson	2011	Mike Colebrook, Mike Truran, Kevin J Thurlow, Syd Cassidy,
1998	D Smith, EB Chapman		Dave Thomas

Club of the Year 2012 - Witney Chess Club

During the 1990s Witney Chess Club was without doubt the strongest club in Oxfordshire, running four teams in the Oxfordshire League and repeatedly fending off challenges from the powerful Oxford University, Oxford City and Cowley teams to secure a number of league and cup titles. By 2005 we were down to one team playing in the third division, with falling membership and usually no more than one or two people turning up on non-match nights. The club was on its way to extinction as general apathy took its toll.

What has happened since those dark days is nothing less than the renaissance of the club, and shows what can be done if just a handful of committed and enthusiastic club members decide to turn round a club's fortunes. We now have a thriving club again which last season saw its first team win Division 1 of the Oxfordshire League, its second team come third in Division 2 and its third team top Division 4. This season we have increased our number of teams in the Oxfordshire League to four, with the first team winning both the Division 1 title and the Frank Wood Shield (the Oxfordshire Chess Association's knock-out competition) and our second team missing promotion to Division 1 by a hair's breadth. We currently have 28 adult members and a small but thriving junior section of 8 boys and girls.

So what are the things we have done to turn round the club's fortunes in a relatively short space of time?

- We ensure that there is always someone at the club to welcome potential new members. As most of us know to our cost, it is so often the case that when a potential new member turns up at a club he/she is often ignored by club members, who are usually too absorbed in their games to take an interest in newcomers. The potential new member hangs around for a while trying to catch someone's eye, gets discouraged, drifts off and is not seen again. We make a conscious effort to avoid that happening.

- We have started a junior section. Young players are the lifeblood of our great game, and without a constant stream of new players league chess will wither and die. The average age of club members across Oxfordshire seems to be steadily increasing, and we are determined to reverse that trend in our club at least. Youthful exuberance can mean high noise levels at times (to say the least!), so we do our best to minimise disruption on match nights by using a separate room. On non-match nights, of course, everyone plays together in the main hall. The juniors are coached by our small band of CRB cleared members, and the juniors play in our fourth team (the "feeder" team for our top two teams). In the junior section's first year we had four juniors in the county chess teams and several others as reserves, and six of our juniors got through to the British Land UK Chess Challenge gigafinals. This season our juniors joined forces with those from nearby Cumnor Chess Club to take part in the Junior 4NCL, fighting off strong competition from other junior teams to take first prize – a fantastic performance!

- As well as encouraging junior chess in our own club, we work hard to encourage junior chess elsewhere in Oxfordshire. A number of us coach in local schools, and we also organise an annual junior rapidplay tournament in Witney which is open to all juniors in Oxfordshire (and beyond, if juniors wish to play). This is a valuable "outreach" activity which not only helps to develop junior chess across Oxfordshire but also publicises Witney Chess Club.

- We contribute to wider chess affairs. Two of our members are active in the Oxfordshire Chess Association as its chairman and ECF representative respectively, and have both recently played a prominent role in redrafting the Oxfordshire Chess Association's rule book and in drafting a set of guidelines for captains on how to deal with the various contentious issues that can arise in local leagues. Our treasurer also plays a prominent role in the organisation of the 4NCL, serves as the Chairman of the ECF's Finance Committee and was recently awarded the ECF President's Award for Services to Chess. Our chairman has this season taken over the 'on the ground' running of the various Junior 4NCL weekends. Our secretary also runs a U3A Chess Group in the afternoon with sets and clocks from the club for people who have retired and retained an interest in chess but who may not want to turn out in the evenings; the group already has six members and specialises in fiercely competitive rapid play games. These are excellent ways of publicising the club to a wider audience as well as putting something back into chess on a wider platform.

- We have moved premises. Our previous premises were typical of many chess clubs – one small, uninviting and overpriced room above a large hall which often had loud bands or dance groups below. After a consultation involving all club members we decided to relocate to the village hall in Ducklington, a village just outside Witney. The difference is enormous – the hall, recently refurbished to a high standard, is well lit and warm, we have use both of the main hall and another smaller room for juniors, and there is a kitchen available as well. The village hall provides a welcoming atmosphere for potential new club members as an environment that it's actually a pleasure to play chess in!

- We put a lot of effort into fundraising. As well as keeping subscription levels down and providing an excellent way for club members to get together on a social basis, this enables us to engage local grandmaster Peter Wells who both plays in our first team and provides an annual programme of simultaneous displays and lectures. This programme is open to players from all clubs across Oxfordshire – as with junior chess, we want to develop chess across the wider community, not just in our own chess club.

Fundraising activities so far have included quiz nights (open to chess players and non-chess players), club dinners, the annual junior tournament mentioned earlier and commission deals with local suppliers for purchase made by club members. Some of our ideas have worked well, others have been less successful – but the important thing is to have a go!

- We have overhauled our equipment. In particular, we have purchased a large number of digital clocks (to drag ourselves into the 21st century) as well as new match sets as part of our drive to provide facilities that we can be proud of. Our steadily increasing membership since the dark days of the early 2000s we believe supports this.
- We have redeveloped our website. Although we have the skills within the club, those who have the skills have only limited time available. We therefore took the (fairly innovative?) decision to use our wider contacts to approach Steve Connor, webmaster for the 4NCL, the London Chess Classic and other prestigious websites, to redevelop and maintain our website. The difference was immediate. There has been an upsurge in interest from club members in contributing to the new website, and it now provides an excellent public face for the club. Such is the quality of the website that we were honoured to receive the English Chess Federation's annual website of the Year award in 2011. The link to the website is here: <http://www.witneychess.co.uk/>.
- We have a somewhat different approach to non-match nights from many clubs. Rather than run formal internal tournaments and championships (which take a lot of time to organise and aren't always successful anyway as people's enthusiasm levels wax and wane) we concentrate on activities such as simultaneous displays and coaching from the stronger players, impromptu speed chess tournaments and on getting juniors and adults playing together on a social basis. We have also recently set up a ladder competition, which runs mainly over the summer months and which encourages the juniors in particular to play reasonably serious chess on a timed basis both against their own age group and against adults. Members of the ladder also choose their own nicknames, which in some cases seem to be more inventive and creative than the games themselves! We believe that the Oxfordshire League provides enough competitive chess for most of our players without the need for competitive internal chess, but we do keep this under regular review to make sure we are providing what the club members want.
- Next season we hope to introduce a new weekend league (along the lines of the Woodhouse Cup in Yorkshire, but FIDE rated) to be played on Saturdays or Sundays and open to all clubs in (and beyond) Oxfordshire. Like the 4NCL, it will have relatively relaxed eligibility rules, but will be played at central venues with 'sensible' time limits to provide chess for people who are too tired to play proper chess in the evening during the week or who struggle with the long distances sometimes involved in getting to county matches.

Here are some comments about the club from current club members:

- What I like best about Witney chess club are the simultaneous displays and coaching by Mike Truran, Mark Hannon and Dave Hackett, the strong junior club (it gives a really good atmosphere) and the presence of a grandmaster (it adds to the whole atmosphere for weaker players like me).

- Witney is a great club for all ages and abilities. The atmosphere is all about having a go and trying to improve, but never being too precious for a joke. The club has gone from strength to strength because people are keen to join and keep coming back. As a middling third team player it's great to see the juniors coming through and soon to overtake us!

- For me, one of the key things about any small club is its ability to attract – and keep – new members, particularly after a long absence from playing chess. In my case, I had given up chess in 1996, after about ten years of fairly soulless battering in local league matches. I found that the game had lost its appeal, particularly after a long day's work, and there was no real social aspect to my club, nor any opportunity to learn and improve. Fast forward thirteen years, and in 2009 I casually decided to look around at clubs in my area. Witney club had a small website with a 'contact us' facility. To my surprise, I received almost immediately a friendly response to my email, inviting me along to a club night. There were about a dozen players when I arrived, with the standard ranging from "whoops I didn't realise I was in check" and "I think your knight is on the floor" to those who knew their opening theory 30 moves deep. With a refreshing absence of pressure and (given that we are, after all, chess players :-)) some decent communications skills and even dress sense, this small club made me feel welcome, to the point where I am now enjoying my chess again. Apart from when I blunder, of course! In the last fifteen months, the club has continued to attract sufficient new members to now operate four teams in the Oxfordshire league, with a team in each division – so players of all standards are catered for. I gather that only a few years ago we almost folded due to lack of members. We're also now a very diverse club – we have a Grandmaster (grade 230+) playing Board 1 of the 1sts (and he doesn't always win...) right down to keen juniors (grade c.35) on the bottom boards of the 3rds, along with every standard in between. We have male and female, old and young, local players and those who have joined us from overseas. The juniors certainly enjoy their early evening learning sessions ("Ha ha! You missed it!") with more experienced players. And once they are shepherded away by their parents (chess club membership is much cheaper than babysitting, by the way) the older players get their chance to exchange friendly banter too. All in all, I'd put forward Witney forward as a model small club that doesn't take itself too seriously and is very well run by a handful of hard working individuals behind the scenes in order to cater for all tastes. If by any chance we were to win, we would however need

assistance with how to reset the digital clock, as this is something 99% of our membership struggles with! Perhaps some new members could come along and show us?!

- My friends and I are four middle-aged men who hadn't played since school! Witney Chess Club immediately nurtured us back to social and competitive chess, with its jovial banter and 'buzz'. The chess is pretty serious, whatever the level, but the top players are really helpful. Everybody gets a game and everybody has a laugh. Like golf and tennis clubs, even the rubbish players (like me) are encouraged to play great shots among the general mediocrity.

- What I look for in my ideal chess club are an ambitious first team and a pro-junior policy. Looking to both the present and the future is the path for growth. In my forty year career I have been a member of sixteen chess clubs and visited numerous others. Witney is the closest I have found to my ideal. Other clubs I have played for have had strong league teams, but juniors were scarce on the ground. My current club in Swindon integrates juniors, but its first team is in decline. At Witney I have seen several juniors still engrossed in play at 8.50 pm when I would have expected departure or wavering attention spans. I have been made to feel welcome by Witney's second and third team players, who have shown consideration for my disability and a keen interest in my games. Acceptance by the first team was immediate. Indeed on my first night I was teased about the heavy weather I had made in converting my advantage. Such banter is the norm at Witney, where it has helped build an exceptional team spirit. When you add that the main playing hall is airy with bright lighting, large tables and comfortable chairs for playing, I can understand why one of my fellow team members has been prepared to drive the seventy mile round trip (now eighty with me!) for twenty or so years. I can envisage myself keeping him company until my failing sight no longer permits.

- When I retired to Witney in 2004 the chess club was struggling to run two teams, and indeed at one stage it only ran one team. We had only two youngsters playing for us. Now we run four teams. Every club night we have several keen youngsters for whom we try to arrange friendly games. A wonderful success story!

- It's great fun to be a junior at Witney chess club; there's something special about it. Occasionally you get to play in matches and that's really cool. You just sit there looking at the chess board thinking, and it's all very tense. However, when you don't play in matches it is also fun because you can do puzzles and play other juniors. There is a big range of quality in the junior section and it is very interesting to play lots of different people with different styles. There is also a great range of different levels; there are beginners right up to county level players.

- Witney Chess Club is an outstanding small chess club, fostering links with the local community at several levels. The many positive aspects of this club include a friendly atmosphere in a modern and comfortable venue at Ducklington Village Hall and able organisation by stalwarts of the club such as Messrs Truran, Kennedy, Partridge and the team captains. There is an extremely wide range of chess interests and skills represented by the club's three dozen or so members, from young beginners (boys and even a few girls as well) up to Grandmaster level! Local schools have been approached, with schoolchildren encouraged to participate at the popular junior club evenings, which are well supervised and coached. Club team members participate in various county and inter-county tournaments (e.g. the Kidlington Congress, the Cotswold Chess congress, the 4NCL and J4NCL), and the club is twinned with Unterhaching SC near Munich. At the time of writing, we are doing well in each of the four Oxfordshire League divisions in which it has entered a team including the top division, surely a record for a small club!

- As a junior I am able to practise with all grades of players from 60 to 200. It's a fantastic place to begin playing chess and I've learnt a lot while I've been there – and I'm still learning fast!

- When I joined Witney in 2005 it was a very small club with one team, just about surviving with two or three people turning up a week. In the 7½ years I've been with the club its fortunes have turned round thanks to a lot of hard work from the committee. This season we are running four teams, up from three last season. The club now runs a junior section, a junior tournament and social events throughout the calendar year promoting chess in the local area. The club is now vibrant with many players, including the best, turning up for club nights and is an example of a fun, sociable and happy club.

... and finally, some nice words from the ECF's CEO Andrew Farthing, guest of honour at last year's Witney rapidplay tournament - "Old friends / Sat on their park bench / Like bookends" (Paul Simon)

This rather touching, if melancholy Paul Simon song about old friends and ageing was resonating in my mind as I was driving back home to Worcester on Saturday evening. Paradoxically perhaps, I had spent the day watching a collection of worryingly good juniors playing in the Witney Rapidplay, which I was attending in order to present the prizes, along with the ECF Website of the Year Award for the splendid Witney Chess Club site. The event itself had been a genuine pleasure to watch. It was run by a friendly and capable team of local players, led by Alan Kennedy, whose relaxed warmth and wit in introducing the event set the tone for what followed and made sure that the players and their parents had a stress-free, enjoyable day. I'm grateful to Mike Truran for the invitation and for his kind hospitality, despite his not having the decency to let me win our blitz game. (Alan beat me 2-1 as well – really, is this any way to treat an honoured guest?)

Days like this help to recharge the batteries of this occasionally weary soul, preventing me from drowning in the murky waters of the ECF's funding debate and other important but not always uplifting matters. They're a reminder of what a joy the game of chess is and of the decency of the vast majority of people involved with it. There have been days over the last couple of months when my work for the Federation has left me feeling anything but joyful, so the reminder was both timely and very welcome.

Everyone I spoke with was unfailingly friendly, and the conversations touched on everything from junior development programmes (Witney Chess Club's is self-evidently a tremendous success, built upon a determined effort to reach out to local schools and provide a supportive and encouraging environment) to daytime chess clubs for older people and the age-old question, "How do we attract and retain more female players?" (to which I wish I had a good answer).

One doesn't expect to solve the problems of English chess through chats like these, but it all helps. I did learn a useful tip for those looking for a best-selling snack treat: chocolate frogs. Helen Hackett, of Hackett's Bistro and Coffee Bar, who was providing the abundant catering for the event, could hardly restock the supply fast enough. Junior event organisers, take note!

Small Club of the Year - Trowbridge Chess Club

We have some 12 members and meet every Thursday from the beginning of September until the end of May. We also get together once a month in the summer. It is a very friendly club where everyone receives the warmest welcome. Grades vary from 155 to 67. We make sure that all members, of whatever ability, get plenty of opportunities to play competitive chess. Annual fees are kept to an absolute minimum, so that no-one is debarred for financial reasons

Being located in Wiltshire but close to the Somerset border we play in no fewer than five competitions across the two counties: Wiltshire 4-a-side (for higher graded players), Wiltshire Minor (also four a side, for lower graded players), Somerset Division 2 (six a side), Division 3 (four a side) and the Somerset Knock-Out Cup (eight a side). For the Wiltshire competitions we have two squads and in the Minor squad players are rotated so that each one plays the same number of games. In this way weaker players 'get a fair crack of the whip'; they are encouraged to keep playing and they have the opportunity to improve. We are a highly inclusive club. We have one player with a disability – profound deafness – who plays an entirely full part in the life of the Club, which includes playing in league and cup matches. All members of clubs in Wiltshire and Somerset were invited to a training weekend, with IM Andrew Martin, at the Trowbridge club last summer.

Our records in the various competitions are very good:

Wiltshire – Winners, 4-a-side 2005/06 and 2011/12; Runners-up 2010/11; Winners, Minor 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2008/09; Runners-up 2009/10

Somerset – Winners, Division 2 2009/10; Runners-up 2007/08, 2008/09 and 2010/11; Winners, Division 3 2006/07, 2008/09; Runners-up 2010/11; Runners-up, Knock-Out Cup 2008/09 (on count back)

In addition, we have a Club Championship in which members are encouraged to play each other twice during the season. We play a very full part in the administration of Wiltshire County Chess: Club Captain Tony Ransom is Tournaments Secretary, Roy Ludlow is Secretary and Mark Leonard runs the website through the Club's own site, which is outstanding.

Trowbridge members participate fully in the County tournaments which Tony organises: Wiltshire Open (major and minor individual tournaments, with monthly matches throughout the season); two individual five-minute tournaments; and an annual team rapid play tournament. The Club is well represented at congresses, not only our local one in Frome, but at others far from home, for example Blackpool, Torbay and The West of England Championships in Exmouth, where the Minor Section this year (2012) was won by a Trowbridge member, Tim Woodward.

We are always keen to reach out to the community: we have taken part in a 'Trowbridge Sports' event and three members recently gave a coaching session for a local Scout troupe.

Previous recipients

	Club of the Year	1994	Barbican, Wanstead & Woodford	2005	Heywood	2003	Stapleford
1984	Grantham	1995	Hull	2006	3C's	2004	Norwich Junior & Brown Jack
1985	Killingworth	1996	Guildford	2007	West Nottingham	2005	No award
1986	Rose Forgrove	1997	Coulsdon & Purley	2008	Mushrooms	2006	Salisbury
1987	Crowborough Albany	1998	No award	2009	St Albans	2007	Snodland
1988	Stowmarket	1999	No award	2010	Horsham	2008	Snodland
1989	King's Head	2000	Cowley	2011	Harrow Chess Club	2009	St Helens
1990	No award	2001	Wallasey			2010	St Helens
1991	No award	2002	Checkmate Junior		Small Club of the Year	2011	Sedgemoor Chess Club
1992	Basingstoke	2003	Kenilworth	2001	Exmouth and Rolle Faculty		
1993	No award	2004	Alwoodley	2002	Royston		

ECF Player of the Year 2012 - Gawain Jones

Topping this year's poll was Gawain Jones with 32 more votes than runner-up Luke McShane.

Gawain Jones is twenty-four years of age and has had an exceptional year. His FIDE rating went over 2600 for the first time in July 2011 and he is now rated 2657 after clocking up 116 rated games in the twelve months that count towards Player of the Year.

He became Commonwealth Champion on tie-break from Nigel Short scoring



7.5/9 in Johannesburg and was then only half a point behind Adams & Short at the British after a marathon last round game ended in a draw. He also won the British Rapidplay with 10.5/11 in November and had a fine result for England in the European Team Championship, playing every round and scoring 6/9 and winning against Vladimir

Akopian, rated 2681, in England's best match result for some years. He has continued with very consistent performances in London, Corsica, Reykjavik and the 4NCL and is a very worthy winner of 2012 Player of the Year.

2011 Commonwealth Champion with 9.5/11 in

Johannesburg

10.5/11 – 1st British Rapidplay

8/11 – 3rd= British Championship (half behind winners

Adams & Short)

6/9 for England in European Team Championship including a win against Vladimir Akopian in our 2-2 draw with

Armenia

7/9 – London Chess Classic Open

5/6 – Bunnratty 1st= with Adams & Short (draws with both)

7/9 – Corsica Masters

7/9 in Reykjavik Open

5.5/7 in 4NCL on top board for White Rose, losing only to

Nigel Short to help his team finish third

Previous Recipients

1984 Murray Chandler
1985 John Nunn
1986 Nigel Short
1987 Jon Speelman
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1990 Michael Adams
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1997 Luke McShane

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2002 Michael Adams
2003 Luke McShane
2004 Luke McShane
2005 Michael Adams
2006 Jovanka Houska
2007 David Howell
2008 David Howell
2009 David Howell
2010 David Howell
2011 Luke McShane

Those results in full –

Name	Votes
Gawain Jones	146
Luke McShane	114
Nigel Short	77
Mickey Adams	72
Lara Barnes	55
Jonathan Hawkins	47
Jovanka Houska	32
Lawrence Cooper	30
Matthew Sadler	21
David Howell	20
Alex McFarlane	18
Yang-Fan Zhou	16
Ameet Ghazi	12
Nigel Robson	10
Carl Hibbard	9
Martin Simons	9
Brendan O’Gorman	8
Keith Arkell	7
Timothy Allen	6
Chris Ross	6
Alex Holowczak	5
Andrew Hewins	5
Francis Bowers	5
Gabrielle Dawson	5
Jasper Tambini	5
Liam Varnam	5
Marcus Harvey	5
Michael J Gough	5
Michael Yeo	5
Nevil Chan	5
CJ de Mooi	4
David LeMoir	4
Joseph McPhillips	4
Karthik Saravanan	4
Luca Wood	4
Richard Desmedt	4
Sailesh Sitaram	4
Tony Slinger	4
Adam Hunt	3
Alan Fraser	3
Bill Wilson	3
Mark Hebden	3
Peter Hodgkinson	3
Peter Lalic	3
Richard VM Hall	3
David Buckley	2
Gary Cook	2
Howard Grist	2
Jack Rudd	2
James Adair	2
John Nunn	2
Martin Burnham	2
Matthew Turner	2
Neville Pearce	2
Phil Turp	2
Rudy van Kemenade	2
Sabrina Chevannes	2
Thomas Villiers	2
Toni Halliwell	2
Andrew Farthing	1
Andrew Ledger	1
Andrew Martin	1
Dean Hartley	1
Jonathan Bryant	1
Jonathan Wells	1
Michael Wiltshire	1
Mike Dunkley	1
Oskar Hackner	1
Richard Palliser	1
Sam Franklin	1
Samir Samadov	1
Zheming Zhang	1
Dagne Ciuksyte	1

ECF Book of the Year 2012 – shortlist

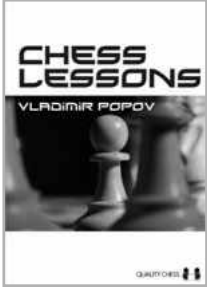
The choice this year was difficult as the Judges received many books worthy of the Short List. Our choice shows the wide diversity of current chess writing and publishing.

**Chess Lessons by Vladimir Popov | Correspondence Chess in Britain and Ireland 1824-1987 by Tim Harding
Nunn's Chess Endings Volume 2 by John Nunn | The Joys of Chess by Christian Hesse**

Chess Lessons

Vladimir Popov

Quality Chess pp 256 £27.99 hardback



Popov is a distinguished Russian chess coach whose most famous pupils are the leading women players, the Kosintseva sisters, whom he coached from an early age. In this book Popov demonstrates his teaching methods by identifying the various areas that led to their improvement and illustrates how to learn by examples based on his experiences with the sisters. There are also plenty of exercises for the reader. An excellent self tuition manual. But in addition and importantly this book also provides a methodology for any chess trainer.

Correspondence Chess in Britain and Ireland 1824-1987

Tim Harding

McFarland pp433 £34.95

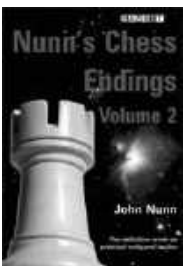


Based on his doctoral thesis and subsequently expanded into this book, Harding has produced a comprehensive history of a facet of chess playing which has its own set of values and leading exponents. The book is well illustrated with pictures and documents from the past and, as always with McFarland, beautifully printed. A fascinating insight into the past, particularly before 1900.

Nunn's Chess Endings Volume 2

John Nunn

Gambit pp351 £17.99



This second volume completes Nunn's major work on practical end game tactics. At first glance the pages of analysis looks forbidding, but on closer inspection a world of chess subtlety is revealed by Nunn's painstaking analysis. The lucid commentary aids understanding and every serious player – not excluding grandmasters as many of the examples illustrate – will benefit and gain deep satisfaction from a careful study of the examples given.

The Joys of Chess

Christian Hesse

New in Chess pp 432 £29.90



It is difficult to describe this remarkable book in a few sentences. The author is a Professor of mathematics who has an interest in the correlations of chess with the wider world. Nearly a hundred short essays, introduced by quotations from many sources cover almost every aspect of the game. Two examples only give an idea of the range: "Death at the Board" (literally) and "The theory of relative beauty". There are hundreds of positions, games and problems of all types. All in all, a wonderful cornucopia. It is not just the judges who think so. World Champion Anand wrote the Preface and his predecessor Kramnik wrote the Afterword.

ECF Book of the Year 2012 – winner!



The choice for 2012 is one of the most original chess books the judges have seen for a number of years. **Move First Think Later** by Willy Hendriks (published by New in Chess, £18.99) manages to be both serious and highly entertaining at the same time.

The subtitle gives an indication of Hendriks subject matter –“Sense and Nonsense in Improving your Chess”. The author is an IM and for 25 years a professional chess trainer. He graduated from university with a degree in Philosophy and is very well read in modern developments in neural research, learning theory and associated subjects. Hendriks believes these disciplines now have much to teach us about chess teaching and playing. As a result he is interested in questions such as, for example, why are all chess players are not grandmasters? Is there a methodology for how strong moves can be found? Or, what is the role of planning? Above all Hendriks offers a substantive criticism of much of traditional chess training and literature, in particular statements such as “Against a wing attack, counter in the centre” which can be misleading generalisations. The judges are well aware that not all readers will readily accept that all his ideas are entirely valid, nor all his propositions sound, but considered that the arguments in the book will stimulate a lively debate on how chess is taught and played.

The book consists of 27 creative and thought provoking short essays on a wide variety of related chess subjects. Each chapter is illustrated by challenging chess exercise positions (certainly not of the routine White to play and win type) which serve to illuminate the text.

All the above describes the book, but does not give an adequate impression of its originality or especially of the stimulation which it provides the reader. Hendriks is also an entertaining writer with wit and a sense of humour, often against himself, which makes the book a pleasure to read. All these qualities combine to make, Move First, Think Later a worthy Book of the Year 2012 winner.

- Ray Edwards, Julian Farrand, David Friedgood, 4th October 2012

ECF Congress of the Year 2012

A new event for 2012 was the Bournemouth Grand Chess Congress held 20 -22 April. We (the Awards Committee) were impressed by the number of entrants to a new Congress and to the facilities provided plus the level of administration involved which included a website with live updates. We also received several very positive unsolicited endorsements of the Congress and are pleased to make this award.

ECF Website of the Year 2012



Once again this was a very popular category and the standard was again high. We selected the St Albans Chess Club website at <http://www.stalbanschessclub.org.uk/> – the webmaster is Phil McConnell

The English Chess Federation Certificate of Merit

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- 2) Be a member of the English Chess Federation.

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1906 Shrewsbury	H. E. Atkins	Mrs F. D. Herring	No contest
1907 Crystal Palace	H. E. Atkins	Mrs F. D. Herring	No contest
1908 Tunbridge Wells	H. E. Atkins	Mrs. A. L. Curling	No contest
1909 Scarborough	H. E. Atkins	Mrs. D. L. Anderson	No contest
1910 Oxford	H. E. Atkins	Mrs H. M. Houlding	No contest
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1913 Cheltenham	F. D. Yates	Mrs A. N. G. Moseley	No contest
1914 Chester	F. D. Yates	Mrs F. D. Houlding	No contest
1915 18	No contest	No contest	No contest
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1927 London	No contest	No contest	No contest
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1986 Southampton	J. S. Speelman	Mrs. S. K. Arkell	P. C. Hoad
1987 Swansea	N. D. Short	Miss C. Forbes	P. C. Hoad

Year and Venue	British Champion	Lady Champion*	Veterans / Seniors
1988 Blackpool	A. J. Mestel	Miss C. Forbes	D. Baldwin
1989 Plymouth	M. Adams	Mrs. R. Hamid	P. C. Hoad
1990 Eastbourne	H. J. Plaskett	Mrs. S. K. Arkell	P. C. Hoad
1991 Eastbourne	J. M. Hodgson	Mrs. S. K. Arkell	J. Soesan
1992 Plymouth	J. M. Hodgson	Mrs. S. K. Arkell	J. Soesan
1993 Dundee	M. Hennigan	Ms. S. Dhar	Lim Kok-Ann & R. D. Westra
1994 Norwich	W. Watson	Miss C. Forbes	G. Botteley
1995 Swansea	M. Sadler	Miss H. Hunt	Lim Kok-Ann
1996 Nottingham	C. G. Ward	Miss H. Hunt	D. Mayers
1997 Hove	M. Adams & M. Sadler	Miss H. Hunt	M. Cook
1998 Torquay	N. D. Short	Mrs S. Lalic	M. Cook
1999 Scarborough	J. M. Hodgson	Miss H. Hunt	I.B.N. Smith
2000 Street, Somerset	J. M. Hodgson	Miss H. Koneru	J. Toothill
2001 Scarborough	J. G. Gallagher	Miss M. Buckley	N. Gill
2002 Torquay	R. B. Ramesh	Miss H. Koneru	D .G. Ellison
2003 Edinburgh	A. Kunte	Mrs K. Arakhamia-Grant	N. Stephenson, G. Dickson, D. Anderton
2004 Scarborough	J. Rowson	Mrs K. Arakhamia-Grant	D. Smith, N. Stephenson
2005 Isle of Man	J. Rowson	No contest	D. Anderton
2006 Swansea	J. Rowson	Mrs K. Arakhamia-Grant	J. Littlewood
2007 Great Yarmouth	J. Aagaard	Mrs K. Arakhamia-Grant	D. Anderton, S. Reuben
2008 Liverpool	S. Conquest	Ms J. Houska	J. Littlewood & G. Dickson
2009 Torquay	D. Howell	Ms J. Houska	D. Anderton, A. Ashby and G. James
2010 Canterbury	M. Adams	Ms J. Houska	P. Byway
2011 Sheffield	M. Adams	Ms J. Houska	D Anderton
2012 North Shields	G. Jones	Ms J. Houska	N. A. Hutchinson

* the title became Women's Champion in 2009

JUNIOR CHAMPIONS 1923 - present

	Under-21	Under-18	Under-16	Under-15	Under-14	Under-13
1923	No contest	P. S. Milner-Barry	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1924	No contest	W. H. Pratten	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1925	No contest	W. H. Pratten	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1926	No contest	C.H.O'D. Alexander	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1927	No contest	G. H. Rowson	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1928	No contest	A. Mortlock	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1929	No contest	J. M. Craddock	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1930	No contest	J. M. Craddock	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1931	No contest	J. M. Craddock	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1932	No contest	A. W. J. Down	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1933	No contest	A. W. J. Down	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1934	No contest	F. Rabinovitch	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1935	No contest	F. Parr	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1936	No contest	L. G. O'Neill	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1937	No contest	A. R. Duff	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1938	No contest	A. R. Duff	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1939	No contest	A. R. Duff	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1940	No contest	J. Richardson	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1941	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1942	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1943	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1944	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1945	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1946	No contest	J. A. Fuller	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest

	Under-21	Under-18	Under-16	Under-15	Under-14	Under-13
1947	No contest	J. Penrose	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1948	No contest	D. G. Horseman	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1949	No contest	M. N. Barker	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1950	No contest	M. N. Barker	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1951	No contest	M. N. Barker	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1952	No contest	B. Cafferty, P. C. Gibbs & P. D. Sanderson	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1953	No contest	K. F. H. Inwood	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1954	No contest	K. D. Sales	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1955	D. F. Griffiths	C. Tayar & D. Tidmarsh	No contest	D. G. Macdonald	No contest	No contest
1956	B. Cafferty	C. F. Girlinging & M. Macdonald-Ross	No contest	J A Lawrence & C Waring	No contest	No contest
1957	J. D. Taylor	D. E. Rumens	No contest	M. Neave & M. Stevenson	No contest	No contest
1958	No contest	D. J. Mabbs	No contest	G. Chesters & D. I. W. Reynolds	No contest	No contest
1959	No contest	M. Firth, J. A. Lawrence & J. M. Oliff	No contest	V. W. Knox	No contest	No contest
1960	No contest	D. R. Thomson	No contest	P. Murphy	No contest	No contest
1961	D. G. Wells	R. A. Beach	No contest	R. Moss	No contest	No contest
1962	K. B. Richardson	P. N. Lee	N. J. Patterson	No contest	No contest	No contest
1963	M. J. Basman & R. A. Harris	P. Jamieson	L. L. Tate	No contest	T. Baldwin	No contest
1964	C. F. Woodcock	B. Denman & R. Keene	I. Friedlander & A. Perkins	No contest	T J Gluckman & M R Myant	No contest
1965	A. J. Whiteley	M. N. Walsh	R. G. Eales & A. H. Williams	No contest	G. Campbell	No contest
1966	B. J. Denman & A. T. Ludgate	T. D. Baldwin & S. Webb	No contest	No contest	R. Bellin & R. Woodford	No contest
1967	L. S. Tate	J. Horner, G. Speed & P. Waters	M. J. Corden, P. Karmas & S. Saverymuttu	No contest	J. D. M. Nunn	No contest
1968	L. de Veauce	M. J. C. Corden	R. Bailey	No contest	A. J. Miles	No contest
1969	R. G. Eales	C. Cubitt	M. F. Stean	No contest	J. S. Speelman	No contest
1970	D. M. Wise	J. G. Nicholson, J. P. Somerville & K. J. Wicker	A. J. Mestel & J. S. Speelman	No contest	T. P. Chapman	No contest
1971	A. J. Miles	A. J. Mestel	C. M. Cooley	No contest	P. Cooley	No contest
1972	J. M. Quinn	P. E. Littlewood	C. S. Crouch	No contest	C. Gladwin	No contest
1973	L. D. Marks	J. Kinlay	R. C. Picot	No contest	J. C. Benjamin	No contest
1974	J. G. Nicholson	C. S. Crouch	C. Baker, P. Hadden, H. MacPherson & S. Taulbut	No contest	P. G. Smith	No contest
1975	P. Littlewood	R. Britton	T. Fernley & P. J. Sowray	No contest	N. R. Benjamin	No contest
1976	R L Britton, C R Chandler & R W Haldane	J. C. Benjamin	D. H. Cummings	No contest	C. Frostick	No contest
1977	J. M. Hodgson & W. N. Watson	M. Pein & S. J. B. Knott	N. W. Ivell	No contest	D. J. King & N. D. Walford	No contest
1978	D. Shuttleworth, T. M. Clarke, A. J. Muir & J. Hall	S. Quigley	T. L. Milligan	No contest	M. Bennett & P. K. Wells	No contest
1979	N. R. Davies	S. G. R. Kerr	P. K. Wells	No contest	G. W. Lane	No contest
1980	A. P. Lewis	P. K. Wells	A. C. L. Dyson	No contest	E. S. Lee	No contest
1981	M. P. Townsend	C. L. Dyson, M. Kerridge & J. R. Richardson	N. L. Carr	No contest	D. J. Watts	No contest
1982	M. Kerridge	G. Waddingham	T. P. Wall	No contest	M. A. Wheeler	No contest

	Under-21	Under-18	Under-16	Under-15	Under-14	Under-13
1983	N. Thomas, C. Dawson, F. Khan & B. Lund	B. Sharp & D. Watts	N. McDonald	No contest	P. J. Rossiter	No contest
1984	S. C. Brown	N. Crickmore & N. McDonald	C. Ward & P. Rossiter	No contest	D. James & S. McQuillan	No contest
1985	M. L. Condie	S. Elliott	P. Georghiou, D. Simpson & D. Wood	No contest	J. Hutchings	No contest
1986	M Adams, M Condie, S Conquest & N McDonald	P. Morris	C. Duncan & R. Tozer	G. Buckley & J. Rogers	A. Webster	A. Webster
1987	S. Conquest	R. Tozer	M. Piper & A. Webster	A Gillies, L Jones & M Piper	L. Jones	J. Poulton
1988	M. Adams	I. MacKay	E. Holland & P. Whitworth	O. Worsfold	S. Pain & D. Wolstencroft	S. Ansell & M. Turner
1989	M. Adams	M. Harris	P. Brown, J. Merriman & M. Sanger	J. Poulton	S. Willetts	S. Gillen & D. Jagoe
1990	M. Adams	S. Calderwood & C. Ray	J. Poulton	B. Connell & S. Joseph	J. Vere	P. Griffiths
1991	M. Hennigan	G. Haslinger	P. Hughes	A. Gillen	R Bates, M Ferguson, A Hunt & H Hunt	T. Mifsud
1992	D. Kumaran	S. Lunn	J. Vigus	R. Gaughan	J. Clifford & L. McShane	M. Chokshi
1993	D. Kumaran	S. Gillen	T. Hinks- Edwards & R. Sheldon	J. Newman & T. Walton	B. Kelly	D. Harwood
1994	A. Webster	J. Cobb	P Chaplin, P Goldstein, L Jacobs & N Jain	N Jain	G. Parker & M. Fisher	S. Deall & D. Tompson
1995	M. Sadler	A. Hunt	A. Leech & I. Debbage	N. Alfred & A. Leech	P. Levermore	D Hodge, R Jones & R Palliser
1996	J. Parker	A Greet, O. Rosten & R. Churm	N Alfred & N Roberts	M. Roberts	B. C. Addison & R. Watts	R. Rattray
1997	K Sasikiran	A Dyce	B. Addison	B. Addison, D. Bates, J Bourne & L. Rackham	C. Hanley & A. Longson	D. Kay
1998	M Houska, N Pert & K Sasikiran	A Greet, D Buckley & D Tan	D Edwards	D Edwards	L. D'Costa	L. D'Costa
1999	K Sasikiran	K Boztas, R Martin, S Menon & M Taylor	T Stock	Marianne Howard	A. Farley & R. Martyn	Lawrence Trent
2000	B Kelly & N Pert	B C Addison	A Hughes	K Boztas & A. Kelly	Eesha Karavade	S. Chevannes & R. Payne
2001	Richard Palliser & N Pert	David Shaw	Ezra Lutton	Ezra Lutton	Sumeet Ghasi	William Bennet
2002	Krishnan Sasikiran	Robert Payne	M Dignam & T Eggleston	M Dignam & T Eggleston	Daniel Diamond	Peter Roberson
2003	Harikrishna Pentala	S Ghasi, Y Gogte & R Mycroft	William Bennet	William Bennet	James Hanley	Thomas Pym

	Under-21	Under-18	Under-16	Under-15	Under-14	Under-13
2004	Gawain Jones	S Williams & T Eggleston	W Bennet & S Fowler	Simon Fowler	Xi-Yang Guo, D Hall & A Corke	Ankush Khandelwal
2005	Stephen Gordon	Stephen Gordon	P Constantinou & C Russell	L Bayliss, D Hall & J Thomas	M David, A Khandelwal & J Thomas	D Groves & R Lobo
2006	Stephen Gordon	Gawain Jones	D Hall & J Thomas	Calum MacQueen	Connor Woods	George Salimbeni
2007	Stephen Gordon	David Howell	Calum MacQueen	Connor Woods	Akash Jain	A Jain & R Cumming
2008	Stephen Gordon	J Hanley & Yang-Fan Zhou	Sam Osborne	James Foster	S Sathyanandha & S Walker	Felix Ynojosa
2009	David Howell	David Howell	Martin Brown	Akash Jain	Felix Ynojosa	Felix Ynojosa
2010	James Jackson	Ryan Rhys-Griffiths	Adrian Archer-Lock & Sebastian Muheim	Brandon Clarke & Gordon Scott	Marcus Harvey	Ravi Haria
2011	David Howell	Yang-Fan Zhou	Craig Whitfield	-	Roy Zhang	Ananth Balaji
2012	James Adair	William Foo & Marcus Harvey	Oskar Hackner	Henry Broadley & Adam C Taylor	Tarun Malhotra	Akito Oyama
	Under-12	Under-11	Under-10	Under-9	Under-8	
1976	No contest	A. C. L. Dyson	No contest	No contest	No contest	
1977	No contest	J. D. Hockaday & D. L. Lee	No contest	No contest	No contest	
1978	No contest	N. L. Carr	No contest	No contest	No contest	
1979	No contest	E. S. Lee	No contest	No contest	No contest	
1980	No contest	J Hockaday, P Rossiter, J Sharp, M Wheeler & D Wood	No contest	No contest	No contest	
1981	No contest	D.P. Wheeler	No contest	No contest	No contest	
1982	No contest	M. Adams	No contest	No contest	No contest	
1983	No contest	J. Glass	No contest	No contest	No contest	
1984	M. Walker & J. Akehurst	M. Sadler	No contest	D Essex	No contest	
1985	S. Cullip	A. Keehner	No contest	S Woodford	No contest	
1986	A. Jones	D. Essex	No contest	I Nathoo	No contest	
1987	Selim	D. Rosenburg	No contest	A Calderwood, R MacFarlane & A Miah	No contest	
1988	A. Eyton	B. Connell	A Calderwood	James Vigus	No contest	
1989	A. Gillen	E. Goodall	James Vigus	J Conlon	No contest	
1990	L. Russell	J. Vigus	Adam Hunt	Karl Mah	No contest	
1991	R. Brown	D. Das	Joe Conlon & Karl Mah	Luke McShane	No contest	
1992	A. Greet	A. Bamford	T Holmes	R Murphy	A Chowdhury	
1993	S. Haslinger	S. Armour	L Debbage	S Casement & S Clark	A Kissoon & G Walker	
1994	R. Dickie & M. Roberts	E. Player	S Bough & S Casement	S Buckley, A Das, M Jones & T Sachdev	T Sachdev	
1995	M. Broomfield	S. Buckley	A Kissoon	K Chakraborty	K Chakraborty	
1996	C. Charman	K. Chakraborty & N. Timms	K Chakraborty & G Jones	Ameet Ghasi	G Jones	
1997	K. Chakraborty	K Boztas, K Kahar, R Martyn & L Trent	S Gordon	Jonathan Zoubaida	T Thiruchelvam	
1998	C. Deva, T. Nixon & L. Trent	C. Deva	Lee Gold	B Buckley, M D Elstrop & T M Sharp	David Howell	
1999	C. Dorrington, S. Ghasi, A. Habibi & J. Lappage	W. Bennett	David Howell	David Howell	C Bellin, D Hawrami, S Khoo & S Pozzo	
2000	A Ghasi	A. Gupta	T W Pym & J Snowden	D Hawrami, S Modwal & T Robinson	P Negi	
2001	Simon Fowler & James Hanley	Arjun Chirukandath Manoj	Gauri Chirukandath Manoj	Parimarjan Negi	Subin Sen	
2002	Thomas Pym	D. Adhav, G C Manoj & A Corke	Gauri Chirukandath Manoj	Gauri Chirukandath Manoj	Yang-Fan Zhou	

	Under-12	Under-11	Under-10	Under-9	Under-8
2003	Anya Corke	Fenil Shah	Chirakandath Manoj	Prasanna Rao, Fenil Shah	Sahaj Grover
2004	Richard Lobo, Jac Thomas	Sheila Dines	S Sathyanandha & B Wetherfield	D Fernandez, D Hunt & S Sathyanandha	Nathan Taylor & Milo Thrumble
2005	Yang-Fan Zhou	Megan Owens	J Lenier & S Sathyanandha	Jude Lenier & Nathan Taylor	James Bowler
2006	Akash Jain	Robert White	Thomas Senior	Ram Mohan	Robert Fitzgerald
2007	S Sathyanandha	Henrik Stepanyan	R Fitzgerald & A Taylor	Isaac Sanders	Anna Wang
2008	Felix Ynojosa	J Bowler, M Cleeves & I Sanders	Joseph McPhillips	Ravi Haria	W Claridge-Hansen, M Kenyon & R Shiatis
2009	Radha Jain & Adam Taylor	Tarun Malhotra	William Claridge-Hansen & Matthew Wadsworth	Rohan Shiatis	Ryan Nathan Au
2010	Tarun Malhotra	Rohan Shiatis & Anna Wang	Ashwin Kalyana	Zheming Zhang	Zheming Zhang
2011	Matthew Wadsworth	Yang-Jian Zhou	Akshaya Kalaiyalahan	Antony Zhang	Aditya Verma
2012	Anthony Zhang	Arul Gupta	Charlie McLaren	Sacha Brozel	Aditya Verma
	Girls' Under-18	Girls' Under-16	Girls' Under-15	Girls' Under-14	Girls' Under-13
1933	Muriel Ballard	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1934	Gladys Kay	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1935	Beatrice Walsh	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1936	Elaine Saunders	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1937	Elaine Saunders	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1938	Elaine Saunders	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1939	Phillis Prosser	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1940	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1941	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1942	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1943	Barbara Judd	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1944	Lorna Judge	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1945	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1946	Pamela Heath	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1947	Audrey Pocknell	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1948	Audrey Pocknell	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1949	Jean Craker	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1950	Jean Craker	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1951	Ann Bennett	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1952	Margaret E. E. Wood	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1953	Myrtle Barnes	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1954	Myrtle Barnes	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1955	Margaret E. E. Wood	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1956	Margaret E. E. Wood	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1957	Sheila Corbyn	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1958	Sheila Corbyn	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1959	Rosalie Norbury	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1960	Verina Horsnell	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1961	Verina Horsnell	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1962	Gillian Moore	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1963	D Dobson, G Moore & Marcia Syme	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1964	Dinah Dobson	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1965	Marcia Syme	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1966	J Dobson, R McWaters & M Moore	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1967	A. Patterson	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1968	M. Saverymuttu	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1969	J. Fielding & M. McGinn	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1970	Alison Povall	No contest	No contest	Sheila Jackson	No contest
1971	Sheila Jackson	No contest	No contest	Susan L Caldwell	No contest
1972	Susan Caldwell	No contest	No contest	S A Jordan	No contest

	Girls' Under-18	Girls' Under-16	Girls' Under-15	Girls' Under-14	Girls' Under-13
1973	S. A. Hutchinson, M. A. Hutchinson & E. M. Sadler	No contest	No contest	J F W Park	No contest
1974	Jane Anson	No contest	No contest	Helen Granat	No contest
1975	Jane Seymour	No contest	No contest	Helen Granat	No contest
1976	Angela Eagle & Jane Garwell	No contest	No contest	Claire E Whitehead	No contest
1977	Clare Whitehead	No contest	No contest	Carey A Groves	No contest
1978	Carey Groves	No contest	No contest	Gaynor D James	No contest
1979	Claire Watkins	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1980	Clare Whitehead	Karen Cartmel & Lavinia Pereira	No contest	Susan Walker & M Hepworth	No contest
1981	Lavinia Pereira	Karen Cartmel	No contest	Caroline Hallett	No contest
1982	Karen Cartmel	Susan K Walker	No contest	M Eaves	No contest
1983	Susan Walker	Cathy Forbes	No contest	Caroline Hallett	No contest
1984	No contest	Mandy Hepworth	No contest	D Johnson & J Baxendine	No contest
1985	Sarah Christopher	Caroline Hallett	No contest	D Johnson	No contest
1986	Caroline Hallett	H Eaves	Julie Harwar	Cathy Haslinger	Cathy Haslinger
1987	J Harwar & N Regan	Cathy Haslinger	Cathy Haslinger	J Eastwood	J Eastwood
1988	Natasha Regan	J Eastwood & Angela Eyton	G O'Farrell	E Holland, S Joy & R Mothershil	S Joy & Claire Lusher
1989	Julie Harwar, Cathy Haslinger & Heidi Heron	Angela Eyton	J Eastwood	S Joy & T Thompson	K Horsfield & F Webster
1990	Heidi Heron	Cathy Haslinger & S Joy	T Thompson	Fiona Webster	Harriet Hunt & Louise Orton
1991	Ann-Marie Ashby	T Thompson & F Webster	Fiona Webster	Harriet Hunt	Harriet Hunt
1992	Ann-Marie Ashby	Emily Howard	A Nathoo & S Smith	C Webster	Lorna Burrows & E Howard
1993	Fiona Webster	Ruth Sheldon	Heather Lang	Emily Howard	Mandy Haslinger
1994	No contest	Emily Howard	Emily Howard	Ruth Bates & Jessica Ho	Jessica Ho
1995	Mandy Haslinger	Ruth Bates	Ruth Bates & Jessica Ho	J. Badger, J Ho & E Ford	Jo Badger & A John
1996	R Bates, A Dyce, M Haslinger & E Howard	Jessica Ho & Heather Richards	Melanie Buckley & E Ford	Jo Badger	Rosalind Kieran
1997	Ruth Bates & Heather Richards	Iva Anguelov	Ivana Houska	Sophie Tidman	Sophie Tidman
1998	Iva Anguelov	Ivana Houska	Ivana Houska	Marianne Howard	Lydia Goodwin
1999	Rosalind Kieran	Marianne Howard	Marianne Howard	A Winston	Teresa Khoo
2000	Elaine Rutherford	Alexandra Kelly	Alexandra Kelly	Eesha Karavade	Sabrina Chevannes
2001	Teresa Khoo	Sabrina Chevannes	Sabrina Chevannes	Suzie Blackburn	Sarah Hegarty
2002	Teresa Khoo	Karen Bradley	Karen Bradley	Claire Morris	Sarah Hegarty
2003	Sabrina Chevannes	Priyanka Desai	M Rudula Namibar	- no girl -	Robyn Smith
2004	Sabrina Chevannes	Selina Khoo	Selina Khoo	Anya Corke	Anya Corke
2005	Jessica Thilaganathan	Lynsey Shovlin	Chantal Sirisena	Hannah Dale	Thilagini Anandajeyarajah
2006	Anya Corke	No contest	Lateefah Messam-Sparks	S Dines & L Messam-Sparks	Sheila Dines
2007	Selina Khoo	No contest	Lateefah Messam-Sparks	Sheila Dines	Megan Owens
2008	Sheila Dines	Lateefah Messam-Sparks	Sheila Dines	Astghik Stepanyan	Jennifer Ehr & Ali Roy
2009	Sheila Dines	Sheila Dines	Abigail Pritchard	Megan Owens	Radha Jain & Maria Wang
2010	Lateefah Messam-Sparks	Abigail Pritchard	Megan Owens, Ali Roy & Maria Wang	Radha Jain	Katherine Shepherd
2011	Sheila Dines	Megan Owens & Ali Roy	Radha Jain	Louise Head & Katherine Shepherd	Cosima Keen
2012	Radha Jain	Chantelle Foster	Louise Head	Akshaya Kalaiyalahan, Cosima Keen and Jessica Wen	Anna Wang

	Girls' Under-12	Girls' Under-11	Girls' Under-10	Girls' Under-9	Girls' Under-8
1982	No contest	Sabrina Needham	No contest	No contest	No contest
1983	No contest	A-M & C Ashby	No contest	No contest	No contest
1984	C Ashby	D Pothecary & C Haslinger	No contest	S Joy & C Green	No contest
1985	C Haslinger & C Joy	Cathy Haslinger	No contest	Nicola Hon	No contest
1986	J Smith	Claire Lusher	No contest	J Saunders	No contest
1987	J Smith	J Saunders	No contest	A Nathoo	No contest
1988	Fiona Webster	H Burns & A Nathoo	A Nathoo	A Kieran	No contest
1989	Harriet Hunt	H Hunt & A Nathoo	Mandy Haslinger	Mandy Haslinger	No contest
1990	Harriet Hunt	Emily Howard	Ruth Bates	Mandy Haslinger	No contest
1991	Emily Howard	Ruth Sheldon	E Ford	Rosalind Kieran	No contest
1992	M Haslinger & C Holmes	Mandy Haslinger	Jo Badger	R Kieran, S O'Neill & C Thrower	Siobhan O'Neill
1993	Mandy Haslinger	Claire Thrower	Elaine Rutherford	Claire Thrower	Tania Sachdev
1994	Jo Badger & E Orton	Rosalind Kieran	Tania Sachdev	Tania Sachdev	Tania Sachdev
1995	Heather Richards	Claire Thrower	L Nathoo & A Winston	C Harrington & E Player	S Blackburn, S Higgins & H Walker
1996	V Kowalkowski	A Winston	Lydia Goodwin	Heather Walker	K Barnes
1997	Marianne Howard	J Gilbert & L Goodwin	Jessie Gilbert	K Barnes & K Kulkarni	L Hulley & K Kulkarni
1998	A Wilson & B Das	Sabrina Chevannes	C H Morris	P Aarons, Y Ball & C Halpin	Poppy J Aarons
1999	Sabrina Chevannes	Sarah Hegarty	Sarah Hegarty	Selina Khoo & N Miller	Selina Khoo
2000	F Berlin, D Gross & C Morris	Sarah Hegarty	V J Sindjhu	Amy Officer	K Hale & A Officer
2001	Katie Martin	Selina Khoo	Selina Khoo	Venkata Sathapriya	S Hale & R Hughes
2002	P Aarons, S Khoo & N Miller	Anya Corke	Amy Officer	Z Geidelberg & R Hughes	Rhian Hughes
2003	Anya Corke	Amisha Parmar	Sheila Dines	Rhian Hughes	Megan Owens
2004	Amy Officer	Sheila Dines	Alexandra Bottemanne	Megan Owens	Maria Wang
2005	S Dines & J Thilaganathan	Megan Owens	Megan Owens	Radha Jain	Radha Jain
2006	Megan Owens	M Owens & M Wang	Maria Wang	Radha Jain	Katherine Shepherd
2007	M Owens & A Roy	Radha Jain	C Foster & R Jain	Katherine Shepherd	Anna Wang
2008	Radha Jain	Megan Cleeves	Katherine Shepherd	Yasmin Giles	Rebecca Swetsun
2009	Radha Jain	Anna Wang	Anna Wang & Yasmin Giles	Nandaja Narayanan	Imogen Turvey- Cross
2010	Anna Wang	Anna Wang	Akashaya Kalaiyalahan & Imogen Turvey-Cross	Akashaya Kalaiyalahan	Isabelle Gilbert
2011	Cosima Keen	Eva Ressel & Beatrice Steele	- no girl -	Stephanie du Toit	Aishwarya Lutchman-Singh
2012	Mocia Espinosa & Eva Ressel	Akshaya Kalaiyalahan	Stephanie Du Toit	Mahima Raghavedra	Arushi Ramaiya

BRITISH RAPIDPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS 1986 - present

1986	Nigel Short	1999	Michael Adams
1987	Nigel Davies	2000	Ameet Ghasi & Aaron Summerscale
1988	Murray Chandler, Glenn Flear, Mark Hebden Julian Hodgson & John Nunn	2001	Mark Hebden
1989	John Nunn	2002	Peter Wells
1990	Mark Hebden Julian Hodgson, Jonathan Speelman & R Wojtkiewicz	2003	Peter Wells
1991	Lev Polugaevsky & Jonathan Speelman	2004	Nicholas Pert
1992	John Nunn & William Watson	2005	Mark Hebden
1993	No contest	2006	Danny Gormally, Richard Palliser
1994	Mark Hebden	2007	Peter Wells
1995	Michael Adams	2008	David Howell
1996	Michael Adams	2009	David Howell & Mark Hebden
1997	Stuart Conquest	2010	David Howell
1998	Keith Arkell	2011	Gawain Jones
		2012	Jonathan Hawkins

ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

English Champion

1998 Nigel Short
2007 Stephen Gordon
2008 Stuart Conquest
2009 David Howell
2010 Michael Adams
2011 Michael Adams & Nigel Short
2012 Stephen Gordon & Gawain Jones

English Women's Champion

2007 Dagne Ciuksyte
2008 Jovanka Houska
2009 Jovanka Houska
2010 Jovanka Houska
2011 Jovanka Houska

ENGLISH COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open Championship 1908 - present

1908	Middlesex	1936	Middlesex	1967	Lancashire	1992	Staffordshire
1909	Middlesex	1937	Middlesex	1968	Lancashire	1993	Kent
1910	Middlesex	1938	Lancashire	1969	Lancashire	1994	Leicestershire
1911	Surrey	1939-45	No contest	1970	Cambridgeshire	1995	Cambridgeshire
1912	Kent	1946	Lancashire	1971	Cambridgeshire	1996	Kent
1913	Middlesex	1947	Middlesex	1972	Cambridgeshire	1997	Kent
1914	Middlesex	1948	Lancashire	1973	Essex	1998	Kent
1915-19	No contest	1949	Middlesex	1974	Yorkshire	1999	Cambridgeshire
1920	Surrey	1950	Middlesex	1975	Kent	2000	Yorkshire
1921	Yorkshire	1951	Oxfordshire	1976	Kent	2001	Cambridgeshire
1922	Lancashire	1952	Oxfordshire	1977	Lancashire	2002	Essex
1923	Lancashire	1953	Middlesex	1978	Lancashire	2003	Kent
1924	Surrey	1954	Surrey	1979	Middlesex	2004	Greater Manchester
1925	Middlesex	1955	Middlesex	1980	Middlesex	2005	Greater Manchester
1926	Lancashire	1956	Middlesex	1981	Kent	2006	Essex
1927	Middlesex	1957	Warwickshire	1982	Yorkshire	2007	Lancashire
1928	Middlesex	1958	Essex	1983	Kent	2008	Lancashire
1929	Surrey	1959	Lancashire	1984	Kent	2009	Yorkshire
1930	Lancashire	1960	Lancashire	1985	Middlesex	2010	Lancashire
1931	Middlesex	1961	Warwickshire	1986	Middlesex	2011	Surrey
1932	Middlesex	1962	Warwickshire	1988	Kent	2012	Middlesex
1933	Lancashire	1963	Middlesex	1989	Middlesex		
1934	Middlesex	1965	Middlesex	1990	Greater Manchester		
1935	Lancashire	1966	Lancashire	1991	Kent		

Minor Championship 1982 - present

1982	Leicestershire	1990	Huntingdon & Peterborough	1998	Suffolk	2006	Norfolk
1983	Sussex	1991	Oxfordshire	1999	Herts	2007	Bedfordshire
1984	Sussex	1992	Bedfordshire	2000	Herts	2008	Norfolk
1985	Sussex	1993	Oxfordshire	2001	Herts	2009	Hertfordshire
1986	Berkshire	1994	Middlesex	2002	Norfolk	2010	Hertfordshire
1987	Sussex	1995	Suffolk	2003	Staffordshire	2011	Bedfordshire
1988	Cambridgeshire	1996	Sussex	2004	Bedfordshire	2012	Hertfordshire
1989	Lincolnshire & S Humberside	1997	Oxfordshire	2005	Norfolk		

Grading Limit Championships 1982 - present

Year	U180 (U175 pre-2010, 2nd team pre-1993)	U160 (U150 pre-2010, 3rd team pre-1993)	U140 (U125 pre-2010, U130 pre-1993)	U120 (U100 pre-2010)	Under 100
1982	Kent	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1983	Middlesex	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1984	Middlesex	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1985	Middlesex	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1986	Lancashire	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1987	Lancashire	Lancashire	No contest	No contest	No contest
1988	Middlesex	Warwickshire	No contest	No contest	No contest
1989	Lancashire	Nottinghamshire	No contest	No contest	No contest
1990	Middlesex	Kent	No contest	No contest	No contest
1991	Middlesex	Bedfordshire	No contest	No contest	No contest
1992	Middlesex	Middlesex	Lancashire	No contest	No contest
1993	Greater Manchester	Middlesex	Hertfordshire	No contest	No contest
1994	Hampshire	Cleveland	Cleveland	No contest	No contest
1995	Nottinghamshire	Warwickshire	Suffolk	Kent	No contest
1996	Leicestershire	Devon	Warwickshire	Suffolk	No contest
1997	Essex	Nottinghamshire	Lancashire	Nottinghamshire	No contest
1998	Essex	Warwickshire	Lancashire	Essex	No contest
1999	Essex	Warwickshire	Cambridgeshire	Surrey	No contest

Year	U180 (U175 pre-2010, 2nd team pre-1993)	U160 (U150 pre-2010, 3rd team pre-1993)	U140 (U125 pre-2010, U130 pre-1993)	U120 (U100 pre-2010)	Under 100
2000	Warwickshire	Essex	Cambridgeshire	Surrey	No contest
2001	Warwickshire	Greater Manchester	Lancashire	Cleveland	No contest
2002	Essex	Lancashire	Warwickshire	Kent	No contest
2003	Sussex	Lancashire	Norfolk	Lancashire	No contest
2004	Essex	Cambridgeshire	Shropshire	Norfolk	No contest
2005	Devon	Nottinghamshire	Lancashire	Essex	No contest
2006	Sussex	Yorkshire	Bedfordshire	Kent	No contest
2007	Middlesex	Lancashire	Norfolk	Shropshire	No contest
2008	Surrey	Yorkshire	Norfolk	Hertfordshire	No contest
2009	Yorkshire	Yorkshire	Suffolk	Kent	No contest
2010	Warwickshire	Suffolk	Hampshire	Kent	Essex
2011	Nottinghamshire	Kent	Hampshire	Warwickshire	Essex
2012	Middlesex	Greater Manchester	Hertfordshire	Essex	Essex

Counties Rapidplay Championship 1988 - present

1988	Nottinghamshire	1995	Warwickshire	2002	Greater Manchester	2009	No contest
1989	Warwickshire	1996	Nottinghamshire	2003	Yorkshire	2010	Essex
1990	Leicestershire	1997	Nottinghamshire	2004	No contest	2011	Essex
1991	No contest	1998	Yorkshire	2005	Bedfordshire	2012	No contest
1992	Bedfordshire	1999	Yorkshire	2006	No contest		
1993	Nottinghamshire	2000	Yorkshire	2007	Kent		
1994	Nottinghamshire	2001	Yorkshire	2008	No contest		

Counties Under 18 Championship 1950 - present

1950	Middlesex	1966	Surrey	1982	Middlesex	1998	Kent
1951	Warwickshire	1967	Lancashire	1983	Hampshire	1999	Kent
1952	Middlesex	1968	Middlesex	1984	Hampshire	2000	Warwickshire
1953	Middlesex	1969	Lancashire	1985	Warwickshire	2001	Essex
1954	Warwickshire	1970	Staffordshire	1986	Middlesex	2002	Warwickshire
1955	Gloucestershire	1971	Warwickshire	1987	Kent	2003	Essex
1956	Warwickshire	1972	Lancashire	1988	Hampshire	2004	Lancashire
1957	Warwickshire	1973	Lancashire	1989	Middlesex	2005	Kent
1958	Middlesex	1974	Lancashire	1990	Warwickshire	2006	Wiltshire
1959	Middlesex	1975	Surrey	1991	Greater Manchester	2007	Kent
1960	Surrey	1976	Middlesex	1992	Surrey	2008	Kent
1961	Surrey	1977	Kent	1993	Middlesex	2009	Kent
1962	Essex	1978	Warwickshire	1994	Surrey & Middlesex	2010	Berkshire
1963	Middlesex	1979	Middlesex	1995	Greater Manchester	2011	Sussex
1964	Warwickshire	1980	Yorkshire	1996	Surrey	2012	Hertfordshire
1965	Middlesex	1981	Middlesex	1997	Suffolk		

Counties Under 18 Minor Championship 1986 - present

1986	Durham	1993	Staffordshire	2000	Suffolk	2007	No contest
1987	Northumberland	1994	Buckinghamshire	2001	Surrey	2008	Norfolk A
1988	Derbyshire	1995	Somerset	2002	Surrey	2009	Staffordshire
1989	Oxfordshire	1996	Bucks & Sussex	2003	Hertfordshire	2010	Surrey
1990	Suffolk	1997	Cheshire & N Wales	2004	Warwickshire	2011	No contest
1991	Oxfordshire	1998	Berkshire	2005	Warwickshire	2012	No contest
1992	Somerset	1999	-	2006	Kent		

Under 13 County Championship 2007 - present

Under-13 Championships		Girls' Under-13 Championships		Under-13 Minor Championships	
2007	Berkshire	2007	Hertfordshire	2011	Northamptonshire
2008	Sussex	2008	Yorkshire	2012	Norfolk
2009	Kent	2009	Kent		
2010	Surrey	2010	Surrey		
2011	Kent	2011	No contest		
2012	Sussex	2012	No contest		

Under 18 Girls' County Championship 1971 - present

1971	Somerset	1982	Surrey	1993	Suffolk	2004	Surrey
1972	Lancashire	1983	Middlesex	1994	Surrey	2005	Surrey
1973	Lincolnshire	1984	Middlesex	1995	Kent	2006	No contest
1974	Devonshire	1985	Hampshire	1996	Surrey	2007	No contest
1975	Lancashire	1986	Middlesex	1997	Surrey	2008	No contest
1976	Warwickshire	1987	Essex	1998	Surrey	2009	Kent
1977	Lancashire	1988	Middlesex	1999	Surrey	2010	Surrey
1978	Lancashire	1989	Hampshire	2000	Surrey	2011	No contest
1979	Surrey	1990	Middlesex	2001	Surrey	2012	No contest
1980	Surrey	1991	Middlesex	2002	Surrey		
1981	Surrey	1992	Oxfordshire	2003	Surrey		

Under 18 Girls' Minor County Championship 1986 - present

1986	No contest	1993	Somerset	2000	Staffordshire	2007	No contest
1987	No contest	1994	Norfolk	2001	Surrey	2008	No contest
1988	Oxfordshire	1995	Norfolk	2002	Leicestershire	2009	Kent
1989	Gwent	1996	Glos & Leics	2003	Staffordshire	2010	Surrey
1990	Oxfordshire	1997	Suffolk	2004	Wiltshire	2011	No contest
1991	Suffolk	1998	Surrey	2005	Wiltshire	2012	No contest
1992	Suffolk	1999	Staffordshire	2006	No contest		

County & District Correspondence Chess Championships (Ward Higgs) 1922 - present

1922	Cornwall	1945	Warwickshire	1968	Lancashire	1991	Essex
1923	Kent	1946	Lancashire	1969	Lancashire	1992	Essex
1924	West of Scotland	1947	Lancashire	1970	Warwickshire	1993	Warwickshire
1925	Lancashire	1948	Sussex	1971	Lancashire	1994	Essex
1926	Lancashire	1949	Cheshire	1972	Surrey	1995	Sussex
1927	Somerset	1950	Lancashire	1973	Lancashire	1996	Essex
1928	Middlesex & Surrey	1951	Essex	1974	Lancashire	1997	Essex
1929	Middlesex	1952	Essex	1975	Lancashire	1998	Warwickshire
1930	Middlesex	1953	Middlesex	1976	Lancashire	1999	Sussex
1931	Middlesex	1954	Middlesex	1977	Lancashire	2000	Sussex
1932	Yorkshire	1955	Gloucestershire	1978	Gloucestershire	2001	Yorkshire
1933	Cambridgeshire	1956	Hampshire	1979	Somerset	2002	Yorkshire
1934	Lancashire	1957	Lancashire	1980	Gloucestershire	2003	Essex
1935	Lancashire & Surrey	1958	Suffolk	1981	Lancashire	2004	Yorkshire
1936	Camb & Middlesex	1959	Yorkshire	1982	Surrey	2005	Yorkshire
1937	Middlesex	1960	Yorkshire	1983	Kent	2006	Essex
1938	Yorkshire	1961	Gloucestershire	1984	Somerset	2007	Yorkshire
1939	Yorkshire	1962	Gloucestershire	1985	Berkshire	2008	Yorkshire
1940	Berkshire	1963	Yorkshire	1986	Somerset	2009	Yorkshire
1941	Lancashire	1964	Lancashire	1987	Berkshire	2010	Sussex
1942	Lancashire	1965	Yorkshire	1988	Essex	2011	Sussex
1943	Yorkshire	1966	Lancashire	1989	Warwickshire	2012	No contest
1944	Surrey	1967	Lancashire	1990	Essex		

County & District Correspondence Championships other events 1959 - present

Year	Sinclair	Minor Counties	Brown-Pond	Butler-Thomas
1959	Oxfordshire	-	-	-
1960	Yorkshire 2	-	-	-
1961	Leicestershire	-	-	-
1962	Lancashire 2	-	-	-
1963	Staffordshire	-	-	-
1964	Yorkshire 2	-	-	-
1965	Lancashire 2	-	Middlesex 3	-
1966	Warwickshire	-	Bedfordshire	-
1967	Lancashire 2	-	Lincolnshire	-
1968	Warwickshire	-	Lincolnshire	-
1969	Lancashire 2	-	Isle of Man	-
1970	Lancashire 2	-	Lancashire 4	-
1971	Lancashire 2	-	Lancashire 3	-
1972	Suffolk	-	Bedfordshire	-
1973	Staffordshire	-	Bedfordshire	-
1974	Northamptonshire	-	Yorkshire 2	-
1975	Sussex	-	Yorkshire 2	-
1976	Cumbria	-	Yorkshire	-
1977	Buckinghamshire	-	Wiltshire	-
1978	Somerset 2	-	Gloucestershire 2	-
1979	Devon	-	Worcestershire 2	-
1980	Merseyside	-	Lincolnshire	-
1981	Dorset	-	Kent 2	Kent 4
1982	Greater Manchester	-	Surrey 2	Surrey 3
1983	Nottinghamshire	-	Somerset 2	Merseyside 3
1984	Surrey 2	-	Lancashire 2	Buckinghamshire 4
1985	Gloucestershire	-	Lancashire 2	Gloucestershire 2
1986	Worcestershire	-	Surrey 2	Essex 3
1987	Merseyside	-	Essex 2	Devon 2
1988	Leicestershire	-	Essex 3	Essex 4
1989	Essex 2	-	Yorkshire 2	Surrey 3
1990	Lancashire	-	Kent 3	Yorkshire 4
1991	Northamptonshire	-	Devon 2	Leicestershire 2
1992	Sussex	-	Kent 3	No contest
1993	Essex 2	-	Essex 3	No contest
1994	Berkshire	-	Warwickshire 3	No contest
1995	Essex 2	-	Essex 4	No contest
1996	Dorset	-	Essex 3	No contest
1997	Essex 2	-	Essex 3	No contest
1998	Hampshire	-	Essex 3	No contest
1999	Gtr Manchester	-	Warwickshire 3	No contest
2000	Essex 2	Berkshire	Essex 3	No contest

Year	Sinclair	Minor Counties	Brown-Pond	Butler-Thomas
2001	Essex 2	Somerset	Essex 3	No contest
2002	Devon	Essex 2	Essex 3	No contest
2003	Essex 2	Essex 3	Devon 2	No contest
2004	Essex 2	Essex 3	Worcestershire 2	No contest
2005	Essex 2	Nottinghamshire	Leicestershire	No contest
2006	Northumberland	Cumbria	Berkshire	Bedfordshire
2007	Essex 2	Leicestershire	Essex 3B	Suffolk
2008	Staffordshire	Leicestershire	Essex 3B	Bedfordshire
2009	Warwickshire 2	Cumbria	Berkshire	Surrey 2
2010	Essex 2	Dorset	Berkshire	Bedfordshire
2011	Essex	No contest	Cumbria	Bedfordshire
2012	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest

OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS

British Team Lightning Championship 1954 - 1992

1954	Oxford University	1971	Cambridge	1983	Streatham & Brixton
1955-60	No contest	1972	London Commercial	1984	King's Head
1961	Romford	1973	London Commercial	1985	Botanic Regulars
1962	Birmingham	1974	Cambridge University	1986	England Under-16
1963	Birmingham	1975	Rotherham	1987	Muswell Hill
1964	Newham	1976	Bolton	1988	No contest
1965	Islington	1977	Leicester Students	1989	No contest
1966	Nottingham	1978	Atherton	1990	Mitcham
1967	Cheltenham	1979	King's Head	1991	BCF "Lions"
1968	Leeds	1980	King's Head	1992	Widnes
1969	Brighton	1981	Oxford University	1993	No contest
1970	King & King	1982	King's Head		

British Individual Lightning Championship 1954 - 1992

1954	L W Barden	1975	D S C Goodman	1987	K Arkell, N Bryans, C Crouch & A Martin
1955-63	No contest	1976	A J Miles		No contest
1964	B Cafferty & M MacDonald-Ross	1977	R Lobo	1988	No contest
1965	O M Hindle	1978	N D Short	1989	No contest
1966	B Cafferty	1979	G D Lee & C M Cooley	1990	C S Crouch
1967	B Cafferty	1980	N D Short	1991	N L Carr, C Dunworth & C Ward
1968	B Cafferty	1981	A D Martin		
1969	B Cafferty	1982	C Crouch, M Hebden, J Hodgson, A Prie & W Watson	1992	G Buckley, A Collinson, N Davies & G Lilley
1970	B Eley				
1971	I Gelfer	1983	M Hebden & J Levitt	1993	No contest
1972	M Horton	1984	N L Carr		
1973	M Horton	1985	A Dunnington & P G Large		
1974	J C Pigott	1986	J Ady & R Payne		

National Schools Championship 1958 - present

(formerly the Sunday Times National Schools' Championship, then the Times British Schools' Championship)

1958	Calday Grange	1977	Bluecoat Liverpool	1996	Manchester Grammar School
1959	Calday Grange	1978	St Paul's	1997	Manchester Grammar School
1960	Wolverhampton Grammar	1979	St Paul's	1998	Manchester Grammar School
1961	Colfe's	1980	King Edward VI, Southampton	1999	St Paul's
1962	Liverpool Institute High	1981	St Paul's	2000	St Paul's
1963	Hove Grammar	1982	St Paul's	2001	Oakham School
1964	Liverpool Institute High	1983	Queen Mary's Walsall	2002	Hampton School
1965	Dulwich College	1984	RGS Newcastle	2003	Oakham School
1966	Dulwich College	1985	St Paul's	2004	Monmouth School
1967	Battersea Grammar	1986	Plymouth College,	2005	Nottingham High School A
1968	Bolton	1987	Queen Mary's Walsall	2006	Nottingham High School
1969	Dundee High	1988	St Paul's	2007	Nottingham High School
1970	Dulwich College,	1989	St Paul's	2008	Millfield
1971	Ayr Academy	1990	St Paul's	2009	Wellington College
1972	Ayr Academy	1991	Manchester Grammar	2010	Wellington College
1973	Bolton	1992	Nottingham High	2011	Manchester Grammar School
1974	Southern Grammar, Portsmouth	1993	Truro	2012	Manchester Grammar School
1975	St Paul's London	1994	Ipswich		
1976	Bolton	1995	Methodist College, Belfast		

National Club Championships - Open Championship 1950 - present

1950	Cambridge University	1972	Cambridge University	1994	Paisley YMCA
1951	Lud Eagle	1973	Cambridge University	1995	Barbican
1952	Oxford University	1974	Cambridge University	1996	Barbican
1953	Ilford	1975	Cambridge University	1997	Wood Green
1954	Cheltenham	1976	Athenaeum	1998	Wood Green
1955	Cheltenham	1977	Atticus	1999	Wood Green
1956	Ilford	1978	Islington & North London	2000	Wood Green
1957	Leicestershire	1979	Oxford University	2001	Bedford
1958	Cambridge University	1980	King's Head	2002	Wood Green
1959	Cheltenham	1981	King's Head	2003	Cavendish
1960	Cambridge University	1982	Rugby	2004	Wood Green
1961	Sutton Coldfield	1983	Oxford University	2005	Wood Green
1962	West Ham	1984	Cambridge University	2006	Wood Green
1963	Manchester	1985	Streatham & Brixton	2007	Wood Green
1964	Ilford	1986	Cambridge University	2008	Wood Green
1965	York	1987	Wood Green	2009	Wood Green
1966	Oxford University	1988	Glasgow Polytechnic	2010	Wood Green
1967	Bradford	1989	Wood Green	2011	Wood Green
1968	Islington & North London	1990	Wood Green	2012	Wood Green
1969	Cambridge University	1991	Barbican		
1970	Cambridge University	1992	Barbican		
1971	Oxford University	1993	Wood Green		

Other National Club Championships 1976 - present

Year	Open Plate (for 1st Round losers)	Major	Major Plate (for 1st Round losers)
1976	Streatham	No contest	No contest
1977	Islington & North London	No contest	No contest
1978	South Manchester	No contest	No contest
1979	Mushrooms	No contest	No contest
1980	London Central YMCA	No contest	No contest
1981	PERME Waltham Abbey	No contest	No contest
1982	Writtle	No contest	No contest
1983	Leeds University	No contest	No contest
1984	Canterbury	Tunbridge Wells	No contest
1985	Kynoch	King's Head	Bishops Stortford
1986	Sale	Hastings & St Leonards	Berkhamsted
1987	King's Head	Lichfield	Sutton-in-Ashfield
1988	Powdermill	Cambridge University	Formby
1989	Streatham & Brixton	Oldham	Streatham & Brixton
1990	Richmond	Fulham	Rose Forgrove
1991	Atticus	Warley Quinborne	Rose Forgrove
1992	Wood Green	Kingston	Morecambe
1993	Slough (Lady Haig)	Southend-on-Sea	Guildford
1994	Hayes	Hastings & St Leonards	Maidstone
1995	Crowthorne	King's Head	Exeter
1996	Ilford	Eastbourne	Huddersfield
1997	Maidstone	St Johns Ear	Undercliffe
1998	Bedford	Guildford	Huddersfield
1999	Charlton	Guildford	Southampton
2000	Mushrooms	Southampton	Wanstead & Woodford
2001	Mushrooms	Aylesbury	The Holt
2002	Maidstone	Wood Green	Rose Forgrove
2003	Mushrooms	Basingstoke Juniors	The Holt
2004	Maidstone	Wanstead & Woodford	Wood Green
2005	No contest	Writtle	Hounslow
2006	No contest	Bedford	Milton Keynes
2007	No contest	Metropolitan Knights	Wood Green
2008	No contest	Hackney	Wood Green
2009	No contest	Wanstead & Woodford	Wood Green
2010	No contest	Wanstead & Woodford	Metropolitan
2011	No contest	Hackney	Farnham
2012	No contest	Bushbury	Bedford

Year	Minor	Minor Plate	Handicap Rapidplay
1981	Gloucester	No contest	No contest
1982	Cambridge University	No contest	No contest
1983	Cambridge University	No contest	No contest
1984	King's Head	Sale	No contest
1985	Rose Forgrove	Metropolitan	No contest
1986	Rose Forgrove	Chloride Lorival	No contest
1987	Marlwood School	Sutton-in-Ashfield	No contest
1988	Barnstaple	Ipswich	No contest
1989	Calderdale	Musketeers	No contest
1990	Calderdale	Cowley	No contest
1991	Rose Forgrove	Sutton-in-Ashfield	No contest
1992	Calderdale	Bourne End	No contest
1993	Sun Life (Bristol)	Calderdale	No contest
1994	Rose Forgrove	Slough (Lady Haig)	Slough (Lady Haig)
1995	King's Head	Sherwood House	Maidstone
1996	Grendel	Ashfield	Maidstone
1997	West End Halifax	Hull	Bedford
1998	Alwoody	Ashfield	Cowley
1999	Ashfield	Crusaders	Cardiff
2000	Basingstoke	Rose Forgrove	Cardiff
2001	Whitstable	Linton	Guildford
2002	Checkmate	Hastings & St Leonards/Hesperides	Wanstead & Woodford
2003	Newark	Alwoodley	Syston
2004	Newark	Alwoodley	Cardiff, Magdalen College School B & Wanstead & Woodford
2005	Lancaster	Newark	Bedford
2006	Maidstone	Ashfield	Cowley
2007	Milton Keynes	Westcliff	Cowley
2008	Hackney	Bushbury	Magdalen College School & Blackbirds B
2009	Snodland	Bedford	No contest
2010	Hastings & St Leonards	Bushbury	Syston
2011	Bushbury	No contest	No contest
2012	Forest of Dean	No contest	No contest

Year	Under 100	Under 100 Plate (for 1st Round losers)	Handicap Rapidplay Plate (1st Round losers)
1994	No contest	No contest	No contest
1995	No contest	No contest	University of London
1996	No contest	No contest	University of London
1997	Basingstoke	Grappenhall	Southbourne
1998	Basingstoke	Syston	Imperial College
1999	Magdalen College School	Basingstoke	Poulton-le-Fylde
2000	Magdalen College School	Basingstoke	Poulton le Fylde
2001	South Hams	Cowley	Bedford
2002	No contest	No contest	No contest
2007	Magdalen College School	Rainham	No contest
2008	Snodland	No contest	No contest
2009	Hackney	Thurrock	No contest
2010	No contest	No contest	No contest
2011	No contest	No contest	No contest
2012	No contest	No contest	No contest

Year	Intermediate	Intermediate Plate (for 1st Round losers)	Non-handicap Rapidplay
1981	No contest	No contest	No contest
1982	No contest	No contest	No contest
1983	No contest	No contest	No contest
1984	No contest	No contest	No contest
1985	No contest	No contest	No contest
1986	Lichfield	GEC Coventry	No contest
1987	Calderdale	Scarborough	No contest
1988	Hackney	Warley Quinborne	No contest
1989	Oxford University	Cambridge University	No contest
1990	Charlton	Prescott & Knotty Ash	No contest
1991	Little Lever	Metropolitan	No contest
1992	Liverpool	Hammersmith	No contest
1993	Oxford University	Great Lever	No contest
1994	Portsmouth University	Tamworth & District	No contest
1995	Cosham	Eastbourne	No contest
1996	Exeter	Olton	No contest
1997	Southend-on-Sea	Morecambe	No contest
1998	Maidstone	King's Head	No contest
1999	Maidstone	Cosham	No contest
2000	Nuneaton	Great Lever	No contest
2001	Rose Forgrove	Thornbury	No contest
2002 - 2009	No contest	No contest	Wigston (2009)
2010	Bedford	Hackney	No contest
2011	Bishop's Stortford	Rushall	No contest
2012	Bishop's Stortford	Maidstone	No contest

Grand Prix Winners 1974 - present

Year	Grand Prix	Petit Prix	Women's Prix	Junior Prix	Disabled Prix
1974	Tony Miles & Gerald Bennett	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest
1975	Tony Miles	Gerald Bennett	Dinah Wright	No contest	No contest
1976	Dave Rumens	Roddy McKay	Dinah Wright	No contest	No contest
1977	George Botterill	Jeff Horner	Sheila Jackson	No contest	No contest
1978	Dave Rumens	Nigel Short	Sheila Jackson	No contest	No contest
1979	John Nunn	Mark Hebden	Sheila Jackson	No contest	No contest
1980	John Nunn	Tony Miles	Sheila Jackson	No contest	No contest
1981	Mark Hebden	Keith Arkell	Sheila Jackson	No contest	No contest
1982	Tony Miles	Jeff Horner	Jana Miles	No contest	No contest
1983	Jim Plaskett	Nigel Short	S Jackson & J Miles	No contest	No contest
1984	Tony Miles	Keith Arkell	Sheila Jackson	No contest	No contest
1985	Peter Large	Mark Hebden	Sheila Jackson	No contest	No contest
1986	Jim Plaskett	Mark Hebden	Susan Arkell	No contest	No contest
1987	Murray Chandler	Gary Lane	Susan Arkell	Chris Ward	No contest
1988	Keith Arkell	Colin Crouch	Susan Arkell	James Howell	No contest
1989	Michael Adams	Keith Arkell	Susan Arkell	Chris Ward	No contest
1990	Julian Hodgson	James Howell	Susan Arkell	Aaron Summerscale	No contest
1991	Michael Adams	Keith Arkell	Susan Arkell	Andrew Webster	No contest
1992	Michael Adams	James Howell	Susan Arkell	Matthew Sadler	No contest
1993	Michael Adams	Keith Arkell	Susan Arkell	Matthew Sadler	No contest
1994	Mark Hebden	Keith Arkell	Susan Lalic (ex Arkell)	Mark Ferguson	Graham Lilley
1995	Matthew Sadler	James Howell	Harriet Hunt	Jonathan Parker	Graham Lilley
1996	Keith Arkell	No comparable award	Susan Lalic	Jonathan Parker	Graham Lilley
1997	Mark Hebden	No comparable award	Ruth Sheldon	Jonathan Rowson	Graham Lilley
1998	Mark Hebden	No comparable award	Susan Lalic	Simon Williams	Dean Hartley
1999	Julian Hodgson	Senior Prix	Jovanka Houska	Simon Williams	Graham Lilley
2000	Mark Hebden	Michael Franklin	Anna Partington	Simon Williams	Graham Lilley
2001	Julian Hodgson	James Sherwin	Harriet Hunt	Nicholas Pert	Dean Hartley
2002	Keith Arkell	Michael Franklin	Harriet Hunt	Stewart Haslinger	Graham Lilley
2003	Peter Wells	Michael Franklin	Meri Lyell	Craig Hanley	Dean Hartley
2004	Mark Hebden	Clive Pemberton	Sheila Dines	Ankush Khandelwal	Dean Hartley
2005	Andrew Greet	Barry Sandercock	Sheila Dines	Sheila Dines	Jack Rudd
2006	Andrew Greet	Richard Desmedt	K Arakhamia-Grant	Ankush Khandelwal	Jack Rudd
2007	No contest	No contest	No contest	Radha Jain	No contest
2008	No contest	No contest	No contest	Victor Jones	No contest
2009	No contest	No contest	No contest	Brandon Clarke	No contest
2010	No contest	No contest	No contest	Steven Jones	No contest
2011	No contest	No contest	No contest	Yang-Fan Zhou	No contest
2012	Jonathan Hawkins	No contest	Caroline Robson	Koby Kalavannan	No contest

Year	Graded Prix U160-179 (U175 prior to 2010)	Graded Prix U140-159 (U155 prior to 2010)	Graded Prix U120-139 (U125 prior to 2010)	Graded Prix U120 (U100 prior to 2010)
2004	Brendan O'Gorman	Jinwoo Song	Richard Desmedt	Steve Webster
2005	Michael Kobylka	Jinwoo Song	Phil Bull	John Constable
2006	Donny Muter	Russell Goodfellow	Colin Eckloff	Michael Barker
2007	Helge Hjort	Raymond Gamble	Richard Desmedt	Phil Foley
2008	Paul Evans	Richard Desmedt	Roger Walker	Phil Foley
2009	Richard Bryant	Brendan O'Gorman	Roger Greatorex	Barry S Miles
2010	Richard Bryant	Geoffrey Bishop	Timothy Allen	Alan Fraser
2011	Paul Jackson	Dean Hartley	Phil Foley	Alan Fraser
2012	Richard Bryant	Richard Desmedt	Caroline Robson	Stephen Crockett

Year	U18 Prixette	U18 Prix	U16 Prix	U14 Prix	U12 Prix	U10 Prix	Amateur Prix
1982	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	Roy Woodcock
1983	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	P Lucas
1984	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	Steven Richard
1985	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	Michael Carroll
1986	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	Glen House
1987	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	Stephen Ledger
1988	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	No contest	Vinton Lewis
1989	Harriet Hunt	Stephen Cullip	Andrew Webster	J Parker	No contest	No contest	Vinton Lewis
1990	M Haslinger	A Webster	Jonathan Parker	Marc Bautista	No contest	No contest	Paul Shand
1991	M Haslinger	M Sadler	R Gaughan	Richard Bates	No contest	No contest	Gunnar Berzins
1992	C Webster	J Parker	S Haslinger	R Gaughan	Chris Beckett	Luke McShane	Rod Burroughs
1993	Ruth Sheldon	M Ferguson	Adam Hunt	Richard Bates	Tom Remington	No contest	Philip Briggs
1994	J Houska	James Cobb	Richard Bates	Toby Stock	John Tompson	No contest	Philip Briggs
1995	Ruth Sheldon	Karl Mah	Luke McShane	Desmond Tan	Toby Stock	No contest	G Ashcroft
1996	Ruth Sheldon	L McShane	Chris Dunlop	A Longson	M Broomfield	Peter Titmas	Paul Kelly
1997	Rosalind Kieran	K Sashikiran	Karl Mah	Craig Hanley	Thomas Rendle	M Thiruchelvam	Noel Boustred
1998	H Richards	Lorin D'Costa	M Thiruchelvam	David Shaw	Lawrence Trent	David Howell	A Horton-Kitchlew
1999	Sophie Tidman	Nicholas Pert	Edward Leung	Simon Buckley	Sumeet Ghazi	David Howell	Nick Burrows
2000	Sarah Hegarty	Craig Hanley	Simon Buckley	Ameet Ghazi	Thomas Pym	Henry Kingston	S Williams
2001	Selina Khoo	Ameet Ghazi	Thomas Rendle	Dana Hawrami	Robert Heaton	Callum Kilpatrick	David Jameson
2002	Teresa Khoo	Craig Hanley	Daniel Diamond	Paul Plant	Thomas Pym	Anuk Sirisena	Chris Edwards
2003	Naomi Miller	Lorin D'Costa	Stephen Gordon	Thomas Pym	Jia Shen Lee	S Sathanandha	Caroline Robson

99th British Chess Championships

The 99th Championships of the British Isles took place at the Parks Leisure Centre, North Shields, between 22 July and 4 August 2012. This was the furthest north the congress has been in England, the previous most northerly being Sunderland in 1966, and in the home territory of Congress Manager Lara Barnes. Many of the participants had not visited this part of the world previously, and Lara received very positive feedback about the area and its attractions, scenery, beaches and the welcoming people. The Parks venue was excellent and the centre staff went out of their way to help the congress. A huge thank you goes to Tony Morrissey, the centre manager, who delayed his holiday in order to see the championships off to a good start. Thanks also need to go to North Tyneside Council and the Elected Mayor Linda Arkley for their support of the event.

There were 64 players in the Championship itself, a very apt number, and the event ran without a hitch. There were some fantastic games played this year, and the bulletin team, the DGT boards team and the commentary team of IMs Martin and Ravikumar got these out to the public in very quick time. The event finished in a tie on 9/11 between Gawain Jones and Stephen Gordon, with Gawain winning the play-off. The English Championship was shared by these two players, while Jovanka Houska took both the British Women's and the English Women's titles.

Gawain Jones made a fast start to the event, winning his first four games, including a victory over Stephen Gordon in round 4. Stephen then put on a splendid run of 5½ out of 6 while Gawain was conceding a number of draws: Stephen was half a point ahead of Gawain going into the final round, with David Howell a further half point behind. In round 11 Stephen drew with Jonathan Hawkins, allowing Gawain to catch him by winning as Black against Dave Ledger.

A two game rapidplay play off was held on 4 August after the prizegiving. Stephen looked certain to win the first game when he won queen for minor piece, but Gawain kept his nerve and turned the tables as Stephen ran short of time. He made no mistake in the second game, winning a pawn early on and cashing in convincingly to win the play-off 2-0 and take the title.

In addition to taking the title, Gawain won the Alexander Best Game Prize for this round 8 victory against Jonathan Hawkins.

Jones, Gawain - Hawkins, Jonathan [E46]

British Chess Championship, Parks Centre, North Shields (8), 31.07.2012

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 d5 6.a3 Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nf4 c6 9.Bd3 Re8 10.0-0 Bd6 11.f3 Qc7 12.Qd2 Bxf4 13.exf4 b6 14.b4 Ba6 15.b5 cxb5 16.Nxb5 Qd7 17.a4 Nc6 18.Rb1 Na5 19.f5 Nc4 20.Qf2 h6 21.g4 Nh7 22.Bf4 Na3 23.Rb3 Nc4 24.h4 Rac8 25.g5 h5 26.Kh2 Rc6 27.f6 g6 28.Rbb1 Nf8 29.Rfe1 Rxe1 30.Rxe1 Ne6 31.Bg3 Nd6 32.Re5 Nc4 33.Re2 Nd6 34.Re5 Nc4 35.Re2 Nd6 36.Qe1 Nf5 37.Bxf5 gxf5 38.Qb1 Rc4 39.Qxf5 Rxa4 40.g6 Bxb5 41.Qxh5 fxe6 42.Qxg6+ Kf8 43.Bf4 Nxf4 44.Re8+ Qxe8 45.Qg7# 1-0

Craig Whitfield was the winner of the John Littlewood Prize for the best game played by an U18 in the Championships as a result of the following win against Edward Dobbs in the 10th round. This is an annual prize that will be running every year until further notice, donated by Paul Littlewood in memory of his father

Whitfield, Craig - Dodds, Edward [C10]

British Chess Championships Parks Centre, North Shields, 02.08.2012

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Bd3 Nge6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Nf3 b6 8.c3 Bb7 9.Qa4+ Qd7 10.Bb5 c6 11.Bd3 Bd6 12.Bg5 Nd5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rad1 Qc7 15.Rfe1 a5 16.Bb1 Rfe8 17.c4 Ne7 18.c5 Bf4 19.cxb6 Qb8 20.Bxe7 Rxe7 21.g3 Bd6 22.Be4 c5 23.dxc5 Bxc5 24.Bxh7+ Kf8 25.Ne5 Bd5 26.Qh4 Qxb6 27.Re2 Rc7 28.Be4 Bxe4 29.Nd7+ Rxd7 30.Rxd7 Ke8 31.Qxe4 Kxd7 32.Qxa8 Ke7 33.Qf3 Bd4 34.b3 e5 35.Rc2 f6 36.Kg2 Kf7 37.Qh5+ Ke6 38.Qe8+ Kf5 39.Qc6 Qxc6+ 40.Rxc6 Kg5 41.a3 f5 42.b4 axb4 43.axb4 e4 44.b5 Kh5 45.b6 g5 46.b7 Be5 47.Rc5 Bd6 48.Rxf5 Kg4 49.Rf8 e3 50.h3+ Kh5 51.b8Q Bxb8 52.Rxb8 e2 53.Re8 Kg6 1-0

An 11 round International Master Norm was achieved by Jonathan Hawkins in the Championship. Lara Barnes achieved an International Organiser norm.

The normal programme of supporting events was organised: a full list of prizewinners appears on page 64. The only new events this year were the U160 sections in the Rapidplays, but these were not well attended as many people who could have entered the U160 entered the Open anyway for the chance of playing strong opposition.

The new incremental time control in the Seniors was well received and had no opposition. An incremental limit will be applied to all morning events in 2013.

A full social programme of events designed to appeal to all ages was organised. There was an event every evening apart from the first Sunday and the last Friday. Some were very well attended, others not so. The 'mindsports tasters' became more popular as the event progressed. The Junior blitz events were well attended. The Chess Variants, run by John Wheeler of the Northumberland Chess Association, was well attended and the daily problem competition was popular although the evening problem tournament was not. The Entropy tourney was popular with the local 'mindsports' people, all who said they were going to take up the game!

Of the two events that were held away from the venue, the Quiz was not as well attended as in previous years but seemed to go very well and received excellent feedback. The Ceilidh was not well attended but those who came enjoyed it very much.



Top to bottom, left to right - a study in concentration; Jovanka and Gawain after the tournament; Matthew Carr oversees the juniors; Mike Gunn congratulates Jonathan Hawkins; the seniors (Dave Welch looks on); prizes all round from ECF President Roger Edwards; the ever-dapper Stuart Conquest; and in the background the victor, in the foreground the spoils ...

British Championship 2012 - Results

Rank	Name	Score	Fed.	M/F	Rating	TPR	W-We	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	GM Jones, Gawain C	9	ENG	M	2655	2687	0.54	1	1	1	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1
2	GM Gordon, Stephen	9	ENG	M	2539	2655	1.66	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1/2	1	1	1/2
3	GM Howell, David W	8.5	ENG	M	2620	2621	0.33	1/2	1	1	1/2	1	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1
4	GM Gormally, Daniel	7.5	ENG	M	2505	2472	-0.11	1	1/2	1	1/2	0	1	1	1	1/2	0	1
5	IM Hawkins, Jonathan	7.5	ENG	M	2499	2456	-0.18	1	1	0	1	1/2	1	1	0	1/2	1	1/2
6	GM Arkell, Keith C	7.5	ENG	M	2441	2462	0.61	1	1	0	1	1	1/2	0	1	1/2	1	1/2
7	GM Turner, Matthew	7	SCO	M	2508	2468	-0.39	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
8	GM Conquest, Stuart	7	ENG	M	2501	2388	-1.25	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2
9	IM Palliser, Richard	7	ENG	M	2482	2274	-2.39	1/2	1	0	0	1	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1	1
10	IM Hanley, Craig A	6.5	ENG	M	2419	2302	-1.27	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1/2	1	0
11	IM Houska, Jovanka	6.5	ENG	F	2406	2332	-0.83	0	1	1/2	1	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	0	1/2
12	FM Eggleston, David	6.5	ENG	M	2323	2245	-1.05	1	1/2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1/2
13	Roe, Simon J	6.5	ENG	M	2275	2219	-0.69	1	0	1/2	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1
14	Adair, James R	6.5	ENG	M	2262	2318	0.86	1/2	1	0	1	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	1/2
15	FM Ledger, Dave J	6.5	ENG	M	2246	2328	1.05	0	1/2	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
16	Osborne, Marcus	6.5	ENG	M	2245	2415	2.35	1/2	1	1	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	0
17	Harvey, Marcus R	6.5	ENG	M	2134	2368	3.15	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1/2	1	1/2
18	Foo, William J	6.5	ENG	M	2009	2323	4.23	1/2	1	1/2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
19	IM Kolbus, Dietmar	6	GER	M	2321	2190	-1.86	1	0	0	1	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2
20	IM Rudd, Jack	6	ENG	M	2295	2237	-0.81	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
21	FM Walker, David J	6	ENG	M	2276	2197	-1.16	0	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	0	0	1/2	1	1/2
22	Townsend, M Paul	6	ENG	M	2252	2185	-0.93	0	1/2	1/2	1	0	1	1/2	1	1	0	1/2
23	Hanley, James L	6	ENG	M	2244	2221	-0.39	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	1
24	Brown, Martin	6	ENG	M	2224	2027	-2.4	0	0	1	1/2	0	0	1	1/2	1	1	1
25	Holland, James P	6	ENG	M	2200	2466	3.42	1	1/2	1	1	1/2	0	1/2	1	1/2	0	0
26	Burnett, Jim	6	ENG	M	2174	2230	0.74	1	0	0	1/2	1	0	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1
27	Mackie, Dominic	6	ENG	M	2130	2377	3.24	1	0	1/2	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1/2
28	Jackson, James P	6	ENG	M	2126	2336	2.7	1	1	0	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	0	1
29	Chapman, Terry P	5.5	ENG	M	2290	2242	-0.75	1	0	1/2	1	1	1/2	0	0	0	0	1/2
30	FM Storey, Charles	5.5	ENG	M	2247	2242	-0.11	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1/2
31	Mason, Donald J	5.5	ENG	M	2244	2126	-1.64	1/2	1	1/2	0	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1
32	FM Shaw, Robert	5.5	ENG	M	2220	2132	-1.23	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2
33	Sugden, John N	5.5	ENG	M	2142	2130	-0.24	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	0	1	1	1/2	0
34	Weller, Jean-Luc	5.5	ENG	M	2115	2264	2.03	1/2	1/2	1	0	1	0	0	1	1/2	0	0
35	Waters, Clive L	5.5	ENG	M	2106	2212	1.53	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1/2	0	1/2

British Championship 2012 - Results (continued)

Rank	Name	Score	Fed.	M/F	Rating	TPR	W-We	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
36	Batchelor, Peter	5.5	ENG	M	2103	2277	2.35	1	0	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1
37	Varnam, Liam D	5.5	ENG	M	2070	2216	1.95	1	0	1/2	0	0	1	1/2	1	0	1	1/2
38	WIM Maroroa, Sue	5.5	NZL	F	2035	2141	1.34	0	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2
39	Murphy, Hugh W	5	ENG	M	2180	2112	-1.01	1	1	0	0	0	1/2	0	0	1	1/2	1
40	Walker, Nicholas	5	ENG	M	2179	2147	-0.48	0	1	1	1/2	0	0	1	1/2	1	0	0
41	Oswald, Graeme E	5	ENG	M	2178	2000	-2.33	0	1/2	0	0	1/2	0	1	1	1	0	1
42	Shaw, Peter	5	ENG	M	2168	2077	-1.28	0	0	1	1	1/2	1/2	0	1	1/2	0	1/2
43	Surtees, Mike J	5	ENG	M	2113	2045	-0.91	1/2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1/2	0	1
44	Combic, Alex B	5	ENG	M	2039	2110	0.8	1	0	0	0	1	1/2	0	1/2	1	1	0
45	Lenier, Jude A	5	ENG	M	2016	2102	1.27	0	1	0	1/2	0	0	1	1	1	0	1/2
46	Grattage, Matthew	5	ENG	M	1986	2160	2.13	1	0	0	1/2	1	=	1	0	0	1	0
47	FM Poobalasingam, Peter	4.5	ENG	M	2263	2095	-2.37	0	1/2	1/2	1	1	0	1	1/2	0	0	0
48	Jaunooby, Ali R	4.5	ENG	M	2165	2069	-1.41	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
49	Coathup, Roger H	4.5	ENG	M	2136	2082	-0.89	0	1	1	0	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1	0
50	Foster, James M	4.5	ENG	M	2037	2074	0.35	0	0	1	0	1	1	1/2	1/2	0	1	0
51	Whitfield, Craig	4.5	ENG	M	2020	2042	0.23	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
52	Tambini, Jasper	4.5	ENG	M	1958	1975	0.12	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1/2	1
53	Burke, Mitchell	4.5	ENG	M	1917	2003	1.1	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1	0	1	1/2	1
54	FM Wall, Tim P	4	ENG	M	2347	2003	-4.76	0	1	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	0	0	0
55	Ledger, Stephen	4	ENG	M	2089	2091	-0.1	1	0	1/2	0	1/2	0	1	0	0	1	0
56	Wadsworth, Matthew	4	ENG	M	2037	2065	0.37	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	0
57	Jain, Radha	4	ENG	F	1868	2070	2.32	0	1/2	1	0	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	0	0
58	WFM Bhatia, Kanwal K	3.5	ENG	F	2103	1944	-2.08	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1	1/2	0	0	0	1/2	0
59	Fabri, Henrik	3.5	ENG	M	2004 *	1948	1.948	1/2	1/2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1/2
60	Elwin, Adrian G	3.5	ENG	M	1985	1983	-0.16	1/2	0	0	1	0	1	1/2	0	0	1/2	0
61	McDonald, Ian	3.5	SCO	M	1876	1820	-0.59	0	1	0	0	0	1/2	0	1/2	1	0	1/2
62	Hall, David E	3	ENG	M	2103	1937	-1.96	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
63	Dodds, Edward	3	ENG	M	1861 *	1940	1.940	1	1/2	0	0	0	0	0	1/2	0	0	1
64	Hoare, Amy B	1.5	ENG	F	1958	1693	-2.55	0	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	0	0	0
65	Hackner, Oskar A	1	ENG	M	2014	1511	-0.21	-	-	-	-	-	0	+	-	-	-	-

British Championship Prizewinners 2012

Competition	Annual Trophy	Cash amount	Name	Club	Points
British Championship 1st		£3,825.00	Gawain Jones	4NCL NACCPO	9/11
1st=		£3,675.00	Stephen Gordon	Wood Green, Hilsmark Kingfisher	9/12
3rd		£1,500.00	David Howell	4NCL Pride & Prejudice	8.5
4th=		£750.00	Keith Arkell	4NCL Cheddleton	7.5
4th=		£750.00	Daniel Gormally	4NCL Cheddleton	7.5
4th=		£750.00	Jonathan Hawkins	Consett/Leam Lane	7.5
7th=		£83.34	Stuart Conquest	4NCL Guildford	7
7th=		£83.34	Richard Palliser	4NCL White Rose	7
7th=		£83.34	Matthew Turner	4NCL Barbican	7
Rating under 2200		£250.00	William Foo	Reading	(+4.23)
Rating 2200-2349		£250.00	James Holland	Berkshire Junior	(+3.42)
British Woman Champion	British Ladies	£500.00	Jovanka Houska	Wood Green, Hilsmark Kingfisher	6.5
English Champion=	Tony Miles trophy	£750.00	Gawain Jones	4NCL NACCPO	9
English Champion=		£750.00	Stephen Gordon	Wood Green, Hilsmark Kingfisher	9
English Woman Champion		£500.00	Jovanka Houska	Wood Green, Hilsmark Kingfisher	6.5
Under 21 Champion		£250.00	James Adair	Reading	6.5
Under 21 Girls Champion			Sue Maroroa-Jones	4NCL NACCPO	5.5
Under 18 Champion=	Ginner Cup	£125.00	William Foo	Reading	6.5
Under 18 Champion=		£125.00	Marcus Harvey	Bicester	6.5
Under 18 Champion girl			Radha Jain	Pinner	4
British Senior Champion	A. Stammwitz trophy	£400.00	Norman Hutchinson	Linton	6/7
2nd		£200.00	Roger Emerson	Guildford	5.5
3rd=		£25.00	Paul Habershon	Bedford	5
		£25.00	Alastair White	Edinburgh	5
		£25.00	Ivan Myall	Writtle	5
		£25.00	John Feavyour	Saxmundham	5
British Under 16 Champion		£133.33	Oskar Hackner	SASCA	5
British Under 16 Champion Girl			Chantelle Foster	Cowley	4.5
British Under 15 Champion Boy=		£133.33	Henry Broadley	Chorley	5
		£133.33	Adam C. Taylor	Colchester	5
British Under 15 Champion Girl			Louise Head	Crowthorne	3
British Under 14 Champion Boy		£200.00	Tarun Malhotra	Northwood	6
British Under 14 Champion Girl=			Akshaya Kalaiyalahan	Wey Valley	3.5
			Cosima Keen	Sussex	3.5
			Jessica Wen	Orpington	3.5
2nd=		£100.00	Andrew Horton	3Cs	5.5
		£100.00	Adam C. Taylor	Colchester	5.5
British Under 13 Champion Boy		£200.00	Akito Oyama	Cambridge City	6/7
British Under 13 Champion Girl=2nd		£100.00	Anna Wang	Cowley	5/7
2nd=		£100.00	William Claridge-Hansen	Aylesbury	5/7
British Under 12 Champion Boy		£200.00	Anthony Zhang	Crowthorne	6.5/7
British Under 12 Champion Girl=			Monica Espinosa	Ayr	4/6
British Under 12 Champion Girl=			Eva Ressel	Checkmates	4/6
2nd		£120.00	Joshua Higgs	Worth Abbey	5/7
3rd=		£16.00	Callum Brewer	Brighton and Hove	4.5/7
3rd=		£16.00	Jake Liang	Surbiton	4.5/7
3rd=		£16.00	Matthew McLachlan	RGS Guildford	4.5/7
3rd=		£16.00	Kai Pannwitz	Inverness	4.5/7
3rd=		£16.00	Yang-Jian Zhou	Whitgift	4.5/7
British Under 11 Champion Boy		£200.00	Arul Gupta	Kent	6/7
British Under 11 Champion Girl		£16.00	Akshaya Kalaiyalahan	Wey Valley	5/7
2nd		£120.00	Girinath Haridas	Mitcham	5.5/7
3rd=		£16.00	Jacob Connor Boswell	Cheddleton&Leek	5/7
3rd=		£16.00	Gautam Jain	Heathside	5/7

Competition	Annual Trophy	Cash amount	Name	Club	Points
3rd=		£16.00	Akshaya Kalaiyalahan	Wey Valley	5/7
3rd=		£16.00	Taylor Pearson	Nottingham	5/7
3rd=		£16.00	Zheming Zhang	Jesmond	5/7
British Under 10 Champion Boy		£200.00	Charlie McLaren	Musketeers	6/7
British Under 10 Champion Girl			Stephanie Du Toit	Monmouth	4.5/7
2nd=		£100.00	Adam Averbukh	Wey Valley	5.5/6
2nd=		£100.00	Gabriel Balouka-Myers	Garden Suburb	5.5/7
British Under 9 Champion Boy		£100.00	Sacha Brozel	Barnet Knights	6.5/7
British Under 9 Champion Girl			Mahima Raghavedra		5/7
2nd		£60.00	Joshua Altman	Barnet Knights	6/7
3rd=		£20.00	Oliver Howell	Redhill	5.5/7
3rd=		£20.00	Boris Pastukov	Amersham	5.5/7
British Under 8 Champion Boy		£80.00	Aditya Verma	Ilford	5.5/6
British Under 8 Champion Girl			Arushi Ramaiya	Wimbledon	4.5/6
2nd=		£40.00	Joshua Altman	Barnet Knights	5/6
		£40.00	Leo Sanitt	NW London	5/6
British Under 180 Champion=		£160.00	David Openshaw	Cavendish	4
		£160.00	Michael Riding	Tynemouth	4
3rd=		£27.00	Paul Evans	Lytham	3.5
		£27.00	Ron Plater	Newcastle	3.5
		£27.00	Mark Szymanski	Ely	3.5
British Under 160 Champion		£200.00	Harry Li	Alwoodley	4.5
2nd=		£66.66	Martin Bush	Wantage	4
2nd=		£66.66	Neil Jones	Cockermouth	4
2nd=		£66.66	Daniel O'Dowd	Carlisle	4
British Under 140 Champion=		£80.00	Syringa Camp	Colwyn Bay	4
British Under 140 Champion=		£80.00	Daniel Jazdzewski	Chessmates	4
British Under 140 Champion=		£80.00	Clive Pemberton	S. Birmingham	4
British Under 140 Champion=		£80.00	Owen Robson	Minster Inn	4
British Under 140 Champion=		£80.00	David Walshaw	Jesmond	4
British Under 120 Champion=		£100.00	Stephen Crockett		4
British Under 120 Champion=		£100.00	Gordon Glover	Crusaders	4
British Under 120 Champion=		£100.00	Peter Harrington	Blackburn	4
British Under 120 Champion=		£100.00	Gwilym Price	Aldro	4
Major Open	Dundee Trophy	£1,000.00	Pierre Weller	York RI	9.5/11
2nd=		£375.00	David Henderson	Tynemouth	7.5
2nd=		£375.00	Simon McCullough	Sandhurst	7.5
4th		£150.00	Stephen A. Jones	Grappenhall	7
5th=		£16.66	William G. Armstrong	Cheddleton	6.5
5th=		£16.66	John Garnett	Elmwood	6.5
5th=		£16.66	Arne Hagesaether	Norway	6.5
5th=		£16.66	Martin Sheard	Barnsley	6.5
5th=		£16.66	Mike Waddington	Grappenhall	6.5
5th=		£16.66	Richard Webster	West Bridgeford	6.5
Rating Prize 1		£150.00	Nicholas Mahoney	Barnby Dun	0.39
Rating Prize 2		£100.00	Raymond Wynarczyk	Ashington	0.35
5 Day Morning – week 1					
1=		£112.50	Christopher Howell	Redhill	4
1=		£112.50	James J McDonnell	Streatham	4
3rd		£40.00	Ilya Iyengar	Wycombe	3.5
5 Day Afternoon – week 1					
1st		£150.00	Samuel Walker	Wycombe	4.5
2nd=		£57.50	Richard Bryant	Chester	4
2nd=		£57.50	Mark Szymanski	Leeds	4
5 Day Morning – week 2					
1st		£150.00	David Graham	Worthing	4.5
2nd=		£57.50	Ioan Rees	Rhyfelwyr Essyllwg	4
2nd=		£57.50	Michael Grove	Dundee Victoria	4
5 Day Afternoon – week 2					
1st		£150.00	Jamie Hookham	Kinross	4.5
2nd=		£38.33	Peter Hempson	Ecclesall	4

Competition	Annual Trophy	Cash amount	Name	Club	Points
2nd =		£38.33	Jamie Horton	3Cs	4
2nd =		£38.33	Ken Neat	Durham	4
week 1 Rapidplay Open 1st		£140.00	Danny Gormally	Cheddleton	6
2nd		£70.00	James Adair	York	5
week 1 Rapidplay U160 1st		£140.00	Stephen Whatley	Gibraltar	5.5
2nd=		£35.00	Akshaya Kalaiyalahan	Richmond Jnr	4.5
2nd=		£35.00	Ian McKay	Austin Friars	4.5
week 2 Rapidplay Open 1st		£140.00	Mike Surtees	Bolton	5
2nd=		£35.00	Martin Brown	Grappenhall	4.5
2nd=		£35.00	Chris Archer-Lock	Berkshire	4.5
week 2 Rapidplay U160 1st		£105.00	Tim Wrigley	Tynedale	5
2nd=		£105.00	Andrew Robinson	Newcastle	5
Weekenders					
Atkins					
1st=		£105.00	John Carleton	Chester	4.5
1st=		£105.00	Peter Mercs	Gambit	4.5
3rd=		£25.00	Paul Dargan	Tynemouth	4
3rd=		£25.00	Marco Campini	Italy	4
Grading		£6.66	Somton Ukken	Bury St Edmonds	2.5
Grading		£6.66	Jim Friar	Kidderminster	2.5
Grading		£6.66	Miguel Espinosa	Carrick 2.5	
Grading		£6.66	Simon Edwards	Cheddleton	2.5
Grading		£6.66	Michael Ridge	Edinburgh	2.5
Grading		£6.66	Michael Hubbard	Tynemouth	2.5
Soanes					
1st		£140.00	Ian Mackay	Austin Friars	4.5
2nd=		£60.00	James Friar	Kidderminster	4
2nd=		£60.00	David Gilbert	DHSS	4
Grading		£13.33	Daniel O'Dowd	Carlisle	3
Grading		£13.33	Greg Tebble	Norwich	3
Grading		£13.33	Ananth Vijayikumar	Wey Valley	3
Yates					
1st		£140.00	Andrew Clark	London	4.5
2nd=		£60.00	Iain Hope	Musselburgh	4
2nd=		£60.00	Leszek Rewak	Musselburgh	4
Grading		£40.00	Dick Heathwood	Pentland Hills	3
Other prizes					
Best Welsh Performance	Roy Clues		Stephanie Du Toit		
Services to the congress	Boxall Salver		Lara Barnes	Congress Manager	
Cash awards	Title				
Best Game in the British	Alexander BGP	£100.00	Gawain Jones v Jonathan Hawkins		
Best Junior Game Week 1	Sussex Juniors award	£50.00	Akito Oyama v Michael Ashworth		
Best Junior Game Week 2	Sussex Juniors award	£50.00	James Holland v James Jackson		
Most Meritous Performance by a Junior	Ernie Lazenby Award	£100.00	James Holland (British Championship)		
Best Improvement in Grade/Rating Junior =	Tim & Abi Adams Award	£50.00	Laura Davidson		
Best Improvement in Grade/Rating Junior =	Tim & Abi Adams Award	£50.00	Nugith Jayawarna		
Problem Solving					
1st Mate in 2	Book	£10.00	Mike Waddington	Grappenhall	
1st Proof Game	Book	£10.00	Mike Waddington	Grappenhall	
2nd Mate in 2	Book		Alan Fraser	Beckingham & Bromley	
3rd Mate in 2 + 2nd PG	Book + Book		Ilya Iyengar	Buckinghamshire	
3rd in PG	Book		Clive Waters	Tynemouth	

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ECF Grand Prix 2011 - 2012

Open Prix

Name	Club/Area	Pts
1 Hawkins, Jonathan	Consett	684
2 Arkell, Keith CC	4NCL Cheddleton	677
3 Hebden, Mark L	4NCL Pride and Prejudice	656
4 Jackson, Oliver A	Cheshire/N.Wales *	595
5 Surtees, Mike J	Bolton	591
6 Jaunooby, Ali Reza	3Cs	577
7 Batchelor, Peter J	Willesden & Brent	574
8 Prior, Stephen CV	Lincolnshire CA	570
9 Williams, Simon K	Drunken Knights	567
10 Wadsworth, Matthew J	Maidenhead	567

Graded Prix (160-179)

Name	Club/Area	Pts
1 Bryant, Richard BE	Chester	594
2 Goodfellow, Russell R	Tunbridge Wells	586
3 O'Gorman, Brendan	DHSS	579
4 Mulleady, Peter J	Atherton	560
5 Gamble, Raymond J	Spondon	556
6 Clegg, Robert	Huddersfield	540
7 Olbison, Philip J	Chorlton-cum-Hardy	533
8 Burke, Mitchell R	3Cs	532
9 Hjort, Helge	Hendon	528
10 Fenwick, Hugh F	Mushrooms	525

Graded Prix (140-159)

Name	Club/Area	Pts
1 Desmedt, Richard E	Wombwell	649
2 Hartley, Dean M	Amber Valley	621
3 Ropp, Wiatt D	Stratford	615
4 Wilson, Matthew R	Wigston	592
5 Greatorex, Roger	Llangollen	569
6 Gibbs, Daniel C	Ilford	552
7 Boustred, Noel J	Gosforth	542
8 Connor, Michael I	Great Lever	532
9 Price, Andrew	Leamington	530
10 Walker, Adrian N	Leamington	520

Graded Prix (120-139)

Name	Club/Area	Pts
1 Robson, Caroline J	Barnet Elizabethans	596
2 Egan, William J	Scunthorpe	567
3 Allen, Timothy S	Battersea	565
4 Foley, Phil T	Upminster	564
5 Gilbert, David J	DHSS	532
6 Crouch, Timothy J	Kings Head	530
7 Stephens, Ian Paul	Liverpool	527
8 Costeloe, C Andrew J	Muswell Hill	525
9 Wiggins, Andrew S	Greenlands	524
10 Macdonald, John R	Kings Head	517

Graded Prix (U120)

Name	Club/Area	Pts
1 Crockett, Stephen J	Redditch	656
2 Fraser, Alan R	Beckenham & Bromley	624
3 Bullock, Lee	Hackney	619
4 Oyama, Harunobu	Cambridge City	573
5 Summerland, David	Leeds	537
6 Upton, WE Bill	Morley College	516
7 Jackson, Paul Robert	Morecambe	505
8 Billett, Stephen J	Portsmouth	501
9 Waddington, James	Bolton	500
10 Brent, Derek	Urmston	488

Women's Prix

Name	Club/Area	Pts
1 Robson, Caroline J	Barnet Elizabethans	596
2 Ressel, Eva	Chess Mates N'thampton	539
3 Wei, Naomi	Essex Juniors	526
4 Dean, Angelica	Shrewsbury	508
5 Shepherd, Katherine M	Ashtead	505
6 Ivanov, Elizabeth	Barnet Schools	497
7 Norman, Dinah M	Wokingham *	486
8 Purvis, Anna	Surrey Juniors	485
9 Steele, Beatrice H	Coulsdon CF	481
10 Kalaiyalahan, Akshaya	Richmond Juniors	471

Junior Prix

Name	Club/Area	Pts
1 Kalavannan, Koby	Surbiton *	621
2 Anilkumar, Anantha (jnr)	Coulsdon CF	587
3 Balaji, Ananthanarayanan	Harrow	585
4 Higgs, Joshua	Sussex Juniors	579
5 Nettleton, Charlie B	Hayes (Middlesex.)	579
6 Tsoi, Leo Z	Boldmere St Michael	575
7 Batchelor, Peter J	Willesden & Brent	574
8 Oyama, Akito	Cambridge City	569
9 Wadsworth, Matthew J	Maidenhead	567
10 Horton, Andrew P	Didsbury Dynamos	565

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English Counties Championships 2011 - 2012

Open		Results
Preliminary Round	Warwickshire vs Lancashire	4½ – 11½
Quarter Final 1	Somerset vs Yorkshire	8 – 8 Somerset win on board count
Quarter Final 2	Staffordshire vs Middlesex	4½ – 11½
Quarter Final 3	Norfolk vs Sussex	6½ – 9½
Quarter Final 4	Surrey vs Lancashire	9 – 7
Semi-final 1	Somerset vs Middlesex	7½ – 8½
Semi-final 2	Sussex vs Surrey	5 – 11
Open Final	Middlesex vs Surrey	8½ – 7½
Minor		Results
Quarter Final 1	Gloucestershire vs Hertfordshire	7½ – 8½
Quarter Final 2	Suffolk vs Hampshire	0 – 16 default
Quarter Final 3	Essex vs Lincolnshire	8½ – 7½
Quarter Final 4	Leicestershire vs Cambridgeshire	10 – 6
Semi-final 1	Hertfordshire vs Hampshire	9 – 7
Semi-final 2	Essex vs Leicestershire	7 – 9
Minor Final	Hertfordshire vs Leicestershire	8 – 8 Herts win on board count
Under 180		Results
Preliminary Round	Kent vs Lancashire	0 – 16 default
Quarter Final 1	Middlesex vs Warwickshire	8½ – 7½
Quarter Final 2	Devon vs Surrey	7½ – 8½
Quarter Final 3	Yorkshire vs Nottinghamshire	9 – 7
Quarter Final 4	Bedfordshire vs Lancashire	7 – 9
Semi-final 1	Middlesex vs Surrey	9 – 7
Semi-final 2	Yorkshire vs Lancashire	10½ – 5½
Under 180 Final	Middlesex vs Yorkshire	9 – 7
Under 160		Results
Preliminary Round	Greater Manchester vs Cambridgeshire	8½ – 7½
Quarter Final 1	Nottinghamshire vs Middlesex	16 – 0 default
Quarter Final 2	Kent vs Yorkshire	5 – 11
Quarter Final 3	Norfolk vs Hertfordshire	5 – 10
Quarter Final 4	Lancashire vs Greater Manchester	7 – 9
Semi-final 1	Nottinghamshire vs Yorkshire	6 – 10
Semi-final 2	Hertfordshire vs Greater Manchester	6 – 10
Under 160 Final	Yorkshire vs Greater Manchester	8 – 8 Gtr Manchester win on board count
Under 140		Results
Preliminary Round	Yorkshire vs Kent	16-0 default
Quarter Final 1	Lancashire vs Warwickshire	11½ – 4½
Quarter Final 2	Surrey vs Leicestershire	10 – 6
Quarter Final 3	Hampshire vs Hertfordshire	4½ – 11½
Quarter Final 4	Worcestershire vs Yorkshire	9½ – 6½
Semi-final 1	Lancashire vs Surrey	10½ – 5½
Semi-final 2	Hertfordshire vs Worcestershire	11 – 5
Under 140 Final	Lancashire vs Hertfordshire	7½ – 8½
Under 120		Results
Quarter Final 1	Hertfordshire vs Yorkshire	12 – 0 default
Quarter Final 2	Lancashire vs Worcestershire	6 – 6 Lancashire win on board count

Quarter Final 3	Norfolk vs Warwickshire	5½ – 6½
Quarter Final 4	Staffordshire vs Essex	4½ – 7½
Semi-final 1	Hertfordshire vs Lancashire	7½ – 4½
Semi-final 2	Warwickshire vs Essex	4 – 8

Under 120 Final	Hertfordshire vs Essex	3½ – 8½
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Under 100

Quarter Final 1	Essex vs Warwickshire
Quarter Final 2	Lancashire vs Kent
Semi-final 1	Yorkshire vs Essex
Semi-final 2	Nottinghamshire vs Kent

Results

16 – 0 default
6 – 6 Kent win on board count
0 – 12 default
6 – 6 Kent win on board count

Under 100 Final	Essex vs Kent	6 – 6 Essex win on board count
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Top -- Adrian Elwin;
 Middle -- Alex Holowczak & Dave Welch;
 Bottom -- the playing hall



Top row -- Essex U100 winners; Herts, Minor winners
Second row -- Herts U140 winners; U120 (Essex again!)
Third row -- Greater Manchester U160 winners; Middlesex U180
Bottom row -- the Greater Manchester team; the Trophies

National Club Championships 2011 - 2012

Open

Maidstone vs Mushrooms
Mushrooms vs Wood Green

Result

Maidstone 4 – Mushrooms 2
Mushrooms 1 – Wood Green 5

Open Final

Wood Green vs Maidstone

Wood Green 4½ – Maidstone 1½

Major

Round One

Gloucester vs Bushbury
Bedford vs St Albans
Tunbridge Wells vs St Francis & Haywards Heath
Maidstone vs Athenaeum
Bishop's Stortford vs Wanstead & Woodford
Ilford vs Metropolitan
Wood Green vs Hackney
Farnham vs Brown Jack

Result

Gloucester 2 – Bushbury 3
Bedford 2½ – St Albans 2½, St Albans win on board count
Tunbridge Wells 3 – St Francis & Haywards Heath 2
Maidstone 2½ – Athenaeum 2½
W & W 3½ – Bishop's Stortford 1½
Ilford 1 – Metropolitan 4
Wood Green 1 – Hackney 4
Farnham 3½ – Brown Jack 1½

Major Quarter Finals

Bushbury vs St Albans
Farnham vs Tunbridge Wells
Wanstead & Woodford vs Athenaeum
Hackney vs Metropolitan

Bushbury 5 – St Albans 0 (concession)
Farnham 1½ – Tunbridge Wells 3½
Wanstead & Woodford 2 – Athenaeum 3
Hackney 1½ – Metropolitan 2½

Major Semi-Finals

Atheneum vs Tunbridge Wells
Metropolitan vs Bushbury

Atheneum 1½ – T/Wells 3½
Metropolitan 2 – Bushbury 3

Major Final

Tunbridge Wells

Bushbury vs Tunbridge Wells 1 – Bushbury 4

Major Plate

Major Plate Quarter Finals

Brown Jack vs Gloucester
Bishop's Stortford vs Bedford
St Francis & Haywards Heath vs Maidstone
Ilford vs Wood Green

Result

Brown Jack 2 – Gloucester 3
Bishop's Stortford 1½ – Bedford 3½
St Francis & HH 0 – Maidstone 5 (concession)
Ilford 2½ – Wood Green 2½ (Ilford win on board count)

Major Plate Semi-Finals

Ilford vs Maidstone
Gloucester vs Bedford

Ilford 1 – Maidstone 4
Gloucester 2 – Bedford 3

Major Plate Final

Maidstone vs Bedford

Maidstone 0 – Bedford 5

Intermediate

St Albans have a bye as a result of the withdrawal of Rushall

Round 1

Prescot and Knotty Ash vs Bushbury
Bishops Stortford vs Maidstone
Cosham w/o Hastings, scr
St Albans w/o Rushall, scr

Knotty Ash 3.5 - Bushbury 0.5
Bishops Stortford 3 - Maidstone 1

Semi-Finals

Prescot & Knotty Ash vs St Albans
Cosham vs Bishops Stortford

Prescot & Knotty Ash 3.5 - St Albans 0.5
Cosham 1 - Bishops Stortford 3

Final

Prescot & Knotty Ash vs Bishop's Stortford

Prescot & Knotty Ash 2 - Bishop's Stortford 2 (BS win on board count)

Intermediate Plate

Round 1

Bushbury vs Alwoodley

Wanstead & Woodford vs Hackney

Leamington & Maidstone had byes

Bushbury 1 - Alwoodley 3

Wanstead & Woodford 1 - Hackney 3

Semi-Finals

Alwoodley vs Leamington

Maidstone vs Hackney

Alwoodley 2 - Leamington 2

Maidstone 3½ - Hackney ½

Final

Alwoodley vs Maidstone

Alwoodley 1½ - Maidstone 2½

Minor

Pool A

Bishop's Stortford vs Hackney

Forest of Dean vs Bishop's Stortford

Hackney vs Forest of Dean

Result

Hackney 2½ – Bishop's Stortford 1½

Forest of Dean 2½ – Bishop's Stortford 1½

Hackney 1 – Forest of Dean 3

Pool B

Fenton vs Syston

Fenton vs Bushbury

Syston vs Bushbury

Fenton is the winner of Pool B due to their tie-break result against Syston (board count-back) and beating Bushbury

Result

Fenton 2 – Syston 2

Fenton 2½ – Bushbury 1½

No match completed

Final

Fenton vs Forest of Dean

Result Details

Fenton 2 – Forest of Dean 2 (FoD win on board count)





Major - the Finalists



Bushbury - Major winners



Bedford - Major Plate winners



Forest of Dean - Minor winners



The Open winners with David Sedgwick



Wood Green - Open winners



Prescot & Knotty Ash - Intermediate finalists

TOURNAMENTS

99th Richmond Rapidplay results – from Sue Lalic

105 people played in the 99th Richmond Rapidplay on Sunday January 15th 2012, and £750 was awarded in prizes to the following:

Open

1st=: Graeme Buckley and Paul Georghiou 5/6

3rd: Jovica Radovanovic 4.5/6

U190 Grading Prize: Martin Cutmore 3.5/6

Major (U170)

1st=: Jonathan Burch and Sebastian Galer 5/6

2nd=: Ian Deswarte and Akito Oyama 4.5/6

U150 Grading Prize: Akito Oyama 4.5/6

Intermediate (U135)

1st: Jeremy Hodgson 5.5/6

2nd: David Powell 5/6

3rd=: Koby Kalavannan, Jake Liang, and Thomas Moss 4.5/6

U115 Grading Prize: Koby Kalavannan 4.5/6

Minor (U100)

1st: Alex Golding 6/6

2nd: Lee Bullock 5/6

3rd: Gareth Murphy and Haolin Zhao 4.5/6

5th=: Devdoot Barman, Lucian Heeler, James Golding, Daniel Varney, Delroy Bennett 4/6

U80 Grading Prize: Haolin Zhao 4.5

13th York Rapidplay

This event was held on Saturday 28th January at Wheatlands Lodge Hotel, York. 6-round Swiss, 20 minutes each on the clock. This year there were 2 sections and results as follows:

Section A – above Grade 140

1st – Martin Brown, York University 5/6

2nd = Peter Shaw, Wakefield; Jean-Luc Weller, York; Pierre Weller, York 4.5/6

5th = David Adams, York; Jim Nicholson, York; Jim Burnett, Doncaster; Fashad Ai, Sheffield; Oscar Hackner, Sheffield; David Patrick, Halifax 4/6

Grading book prizes to Oscar and David Patrick; Mike Taylor, Stockport

Section B – under 140

1st = Joe O'Donnell, York; Ewan Miller, York 5/6 (both junior players)

3rd = Ian Strickland, Leeds; Chris Bak, York University 4.5/6

Book prizes to James Dessent, York; Louis Romer, Leeds

Achievement Award – Louis Romer

Thanks to the three controllers – Charlie Weller, Rodney Mitchinson and David Baren. A friendly event, well contested. The President of YCA, Ihor Lewyk, also announced, during an interval, information about the new exciting website. A handout on forthcoming county matches was also passed out and contacts made

- Peter Cloudsdale

1st London FIDE Rapidplay

Played on the 28th January, 55 players entered
CONGRATULATIONS to our first champions of the London Junior FIDE Rapidplay!

U8 Champion – Iyesaa BIN-SUHAYL

U10 Champion – Dominic KLINGHER

U12 Champion – Dion HUANG

U14 Champion – Yousuf BIN-SUHAYL

CONGRATULATIONS to our first champions of the London FIDE Rapidplay!

Open Section joint Champions were:

David OKIKE and Michael WHITE – 4 out 5

U2000 Section joint Champions were:

Helge HJORT and Imanol SEGURA – 4.5 out 5

U1700 Champion – Phani JONNALAGADDA – 4.5 out 5

- Sainbayar Tserendorj, Organiser

Stockport Rapidplay 2012

Open (17 Competitors)

1 Beardsworth A 5½

2 = Reeve A Stockport 4½;

Surtees M Bolton

4 Hanley J 4

5 = Adams P 3Cs 3½

Jackson O

Shaw R Buxton

Major (46 Competitors)

1 = Brown B Clitheroe 5½

Burns M Stockport

3 = Kane B Aigburth 4½

Martin M Widnes & Wallasey

Tunstall M Stockport

Walsh J Leyland & Clitheroe

Intermediate (27 Competitors)

1 Horton A 3Cs 5 ½

2 Seary P Bare Village 5

3 = Constantine M Chorlton 4 ½

Phythian G Chorlton

5 = Atkinson R Wombwell 4

Clucas R Altrincham & Hale

Kitshoff J Culcheth & Lymm

May P Amber Valley

Minor (40 Competitors)

1 Moorcroft K 3Cs 5 ½

2 = Flaherty N Bramhall 5

Lea G Stockport

4 = Abbas A 3Cs 4 ½

Kerton B 3Cs

Power J 3Cs

Redmond N Bradford

Frodsham Congress report - from Pat Ridley

There were 101 players at this year's Frodsham Congress, which took place on 10th-12th February. The Major was won by Andrej Stancak (Atticus), conceding just one draw, half a point ahead of Oliver Jackson. There was a three-way tie for first place in the Intermediate, Carl Gartside(Buxton), Ian Stephens (Liverpool) and Ray Williams (Chester) sharing the honours. Brian Crompton (Pensby) was the outright winner of the Minor, with four players sharing second place

Major (U210, 24 players)

1st Andrej Stancak (Atticus) 4.5/5

2nd Oliver Jackson (No Club) 4

3= Peter Jowett (Preston), Silvio Ueti (Brazil) 3.5

Grading prize (U160): Brendan Kane (Aigburth) 3

Others on 3: Steve Jones (Padgate), John Reed (East Cheshire), Mike Surtees (Bolton).

Intermediate (U150, 32 players)

1= Carl Gartside (Buxton), Ian Stephens (Liverpool), Ray Williams (Chester) 4

Grading prizes (U135): Ben Scattergood (Holmes Chapel) 3.5

Others on 3.5: Martin Coles (Runcorn), Graham Shepherd (Church Stretton)

On 3: David Buckell (Pendle), Nick Darlington (Frodsham), Conrad Green (Newcastle-under-Lyme), Joe Nemcek (Chester), Tony Roberts (Wallasey), Ben Roberts (Rhyl & Prestatyn)

Minor (U125, 45 players)

1st Brian Crompton (Pensby) 4.5

2= Andrew De Santos (Preston), Bill Egan (Scunthorpe), Mike Lee (Colwyn Bay), Richard Szwajkun (Shifnal & Telford) 4

Grading prizes (U106): Chris Fraser (West Bridgford), David Price (Holmes Chapel) 3.5

Others on 3.5: Paul Jackson (Morecambe)

On 3: Jacob Boswell (Cheddleton & Leek), Derek Brent (Urmston), Alex Cartledge (Cheddleton & Leek), Conrad Jowett (No Club), Eliot Green (Newcastle-under-Lyme), Jeremy Hunt (Prescot & Knotty Ash), David Scorer (Pendle), Jim Waddington (Bolton)

The Team Prize (a digital clock) was won by Chester (9.5/15) for the fourth year running, ahead of Cheddleton & Leek, Holmes Chapel and Priorslee Lions (8.5)

The Congress was again expertly controlled by Roger Edwards, Robert Milner and Jim McPhillips. The Congress in 2013 will take place 8th-10th February

Golders Green RP – 11/02/12

94 players took part, despite the snowy weather and the clash with the 4NCL (Four Nations Chess League) over the same weekend – indeed many players took part in round 6 of the 4NCL on the Sunday. Golders Green is one of the first UK events to take advantage of FIDE, the World Chess Federation's offer to rate events for their rapidplay list, to be published for the first time in July. This appeared to attract many new players to the tournament. As one of the condi-

tions of participation in this prestigious event, players in the Open and Major sections are expected to become members of the national governing body, the English Chess Federation.

OPEN

1st FIDE Master Peter Sowray (211) 5.5/6 £60

Sainbayar Tserendorj 4.5/6 £15, Yaroslav Orishko 4.5/6

Under 175 grading prize Ronnie Cohen (160) 3/6 £20

MAJOR Under 170

1st Kumar Dixit (152) 5.5/6 £60

Ayhan Anil (155) and Ostap Orishko 4.5/6 and £15 each

Under 155 grading prize of £20 went to David Openshaw (145) on 4/6

MINOR Under 145

John Macdonald (130) 5.5/6 £60

Salvatore Pepe (142) 5/6 £30

Under 130 grading prize was shared by Genga Somupilla (129), Elizabeth Ivanov (124) and Joel Fishel (118) on 3.5/6 with £10 each

AMATEUR Under 120

John Francis Kelly 6/6 £60

Federico Rocco (99) and Pranay Chauhan (117) 4.5/6 and £15 each

Under 105 grading prize of £20 was won by David Healey (102) with 4.5/6

London FIDE Rapidplay

25th February saw the second London FIDE Rapidplay – 70 players entered. CONGRATULATIONS to the junior winners -

U8 Champion Arjan-Singh Tucker

U10 Champion Dominic Klingher

U12 Champion Maraj Mobeen

U14 Champion Max Elliott

Best Girl: Lily Purvis

Open Section joint Champions were:

David Okike and Peter Sowray – 4 out 5

Grading prize: Patrick Duncan, David Whitehead and Ian Parsonage

U2000 Section joint Champions were:

Vincent Sagues, Myroslav Seman and Imanol Segura – 4 out 5

Grading prize: Salvatore Pepe

U1700 Champion Nikunj Sinha 5 out 5

Grading: Max Elliott, Yousuf Bin-Suhayl and Daniel Cohen

- Sainbayar Tserendorj

20th Doncaster Chess Congress

The 20th Doncaster Chess Congress had a record number of 204 entrants. The event was contested over five rounds and the prize winners are listed here -

Open				
	Name	Town/Club	Points	Prize £
1st	Jonathan Hawkins	Cheddleton	4½	250.00
2nd	O A Jackson	Poynton, Cheshire	4	150.00
	P Cumbers	Sheffield Nomads	3½	20.00
	Bret Addison	Hartlepool	3½	20.00
3rd =	Michael Round	Rose Forgrove, Leeds	3½	20.00
	R Jennings	Rose Forgrove, Leeds	3½	20.00
	D Sullivan	Sheffield Nomads	3½	20.00
Grading Prize (180-173)	Michael Round	Rose Forgrove, Leeds	3½	25.00
	R Jennings	Rose Forgrove, Leeds	3½	25.00
Grading Prize (Under 173)	D Sullivan	Sheffield Nomads	3½	50.00
Total prize money				600.00

Major				
	Name	Town/Club	Points	Prize £
1st =	Farshad Ai	Phoenix, Sheffield	4½	200.00
	Peter Mulleady	Rossendale	4½	200.00
3rd	Raymond Gamble	Spondon, Derby	4	100.00
Grading Prize (152-159)	John Cawston	Lady Anne Middleton, York	3½	25.00
	Philip Griffiths	Worksop	3½	25.00
Grading Prize (under 152)	Alan McIntosh	Ecclesall, Sheffield	3	50.00
Total prize money				600.00

Intermediate				
	Name	Town/Club	Points	Prize £
1st =	Andy Ross	Rose Forgrove, Leeds	4½	200.00
	Ian Stephens	Liverpool	4½	200.00
3rd =	Noel Boustred	Gosforth	4	33.33
	Daniel Jazdzewski	Chessmates Northampton	4	33.33
	Roger Walker	Belper, Derbyshire	4	33.33
Grading Prize (under 140)	Daniel Jazdzewski	Chessmates Northampton	4	50.00
Grading Prize (under 130)	Roger Walker	Belper, Derbyshire	4	50.00
Total prize money				599.99

Minor				
	Name	Town/Club	Points	Prize £
1st =	Andrew James Smith	Worksop	4½	166.66
	Peter Locking	Stannington, Sheffield	4½	166.66
	John Smart	Bentley, Doncaster	4½	166.66
Grading Prize (113-101)	Robert Stokes	Scunthorpe	3½	16.66
	Alan R Fraser	Beckenham & Bromley	3½	16.66
	Alan Gardner	Bentley, Doncaster	3½	16.66
Grading Prize 100 & below	Chris Fraser	West Bridgford	3½	50.00
Total prize money				599.96

Disabled Players

Inter	Norman Wragg	Ecclesall, Sheffield	2½
Minor	Mark Kirkham	Sheffield University	2½

37th East Devon Chess Congress

Section	Position	Name	Club	Points	Prize (£)
Open	1=	David Littlejohns	Taunton	4	140
Open	1=	Oliver Wensley	Exmouth	4	140
Open	1=	Graham Bolt	Exeter	4	140
Open	Grading 165-179	John Wheeler	Cosham	3.5	15
Open	Grading 165-179	John Stephens	Exmouth	3.5	15
Open	Grading <165	Steve Dean	Seaton	2.5	15
Open	Grading <165	Brian Gosling	Exmouth	2.5	15
Major	1=	Roger Greatorex	Llangollen	4	68
Major	1=	Michael H Stinton-Brownbridge	Plymouth	4	68
Major	1=	Jamie Morgan		4	68
Major	1=	Theo Slade	Barnstaple	4	68
Major	1=	Andrew Frangleton	Exeter	4	68
Major	Grading 133-145	David J Lawrence	Kingshead	3.5	30
Major	Grading <133	David J Cornes	Wimborne	3	15
Major	Grading <133	William E Upton	South Norwood	3	15
Minor	1	Christine Constable	Coulsdon	4.5	160
Minor	2	James O'Grady	Newton Abbot	4	110
Minor	3=	Joy Fursman		3.5	12
Minor	3=	Graham Mill-Wilson	Yate and Sodbury	3.5	12
Minor	3=	Raymond Hood	Isca	3.5	12
Minor	3=	Alan Fraser	Beckenham & Bromley	3.5	12
Minor	3=	Peter Saunders	Patchway	3.5	12
Minor	3=	Arthur Rinvolutri	Barnstaple	3.5	12
Minor	Grading 100-110	Marian Cox		3.5	15
Minor	Grading 100-110	Ian Bowman	Liskeard	3.5	15
Minor	Grading <100	Graham Jones	Barnstaple	2.5	30
	Best Team *	Exmouth		13.5	20
		TOTAL			1302

* Team prize was chess equipment

100th Richmond Rapidplay results – from Sue Lalic

11th March 2012 – 22 played

Open

1st=: Graeme Buckley, Peter Roberson and Richard Bates 5/6

U190 Grading Prize: Raghu Kamath and Dale Taylor 3.5/6

Major (U170)

1st: Rajasekhar Pentakota 5/6

2nd=: Victor Boy-Lazoni and Christopher Kreuzer 4.5/6

U150 Grading Prize: Ian Deswarte 4/6;

Intermediate (U135)

1st: Mark Wieder 5.5/6

2nd: Frank Burnham 5/6

3rd=: David Grange, Graham Cole, Peter Morton and Max French 4/6

U115 Grading Prize: Daniel Varney 4/6

Minor (U100)

1st: Yousuf Bin-Suhayl 5.5/6

2nd=: Felix Turner and Joe Benton 5/6;

4th=: Devdoot Barman and Joanitah Butindo 4.5/6;

U80 Grading Prize: Haolin Zhao and Iyesaa Bin-Suhayl 4/6

Warwickshire Open Chess Championships 2012

The Warwickshire Open Chess Championships 2012 were held on the weekend of 3rd/4th March at Arden School, Knowle. For the second year running the Open Section produced a three-way tie, and so the Tucker Trophy was shared between Ameet Ghasi (from Birmingham), Tomasz Sygnowski (of West Bromwich) and Richard Weaving (of Solihull). This section was the largest entry within living memory, as well as being the strongest ...

Open

1st= £130 each – 4pts/5 – Joint Warwickshire Champions

Ameet Ghasi, Birmingham
Tomasz Sygnowski, West Bromwich
Richard Weaving, Solihull
Grading= Under 185 – £10 each – 2½pts/5
Richard Bryant, Chester
David Cooper, Bushbury
Peter Merces, Gambit
British Championship Qualifying Place
Richard Weaving, Solihull (on a tie-break)

Under 170

1st £130 – 4½/5 pts
Wiatt Ropp, Stratford
2nd £70 – 4/5 pts
David Ireland, Coventry Chess
3rd= £10 each – 3½/5 pts
Leif Dixon, South Birmingham
Faraz Malik, South Birmingham
Thomas Robinson, Redditch
Kevin Yeomans, Olton
Grading= Under 85 – £10 each – 3/5 pts
Keith Jewsbury, Solihull
Andrew Price, Leamington

Under 145

1st= £48 each – 4/5 pts
Tim Allen, Battersea
Ray Collett, Worcester
Clive Pemberton, [Balsall Common]
Rick Weston, Witney
Andrew Wiggins, Redditch
Grading= Under 135 – £5 each – 2½/5 pts
William Egan, Scunthorpe
Athar Mehmood, Newport-Telford
Alan Riddoch, Maidstone
Colin Solloway, Milton Keynes

Under 120

1st £130 – 4½/5 pts
Stephen Crockett, Redditch
2nd= £55 each – 4/5 pts
Michele Clack, Redditch
Dominic Heining, [Leamington]
Grading= Under 110 – £3 each – 2½/5 pts
Sam Beardmore, Cheddleton & Leek
Andrew Ellis, Cambridge City
Steven Hotchkiss, [Birmingham]
Colin Mace, Wellington
Felicity Parker, KE VI Fiveways
Shivi Ravi, Solihull Checkmates
Robert Sutton, Worcester

Junior Prize

1st £20 – 3½/5 pts
Jacob Boswell, Cheddleton & Leek

Team Prize

1st £40 – 16/20 pts
Redditch Chess Club

36th Blackpool Chess Conference

In the spacious rooms of Barceló's Imperial Hotel, the 36th Blackpool Chess Conference took place over the weekend of 9, 10, 11 of March. 418 chess players from all over the UK gave battle over the chessboard.

The Barceló Open was, as always, a hard fought affair with IM Jonathan Hawkins (4/4) taking a ½ lead into the final round to play GM Keith Arkell (replay the game here)

On board 2, with both players on 3 points, GM Alexander Cherniaev lost to Lancaster's own Jimmy Hanley

Barceló Open

1st GM Keith Arkell (Heywood) 4½/5, £800 (pic below)
2nd= IM Jonathan Hawkins (Cheddleton), Bredea Kvisvik (Norway), David Eggleston (Durham City), James Hanley (Lancaster) 4/5, £150

The Imperial Major was an even tighter battle with 7 players unable to score more than 4 points so sharing the £1050 prize money

The Imperial Major

1st= Andrew Horton, Phil Armstrong (Oldham), Philip Olbison (Chorlton), Chris Doran (Chester), Roger Jennings (Rose Forge), Adrian Archer-Lock (Maidenhead), Malcolm J Armstrong (Stafford)

The Median section was another epic struggle with 110 players (the largest section) fighting it out in the Victorian grandeur of the Washington suite

1st= Martin Coles (Runcorn), David Cork (Crawley), Andy Lake (Boldmere St Michaels) + Trophy, Brendan Brown (Clitheroe)

Birmingham Rapidplay

The 16th Birmingham League Rapidplay took place on 25th March, 2012 at Quinborne Community Centre, near Birmingham.

The prize winners are:

Open

1st: Danny Gormally 5, £200
2nd=: Tahir Vakhidov, Ameet Ghasi, Ian Thompson, Martin Brown 4.5: £38
GP: Martin Cutmore 3.5 £25

Major

1st: Simon Smith 5.5, £120
2nd: Amrik Singh 5, £60
3rd=: Thomas Robinson, Ian Ponter, Faraz Malik 4, £10

Intermediate

1st: Neil Derrick 6, £120
2nd=: Gary White, Owen Robinson 4.5, £45

Minor

1st=: John Pakenham, Shivi Ravi 5, £90
3rd: Jaspal Jheeta 4.5, £30

The British Blitz

After an immensely successful event – the results (1-50), below ...

Nr	Name	Rating	Fed	Score	TPR	RC	W	W-WE	M/F	Flag
1	FM Ghasi, Ameet	2400	ENG	9	2457	2195	9	0.87	M	Birmingham *
2	GM Hebden, Mark	2514	ENG	8.5	2471	2278	7.5	-0.26	M	4NCL Cheddleton
3	GM Vakhidov, Tahir	2481	UZB	8.5	2455	2244	8.5	0.05	M	Uzbekistan
4	IM Cobb, James	2411	WLS	8.5	2460	2249	8.5	1	M	Clifton
5	IM Cooper, Lawrence	2317	ENG	8.5	2360	2149	8.5	0.89	M	Stafford
6	GM Gormally, Danny	2520	ENG	8	2512	2272	8	0.13	M	4NCL Cheddleton
7	GM Arkell, Keith	2429	ENG	7.5	2460	2267	7.5	0.68	M	4NCL Cheddleton
8	Harris, Michael	2234	ENG	7.5	2231	2098	7.5	0.18	M	Diss Washers
9	Hynes, Antony	2187	ENG	7.5	2142	2009	7.5	-0.42	M	Warwickshire Se
10	Willmoth, Robert	2158	ENG	7.5	2346	2236	6.5	2.4	M	Hendon
11	Jackson, James	2121	ENG	7.5	2170	2037	7.5	0.81	M	Bath University
12	Weaving, Richard	2116	ENG	7.5	2345	2212	7.5	3.25	M	Solihull
13	Heiny, Johannes	2234	AUT	7	2191	2089	7	-0.42	M	Bath University
14	Richardson, Alex	2114	ENG	7	2061	1959	7	-0.62	M	Newcastle-under
15	Foo, William	1959	ENG	7	2174	2072	7	3.1	M	Reading
16	Eilers, Arne	1939	ENG	7	2169	2126	5	2.61	M	Metropolitan
17	Molyneux, John	2230	ENG	6.5	2048	1983	6.5	-2.28	M	Breadsall
18	Hughes, Simon	2140	WLS	6.5	2027	1962	6.5	-1.44	M	Forest of Dean
19	Madynski, Pawel	2128	POL	6.5	1988	1923	6.5	-1.71	M	Birmingham *
20	Ferrington, Nigel	2118	ENG	6.5	2052	1987	6.5	-0.79	M	Telepost
21	Bennett, Dominic	2074	ENG	6.5	1991	1926	6.5	-0.99	M	Bristol & Clift
22	Fallowfield, Jeremy	2026	ENG	6.5	2083	2018	6.5	0.81	M	Stourbridge
23	Page, Mark	2023	ENG	6.5	2108	2043	6.5	1.3	M	Coventry
24	Abrahams, Daniel	2021	CAN	6.5	2131	2066	6.5	1.59	M	Canada *
25	Fallowfield, Nic	2018	ENG	6.5	1948	1883	6.5	-0.74	M	Stourbridge
26	Whitfield, Craig	2004	ENG	6.5	2054	1989	6.5	0.76	M	Cheddleton & Le
27	Timmins, Chris	1946	ENG	6.5	2164	2128	5.5	2.74	M	Bristol
28	Stepanyan, Henrik	1942	ENG	6.5	2149	2113	5.5	2.72	M	Sutton Coldfiel
29	Smith, Simon	1906	ENG	6.5	1965	1929	5.5	0.77	M	Warley Quinborn
30	Stewart, Joey	2101	ENG	6	2042	2006	6	-0.8	M	Gloucester
31	Jameson, David	2076	WLS	6	2090	2018	6	0.32	M	
32	Edge, John	2066	ENG	6	2021	1985	6	-0.66	M	Halesowen
33	Sangha, Manpreet	2050	ENG	6	1943	1907	6	-1.48	M	
34	Sygnowski, Tomasz	2037	POL	6	2031	1995	6	-0.12	M	West Bromwich
35	Robinson, James	1970	ENG	6	1929	1929	5	-0.47	M	Greater London
36	Jones, Steven	1923	ENG	6	1975	1975	5	0.67	M	Padgate
37	Morris, Gareth	2105	WLS	5.5	2116	2152	4.5	-0.04	M	Bristol & Clift
38	Baruch, Andy	2085	ENG	5.5	1949	1985	4.5	-1.79	M	4NCL Warwickshi
39	Burke, Steve	2046	ENG	5.5	1912	1948	4.5	-1.7	M	Ashfield
40	Martin, Nicholas	2002	ENG	5.5	1843	1843	5.5	-1.97	M	Wallasey
41	Zabrocki, Philip	1994	ENG	5.5	1933	1933	5.5	-0.73	M	Telepost
42	Iyengar, Ilya	1989	ENG	5.5	2057	2057	5.5	0.95	M	Wycombe & Hazle
43	Dyett, Greg	1898	ENG	5.5	1945	1981	4.5	0.53	M	Worcester St. J
44	Giles, Alan	1898	ENG	5.5	1810	1810	5.5	-1.07	M	Lichfield
45	McCarthy, Damian	1875	ENG	5.5	2004	2004	5.5	1.78	M	Padgate
46	Choudhury, Shakeel	1834	ENG	5.5	1796	1796	5.5	-0.43	M	Mutual Circle
47	Evans, Chris	1786	ENG	5.5	1889	2030	2.5	0.88	M	Banbury
48	FM Camacho Collados, Jose	2357	KOR	5	2031	2067	5	-4.1	M	4NCL Cheddleton
49	Zavaleta Hernandez, Jorge	1909	MEX	5	1816	1852	5	-1.22	M	Halesowen
50	Olaleye, Oladejo	1906	NIG	5	1877	1913	5	-0.39	M	Leamington

Manchester Rapidplay

- from Mick Norris

25 March 2012

The fifth New East Manchester Rapidplay Chess Tournament was held at the City of Manchester Stadium on Sunday 25th March, 2012. The event was organised by Sport4life on behalf of the Eagle Chess Club in association with the Manchester Chess Federation (MCF). We were delighted with the numbers, with our best ever entry of 121 playing, an increase of 39% on our previous best entry. Possibly the introduction of an online entry system, and the bulk discount available to MCF clubs (albeit this was only taken up by 3Cs), made the difference. The MCF would like to thank the sponsors, New East Manchester Ltd, Street Games and Equity Solutions; Chess Direct who supplied the bookstall; all the staff of Manchester City FC and the stadium who helped to make us welcome; and especially all the staff from Sport4Life.

With a number of photographers in attendance, look out for the post event publicity. Some photos will appear at <http://www.manchesterschessfederation.co.uk/>

The entry fees were again tiered to encourage early entry, £15 before end February and £20 in advance. Despite this, a few players turned up to pay £25 on the day. In each case, there was a £5 entry fee discount for juniors, but an extra £6 charged to non-ECF members, which obviously did not deter the players. My thanks go to controllers Fiona Green, Julian Clissold and Rod Middleton; and to Rod for grading the results.

In the U120 section (56 players), the Trophies were won by:

1. Yousuf Bin-Suhayl (Wisbech grade 98) with a score of 6/6 winning £100
2. George Parkin (3Cs grade 94) with a score of 5.5/6 winning £50

Third place prize money was split on 4.5/6 with Bajram Paskali (Eagles grade 100), Josh Pendlebury (Worsley grade 101), Alexander Cartlidge (Cheddleton & Leek grade 102), George Scattergood (Holmes Chapel grade 109) and Jonathan Mahoney (Leeds grade 118) each winning £5

The U100 grading prize was won by Lee Hindley (Eccles grade 83) with 4.5/6 winning £40

In the U160 section (40 players), the Trophies were won by:

1. Balvinder Grewal (Nottingham Univ) with a score of 5/6 winning £50
2. Jamie Horton (3Cs grade 153) with a score of 5/6 winning £100

Brendan Brown (Clitheroe grade 151) was joint first with 5/6 and also won £100

The U140 grading trophy was won with 4/6 by Chris Hodgson (Worsley grade 137) winning £20 with the prize shared by Phillip Cattermole (Macclesfield grade 139) also winning £20

In the Open section (25 players), the Trophies were won by:

1. CM Alan Walton (3Cs grade 204) with a score of 5.5/6 winning £150

2. IM Daniel Fernandez (Marple grade 230) with 5/6 winning £87:50

James Hanley (Lancaster) was joint second with 5/6 and also won £87:50

The U180 grading trophy was won with 3.5/6 by Nathan Taylor (3Cs), with the prize money shared with Daniel Abbas (3Cs) and Hope Mkhumba (Chorlton) each winning £13.67

The Junior (U16) Trophies were won by:

1. Alexander Cartlidge (Cheddleton & Leek)
2. Stephen Chung (Skelmersdale)

We hope to stage the event again next year, subject to stadium availability.

Chiltern League Under 125 – the Chris Stothert Trophy

It is with great pleasure, and pride, that I have to report that Buckinghamshire and Berkshire, last year's winners, will share the Chris Stothert Trophy in 2012. Without doubt Berkshire have been the strongest junior team for the last two years.

The two Counties faced each other in the final on Saturday the 24th March 2012 at Wellington College. Towards the end of the match, the board score was 5.5 – 2.5 in Berkshire's favour, with four games to be decided. I managed to win, and Andrew Challenger won his game to make the score 5.5 – 4.5. Peter Finn drew his game to make the score 6 – 5. Then Mark Cleary finally managed to win his game against Berkshire's top adult player, making the score 6 – 6.

I have nothing but praise for all the Juniors who played for Buckinghamshire in this 2011 – 2012 campaign. 'They were magnificent, they did themselves and Buckinghamshire proud over the course of the four games involved' is a quote from the team Captain, Frank Rich. The adults also excelled themselves with good results over some of the Chiltern League's strongest junior players from the other three Counties.

The first game against Hampshire resulted in a win for Buckinghamshire 7.5-3.5, with a double default on the bottom board. The juniors scored 3.5 points.

The second game against Berkshire resulted in a 6-6 draw, with the juniors scoring 2 points on both sides.

The third game against Oxfordshire resulted in a 7.5-4.5 win for Buckinghamshire, with the juniors scoring 3.5 points. In all of these four matches, there were no easy games for the adults or the juniors.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this competition. A special thank you to Hans Hanson and Frank Rich for organizing the juniors and adults. Maybe next year we may be able to win the Trophy outright

- Chris Stothert

European Senior Team, Slovenia 27 Mar - 4 Apr

– from Stewart Reuben

As you will see later, Michael Yeo was the big star of the whole congress. Despite the fact that he slipped on ice and broke his pelvis in Moscow in February, he made the biggest score of all at the event – 8/9, albeit including winning a game by default.

The event was held in a spa. There wasn't much there; just some hotels set in the hills and a very attractive park. All very pleasant and it was probably conducive to concentrating on the chess. Certainly Michael found it to be so. He was on crutches and never left his seat while in play. Several people pointed out this gave him an advantage! Five of the 13 members of our team hadn't taken part before. It is easiest to show the bare statistics and those of the Scottish and Welsh teams in order to explain our results. There were 46 teams in all in a 9 round Swiss, a far cry from the first year when there were just 7 ...

Place/Team	Match pts	Game pts	Seeding
1 Russia	115/18	25/36	1
2 St Petersburg	15	22½	
3 Montenegro	14	23	
14 England 1	11	19	17
19 England 2	10	18½	22
24 Wales	9	18	28
27 Scotland 1	8	18	15
35 England 3	7	17	38
41 Scotland 2	6	14	42

As you will see all English teams did better than their original seeding. This is the only useful way to gauge the success of teams who aren't expected to win a medal. Scotland 1 had a disappointing time; they were seeded above England 1 and yet finished below them, England 2 and Wales. But chess is an individual sport and we need to look at the performances of our players.

England 1

	Score	Rating change
Anthony Stebbings	4½/9	+8.6
Geoff James	3	-24.2
Ken Norman	3½/8	-6.6
Michael Yeo	8	+38.0

England 2

Tony Ashby	3½	-9.6
Paul Habershon	6	+15.3
John Quinn	6½	+9.2
Stewart Reuben	3	-48.9

England 3

James Scholes	4½	+2.7
Paul Kendall	4½/8	+8.0
Roger Scowen	2½/7	-4.5

Peter R Wood	5	+30.6
Dinah Norman	½/3	-11.3

As you can see, I had a dreadful result, actually 2/8 in rated games as one of my wins was against an unrated. Had we succeeded in passing England 1, it would have been totally unfair. They played far stronger opposition and even looked like contenders for medals at one point. Of course, this was due to Michael's result which should net him some votes for Player of the Year. We were concerned that Tony Stebbings would find it very hard going on board 1 in his first appearance in this event. But he held his own and even had a winner position against Korchnoi – for one move. Paul Habershon and John Quinn achieved very steady results. Another newcomer, Peter R Wood, also did very well.

Players were already talking of returning next year. Quite apart from Dinah, three wives brought our party up to 16. Some Scottish wives also came. It hasn't been decided where it will be yet. But, provided it is an attractive venue, we should be able to send a bigger party. My original idea in 2002 had been that we would play Bridge as well as chess. It is only now that Paul Habershon has joined us, and organised the Bridge, that this has come to pass.

Staffordshire Chess Congress

The Staffordshire Chess Congress was held over the weekend of 14/15 April 2012 at the Bloxwich Leisure Centre in Walsall and attracted an entry of 87 players in the three sections: Open (34 players); Major(31 players under 160 ECF Grade) and Minor (22 players under 120 ECF Grade).

The Open was won by Grandmaster Mark Hebden with 4.5/5 ahead of Ameet Ghasi, Oliver Jackson and Mike Townsend who tied for second place with 4 points.

The Open included the Staffordshire Closed Championship for which 10 players were qualified and Mike Townsend of Wolverhampton Chess Club won this and with it the Advertiser Trophy, ahead of Alex Richardson of Newcastle Under Lyme and David Cooper of Bushbury, both on 3.5 points. The Open also included the Staffordshire Under 21 title and this was retained by Craig Whitfield of Cheddleton & Leek with 3 points ahead of Manpreet Sangha of Rushall with 2 points.

The Major was won by Wiott Ropp with 4.5/5 and the Minor was won by David Hull with 4.5/5

Golders Green Rapidplay, 14th April 2012

85 played!

Open

GM Alex Cherniaev 5.5/6 £60
IM James Sherwin and Phil Tozer 4.5/6 and £15 each
Under 175 prize to Tim Rogers 3.5/6 and £20

Major Under 170

Helge Hjort 5/6 and £60

Ostap Orishko and Soumen Roy 4.5/6 and £15 each

Under 155 prize shared by Roman Mitra and Chris Clegg on 4/6 and £10 each

Minor Under 145

Jagdeep Dhemrait 5/6 and £60

Kenneth Dan 4.5/6 and £30

Under 130 prize to Genga Somupillai 4/6 and £20

Amateur Under 130

Rob Williams and Lee Bullock 5/6 and £45 each

Under 105 prize to David Everitt, Andrew Gillard and Michael Goran Springett 4/6 and £10 each

4th London Rapidplay Tournament

74 players entered

Open Section

1 M.Basman 4½ (out of 5)

2= B. Bruned, D. Okike 3½

Grading Prize M. Botteley, T. Malhotra 3

U2000 Section

1 H.Hjort 4½ (out of 5)

2= R. Pinto, R. Goodfellow 4

U1700 Section winner

1 H.Oyama 4½ (out of 5)

2= V. Falasca, S. Pastukov 4

Grading Prize A. Golding 4

Junior Section

A. S. Tucker – U8 Champion; C. Baker U10 Champion; A. Thayanathan – U12 Champion; B. Pastukhov – best U9; F. Khan – best U7

County Durham Congress

Held in the Welfare Hall, Houghton-le-Spring on March 16th-18th 2012

Open – 18 entries

1st= David Eggleston (Durham City); Jonathan Hawkins (Consett & Leam Lane) – 4/5 £135 each

3rd David Walker (-) – 3½/5 £45

U180 GP – P. Hempson (Sheffield); D. Henderson (Tynemouth) and Clive Waters (-) – all 3/5 £10 each

Major – 20 entries

1st= George Gazis (Durham City); Neil Jones (Cockermouth); Brian Robinson (Bishop Auckland) – 4/5 £75 each

Under 141 GP – Bill Metcalfe (Darlington) – 3/5 £15

Minor – 19 entries

1st Michael Harper (Nottingham Gambits) – 4/5 £130

2nd= Adam Eckersley (-); Stan Johnson (South Shields); Szymon Palucha (Durham City); Ron Ratter (Hebburn); Brian Whitaker (Thornaby Griffin) – 3½/5 £18 each

Under 110 GP – Joe Dalton (Jesmond) & Sri Sriharan (York R.I.) – 3/5 £7.50 each

Lady Herbert Trophy 2011-12

The Lady Herbert Trophy for the 2011-12 British Ladies Correspondence Chess Championship has been retained by Toni Halliwell of Keighley on 3½/4 from Valerie Craven of Leeds (2½) and Stephanie Lawrence of Cheslyn Hay (0). Toni also took on the men in the Candidates section of the British Correspondence Chess Championships, finishing 4= out of 13 with 7½/12. She has also scored 4½/7 so far in the Ladies World Correspondence Chess Championship semi-final.

- Keith Escott

Golders Green Rapidplay, 12 May 2012

Congratulations to Grandmaster Alex Cherniaev and FM Peter Sowray on winning the FIDE rated Golders Green Rapidplay chess tournament this weekend! FM John Richardson and Tom Villiers were third. Imanol Segura won the FIDE rated Major Under 170, Charlie Nettleton won the Minor Under 145 and Walter Thorpe the Amateur Under 120. 91 played, and the FIDE rated sections had a record 50 players between them!

FIDE Open

GM Alex Cherniaev and FM Peter Sowray 5/6 £45 each

FM John Richardson 4.5/6, Tom Villiers (139) 4.5/6 and £20 for the Under 175 grading prize.

FIDE Major Under 170

Imanol Segura 5.5/6 £60

Nasarullah Sheikh (144) and Joseph Skielnik (162) 4.5/6 £15 each

Under 155: David McNish (148) 4/6 and £15

Minor Under 145

Charlie Nettleton (143) 5/6 and £60

Tom Rixon (144) 4.5/6 and £30

Under 130 prize to Adrian Kelly Riley (121) 4/6 and £20

Amateur

Walter Thorpe 5.5/6 and £60

David Everitt (graded 102, winning the Under 105 grading prize), Faye Ainscow (113) and John Kelly (118) 4.5/6 and £15 each.

Thanks to Geoff Gammon, Chris Andrescu for arbiting, and Norman and yElena Went for providing the refreshments and doing the grading / FIDE rating.

Frome Chess Congress May 11-13

- from Gerry Jepps

155 players entered and winners were:

Open

First equal: (4/5) Paul Byway (Hertford); Oliver Gill (Southampton); Gareth Morris (Bristol & Clifton)
British Championship Qualifying Place: Paul Byway (Hertford); Reserves: Oliver Gill (Southampton), Gareth Morris (Bristol & Clifton)

U181 Grading prize (3.5/5) David Sully (Pentyrch)

Major (U170)

First (4/5) Ian Ponter (Downend & Fishponds)
Second (4/5) Wiatt Ropp (Stratford)
Third equal (3.5/5) Raymond Gamble (Spondon); Paul Jackson (Coulson); Paul Carlucci (Morley College); Kevin Winter (Bingley); Ewart Smith (Basingstoke); Simon Bartlett (Tiverton)
U150 Grading prize (3/5) Duncan Macarthur (Keynsham); Dave Marshall (Trowbridge)

Intermediate (U140)

First (5/5) Peter Dimond (Bath)
Second equal (4/5) David Cornes (Wimborne); David Rogers (Exmouth)
U120 Grading prize (3.5/5) Derek Hadley (GLCC)

Minor (U115)

First equal (4.5/5) David Woodruff (Keynsham); Stephen Crockett (Redditch); William Curry (Fareham)
U95 Grading prize Marian Cox (Southampton); Reg Cox (Southampton); Lee Bullock (Coulson)

Somerset Trophies

Denys Bonner (Highest placed Somerset player in the Open): Patrick Krzyzanowski (Yeovil)
Leon York Memorial (Highest placed Somerset player in the Major): Mark Leonard (Frome)
Roy Hossell (Highest placed Somerset player in the Intermediate): Peter Dimond (Bath)
Cyril Chapman (Highest placed Somerset player in the Minor) David Woodruff (Keynsham)
Jean Mackereth (Highest placed ungraded Somerset player in the Minor) David McGeeney (Bristol Cabot)
Cuprinol Trophy (Highest scoring West of England Junior in any section): Max French (Frome)

Team Competition - Keynsham

16th South Lakes Congress 2012

Stamford Associates Open – 34 players

1st Jonathan Hawkins (Cheddleton) 4½/5
=2nd Jim Burnett (Doncaster) & Stoyan Ivanov (Bulgaria) 4/5

Grading Prize – Robert K Taylor (Preston)

Cumbria Prize – Paul Rivers (Carlisle)

Invesco Perpetual Major – 35 Players

1st Richard Desmedt (Wombwell) 4½/5
=2nd Carl Heald (Morecambe) & Brendan O`Gorman (DHSS) 4/5
Grading Prize – Dean Hartley (Amber Valley)
Cumbria Prize – Stephen Schofield (Grange)

Intermediate – 42 Players

=1st Greg Hughes (Wallasey), Zheming Zhang (Jesmond), Brendan Brown (Clitheroe) 4/5
Grading Prize – Ian Mackay (Austin Friars)
Cumbria Prize – Andy McAtear (Penrith)

Minor 1 – 34 Players

1st Steve Clare (Wallasey) 5/5
2nd Timothy Allen (Battersea) 4/5
=3rd Omar Namouk (Hastings & St Leonards) & Mike Barrett (Formby), Martin Gawne (Barrow) 3½/5
Grading Prize – Martin Beardsley (Eldon Leisure)
Cumbria Prize – Alan Llewellyn (Barrow)

Minor 2 – 42 Players

1st Tracy Clegg (West Nottingham) 4 ½/5
=2nd Stephen Crockett (Redditch), Michael Snowdon (Rotherham), Peter Housden (Bedford) 4/5
Grading Prize – James Moreby (Jesmond)
Cumbria Prize – Mike Mason (Barrow)

Best Ladies Prize – Eva Ressel (Chessmates)

Best Junior – Daniel Abbas (3Cs)

Best Veteran – Oliver Jackson (Cheshire)

Rochester Chess Congress results

Open

Round 1

1 188 Philip Bonafont 1-0 Rohan Shiatis 177
2 176 Patrick Smith 0-1 Julian Farrand 182
3 180 David Hall 0.5-0.5 James Robinson 165

Round 2

1 182 Julian Farrand 0-1 Philip Bonafont 188
2 165 James Robinson 0-1 Paul Cooksey 213
3 153 Arul Gupta 0-1 David Hall 180
4 152 Akshaye Kalaiyalahan 0-1 Raymond Ilett 170
5 177 Rohan Shiatis 1-0 Bye 0

Round 3

1 188 Philip Bonafont 0.5-0.5 David Hall 180
2 213 Paul Cooksey 1-0 Raymond Ilett 170
3 177 Rohan Shiatis 1-0 Julian Farrand 182
4 176 Patrick Smith 1-0 Arul Gupta 153
5 165 James Robinson 0.5-0.5 Akshaye Kalaiyalahan 152

Round 4

1 213 Paul Cooksey 1-0 Philip Bonafont 188
2 180 David Hall 0.5-0.5 Rohan Shiatis 177

3 170 Raymond Ilett 0.5-0.5 Patrick Smith 176
 4 182 Julian Farrand 1-0 Akshaye Kalaiyalahan 152
 5 165 James Robinson 1-0 Bye 0
 Round 5
 1 180 David Hall 0-1 Paul Cooksey 213
 2 177 Rohan Shiatis 0-1 Patrick Smith 176
 3 152 Akshaye Kalaiyalahan 0-1 Philip Bonafont 188
 4 170 Raymond Ilett 0.5-0.5 Julian Farrand 182

Major

Round 1

1 158 Richard Desmedt 0.5-0.5 Phil Foley 127
 2 128 John Macdonald 1-0 Mark Stone 143
 3 138 Chris Stampe 0.5-0.5 Chris Marshall 144
 4 123 Alan Riddoch 1-0 Henry Cove 135
 Round 2
 1 123 Alan Riddoch 0-1 John Macdonald 128
 2 119 Ananthia Anil Kumar 0-1 Richard Desmedt 158
 3 152 Conrad Allison 1-0 Chris Stampe 138
 4 144 Chris Marshall 1-0 Stephen Billet 117
 5 127 Phil Foley 0-1 Mark Mortimer 144
 6 143 Mark Stone 1-0 Henry Cove 135

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1 128 John Macdonald 0-1 Conrad Allison 152
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 3 144 Mark Mortimer 0.5-0.5 Mark Stone 143
 4 138 Chris Stampe 0.5-0.5 Alan Riddoch 123
 5 117 Stephen Billet 0-1 Phil Foley 127
 6 135 Henry Cove 0.5-0.5 Ananthia Anil Kumar 119

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 3 138 Chris Stampe 1-0 Mark Stone 143
 4 127 Phil Foley 0-1 Ananthia Anil Kumar 119
 5 117 Stephen Billet 0-1 Henry Cove 135

Minor

Round 1

1 113 Stephen Crockett 0.5-0.5 Bye 0
 2 110 Alan Fraser 0.5-0.5 Tyrone Jefferies 112
 3 109 Kiran Shiatis 0-1 George Jelliss 85

Round 2

1 85 George Jelliss 0-1 Alan Fraser 110
 2 103 Jennifer Goldsmith 0-1 Stephen Crockett 113
 3 112 Tyrone Jefferies 0.5-0.5 Ananth PP Anil Kumar 70
 4 94 Lee Bullock 1-0 Kiran Shiatis 109

Round 3

1 110 Alan Fraser 0-1 Lee Bullock 94
 2 113 Stephen Crockett 1-0 Tyrone Jefferies 112

3 70 Ananth PP Anil Kumar 1-0 George Jelliss 85
 4 109 Kiran Shiatis 0.5-0.5 Jennifer Goldsmith 103
 Round 4

1 94 Lee Bullock 1-0 Ananth PP Anil Kumar 70
 2 110 Alan Fraser 0.5-0.5 Stephen Crockett 113
 3 85 George Jelliss 1-0 Jennifer Goldsmith 103
 4 112 Tyrone Jefferies 1-0 Kiran Shiatis 109

Round 5

1 112 Tyrone Jefferies 0.5-0.5 Lee Bullock 94
 2 113 Stephen Crockett 1-0 George Jelliss 85
 3 103 Jennifer Goldsmith 1-0 Alan Fraser 110
 4 70 Ananthanatha PP Anil Kumar 0-1 Kiran Shiatis 109

Golders Green 14 July 2012

112 players – congratulations to FIDE Master Peter Sowray on his victory in what proved to be one of the toughest events we have held at Golders Green for a long time.

Open

FM Peter Sowray 5/6 £60

FM John Richardson and IM Gyula Meszaros 4.5/6 £15 each

Under 180 Grading Prize: Gopakumar Siddarth (176) wins a free entry to any Golders Green Rapidplay of his choice, and Matthew Grattage (170) 4/6 wins £20

Major Under 170

Vladimir Parols 5.5/6 £60

Tristram Cole 5/6 £30

Grading Under 155: Hristo Colov (154) 4.5/6 and £20

Minor Under 145

Ajay Mavinkurve and Denis O'Connell 5/6 and £45 each

Under 130 Grading Prize: Simon Leung (121) and Nitin Adlakha (115) 4.5/6 and £10 each.

Amateur Under 120

John Kelly, David O'Kelly and James Cole all 5/6 and £30 each

Under 105 Grading Prize: Lee Bullock 4.5/6 and £20

Leeds Chess Congress results

The Leeds Chess Congress was held at Wellington Hill Residents Association Clubhouse, Leeds, on the weekend of 13-15 July 2012. 77 players took part in the first standard-play congress to take place in Leeds for many years. The inexperienced organisers from Leeds Chess Club, never before involved in running a congress, are very grateful for the support & expertise over the weekend of Chief Arbiter, Paul Bielby of Sunderland, and of Bruce Holland, the ECF Manager for Congress Chess. The very positive feedback received from players has convinced the organisers to hold a congress again at the same venue in July next year.

The Winners -

Open

1st prize of £200 – Mike Surtees of Bolton with 4½ points

2nd/3rd prizes shared by -

Eric Gardiner of Hull; Jean-Luc Weller of York RI each with 4 points

Grading prizes -

Daniel Sullivan of Sheffield Nomads; Ryan Burgin of Stannington; John Jarmany of Cockermouth and Scarborough

Major

1st prize of £200 – Wiatt Ropp of Stratford-on-Avon with 4 points

2nd/3rd prizes shared by -

Jim Loble of Alwoodley; Michael Whale of Colwyn Bay; Paul Clarke of Alwoodley; Raymond Gamble of Derby and Spondon each with 3½ points

Grading prizes -

David Buttell of White Knights, Llanelli; Jon Blackburn of Holmes Chapel

Intermediate

1st prize of £200 to John Gibbs of Wombwell with 4½ points

2nd/3rd prizes shared by -

Paul May, resident in Leeds (no club); Roger Walker of Belper; Roy Watson of Kenilworth each with 3½ points

Grading prizes -

Mike Dow of Alwoodley; Dominic Gallagher of Rose Foregrove

Minor

1st prize of £200 to Callum Welsh of Pudsey with 4½ points

2nd prize of £100 to Steve Crockett of Redditch with 4 points

3rd and grading prizes shared by -

Anthony Lightowler of Central Division, Bradford; Barry Fulthorpe of Leeds; James Garner of Darlington; Michael Snowdon of Rotherham; Phillip Shaughnessy of Urmston; Zana Aziz of Leeds each with 3 points

4th Worcestershire Open

129 players took part in this year's event over the weekend of 21-22 July, an increase of nearly 20% on last year.

The congress raised funds for a local charity, the St Richard's Hospice in Worcester. Thanks to the record entry and the generosity of the players, many of whom added a donation with their entry, an amazing total of £900 was raised for the hospice. Four players also donated all or some of their prize money to the charity. The prizes were presented by Tricia Cavell, Fundraising Director, St Richard's Hospice.

Open:

1st Richard Jones (Nidum) 5 points

2nd = Pavel Besedin (Worcester City); Chris Briscoe (Surbiton); Martin Cutmore (Wood Green) 4 points
Grading prize (166-180): John Jarmany (Cockermouth) 3 points

Grading prize (165 or lower): Ian Ponter (Downend) 3½ points

Major (U160):

1st Jerry Hendy 4½ points

2nd Andrew Price (Leamington) 4 points

3rd = Richard Desmedt (Wombwell); John Knee (Malvern); Nigel Towers (Redditch); Ian Truscott (Greenlands) 3½ points

Grading prize (141-150): John Knee

Grading prize (140 or lower): Ian Truscott

Junior prize: Shared by James and Joseph Friar (both Hagley/Kidderminster) 3 points

Intermediate (U135):

1st Stephen Katona (Hereford) 4 points

2nd= Rhys Bennett (Newport); Raymond Hunt (Bognor); Richard Leaper (Westminster, Birmingham); Roger Walker (Belper); Dan Waller; Brian Woodard (Isle of Man) 3½ points

Grading prize (125 or lower): Brian Woodard

Junior prize: James Evans (Upper Killay) 2½ points

Minor (U115):

1st Stephen Crockett (Redditch) 4½ points

2nd= Irina Amelkina (Redditch); Lee Bullock (Hackney/Coulsdon); Charlie McLaren (Musketeers); Rob Sutton (Worcester City) 4 points

Grading prize (93-105): Lee Bullock

Grading prize (140 or lower): Sam Beardmore (Cheddleton/Leek) 3 points

Junior prize: Felicity Parker (King Edwards School) 3½ points

Stephen Crockett, who very generously donated his £100 first prize to the St Richard's Hospice, was also presented with the trophy and prize money for winning the MCCU Rapidplay Grand Prix.

I would like to thank my co-organiser, Andrew Moore and the rest of the tournament control team, Alan and Ann Ruffle, Kevin Markey, Colin Reed and Katie Smith, plus webmaster Ray Collett. All of them volunteered their time and effort free of charge, and I am sure I speak for all of the players in passing on my sincere appreciation.

- Andrew Farthing

South Bristol Summer Rapidplay

One of the strongest tournaments held in Bristol for years took place yesterday (11/08) at the South Bristol Chess Club. There were no less than six 200+ Master strength

players taking part, and the tournament attracted 40 players from various parts of South West and Midlands, as well as Bulgaria – three Bulgarian players took part and shared the prize money.

1st Stojan Ivanov 203 (£90); 2nd/3rd Illian Mladanov 204 (£20) & Flamen Mladanov 220 IM (£20) Grading Prize
U190 Grading Prize – Neville Senior 162 (Street, £20)

Open Section

F.Mladenov IM 2407 (BUL); Henry Duncason 213; I. Mladenov 204 (BUL); Stojan Ivanov 202 (BUL); Tyson Mordue FM 201; James Sherwin 200 IM; Martin Lewis 187; Richard Garrett 182; Paul Harris 182; Brian Turner 180; Simon Greely 177; Stephen Meek 176; Robert Thompson 164; Neville Senior 162; Ian Ponter 161; Tony Harvey 156; Adrian Champion 156; Robert Radford 152; Duncan MacArthur 146

The Major was jointly won by Alan Papier 129 (Clifton, £65) and John Burrow 114 (Bath, £65)

U100 Grading Prize – Jonathan CM Lee 85 (Bristol Juniors, £20)

Minor Section

J.Boyce 135; W.Robinson 135; H.Millbank 133; A.Papier 129; A. Sage 113; P.Sartain 113; P.Plumley 94; E.Swann 67; S.Gazdar; D.Wheeler; J. Lee 85; D.Geeney 107; J.Fisher 129; M. Erturk 113; J.Burrows

Graham Mill-Wilson and Steve Wolgar did an excellent job controlling the event, and we hope to make this an annual fixture on the Bristol Grand Prix circuit. The vision of South Bristol Chess Club is to hold tournaments of this calibre and recruit many more players of any playing strength, as we continue to expand and become one of the largest and most popular clubs in Bristol and Somerset [website: <http://freewebs.com/southbristolchess/>]

3rd Jorvik Chess Congress

The above event was held at the Holiday Inn York from 28th to 30th August with 43 entries. A good spread of players of different abilities were in 2 sections, 6 round Swiss. This year event was held at a different location which proved popular with adequate parking. Pictures (by Brendan O’Gorman) may be found here

Results were as follows:-

Section A

1st= Jonathan Nelson and Daniel Sullivan Sheffield 5/6
3rd= Patrick Twomey Ireland and Gary Hinchcliffe Barnsley 4/6
5th= Stephen Mitchell Slough, Richard Cowan York, Steve Clare Wallasey, Derek Sheppard Hull, Paul Johnson York and Peter Lovatt Malpass 3.5/6
11th= Martin Sheard Barnsley, Richard Allis York, Adam

Ismail York and Richard Desmedt Wombwell 3/6
15th= Alastair Summers Stamford, Brendan O’Gorman Kent, Stephen Pride Cambridge and Mike Hankinson Sheffield 2.5/6

19th= Siegrun MacGilchrist Maybole, Steve Benn Carlisle and Noel Stewart York 2/6

Section B

1st= Alec Grice Beverley, Bill Ward Sheffield and Jonathan Martin Kettering 4,5/6

4th= Gordon Pearce Alwoodley, Cameron Blair and Ewan Miller York

7th Norman Andrews York 3.5/6

8th= Steve Thacker Nottingham, Ralph Hewes York, Eric Mc Kenna Sheffield, Ranyl Hughes Selby, Richard Harrington Hampton, Paul Brooks York, Shane Frith Sheffield, Alice Tang Gloucester and Athol MacGilchrist Maybole 3/6

17th Sri Sriharan York 2.5/6

18th= Heintz Herschmann London, Daniel Martin Kettering 1.5/6

20th Roger Hall York 0

26th Leamington Rapidplay

... played on the 9th September 2012. 105 players competed in this year’s event. Congratulations go to new FIDE International Master Ameet Ghasi on his outright victory in the FIDE Open section, in what proved to be one of the strongest fields of players we have had at Leamington for a long time.

Many thanks to controllers/arbiters Bruce Holland (also joint-organiser), Alex Holowczak, Adrian Elwin and Neville Belinfante for their excellent support.

Also congratulations to prize-winning local players Tom Darling, Tim Lawson, Bernard Visgandis and Zosia King. Click on this link for access to the full crosstables and prize winners

- Guy Greenland, Congress Director

30th Bury St Edmunds Congress – report/results

- from Bob Jones

We had a stroke of luck in the final round, when the oldest competitor, 88-year old John Dawson from Linton, Cambridgeshire, was paired against the youngest, 5-year old Jeff Tomy from Watford. The computerised pairings were then checked manually and found to be correct. So before the round started, I contacted the local paper, the East Anglian Daily Times, who arrived within minutes and managed to capture the 83-year age gap for the front page of the following day’s edition. 134 entrants each played five games in four graded sections. Entrants included 20 juniors, the youngest of whom (Jeff Tomy) was only 5 years old. Two of the four sections were won by female players.

Open

1 (International Master) Harriet Hunt Cambridge – 4½ points

2= (International Master) Richard Tozer Cambridge & (FIDE Master) Neil Carr Writtle – 4 points

Major

1 Ed Kernohan Cambridge – 4½ points

2 Philip Hutchings Manningtree – 4 points

3= Anthony Ball Letchworth, Richard Donaghay Ely, Mark Szymanski Ely & Alan Norman Cambridge – 3½ points

Intermediate

1 Warren Kingston Lowestoft – 4½ points

2= Rob Kelly Manningtree, Greg Tebble Norwich, Richard Newman Cambridge, Scott Taylor Bury St Edmunds, Charles Richmond Newmarket & Mark Nettleton Lowestoft – 3½ points

Minor

1 Jelena Tjurina Wisbech – 5 points

2= Karina Chan Norwich, George Meligonis Cambridge, John Bradley Dunmow & Roger Smith Ipswich – 4 points

A total of £2,010 was paid out in prize money, with the top individual prize of £450 going to Harriet Hunt (see above)

Bolton Rapidplay results

90 competitors attended the 31st Bolton Rapidplay, held at the Bolton Ukrainian Club on Sunday 11th November 2012. In the Open section, Robert Shaw beat Pavel Besedin in Round 2, but two draws in the later rounds gave Pavel the opportunity to catch up, so the first prize was shared.

Open

1st= Robert Shaw (Buxton) & Pavel Besedin (South Birmingham) 5pts /6

3rd Ali Jaunooby (Denton) 4.5pts

Under 180 Grading Prize

Tomasz Czaja (Culcheth) & Paul Fletcher (Woodseats) 4pts

23 entrants. £290 prize fund

Major (165 & under)

1st Mick Connor (Great Lever) 5pts /6

2nd= Adam Tyton (Bolton), Stephen Mulligan (Penketh),

Farshad Ai (Pheonix) & GP & Michael McDonagh (Cheshire) 4.5 pts

28 entrants. £290 prize fund

Knights (135 & under)

1st Jacob Boswell (Cheddleton & Leek) 5.5pts / 6

2nd Reg Clucas (Altrincham, & Hale) 5 pts

3rd= Karl Moorcroft (3Cs), David Sugden (Hebden Bridge),

Andy Coe (Stockport) & Jan Kitshoff (Culcheth)

Under 120 & 105 grading prizes

Jennifer Neil (Bolton) & Kenneth Parkin (Enigma) 4.5pts

39 entrants. £330 prize fund

- Rod Middleton

Hampshire Chess Association 2012 Congress

Dominic Tunks has regained the Hampshire Championship and the Silver Rook by winning outright a very strong top section. The defending champion Peter Williams (231) was one of a group of highly-graded players who were expected to be in contention, but stiff competition ensured that many fancied players became also-rans. Ian Thompson took 2nd place, followed by Oliver Gill and Gavin Lock. David Fowler won the Grading prize on tie-break from Dave Cordner and Mark Abbott.

The Major section gets stronger every year, and this year was won jointly by veteran Steve Smith and newcomer Qin Ke (Betty) Wang. Betty wins the trophy and the title of Hampshire Under-160 champion on tie-break. Bogdan Orlovski was in the lead going into the final round, but had to settle for third place with Gareth Jones. The grading prize was shared by Michael Roberts, Alex Conway and Paul Hurn.

The Minor section produced a four-way tie for first place between William Egan, Jack Armorgie, Chris Smith and Patrick Reid. Chris Smith wins the trophy and title of Hampshire Under 125 champion on tie-break. The grading prize was won by Keven Lamb with a splendid performance at the board

Open

1. Dominic Tunks (Emsworth) (5 pts)

2. Ian Thompson (Crowthorne) (4½ pts)

3. Oliver Gill (Southampton) (4 pts)

4. Gavin Lock (Horsham) (3½ pts)

Under-175 Grading Prize:

David Fowler (Gosport) (trophy), Dave Cordner (Cosham) and Mark Abbott (Exmouth) (3½ pts)

Major (Under-160)

1= Qin Ke Wang (So'ton University) (trophy) and Steve Smith (Chichester) (4½ pts)

3= Bogdan Orlovski (Portsmouth) and Gareth Jones (Southampton) (4 pts)

Under-140 Grading Prize:

Michael Roberts (So'ton), Paul Hurn (So'ton) and Alex Conway (So'ton University) (4 pts)

Minor (Under-125)

1= William Egan (Scunthorpe), Jack Armorgie (So'ton University), Chris Smith (Waterlooville) and Patrick Reid (Southsea) (4½ pts)

Under-100 Grading prize:

Keven Lamb (Eastleigh) (4 pts)

- John Wheeler (Sec, Hampshire C.A.) 19/Nov/2012

13th Beacon Seniors Congress

Seniors Section

(all scores out of 5)

1st= R. J. Everson 165 Dartford 4; I. McAllan 175 Sidcup 4;
K. I. Norman 189 Wokingham 4; N. F. Stephenson 190;
Middlesbrough 4; M. J. Yeo 203 Ringwood 4 – £40 each

Grading Prizes 154 – 119

1st= I. S. Annetts 152 Tiverton 3½; J. G. Gorodi 148
Newton Abbot 3½; T. J. Holt 146 Birmingham 3½ – £20
each

U-119

1st= A. R. Fraser 113 Beckenham 2½; P. L. Gordon 116 Isle
of Wight 2½ – £25 each

Slow Starter

1st W. H. Ingham 158 Teignmouth 3 £25

“Juniors” Section

1st= S. Bartlett 165 Newquay 3½; J. C. Wells 184 N. Norfolk
3½; D. Wise 188 Middlesbrough 3½ – £40 each

Grading Prize U-160

1st C. Sellwood 130 Camborne 3 £50

Bury (Greater Manchester) Rapidplay 2012

This year's Bury Rapidplay on Sunday 2nd December at Elton Vale Sports Club was a great success. Despite the recent weather problems and other conflicting congresses, around eighty competitors contested three separate sections over six rounds in pursuit of more than £900 in prize money.

The JonSimon Open Championship was won by Adam Ashton of Urmston & 3Cs (Oldham), with Simon Woodcock (Atherton) taking second. Grade prizes were won by Joe McPhillips (Bolton), Mitchell Burke and Jamie Horton (both of 3Cs).

The Major (under 170 grade) Section first prize was shared by Brendan Brown (Clitheroe), Dominic Rabbitte (Heywood) & Neil Coward (Blackpool) with six players including Bury's Mick Norris sharing grading prizes.

The Minor (under 130 grade) Section was won by Evan Wood (Chorlton), who beat Dennis Davies (Lytham) into second place after a dingdong battle, with Howard Hughes (Chorlton) and Jennifer Neil (Bolton) winning grading prizes.

The President's Junior Prize was won by Brandon Hall (3Cs), and the Ludwig Gruchlik trophy for the best score by a Bury member went to Mick Norris.

Particular thanks go to sponsors JonSimon Estate Agents for their support of the event.



4NCL 2011-2012 final weekend, 5-7 May 2012 Hinckley Island

– report from Lawrence Cooper

The final weekend of the 2011-12 season was hosted by the Barcelo Hotel, Hinckley Island who provided good playing conditions and accommodation. The photographs in this article come courtesy of Dr John Upham

[<http://johnupham.smugmug.com/Chess/4NCL>]

Wood Green Hilsmark Kingfisher 1 powered to the Division One Championship Pool title finishing with maximum points and five points clear of second place. Round 9 saw them demolish Jutes of Kent 7.5-0.5, Cheddleton only managed one game point in round 10 whilst Barbican managed a creditable five draws in round eleven but wins for Michael Adams, Nick Pert (who scored 8/9 overall) and Pia Cramling ensured their one hundred per cent record was maintained. Luke McShane, David Howell and Jonathan Rowson were among the many other grandmasters that contributed to the team's success.

Guildford 1 finished in second place with nine points from fourteen, White Rose were placed ahead of Cheddleton on game points both having eight match points. There followed Barbican 1 with seven, Jutes of Kent 5, Barbican 2 (IM norm for Sam Franklin) scored three and e2e4.org.uk two.

Notable results were White Rose defeating Guildford in round nine with wins for Richard Palliser (GM norm), Colin McNab, Iain Gourlay and Jean-Luc Weller against Antoaneta Stefanova, David Smerdon, Stuart Conquest and James Plaskett. Guildford recovered with a 5-3 victory over Barbican in round ten, there were six draws with Antoaneta Stefanova and Stuart Conquest securing victory.

Individually, Ingrid Lauterbach had a fine weekend, drawing with David Eggleston (2327), Marcos Camacho Collados (2422) and GM Alexander Baburin (2535).

The three European Club places went to White Rose, Jutes of Kent and e2e4.org.uk as the higher placed Championship Pool teams declined a place.

Cambridge University 1 topped the Demotion Pool with maximum points but Oxford 1 with seven points, The ADs six, Bristol 1 two and Anglian Avengers 1 one were all relegated. Blackthorne Russia survived on game points ahead of Oxford, largely due to their 7-1 victory in their match in round nine. Harriet Hunt scored two out of two to help them to safety. Michael White, of Oxford, made an IM norm.

Olivia Smith had draws with IMs Malcolm Pein (2382) and Gavin Wall (2330) and a win against Nicole Miranda Gonzalez (2027)

AMCA Dragons won the Division Two Promotion Pool with twelve points and were therefore promoted along with Warwickshire Select on ten and South Wales Dragons and Sambuca Sharks on nine. Pandora's Box narrowly missed out with eight points.

Significant results included South Wales Dragons 4-4 draw with Pandora's Box with John Cooper and Sven Zeidler defeating much higher rated IMs on the top two boards and Sambuca Sharks 4.5-3.5 win against Kings Head with wins for GM Robin Van Kampen on board one and Chris Russell on board eight in round nine. Sambuca then beat Pandora's Box 4.5-3.5 with wins for Tom Rendle, Peter Roberson and Sam Williams in round ten whilst in round eleven SW Dragons, Sambuca and Warwickshire all won meaning that Pandora's Box 5.5-2.5 win against AMCA was insufficient to secure them promotion.

Barbican Youth won the Division Two Demotion Pool with Cambridge University 2, Bradford DCA Knights A, Brown Jack and FCA Solutions all being relegated. Important results included Rhyfelwyr Essyllwg defeating Bradford 4.5-3.5 in round nine, Spirit of Atticus 6.5-1.5 win over Bradford in round ten and 3Cs victories over FCA Solutions and Bradford (4.5-3.5). Cambridge could only draw with Brown Jack in round eleven whereas an extra half point would have meant they stayed up by one game point ahead of 3Cs!

e2e4.org.uk 2 were champions of Division 3 with 18 match points and were promoted along with KJCA Kings and North East Eagles on seventeen and Wessex on sixteen. Three victories for e2e4, 5-1 against AMCA Rhinos followed by 3.5-2.5



against North East England and 4-2 against Wessex saw them take the title. KJCA Kings and North East England drew in round nine before round ten defeats meant they had to win in the last round, which they both did. Wessex won in round, nine and ten which proved sufficient for them to take fourth place. Hackney, AMCA Rhinos and Guildford 3 on fifteen points were among the many frustrated teams that missed out on the top four.

The results and league tables can be found on the 4NCL website via the following links:

League Tables

http://www.4ncl.co.uk/tbs_1112.htm

Results

<http://www.4ncl.co.uk/resdiv1.htm>

<http://www.4ncl.co.uk/resdiv2.htm>

<http://www.4ncl.co.uk/resdiv3s.htm>

Crosstable

http://www.4ncl.co.uk/fide_crosstables.htm

Games

<http://www.4ncl.co.uk/downloads.htm>

In closing I would like to thank the many people who help towards the continuing success of the league including Mike Truran, Claire Summerscale and all of the arbiters and game inputting team.



Previous page - the Paris Suite; this page, left top - Alexander Baburin; bottom - Matthew Carr and David Clayton
 Right, top to bottom - Anantha Anilkumar; Bogdan Lalic, Brian Smith, Jon Speelman & Sheila Jackson; Ingrid Lauterbach; Ingrid with Sue Marorora and Michael Adams; Matt Wadsworth vs Peter Batchelor

4NCL match weekends - 2012/2013 season

Rounds 1 and 2

3rd-4th November 2012

De Vere Venues, Sunningdale Divisions 1 and 2

De Vere Wokefield Park Division 3 South

24th-25th November 2012

De Vere Wychwood Park (near Crewe) Division 3 North

Rounds 3 and 4

12th-13th January 2013

De Vere Venues, Staverton Park Divisions 1 and 2

Daventry Court Hotel Division 3 South

Redworth Hall Hotel Division 3 North

Rounds 5 and 6

23rd-24th February 2013

De Vere Venues, Staverton Park Divisions 1 and 2

Daventry Court Hotel Division 3 South

De Vere Wychwood Park (near Crewe) Division 3 North

Rounds 7 and 8

23rd-24th March 2013

Hinckley Island Hotel Divisions 1, 2 and 3

South and North



Rounds 9, 10 and 11

4th-6th May 2013

Hinckley Island Hotel Divisions 1, 2 and 3 South and North

4NCL Rapidplay

5-6 October 2013

Daventry Court Hotel

Junior 4NCL Weekends 1-3

1. 17th-18th November 2012

2. 23rd-24th February 2013

3. 6th-7th April 2013.

Venues

Hinckley Island Hotel (Weekend 1)

Daventry Court Hotel (Weekends 2 & 3)

4NCL results tables

Division 1 Final Standings, Championship Pool

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	GP	Pts
1 Wood Green Hillsmark 1		5½-2½	4½-3½	7-1	5½-2½	7½-½	7-1	5½-2½	42½	14
2 Guildford 1	2½-5½		3½-4½	6½-1½	5-3	6-2	4-4	8-0	35½	9
3 White Rose 1	3½-4½	4½-3½		3½-4½	3½-4½	4½-3½	5½-2½	5½-2½	30½	8
4 Cheddleton 1	1-7	1½-6½	4½-3½		4½-3½	2½-5½	6-2	6½-1½	26½	8
5 Barbican 4NCL 1	2½-5½	3-5	4½-3½	3½-4½		5-3	4-4	6-2	28½	7
6 Jutes of Kent	½-7½	2-6	3½-4½	5½-2½	3-5		4-4	4½-3½	23	5
7 Barbican 4NCL 2	1-7	4-4	2½-5½	2-6	4-4	4-4		3-5	20½	3
8 e2e4.org.uk 1	2½-5½	0-8	2½-5½	1½-6½	2-6	3½-4½	5-3		17	2

Division 1 Final Standings, Demotion Pool

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	GP	Pts
1 Cambridge University 1		4½-3½	4½-3½	4½-3½	5-3	6-2	5½-2½	5½-2½	35½	14
2 Wood Green Hillsmark 2	3½-4½		5-3	5-3	3½-4	7-1	5½-2½	6-2	35½	10
3 Guildford 2	3½-4½	3-5		4-4	5½-2½	5½-2½	6-2	6½-1½	34	9
4 Blackthorne Russia	3½-4½	3-5	4-4		7-1	3½-4½	4½-3½	5½-2½	31	7
5 Oxford 1	3-5	4-3½	2½-5½	1-7		4-4	6½-1½	4½-3½	25½	7
6 The AD's	2-6	1-7	2½-5½	4½-3½	4-4		4-4	5-3	23	6
7 Bristol 1	2½-5½	2½-5½	2-6	3½-4½	1½-6½	4-4		4-4	20	2
8 Anglian Avengers 1	2½-5½	2-6	1½-6½	2½-5½	3½-4½	3-5	4-4		19	1

Division 2 Final Standings, Promotion Pool

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	GP	Pts
1 AMCA Dragons		5-3	6-2	5-3	2½-5½	5-3	5-3	5½-2½	34	12
2 Warwickshire Select 1	3-5		4-4	4-4	4½-3½	6-2	4½-3½	7-½	33	10
3 South Wales Dragons	2-6	4-4		5-3	4-4	6-2	4-4	6-2	31	9
4 Sambuca Sharks	3-5	4-4	3-5		4½-3½	6½-1½	4½-3½	4½-3½	30	9
5 Pandora's Box Grantham	5½-2½	3½-4½	4-4	3½-4½		4-4	6-2	6-2	32½	8
6 White Rose 2	3-5	2-6	2-6	1½-6½	4-4		6-2	4-4	22½	4
7 Kings Head	3-5	3½-4½	4-4	3½-4½	2-6	2-6		5-3	23	3
8 Poisoned Pawns	2½-5½	½-7	2-6	3½-4½	2-6	4-4	3-5		17½	1

Division 2 Final Standings, Demotion Pool

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	GP	Pts
1 Barbican Youth		3-5	4½-3½	5½-2½	6-2	6½-1	4½-3½	6-2	36	12
2 Spirit of Atticus	5-3		4-4	3-5	4½-3½	6½-1½	4½-3½	4½-3½	32	11
3 Rhyfelwyr Essyllwg	3½-4½	4-4		7-1	3-5	4½-3½	4½-3½	4½-3½	31	9
4 3Cs 1	2½-5½	5-3	1-7		3½-4½	4½-3½	5-3	5-3	26½	8
5 Cambridge University 2	2-6	3½-4½	5-3	4½-3½		2½-5½	4-4	5½-2½	27	7
6 Bradford DCA Knights A	1-6½	1½-6½	3½-4½	3½-4½	5½-2½		4½-3½	4-4	23½	5
7 Brown Jack	3½-4½	3½-4½	3½-4½	3-5	4-4	3½-4½		4-4	25	2
8 FCA Solutions 1	2-6	3½-4½	3½-4½	3-5	2½-5½	4-4	4-4		22½	2

Division 3 Final Standings

	GP	SOS	Pts
1 e2e4.org.uk 2	39½	149	18
2 KJCA Kings	46	153	17
3 North East England	38	137	17
4 Wessex	40	153	16
5 Hackney	37½	151	15
6 AMCA Rhinos	36½	146	15
7 Guildford 3	40½	126	15
8 Cambridge University 3	35½	143	14
9 Anglian Avengers 2	38½	139	14
10 British Universities CA	35½	139	14
11 Cheddleton 2	36½	130	14
12 Celtic Tigers 1	35½	129	13
13 Gloucestershire Gambits	36	128	13
14 Fermented Sharks	34½	110	13
15 e2e4.org.uk 4	32½	128	12
16 AMCA Hippos	32	127	12
17 Warwickshire Select 2	37	115	12
18 Bristol 2	35	113	12
19 e2e4.org.uk 3	36½	110	12
20 The Rookies	32½	137	11
21 Leeds University Old Boys	35	128	11
22 The Full Ponty	35	105	11
23 Bradford DCA Knights B	31½	130	10
24 Icení	30½	113	10
25 FCA Solutions 2	32½	108	10
26 Banbury Bulldogs	31	102	10
27 Sussex Smart Survivors	30½	139	9
28 Oxford 2	33½	128	9
29 Halesowen	30½	101	9
30 Manchester Manticores	30½	95	9
31 Anglian Avengers 3	25½	109	8
32 AMCA Cheetahs	19½	95	8
33 Jorvik	16	67	8
34 Sons of Anarchy	23	62	8
35 Oxford 3	20½	98	7
36 SCS	22½	73	7
37 Bristol 3	24½	97	6
38 KJCA Knights	25	91	6
39 e2e4.org.uk 5	28½	88	6
40 Holmes Chapel	27	85	6
41 Celtic Tigers 2	25½	79	6
42 Metropolitan	23½	118	5
43 3Cs 2	21½	94	5
44 e2e4.org.uk 6	8	31	2

The London Chess League (www.londonchess.org.uk)

Division 1	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pen	GP	MP
1 Wood Green	11	0	0		109	11
2 Drunken Knights 1	9	0	2		88.5	9
3 Cavendish 1	7	0	4		73	7
4 Athenaeum 1	6	0	5		63.5	6
5 Drunken Knights 2	5	1	5		59	5.5
6 Hackney 1	5	0	6		74.5	5
7 Kings Head 1	5	0	6		61.5	5
8 Ilford	4	1	6		58.5	4.5
9 Richmond	4	1	6		56	4.5
10 Streatham 1	3	2	6		52.5	4
11 Cavendish 2	3	1	7		55	3.5
12 Kings Head 2	1	0	10		40	1

Division 2	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pen	GP	MP
1 Wimbledon 1	10	2	0		82	11
2 Drunken Knights 3	10	2	0		81	11
3 Metropolitan 1	6	3	3		62.5	7.5
4 Mushrooms 1	7	0	5		61.5	7
5 Athenaeum 2	6	2	4		61.5	7
6 Battersea 1	5	3	4		58	6.5
7 Woodbridge	5	1	6		57	5.5
8 Dulwich 1	5	0	7		57	5
9 Wanstead & Woodford 1	4	2	6		54.5	5
10 Beckenham & Charlton	3	3	6		50	4.5
11 Hackney 2	4	0	8		54.5	4
12 Streatham 2	2	1	9		52	2.5
13 Mushrooms 2	1	1	10		47.5	1.5

Division 3	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pen	GP	MP
1 GLCC 1	11	0	1		76.5	11
2 Albany	10	0	2		72	10
3 Morley College 1	7	2	3		66.5	8
4 Kings Head 3	5	6	1		61.5	8
5 Lewisham	7	0	5	-0.5	67.5	6.5
6 Athenaeum 3	6	1	5		62	6.5
7 Battersea 2	5	1	6		58	5.5
8 Metropolitan 2	4	3	5		56	5.5
9 East Ham	5	0	7		59	5
10 Hammersmith	3	1	8		54	3.5
11 Wimbledon 2	3	1	8		51	3.5
12 Streatham 3	2	2	8		48	3
13 West London	1	1	10	-0.5	43	1

Division 4	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pen	GP	MP
1 Imperial College	10	1	1		69.5	10.5
2 Metropolitan 3	10	0	2		60.5	10
3 London Deaf	8	3	1		63	9.5
4 Wanstead & Woodford 2	9	1	2		56	9.5
5 Cavendish 3	7	1	4		56.5	7.5
6 DHSS	7	1	4		50	7.5
7 Willesden & Brent	6	1	5	-0.5	56.5	6
8 Hackney 3	5	1	6		44	5.5
9 Kings Head 4	4	0	8	-0.5	42	3.5
10 Athenaeum 4	3	1	8		39	3.5
11 GLCC 2	2	0	10		35	2
12 Morley College 2	2	0	10		29.5	2
13 Metropolitan 4	0	0	12	-0.5	20.5	-0.5

Minor Division 5	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pen	GP	MP
1 Hammersmith A	11	1	2		39	11.5
2 Beckenham & Charlton	7	2	5		33.5	8
3 Metropolitan A	6	4	4		30	8
4 Hackney A	6	3	5		27	7.5
5 Kings Head A	6	2	6		29.5	7
6 Battersea	5	1	8	-0.5	23.5	5
7 Dulwich	4	4	6	-1.5	22	4.5
8 Pimlico	2	1	11		19.5	2.5

Minor Division 6	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pen	GP	MP
1 Hammersmith B	10	0	2		33.5	10
2 Kings Head B	9	1	2		32	9.5
3 DHSS	3	5	4		23.5	5.5
4 Metropolitan B	5	1	6		23	5.5
5 Hackney B	4	1	7		19.5	4.5
6 Cavendish	2	4	6		21	4
7 Wanstead & Woodford	2	2	8		15.5	3

East Anglian Chess Union 2011-12 Results

EACU First Division Table

	Played	Wins	Drawn	Lost	Points
Norfolk	6	4	2	0	10 52
Suffolk	6	3	3	0	9 52.5
Cambridgeshire	6	2	0	4	4 51.5
Bedfordshire	6	0	1	5	1 36

EACU First Division Match Results

	Suffolk	Suffolk	Norfolk	Norfolk	Bedford	Bedford	Cambs	Cambs
Suffolk	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	8 - 8	8 - 8	11 - 5	8 - 8	8.5-7.5	9 - 7
Norfolk	8 - 8	8 - 8	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	8.5-7.5	10 - 6	9 - 7	8.5-7.5
Bedfordshire	8 - 8	5 - 11	7.5-8.5	6 - 10	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	5.5-10.5	4 - 12
Cambridgeshire	7.5-8.5	7 - 9	7 - 9	7.5-8.5	10.5-5.5	12 - 4	xxxxxx	xxxxxx

British Rapidplay Chess Championships 2013

Hello again from Leeds. The weather has certainly improved, and some even got to play football outside on the green. The food was better too with roast beef and Yorkshire pudding on the menu (however, the vending machines ran out of milk, and someone even padlocked one of the main doors and three side exits of the hall). After suitable rectifications, all was well.

After the first day, the Open was still unclear and several players were in with a chance. However, when you get tired, things can get a bit harder. Keeping one's cool often pays dividends (note: Howell's, Adams' and Short's famous victories at this event). Chess, of course, can be a difficult game, notably with rapidplay when there are just a couple of minutes or even just a few seconds left on the clock. Discerning whether a position is drawn, whether your opponent is attempting to win by fair means, or whether you've just not got enough time can be tough. Stopping the clock in the permissible manner, or consulting the arbiter in a permissible fashion means you have got to know the rules of chess. Digital clocks do help because of their accuracy.

I say all this with just a bit of basic knowledge, but respecting the fact that you might have cocked up, you still need to respect your opponent and respect an arbiter's decision. Mistakes do happen, and to err is human. After all it's just a game ... so, after viewing several games today, some of these situations did arise with games involving Stephen Gordon, Sophie Milliet, Jonathan Hawkins and Charles Storey for starters, as well as a couple more contentious ones. All had some of the above elements in them, but the arbiters seemed to deal with them fairly.

Pete Wells had an unfortunate loss against Robert Willmoth, which prompted him to call it a day, sadly, after also losing to Stephen Gordon. Respectfully, Stephen Gordon lost on time against Jonathan Hawkins, though it could have been a draw. Sophie Milliet had a good victory over James Cobb. Danny Gormally had a good start with a win against Jonathan Hawkins, but then lost to Craig Hanley.

In the last two rounds, draws by Stephen Gordon, Danny Gormally and James Cobb meant that Jonathan Hawkins could win it, and indeed he did so with a flourish. The Consett player beat Sophie Milliet in 44 moves.

Jonathan is a very good player and it shows in his grade of 251. Although only still an IM, he showed some pretty cool temperament, and above all the stamina to win. My personal thanks to all the players in the Open - their games are available in PGN on this site so that many of us can enjoy study and learn that bit more about this great game. Some other key results must be mentioned! The Major winner was Philip J Olbison, whilst the Intermediate was won by Michael McDonagh and the Minor was won by Angelica Dean.

In the junior events there were five players who all finished up on 4/5 points. Our controllers/arbiters John and Cathy managed things well. The full listings are on the BRCC website at www.british-rapidplay.org.uk. My personal thanks go to Bruce Holland who kindly presented the prizes. Bruce is the Manager of Congress Chess at the ECF. His courteous manner is an example to us all.

So as the French might say, 'A la prochaine fois ... ce n'est qu'un jeu!'

- Brent Kitson, Congress Secretary BRCC

Oxfordshire Chess Association 2011/12 League Results

2011-12 OCDL Div 1: Final Table

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Def. matches	Def. games	Penalty points	Game pt. diff.	Points
Witney 1	12	11	0	0	1	6	1	23	21
Banbury 1	12	8	0	4	0	0	0	13	16
Oxford Univ 1	12	6	0	6	0	0	0	4	12
Cowley 2	12	5	0	7	0	0	0	-2	10
Oxford City 1	12	5	0	6	1	9	2	-10	8
Cowley 1	12	3	1	8	0	0	0	-17	7
Bicester 1	12	3	1	8	0	3	0	-11	7

2011-12 OCDL Div 2: Final Table

Didcot 1	12	8	2	2	0	0	0	20	18
Wantage 1	12	5	4	3	0	0	0	4	14
Witney 2	12	6	2	4	0	1	0	7	14
MCS Blackbirds 1	12	5	3	4	0	0	0	8	13
Oxford City 2	12	6	1	5	0	3	0	-1	13
Oxford City 3	12	2	3	7	0	1	0	-19	7
Cowley 3	12	2	1	9	0	0	0	-19	5

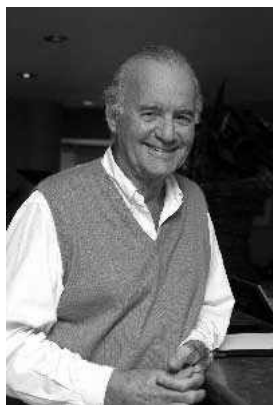
2011-12 OCDL Div 3: Final Table

Cumnor 1	14	8	3	3	0	0	0	16	19
Cowley Workers 1	14	5	6	3	0	1	0	13	16
Oxford Univ 2	14	8	0	6	0	0	0	7	16
Banbury 2	14	6	3	5	0	4	1	0	14
Didcot 2	14	5	4	5	0	0	0	1	14
Oxford City 4	14	5	2	7	0	0	0	-12	12
Witney 3	14	4	3	7	0	0	0	-4	11
Bicester 2	14	4	1	9	0	3	0	-21	9

2011-12 OCDL Div 4: Final Table

MCS Blackbirds 2	14	11	2	1	0	1	0	23	24
St Clare's	14	8	2	4	0	0	0	12	18
Oxford City 5	14	7	2	5	0	3	0	8	16
Cumnor 2	14	7	1	6	0	0	0	8	15
Witney 4	14	6	1	7	0	0	0	4	13
Wantage 2	14	5	1	8	0	0	0	-8	11
Cowley 4	14	3	2	9	0	1	0	-30	8
Cowley Workers 2	14	3	1	10	0	1	0	-17	7

2012 Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival



The tenth event in the series took place from 23rd January to 2nd February 2012, as always at the Caleta Hotel. Naturally Brian Callaghan (pictured left), proprietor of the hotel and congress director, made much of this being the 10th in the series. For example, a special £5000 Diamond Jubilee prize was on offer for the highest-placed Commonwealth player. There are very attractive commemorative stamps. There was a formal dinner at the governor's residence. I was presented with Silver Miniatures of the Keys of Gibraltar. For once the weather had obeyed strict instructions and was better than any year since the first. But perhaps best of all, Brian was awarded the OBE for services to Gibraltar tourism and chess.

This event was voted as the best open of 2012 by the Association of Chess Professionals. With 11 players rated 2700 or higher and a total of 56 GMs competing, it is hard to quarrel with that. But even with Accelerated Pairings, it was round 8 before there was the first 2700 v 2700 pairing. But that has its upside - players might increase their status with just one game.

The morning rating restricted tournaments start on Monday. There is an Opening Reception and then play gets underway Tuesday for the 10 round Masters. 256 players took part from 60 federations, although Gibraltar is regarded as part of England from a FIDE viewpoint. 59 people competed in the first event in 2003.

Brian has always been in favour of female participation in the event. Thus the prize money on offer for women players is very substantial. There was a tremendous clash in Round 7. Women's World Champion Hou Yifan played and beat Judit Polgar, who perennially is the highest rated woman player in the world. They had never met before - nor even played in the same event. Judit only plays in mixed tournaments.

Both Hou Yifan and Nigel Short scored 8/10; Michael Adams, Shakhriyar Mamedyarov, Victor Bolgan and Emil Sutovsky scored 7½. Interestingly only Michael and Shakhriyar are rated 2700+. We don't need yet to introduce rating prizes for players rated 2600-2699, although we have long had them for players rated 2500-2599. Hou Yifan and Nigel Short had a playoff for first place. Brian doesn't like the idea of people sharing after a gruelling 10 rounds. Nigel won the first game convincingly and then agreed a draw when much better in the second. Thus Nigel won £25,000, made up of £20,000 first and the £5000 Diamond Jubilee Commonwealth prize. Hou Yifan £22,600 which included the second place, top women's and top U18 prize!

But the actual chess competitive is not all there is to the festival. The ambience in the bar in the evening is very enjoyable. There you can mingle with and discuss chess with some of the greatest players in the world. We also have a pairs competition and a team blitz. In each of these a social mix is encouraged, not only male/female, young/old, but also high rated/low rated. People sometimes say to me, 'The GMs are very stand-offish'. I ask, 'have you ever approached them?' 'Oh, no, I couldn't do that!' 'Then who is being stand-offish?' Recently at the London Chess Classic, a 13-year-old told me he would very much like to ask Nigel Short a question. 'Well, why not ask him?' 'Oh, I'd be too shy for that.' So I introduced him to Nigel. He asked his question and Nigel gave a perfectly sensible response. In what other sport can players, of highly variable standard and such disparate background, find such common ground?

- Stewart Reuben

Right - Nigel Short receives his winners trophy and cheque for £20,000 from Tradewise CEO James Humphreys [picture by Ray Morris-Hill]



3rd London Chess Classic

The fourth London Chess Classic took place at Olympia from 1 to 10 December 2012, with Malcolm Pein heading the organising team as Tournament Director. The nine-player line up of the previous year was repeated. Current and past world champions Vishy Anand and Vladimir Kramnik were joined by Magnus Carlsen and Levon Aronian, currently the two current highest rated players in the world, Judit Polgar, the world's strongest ever women player who was making her first appearance and US star Hikaru Nakamura who has appeared in all four Classics. The home contingent included regulars Mickey Adams and Luke McShane, together with British Champion Gawain Jones who was making his first appearance, with Nigel Short opting to stand down and join the commentary team. Nigel also gave two simultaneous displays to raise funds for Chess in Schools and Communities.

The tournament was a triumph for Magnus Carlsen, winner also of the first and second Classics, who led throughout and finished with 18 points from his eight games (the scoring system of 3 points for a win was again adopted) and a tournament performance rating of 2991. As a result of his round 4 victory against Gawain Jones, Magnus reached the highest ever live rating of 2857.4, but Gawain did not make it at all easy.

Carlsen, Magnus (2848) - Jones, Gawain (2644) [B53]

4th London Chess Classic London, 04.12.2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 a6 5.h3 Nc6 6.Qe3 g6 7.c4 Bg7 8.Be2 Nf6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Rb1 a5 12.b3 Nc5 13.Bb2 f5 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Rbd1 a4 16.Ba3 Qa5 17.Nb5 axb3 18.axb3 Qxa3 19.Nxa3 Rxa3 20.Nd2 Bd4 21.Qg3 Be5 22.f4 Bf6 23.Bg4 Nd4 24.Kh1 Bc2 25.Rde1 Kh8 26.Re3 h5 27.b4 h4 28.Qf2 Nd3 29.Qg1 Nf5 30.Bxf5 gxf5 31.Nf3 Rc3 32.c5 Bb3 33.Ne1 Bd4 34.Nxd3 dxc5 35.Qf2 Rf7 36.Rc1 cxb4 37.Rxc3 bxc3 38.Qe1 1-0

Vladimir Kramnik, who had won the 3rd Classic, also went through unbeaten to finish a clear second on 16 points.

Kramnik, Vladimir (2795) - McShane, Luke (2713) [D15]

4th London Chess Classic London, 06.12.2012

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.g3 dxc4 6.a4 e6 7.Bg2 c5 8.0-0 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nbd7 10.Nc2 Qc7 11.Bf4 e5 12.Bd2 Nc5 13.Bg5 Be6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.Nce3 Nb3 17.a5 Rc8 18.Ra4 Nd4 19.Nb6 Rc7 20.Rxc4 Bxc4 21.Nexc4 Nb5 22.Qb1 Qd4 23.Rd1 Qc5 24.e3 Be7 25.Qf5 Kf8 26.Bd5 Kg7 27.Qg4+ Kh6 28.e4 Nd4 29.Ne3 f5 30.Qh3+ Kg7 31.Rxd4 exd4 32.Nxf5+ Kf8 33.Qh6+ Ke8 34.Bxf7+ Kd8 35.Qg7 Rf8 36.Nxd4 Rc6 37.Nxc6+ bxc6 38.Qg4 Kc7 39.Qd7+ Kb8 40.Qd2 Kc7 41.Qd7+ Kb8 42.Kg2 Bd6 43.b4 Qd4 44.Qxc6 Ka7 45.Kh3 Qd1 46.Nc8+ Rxc8 47.Qxc8 Qf1+ 48.Kg4 h5+ 49.Kxh5 1-0

Hikaru Nakamura played enterprising chess, taking third place ahead of Michael Adams on tie -break. He made a fast start to the event as Black in round 1 against Aronian.

Aronian, Levon (2815) - Nakamura, Hikaru (2760) [A30]

4th London Chess Classic London, 01.12.2012

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.g3 e5 6.Nb5 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 a6 8.N5c3 d5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Bg2 Be6 11.0-0 Nb6 12.Be3 Nc4 13.Qc1 0-0 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.a3 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 Ba5 17.Nd2 Bb6 18.Qf3 Rad8 19.Na4 Ba7 20.Qc3 Rd4 21.Qc2 f5 22.e3 Rdd8 23.b4 e4 24.Nb3 Qf7 25.Nbc5 Bd5 26.Rd2 b6 27.Rxd5 Rxd5 28.Nxa6 Ne5 29.Rd1 Rfd8 30.Rxd5 Qxd5 31.Nb2 Qd2 32.Qc7 Ng4 0-1

Mickey Adams, who had endured a torrid time in 2011, had a much more successful event which could have been even better if he had not let his game slip against Carlsen in round 5. He capitalised on a mistake by the current world champion in round 6.

Anand, Viswanathan (2775) - Adams, Michael (2710) [A29]

4th London Chess Classic London, 07.12.2012

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Bg7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 Re8 9.Nc2 d6 10.Bd2 a6 11.Rc1 Ne5 12.b3 c6 13.Be3 Nfg4 14.Bd4 c5 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Nd5 Rb8 17.h3 Nf6 18.Nce3 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Qa5 20.Rc2 Bf5 21.Qd2 Qd8 22.Rcc1 b5 23.cxb5 axb5 24.Rfd1 h5 25.h4 Bg4 26.Ne3 Bd7 27.Bf3 Bd4 28.Nd5 b4 29.Rc4 Be5 30.Kg2 Ra8 31.Ne3 Ra7 32.Rcc1 Qe7 33.Nc4 Be6 34.Rc2 Bf5 35.e4 Be6 36.Nxe5 dxe5 37.Qe3 Ra5 38.Be2 Rd8 39.Rxd8+ Qxd8 40.Rxc5 Rxa2 41.Bc4 Qd1 42.Qh6 Bh3+ 0-1

Final crosstable

Nr.	Title	Name	Fed.	Rating
1	GM	Magnus Carlsen	NOR	2848
2	GM	Vladimir Kramnik	RUS	2795
3	GM	Hikaru Nakamura	USA	2760
4	GM	Michael Adams	ENG	2710
5	GM	Viswanathan Anand	IND	2775
6	GM	Levon Aronian	ARM	2815
7	GM	Judit Polgar	HUN	2705
8	GM	Luke McShane	ENG	2713
9	GM	Gawain Jones	ENG	2644

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	tot	TPR
1		1	1	3	1	3	3	3	3	18	2991
2	1		3	1	1	1	3	3	3	16	2939
3	1	0		1	1	3	3	3	1	13	2846
4	0	1	1		3	1	3	1	3	13	2852
5	1	1	1	0		1	1	1	3	9	2749
6	0	1	0	1	1		1	3	1	8	2701
7	0	0	0	0	1	1		3	1	6	2617
8	0	0	0	1	1	0	0		3	5	2564
9	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0		3	2514



Clockwise from top left - LCC winner Magnus Carlsen, Vladimir Kramnik vs Judit Polgar, live commentary from Levon Aronian, Daniel King & Nigel Short, Levon with Luke McShane and Gawain Jones, an excellent black and white study of concentration in a young chess player ... all pictures by Ray Morris-Hill

JUNIOR CHESS TOURNAMENTS

Junior 4NCL 2nd Weekend

Division 2

1st Yateley Manor A 7/10 (13 game points)
2nd Cumnor & Witney 6/10 (11)
3rd Northampton 5/10 (9.5)
4th Manchester 5/10 (9)
5th Yateley Manor B 3 (7.5)
Top Scorers – Harry Grieve 5/5, Daniel Varney & Joost Hoppe 4/5

Division 3

1st Great Houghton & ChessPoint 12/14 (37.5 Game Points)
2nd Yateley Manor Tigers 11/14 (37.5)
3rd Yateley Manor Lions 10/14 (36)
4th Northampton Junior B 10/14 (33.5)
5th Dulwich Prep London 7/14 (28.5)
6th Northampton Junior Girls 6/14 (26.5)
7th Northampton Junior C 6/14 (24.5)
8th Yateley Manor Cheetahs 4/14 (22)
9th Yateley Manor Pumas 4/14 (20)
10th Yateley Manor Jaguars 2/14 (21.5)
11th Yateley Manor Leopards 0/14 (16)
Top Scorers – 1st Samantha Perryman 12/14, 2nd David Collyer 11.5/14, 3rd= Daniel Warsop, Nehan Radia, Thomas Dexter, Max Miller 10/14

Wiltshire & West of England Junior Open Congress

18th & 19th February 2012 – St Joseph's College, Swindon

Best Overall Girl – Radha Jain (Glos)

Major

1st= Marcus Harvey (Oxon) 4/5
1st= Peter Batchelor (London) 4/5
3= Radha Jain (Glos) 3½/5
3= Kumar Dixit (Hants) 3½/5
British Championship Place – Peter Batchelor (London)

West of England U18 Champion – Radha Jain (Glos), Kumar Dixit (Hants)

West of England U18 Girls' – Radha Jain (Glos)

West of England U16 Champion – Radha Jain (Glos), Kumar Dixit (Hants)

West of England U16 Girls' – Radha Jain (Glos)

Wiltshire U18 Champion – Adam Burroughs

Wiltshire U16 Champion – Adam Burroughs

Controller's Prize – Louise Head

U14 Championship

1st= Ananthanarayan Balaji (Mddx) 4/6
1st= Adam Taylor (Essex) 4/6
1st= Akito Oyama (Cambs) 4/6
1st= Roman Mitra (Herts) 4/6
West of England U14 Champion – Jamie MacDonald (Wilts)

Wiltshire U14 Champion – Jamie MacDonald

U140 Grading Prize – Jamie MacDonald

U120 Grading Prize – Jake Hung (London)

Best Game – Leo Tsoi (Birmingham)

Minor

1st Michael Green (Kent) 5/6

2nd Tim Foster (Surrey) 4½/6

Wiltshire Minor Champion – Luke Burroughs, Jordan Isgin

Best Girl – Isabel Hauer (Oxon)

Controller's Prize – Matthew Howell (Surrey)

U12 Championships

1st Vincent Lee (Herts) 5½/6

2nd= Matthew Fergusson (B'ham) 5/6

2nd= Joshua Higgs (Sussex) 5/6

2nd= Richard Meikle-Briggs (Surrey) 5/6

2nd= Ryan Wong (Berks) 5/6

Best U11 Zheming Zhang (Newcastle)

Best U11 Theo Slade (Cornwall)

West of England U12 Champion – Theo Slade (Cornwall), Alex Vanlint (Hants)*

West of England U12 Girls' – Eleanor Hapeshi (Glos)

Wiltshire U12 Champion – Pranav Satish

Wiltshire U11 Champion – Sascha Lee Sekulic

Best Girl – Eva Ressel (Northants)

*Please note we omitted to include Alex in the presentation – apologies to Alex

U12 Challengers

1st James Evans (Swansea) 5/6

2nd Daniel Varney (Oxon) 4½/6

Best Girl – Marianne Hauer (Oxon)

Controllers Prize – Marianne Hauer (Oxon), Alex Goodhead (Glos)

U10 Championship

1st= Koby Kalavannan (Surrey) 5/6

1st= Francesco Bernadini (Kent) 5/6

3rd= Charlie McLaren (Wilts) 4½/6

3rd= Anthony Zhang (Berks) 4½/6

3rd= Anantha Anilkumar (Kent) 4½/6

West of England U10 Champion – Charlie McLaren (Wilts)

Wiltshire U10 Champion – Charlie McLaren (Wilts)

West of England U10 Girls' – Emily Vaughan (Wilts)

Best Girl – Chloe D'Souza-Eva (Oxon)

U9 Championship

1st Will Cleaves (Wilts) 5½/6

2nd= Oliver Howell (Surrey) 5/6

2nd= Benjamin Perryman (Hants) 5/6

4th Omeet Atara 4½/6

West of England U9 Champion – Will Cleaves

Wiltshire U9 Champion – Will Cleaves

Best Girl – Shayanna Sivarajasingam (Cardiff)

Controller's Prize – Jeff Tomy (Watford), Daniel Finn (Sussex)

U8 Championships

1st= Anish Kalyana (B'ham) 5/6

1st= Eva Wang (Oxon) 5/6
 1st= Callaghan McCarty-Snead (Oxon) 5/6
 4th William Golding (Surrey) 4½/6
 West of England U8 Champion – Ben Surtees (Hants),
 Edward Bence (Hants), Ben Headlong (Wilts)
 West of England U8 Girls’ – Megan Tub (Dorset)
 Wiltshire U8 Champion – Ben Headlong
 Controller’s Prize – Aditya Krishna (Yorks), Harvey Zhang
 (Berks), Emily Wang (Cardiff)

Saturday Intermediate

1st= Jonathan Finn (Sussex) 5½/6
 1st= Luke Barry (London) 5½/6
 3rd Harry McLaren (Glos) 5/6
 Best U13= Ray Ren (Oxon)
 Best U13= Arthur Copping (Wilts)
 Best U10 – Ayush Bose (Hants)
 Best Girl – Bethan Plant (Somerset)
 Controller’s Prize – Henry Parkinson (Wilts), Henry
 Kassulke (Wilts)

Sunday Intermediate

1st Jonathan Finn (Sussex) 5½/6
 2nd= Harry McLaren (Glos) 4½/6
 2nd= Aditya Shah (Bristol) 4½/6
 4th Arthur Copping (Wilts) 4/6
 Best U12 Medal – Jack Batchelor (London)
 Controller’s Prize – Matthew Smith (Wilts)

Beginners

1st Jake Bains-Gillespie (Berks) 6/6
 2nd= William Vanlint (Hants) 5/6
 2nd= Isaac Powell (Glos) 5/6
 Best Girl= Ayesha Pearson (Notts)
 Best Girl= Paige Mansell (Glos)



Wiltshire & West of England Junior Congress
 Left, top - Beginners, bottom - Major
 Right, top to bottom - Sunday Intermediate, Under 8s,
 Under 9s, Under 10s

Tournament of Young Talents, Frydek Mistek

- from our man in Frydek Mistek, Peter Purland

On April 3rd, 16 players met Victor at Heathrow whilst a further 4 met Glynis and Peter at Manchester. We all met up at Prague Airport then got the bendy bus to Dejvika where we boarded the tube to Muzeum and a further one to Hlavni Nadrazi where we booked for our main line train. The three of us and many of the players had a meal en route and arrived at Ostrava within two minutes of time. We had a comfortable change then got the branch line to Frydek arriving dead on time where Vashek was waiting to meet us. We transferred to Hotel Centrum and, after dinner had a meeting then unpacked and turned in.

Wednesday was our free day and we made good use of it. Our first stop was Anselm Mine at Landek which is under new ownership and has been much improved. We had a tour of both the surface and underground before lunch then had a play at the mammoth site. Next stop was Ostrava Town Hall where we went up the tower and took in the panorama of the city. We then had 100 minutes in the newest shopping mall before heading to the swimming pool. We were 30 minutes early so played soccer first then went in the pool where many played with the ball and others had a sauna or played in the whirlpool. We returned to the Centrum for dinner then the players joined Glynis and Victor for a walk in to Mistek whilst I booked us in for the tournament and got the tickets for the train.



Thursday we were at breakfast at 0800 and at the hall by 0845. This was the first two rounds of the competition and we are playing to a time limit of 90 minutes plus 30 seconds. This gives plenty of time for a well thought out game. There are over 300 players in the 6 sections representing 11 countries and after a mercifully short opening ceremony we started.

We had one player in the FIDE rated (Beskydy) Tournament and he was unlucky enough to have his opponent not arrive in the morning. However he made up for this with an excellent fighting draw against a 2100+ player in the afternoon. The U15s had a steady start scoring 6 (out of 12) in the morning but gained a creditable 8.5 in the afternoon. Only Pavan Murali was on 2\2. The U12s however stole the show with 7 (out of 7) in the morning and 4 in the afternoon when we had two inter squad pairings. Our only loss was to the top seed. Jake Liang, Theo Slade, Brian Tarhon and Aditya Yanamandra

were all on 2\2. I had spent the date chatting to Karel Jubala, Karel Holusa and various other friends from abroad. This was coupled with going over quite a few games. We then returned home, ate, had our meeting and had a pairs Blitz competition run by Victor and Glynis in the evening.

Friday we were at the National House by 0845 and this was another two round day with the U12s playing steadily scoring 4 points in each round to remain just ahead of their target whilst the U15s recovered from a poor morning (5 points) to reach their target of 6.5 in the afternoon. There were some dogged performances especially from the U15s in the afternoon and Victor is happy with the way things are going. Meanwhile in the Beskydy event Matthew met an old friend of ours Taddeus who has joined in with us for the last 6 years but his friendliness only showed itself in the post match analysis. In the afternoon, however, Matthew played an FM and gained his first titled scalp. The evening was split 50\50 with half going to the local Aquapark with Peter and the others playing exchange with Victor and Glynis. A good time was had by all, and two future trips were also arranged during the day.

As usual we were at the National House by 0845 and there



was only one round today except for Matthew and he scored an excellent 1.5 to gain even more rating points. The U15s got 6.5 points whilst the U12s scored 4 for the fourth time in a row. Various of the players got good positions but were unable to convert them in to the extra half point. The afternoon was given over to social events and 16 of our players were lucky enough to be picked for one of the simultaneous displays. These were timed and even though our wins were on time a win against a gm is a win! Kumar Dixit beat Edouard Andreev (Ukraine) whilst Rohan Bansal beat Oleg Ivanov (Russia), Draws were gained by Theo Slade (Andreev), Alex Kitshoff and Aloysius Lip (Ivanov) and Romasn Mitra against Vlastimil Hort (Czech Republic). This was more than I could do as I lost to him in an evening event.

There were other activities which, although mostly for younger players, our lads entered in to the spirit of things and took part. We then watched the local talent show which did, perhaps, have too much audio this year. In the past it has been very visual. In the evening Victor and Glynis ran a consultation event whilst I took part in a simul and social event at the National House. Surprisingly we were at the National House by 0845. There were two rounds and these could prove vital

for potential prize winners. We were very proud of the effort put in by the group and this was reflected in a good all round performance. The results are shown below but for the first time for many years we are in with a chance of first prize in three sections (the girls prizes at U12 are separate). Obviously this depends on some good results tomorrow but the players are certainly “up for it”. In the evening we played Millionaire but did not have time for the tie break. The winners will be announced tomorrow. One winner from yesterday was Simon Leung who won a draw for a football.

Monday 9th April We were at the National House for 0745!! And for the final round we had 4 players on stage and 14 flags which is a record. We gained all our targets and, when the dust had settled we had three prize winners; Andrew Horton 3rd U15s, Eva Ressel 3rd in U 12 girls and Theo Slade 4th in U12s. There were only 5 prizes this year (less sponsorship) so we missed out on one more. After the prize giving we had the play off of millionaire and this was won by Theo and Harry.

We then moved to the Town Square where we had our Town Trail. This was won by Aloysius and Leo with a really good score of 17. Then it was on to the bowling where, again, a good time was had by all. The winners here were Toby Harris (older) and Harry Grieve (U12s). We then returned to the hotel where packing loomed and we spent the evening on that chore. On the final day we caught the 0827 train to Ostrava and, tired nit happy, retraced our steps back to England.

Final Scores

Beskydy Tournament:- Matthew Payne 5

Under 15s:- Rohan Bansal 4, Paul Calderon 4.5, Alexei Davis 5.5, Kumar Dixit 4.5, Toby Harris 3, Andrew Horton 6, Shyam Kalairajah 5, Alex Kitshoff 2.5, Simon Leung 3.5,



Roman Mitra 5.5, Pavan Murali 4, Leo Tsoi 5

Under 12s:- Harry Grieve 5, Jake Liang 5.5, Aloysius Lip 6, Eva Ressel 5, Theo Slade 6, Brian Tarhon 5.5, Aditya Yanamandra 3.5

Players – Rohan Bansal, Paul Calderon, Alexei Davis, Kumar Dixit, Harry Grieve, Toby Harris, Andrew Horton, Shyam Kalairajah, Alex Kitshoff, Simon Leung, Jake Liang, Aloysius Lip, Roman Mitra, Pavan Murali, Matthew Payne, Eva Ressel, Theodore Slade, Brian Tarhon, Leo Tsoi, Aditya Yanamandra

Coaches – Victor Cross, Glynis Purland, Peter Purland

Junior Squad Championships 2012

– from Peter Purland

These were held at Tiffins School in Kingston-upon-Thames and attracted 144 players in four sections, including many of our best juniors. The U16s was the smallest with the closeness of GCSEs persuading many to stay away (although intelligent chess players have nothing to fear!!)

17 took part and the lead changed hands when the early leader, Oskar Hackner, was defeated by Joseph Levene. Joseph, in turn, was defeated by Jamie Tilston and, as Oskar won his last game these two shared first place with Kumar Dixit and Philip Knott third equal on 3.5.

There were 27 U14 players and, again, this was closely contested. Ananth Balaji and Akito Oyama drew in Round Four and were joined on 3.5 by Adam C Taylor. The final round saw Ananth defeat Adam, whilst Leo Tsoi beat Akito. This left Ananth sole winner with Leo and Taran Jina second on 4 points. Akito, Adam and Prashast Vir were 4= a further half point behind.

The U 12s was the largest section with 59 players and was very hard fought. Dion Huang, Jake Liang, David Liu and Yang-Jian Zhou were all on 3/3 but then all drew to be joined on 3.5 by James Kearney and Joshua Higgs. In the final round Jake beat James, Joshua beat Dion and Yang-Jian beat David leaving three joint winners. Matthew McLachlan and Richard Zhu shared fourth place.

The U10s had 41 players with Nikolai Hinterreither and Koby Kalavannan sharing first place and Joshua Altman, Anantha Anilkumar and Charlie McLaren joint third.

Thanks are due to Marc Shaw for arranging the venue and arbiting, Alec Webster for doing the entries and finance as well as arbiting and Rob Wilmoth for helping with the sections. I would also like to thank Tiffins School for hosting the event

8th World Schools Individual Chess Championships 2012

Iasi, Romania 28 April – 6 May - from Hillary Altman et al
Here in Iasi, pronounced “Yahhj”, the former capital city of Romania, still boasting faded elegance, the voice of the President of the Romanian Chess Federation is booming across the sport hall. It signals that the World Schools Championships and Round 1 are about to begin. The parents’ applause (they are over 1000 in number) from the stands that overlook the playing floor is a vigorous kick-off to the many countries, languages and row upon row of children who are assembled. They are firmly tethered to their seats, as FIDE, the world chess organization, holds these serious young players to adult standards – those not seated when the clocks are released, will forfeit.

The players have made their journeys from home countries including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Iran, Zimbabwe, Turkey, Israel and Russia, and many of these have been traveling to international tournaments and rigorously training

with their teams and coaches as part of their everyday lives and education. Most already hold world rankings. For England's talented junior champions, it is a first opportunity.



The playing floor is filled with the hum of curiosity, anticipation and a few raw nerves, and the stands are filled with hope and excitement. The stakes are high. Over the next 9 days, one round, lasting several hours, will be played each afternoon. World titles, trophies, and triumph are to be had by the winners from each category, boys and girls aged 5-18.

Round 1 pairs top seeded players against unrated ones. That places England in an early underdog position, with some surprising pairings. Under 7 Jeff Tomy is facing the top seed. Under 11 Meytal Cohen is matched against a Hungarian candidate master rated 1786. Max Elliott is facing the 6th seed, from Kazakhstan, rated 1855. Yang-Jian Zhou is facing the 5th seed, a Romanian rated 1976.

The sudden sound of a loud clap from hundreds of clocks being slapped all at once by firm hands brings the hall to silence as first moves are made on the boards. Several seats are empty, and Luke Remus-Elliott and Richard Zhu prevail for England with two early wins by default.



Under 7 Callaghan McCarty-Snead earns a quick draw against a Turkish opponent. And, in one of the day's most exciting wins, an injured player, under 9 Tai Remus-Elliott, cracks on to victory. He was playing with two broken fingers (the most critical kind of disability a chess player can face!) Having spent the earlier part of the day being transported via Romanian ambulance to hospital, he still managed to kick up a pawn storm, opening the kings file and queening a pawn to victory. Tai says of his attacking win, "It was a funny situation,

he kept moving his rook back and forth, back and forth, back and forth, on and on!"

19 other heads-in-hands, held high, came in as defeats across the next four hours. The games were long and hard fought, and each an intense challenge against a stronger player, but there were no upsets. Post-game analysis went on into the night, as the team met to together with their coaches with strong camaraderie and quite a few hindsights:

Under 9 Joshua Altman, against a Moldovan opponent, steadily reflects, "I should have trapped a bishop in the middle game, yeah, I should have done that."

Under 13 Anna Purvis, facing a Turkish opponent rated 1638, was a pawn up, had 2 passed pawns, missed blockading with the knight on b6, and misplaced a knight on b8, costing the game. She deadpans with a quick smile, "I blame the coach!"

Under 11 Max Elliott misplaced a queen in middle game, costing him 5 tempo moves to equalise his position, and cost him the game. He declares, "I should have beaten him easily – he was only world #24!"

Under 13 Sam Cobbold, facing an Azerbaijani rival rated 1711, declared him to have a "disturbing stare." He shares, "It was pretty even through most of the game, I had to swap a passed pawn for a piece and it spiraled downward from there. I was felled by my scary opponent."

Under 13 Ananth Vijayakumar, who faced an Azerbaijani player rated 1711, got a knight, but his opponent had two passed pawns and pushed it to a queen. Ananth says, "It was unstoppable!"

Finally, for the day, Under 13 Akito Oyama brought home a beautiful win against an unseeded Romanian opponent.

Finding our rhythm

After round 2 today, we have begun to settle in and rely on our talents. The round has just come to a close and as a quick update we have 8 wins and 5 draws to report today. A highlight was in the under 7s, both Callaghan McCarty-Snead and Jeff Tomy won their games.

Sam Cobbold won, too, against a Romanian graded 1764 – they were even throughout until he put his rook on a half-open file, used two rooks and a knight to slowly tear apart his defense, and forced his opponent to resign in the endgame – he was four pawns up. Ananth Vijayakumar won his game against an Indian opponent. He was even in the opening and the middle until his opponent swapped a knight for his bishop and he managed to capture the pawns, and Ananth managed to get a queen for the win. Alex van Lint prevailed against a Tunisian opponent – he was in a draw situation throughout the game against a stronger player, but in the end sacked his knight and it was check forking the king rook, forcing his opponent to take it and he resigned, basically (says Alex, "although he could have got out of it but didn't") and James Moreby defeated a Romanian. He reports, "I played the

English opening, in middle game he accidentally trapped his own bishop, and I was a piece up for the whole game until the endgame where I had a passed pawn and then he sacrificed his knight for a pawn and I went on to win the endgame ... and that's it!" Jake Liang and Karina Chan won their games strongly.

The best draw of the day was held by Richard Zhu, against the top seed from Ukraine, rated 2085. Max Elliott drew against a local "Yahhhj" – he says, "I was attacking for most of the game, but in the end I couldn't keep my attack up, but after that we were still equal and therefore agreed a draw." The girls brought in three solid draws – Eleanor Hapeshi against a Moldovan rated 1480, Jennifer Neil against a Moldovan rated 1420 and Imogen Camp against an Indian opponent.

Joseph Friar, the last to finish, lost by a hair against an Azerbaijani player rated 1822.

A test of nerves

Today, round 3, is probably the most important turning point of the 9 rounds that the players will face. The board orders are starting to sort out into a top and a bottom. For those who have achieved wins so far, about half our team, the pressure is on as they have moved into the higher boards. For the others, today will determine if they've shaken off their arrival jitters – it turns out each of the earlier days' games could have been won, but opportunities were overlooked.

So it's clear while we have strong hope, raw talent and keen ability, there are many other factors at play – the hot climate, noisy room, strange city and opponents who speak different languages and transpose unknown notation symbols.



Joshua Altman

The first finish of the day is poignant for me – it's Joshua Altman (the author's son), a just-turned 8yr-old playing under 9s, who's previous two rounds were best described as self-defeats. He managed to shrug off round 1, but yesterday's game, round 2, went over 3 hours, and he was way off

his game. In the replay, his coaches' analysis sums it up best:

From Ray Keene, "JUST SEEN JOSHS ROUND V THE RUSSIAN. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT HE HAD THE RUSSIAN KID CRUSHED LIKE A BUG BUT KEPT ON NOT QUITE FINDING THE KILLER MOVE."

... and from Lorin d'Costa, "did he just get tired or something?"

Sainbayar Tserendorj contributed a more forensic analysis, re-mastering the key downturns, and finally, Neil McDonald applied motivational tactics, guiding Joshua through games of the ages, a favorite match – Morphy vs Anderson. Joshua's teammates offered many, many pats on the back, and James

Moreby's dad brought back a surprise happy meal from McDonalds!

It all worked. Josh settled in, putting it all behind him, and as black, maneuvered an easy tactical win today. He's very pleased to be over his jitters ... two other early wins have come in from Jeff Tomy and Joseph Dalton. More to come shortly as round 3 continues ...

Beware the Levenfish!

Today's round 3 final results are in – we earned a total 9 wins for England, and one 4hr long, hard-won draw by Anna Purvis, the youngest girl playing under 13. Imogen Camp also earned her 1st win for Wales. She says "I set up a trap for my Romanian opponent and she fell for it. She thought it was a swap, but she lost a knight." Jeff Tomy and Callaghan McCarty-Snead both aced their under 7 games, giving Callaghan our team lead with 2½ out of 3. Other winners are Joshua Altman, Max Elliott ('My first international win!' – Max), Yang-Jian Zhou, Eleanor Hapeshi, Akito Oyama and Samuel McConnell.

Joseph Dalton also won – and was impromptu host to an ambassadorial exchange: his Pakistani competitor offered him a coin prior to the outset of their game, 1/100 of a rupee, for goodwill and perhaps a bit of a wink, and Joseph responded equivalently (he thinks) with 50 pence! Joseph went on to defeat and later befriend him!

James Moreby sadly fell afoul of the Levenfish trap, and we are wishing him and the unlucky "13? others, success tomorrow!

A way of life

We are accustomed to the power outages, sporadic hot water, stray dogs, crumbling sidewalks and buildings, and the scarcity of a fresh apple. At the same time, we've come to appreciate our abundance and freedoms, and the team have heightened awareness and appreciation of their privilege. Our notice of these differences is twofold – as we walk down a Romanian street and are permeated by Iasi's everyday life; and as we observe other teams' way of life, knowing that their team membership and performance is a core commodity of their country.

We are sharing accommodation with the Turkish delegation, and have learned their players have been rigorously coached by some of the most formidable names – Karpov, Kasparov – and are housed and supported by their governments. In contrast, the England team and coaches have arrived from different parts of the country, to travel and play together for the first time, in their first international venue. Still, the team spirit and support is remarkable. Bonds sure to last have already been formed among us – the parents, coaches and players.

We have settled by now into our routine. Breakfast is taken as a group. Mornings are spent with coaches, in small sessions individually reviewing games and strategies of our opponents – the pairings are posted for the following day just after

rounds' end, and that sparks lively discussion over the evening meal. There is lunch – buffet style in the dining room, although a few of us have undertaken meal replacement strategies ranging from McDonalds to KFC to Pizza Hut (there is one of each). Then we walk or take the 'FIDE' bus to the sport hall. We arrive en masse and then dash for the boards sets in. The rounds begin, and as the players complete their games hours later, they find their way out to the 'magic garden' – a patio hut among the adjoining buildings (some of which are in various states of unfinished or ongoing construction) where parents, players and Sainbayer Tserendorj, 'forensic' coach, gather to share the ups and downs of the games.

Round 4 does not quite mark the halfway point of the 9 rounds, but today the players' pairings reveal the intensity and quality of the anticipated games -

As two England players are set to face each other (Joseph Dalton and Jake Liang) the team gathers around to express their empathy for two friends forced to battle.

Jennifer Neil, U15, will face an Azerbaijani opponent – she has been preparing by studying her rival's previous games, and can plan for the strategy and style she will likely use.

Jim Friar, a coach and dad of Joseph, plays through previous games and offers predictions to Jeff Tomy and Sam Cobbold. Sam's opponent plays the Dragon and e4, and they will look at 'slaying the dragon'. He abstains from coaching Joseph Dalton today, as he will face Jake.

Meytal Cohen, Phoebe Price and Joseph Friar are all hoping for first wins. Imogen, who had her first win yesterday, will now be facing a Woman Candidate Master, and Eleanor Hapeshi will face the under 14 top seed.

As we arrive, the air in the sport hall is stifling and dead still. The daily rumour that parents may be banned from the viewing stands that overlook the players is spreading, and fueling its cause of talking among those eagerly watching. Stern warnings are shouted in Romanian to the stands.

The afternoon unfolds as one might imagine – hot, anxious and slow, but the players, and strong results prevail ...

All good news – for first-time winners Meytal Cohen, Phoebe Price and Joseph Friar, and another win for Ananth Vijayakumar.

Jake Liang's win over team-mate and friend Joseph Dalton was bittersweet, as it was both a win and a loss for England.

Tai Remus-Elliot and Joshua Altman steadily won their under 9 games. Joshua was helped to an even quicker victory when his Moldovan opponent was caught snoozing as his clock expired!

Eleanor Hapeshi drew against the top seeded under 14 girl, Imogen Camp drew against a WCM and Anna Purvis, Jennifer Neil and Richard Zhu brought home three more draws for the day.

The final count in round 4: 7 wins and 5 draws!

Pairings

It's inevitable that friendships, once formed, will be tested. As the World Schools 2012 is an individual championship and the

rules have been set, the team now faces some of the tournament's toughest hurdles – those which pit team-mates against each other and apply pressure to newly discovered friendships.

Yesterday's round 4 match between Jake Liang and Joseph Dalton was no oddity. 3 more England-England games are scheduled for today. Sam Cobbold will play Alex van Lint, Luke Remus-Elliot will face Samuel McConnell, and Tai Remus-Elliot will face his best buddy, Joshua Altman.



Phoebe Price with sister Olivia

In the case of Sam vs Alex, they have different coaches and live in opposite parts of England. Says alex, "I think its really bad, we came to play other people instead of our own team." Sam says, "I don't feel great because he's one of my friends, but in the end it's a game and we'll still be good friends."

From Luke, optimistically "At least he will speak English!" and from Samuel, a shrug and an "I'm not sure."

For Tai and Joshua, they are both 8 years old and chums. They share a coach in GM Neil McDonald. The three spent the morning preparing together by going through some of Bobby Fischer's best games, doing puzzles, and trying to laugh it off, perhaps a bit too hard. The players chime together a response in earnest "I want to win" when asked about their feelings. Neil reflects, "This is a world championship, a hard fought draw would be everyone's best outcome – a nice, clean fight."

Sun Tzu states timelessly in *The Art of War*, "He who knows when he can fight and when he cannot, will be victorious." As the players all proudly sport their England t-shirts, it is hard not to notice the resemblance of the England flag they wear abreast to the universal symbol for a draw (index fingers crossed into a +)!

Our best games

We are proud of our 5th round results today – 11 wins and 3 draws. The buzz has changed – no longer are sighs from 'blunders' being heard. Rather, the team have settled into a more sophisticated and analytical vocabulary of strategy, position and tactics.

Those winning today were Anna Purvis, Phoebe Price, Eleanor Hapeshi, Yang-Jian Zhou, Richard Zhu, Akito Oyama and Joseph Friar. Additional wins, hailed as ambivalent successes, were earned by Luke Remus-Elliot, Alex van

Lint and Joshua Altman, who fought solidly against their own England team-mates, and a bye for Jennifer Neil. Meytal Cohen, Callaghan McCarty-Snead, and Karina Chan all held their own evenly, earning draws.

Eleanor Hapeshi, playing under 13 girls, earned a personal best against her Romanian opponent – she now boasts 3 points, exceeding her own early target of 2. Says Eleanor, “I calculated quite far but it took me longer than I thought to checkmate her.” She credits her win to spot-on preparation and coaching she’s received from IM Lawrence Cooper, and notes that he recapped her opponent’s games, digging all the way back to 2009. Her mum agrees that the coaching has been critical in order to play at a world-class level.



Richard Zhu, competing in under 13s, who drew yesterday against the top seed, surpassed that today with a strong win against a Romanian opponent.

In the game

We are expecting our best efforts to prevail today. Round 6 has just begun, the 2/3 mark of the championships. Most noticeable among the 24 England team players is their self-assuredness and determination. Each has earned multiple wins or draws and is well-accustomed to the rigor (and danger of distraction) of the 4-hour round. The game is the focus, finally, as it should be, and each player has the stamina needed. The players and coaches have been working together, preparing for hours every morning and evening. There is a synergy and working style about approaches and a strong desire to achieve. Our hopes are high as this afternoon unfolds.

Chess is an endurance sport, no mistake, these players know their endgame is within reach ...

... well – all but two results are in. On our best day yet we can report 9 wins and 5 draws so far. That places Akito Oyama and Callaghan McCarty-Snead on 4 points and Joshua Altman on 3½.

Wins were earned by Akito, Callaghan, Jake Liang (in a quick tactical game), Luke Remus-Elliot, Tai Remus-Elliot, Imogen Camp, Anna Purvis, Jennifer Neil and Meytal Cohen, whose game will appear here soon – her coach, Sabrina Chevannes, said it was ‘really well played!’

Draws were achieved by Joshua Altman, Jeff Tomy, Ananth

Vijayakumar, Max Elliott and Samuel McConnell.

In a candid moment, Callaghan gave a ‘celebrity radio interview’ to Romanian Kiss FM! When asked if he had had a chance to see the city, he answered an honest “No!”

Chess diplomacy

As round 7 gets underway today, something is different. Handshakes and smiles, usually saved for team-mates, are being offered eagerly across the aisle, to now familiar faces, former and future opponents.

Players are comfortable on this new world stage – many have exchanged small gifts, postcards and emails. Our team has befriended the Turkish, Mongolian, Pakistani and Zimbabwean players. The Romanian team, our local hosts, have been among the most eager to engage in new friendships. As the only team who has not traveled internationally for the event, they seem particularly aware of the faraway places that each visitor represents.

They have found a way to communicate, playing friendly chess games and football, where English is not understood. They are talking about when they will meet again – at the European championships, World Youth and beyond. It’s a display of both sportsmanship and respect, and a certain sign of future leadership – that these game players, the youth of many disparate countries, are open to exchange ...

... five – nil! First five games in, all wins! Well played Jeff Tomy, Joshua Altman, James Moreby, Joseph Dalton and Sam Cobbold!

... two more straight wins just in – Akito Oyama and Yang-Jian Zhou ...

Quotes from the winners ...

Akito Oyama, who leads the team on 5 points, of his game against an Azerbaijani opponent -

“I played quite an aggressive opening, so I tried my best to crush his king and it worked.”

Joshua Altman, on 4½ points, of his game against Romanian Isfan Ioan-Marius –

“I feel like I played my best and I concentrated, and I deserved to win!”

Yang-Jian Zhou, now on 3½ points, earned his win today against Abdul al-Hamed from the United Arab Emirates, rated 1787 -

“Coach GM Neil McDonald prepared me well, and I attacked Abdul on the queen side, until he collapsed.”

Sam Cobbold, about his Zimbabwean opponent -

“I wiped the floor with him – slowly I whipped away pieces and pawns, until there was nothing. But we shook hands, played cola bottle cricket (an England team innovation) and I’ve made a new friend!”

Joseph Dalton, on his win against a Pakistani opponent, who is one of his new friends made here in Romania (and a cola bottle cricket player) -

“I was part of the one-point gang and I wanted it – today we all won, me, Sam and James. I feel great.”

James Moreby, who “caught the toad-in-the-hole,” as he faced a Romanian boy called Toader –

“I won in 39 moves because he swapped off all the pieces.”

... and of Jeff Tomy’s clean, tactical win, coach Jim Friar said

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“Jeff had never seen that opening, it was good preparation and he played as predicted. I met Jeff walking on the road after the game and he was well pleased! “

Underdogs – honourable mentions

Also worth noting – the girls’ losses over the last couple days have been amazing battles. Imogen & Eleanor’s games were 4hrs+, 80-90 move games, and Anna Purvis succumbed narrowly today to an U14 rated #80 in the world! Phoebe also held on, but was ultimately defeated by a ranked Russian opponent.

Deep into that darkness peering ...

It feels as if we are nearing the close – only two rounds to go, departure flights being posted and trophies now on display and within reach for some. The players have settled right in, the FIDE arbiters have all but given up on trying to evict noisy parents from the hall. The parents are all a bit tightlipped as we know the final stakes – and the ticking clock against them.



As we are somewhere deep in Transylvania, and there is a thunderstorm overhead this afternoon, a bit of dark romanticism is in order – Edgar Allan Poe and the sentiment of his ‘tell-tale heart’ comes to mind. As in the poem, there is in this room a heightening of acute senses, a pounding becoming louder and louder in our heads as the windows go dark and the intensity of the final games unfolds. My son’s opponent has a ‘vulture eye’ and I can see him leaning far over the board, trying to stare him down, I am sure of it! Like Poe, I feel I will explode, I must jump up and scream!

Thankfully the other parents remind me to remain sane, and collectively we come up with a bit of Romanian relief. They remind me -

- 1 – There IS a Romanian word for ‘Yes’ ... CASH!
- 2 – We have successfully liberated the butter – butter for

everyone!

3 – It’s raining – we can shower outside instead of under the brown water that comes from the tap!

4 – It is the weekend, which means there will be a new wine offered to our group, as it quietly ‘disappears’ from the catered event being held on the premises. We speculate the bride and groom will not notice the double dipping, oops we mean double tipping!

5 – It’s raining, the lone internet signal will surely be down everywhere – no need to all rush for the internet chair

6 – It’s raining, the power will go out any moment – might as well head for the Moldova mall, as the Kalashnikov shop (located conveniently between the children’s toy shop and the KFC) surely has its own generator!

7 – At least the dogs will get a bath, we can cross flea powder off our wish list!

8 – Ah-choo! sounds conveniently like “Ceausescu!”

9 – Our children have learned the language. Who minds they are the words we never want them to repeat

10 – We won’t need our own invisible ink if the roof begins leaking onto the players scoresheets – but we will still be wondering how those Romanian pgn files keep getting misplaced

Still wishing for a pair of binoculars, but we’re all laughing heartily (of course in quiet whispers) now, and the players, the reason we wouldn’t trade a moment of this great adventure, are beginning to finish their games. And ... if the rain lets up, an international game of cola bottle cricket will be up next.

Romania Round 8 – brief report

7 wins – Jake Liang, Joseph Friar, Joseph Dalton, Samuel McConnell, James Moreby (his game is featured below), Karina Chan and Callaghan McCarty-Snead

5 draws – Jennifer Neil, Anna Purvis, Phoebe Price, Meytal Cohen, Ananth Vijayakumar

Coach GM Neil McDonald – “After four losses by my group today, I am feeling glum, but hoping for a strong finish tomorrow”

Romania – meet the coaches

As the first moves of the last round are played across the sport hall, there is a quick rhythm and momentum to studied and anticipated sequences. D4, E4 ... and the lines evolve. No England player will be caught in an early trap or blunder – the standard of play is too high, and the preparation too thorough ...



“Fortune teller,” “Psychic,” and “Predictions came true” are heard most often when the players are asked to describe their coaches. They have prepared all 24 so thoroughly, in so little time, to compete on this world stage ... and as for the players, they are eager to be taught by such dedicated and attentive masters. They are transformed and confident.

As Ananth puts it, “It’s a great thing being taught by a great mentor.”

IM Lawrence Cooper [Head of Delegation], GM Neil McDonald, IM Adam Hunt, WFM Sabrina Chevannes, Sainbayar Tserendorj and James Friar are our laudable company. From the players and parents, “Thanks, coach!”

Romania – results

English and Welsh final scores were as follows:

Under 7s: Callaghan McCarty-Snead 5/9 Jeff Tomy 4.5/9
Under 9s: Joshua Altman 5.5/9 Tate Remus-Elliot 3.5/9
Under 11s: Luke Remus-Elliot 4/9, James Moreby 3.5/9, Max Elliott 3, Samuel McConnell 2.5/9
Under 13s: Akito Oyama 5/9, Jake Liang & Richard Zhu 4/9, Joseph Dalton, Alexander Vanlint, Ananth Vijayakumar & Yang-Jian Zhou 3.5/9, Samuel Cobbold 2.5/9
Under 15s: Joseph Friar 4/9
Under 11 Girls: Imogen Camp 4 (Wales) and Meytal Cohen 3/9
Under 13 Girls: Eleanor Hapeshi & Anna Purvis 4/9, Karina Chan 3/9
Under 15 Girls: Jennifer Neil 4/9
Under 17 Girls: Phoebe Price 2.5/9

The coaches were Sabrina Chevannes, Lawrence Cooper, Jim Friar, Adam Hunt, Neil McDonald and Sainbayar Tserendorj

School Chess Championships in York

The event was held at Bootham Junior School on 13th May and results were as follows:-

Year 9 and under

1st – Louis Romer (St John Fisher)
2nd – Bardy Hills (Saage All Saints)
3rd – Kevin Williams (Bramcote)
Merit award – Alexander Goldthorpe (Manor) and Toby Wrightson (Bramcote)
Team winners – Bramcote School.

Year 6 and under

1st – Eddie Phillips (Bootham Junior)
2nd – James Dessent (Minster)
3rd – Robert Gowland (Wigginton)
4th – Charlotte Benson (Poppleton Road)
5th – Marcus Tomlinson (Cundall Manor)
Merit awards – Adam Sullivan (Bootham), Joseph Thornber (St Wilfrids) and Fraser Thornton (Wigginton)
Team winners – 1st Bootham Junior, 2nd Wigginton Primary

Year 4 and under

1st – Benjamin Sinclair Shaw (Bootham)

2nd – Matthew Mairs (Cundall Manor)
3rd – Oliver Tomalin (Cundall)
4th – Katie Jayne Clement (Wheldrake)
5th – James Arcidiacono (Cundall Manor)
Merit awards – William Hallidie-Smith (Knavesmire), Alex Sykes, Ralph Butterfield, Ben Tomalin (Cundall), Darsh Johar (Bootham) and Tom Jenner (St Barnabas)
Team winners – 1st Cundall Manor, 2nd Bootham Junior School

Thanks to all the helpers and the school facilities – there was a good entry of 94

- Peter Cloudsdale, Organiser

Prague Trip 2012 – Under 12s

- from Peter Purland

Our annual Under 12 trip this year was to Prague where we were guests of Jaroslav Nemeč and the Caritas Organisation. On Saturday 2nd June two groups assembled. Daniel Abbas, Matthew Fergusson, Ashwin Kalyana, James Kearney, Mark Kenyon and Johann Power met Glynis and Peter at Manchester and flew to Prague via Frankfurt. Although we were slightly late in Frankfurt we still had plenty of time and arrival in Prague was early. Meanwhile Victor was at Heathrow meeting Joshua Higgs, Taran Jina, David Liu, Matthew McLachlan, Richard Meikle-Briggs, James Meredith, Gwilym Price, Billy Twigge-Molecey, Prashast Vir and Richard Zhu. Their plane was about 10 minutes late in to Prague. We were all met at the airport by Jaroslav’s family and employees and taken to the Pension Krystal which is owned by Caritas. We settled in and had dinner after which the players went in to the garden and played soccer whilst Victor, Glynis and I had a meeting with Jaroslav. We then had a meeting with the players before going to bed ready for a speed chess tournament the next day.

The timings in the Czech Republic can be a culture shock for our players as breakfast was 0700 and round one (of nine) was at 0915. The event took place at Rakovnik which was just over an hours drive towards Plsen and was 20 minutes each on the clock. This was a local one day event with almost all the other 34 players being adults with an average rating of about 1950 so we were in for a tough day. As only two of our players had fide ratings we were kept apart in round one but the standard was high and we were almost all playing top half players. This showed in the results (+3 =1 -12). Round Two only had one inter squad game (drawn) and our final total was +8=4-4. Round three was fairly typical of the yoyo effect as we scored +4 =2 -10. Round four result was +2 =8 -6 and at the lunch break our top player was Mark Kenyon on 2.5. His reward was a 2017 player and the result was predictable giving Joshua Higgs, Gwilym Price and Richard Zhu the chance to leapfrog him. Fortified by a good lunch we produced our second best result in round 5 with +4 =7 -5. In round six only Gwilym of our top three won leaving him our sole player on 4\6 but a 2104 opponent undid him in round seven and he was joined on 4 by Matthew McLachlan and Billy Twigge-Molecey. Round six was +5 =4 -7 whilst round seven was very similar

with +5 =3 -8. Gwilym lost again in round eight but Matthew and Billy won to move on to 5 points. Our score this round was 9 (+7 =4 -5) – perhaps we are getting used to the time limit! In the final round Billy and Matthew were paired and any result other than a draw should see them in the prize list. Matthew won our vital battle to finish off with 6\9 The final round produced 9½ points (+9 =1 -6) so ending off very strongly. Matthew got 9th place prize and Billy got the prize for the best U1800. It is a measure of the strength of the tournament that the best 1800 was almost halfway down. By standard conversion only two of our players are over 1800 so the scores were certainly as good as we could expect. We then returned to the hotel taking a little longer as there were traffic jams coming in to Prague but we were still eating just after 1900 and after another good meal the boys went out to play football. We then had our usual meeting and headed for bed.

Monday looked to be a busy day although we were thankful for an 0830 breakfast. Our first activity was bowling and we were there for two hours. The best of the players (by a long way) was Mark Kenyon who averaged 75 per game although all of them seemed to enjoy themselves and the gutters did not see too much use! We then had an outside simultaneous against WGM Katerina Nemcova. She was given a hard time by our 16 youngsters and conceded losses to James Meredith, Joshua Higgs and Johann Power. We were running a bit late going on our sightseeing of Prague and started off with a tram trip to the city centre where we met our guide. We got the funicular up Castle Hill (Perlin) and looked at the Hungry Wall (a 15th century job creation scheme) then the Czech Eiffel Tower before going in a mirror maze which proved great fun. (The old ones are still very good!). We then walked to the main castle but were forced in to a café by very heavy rain which, of course, further delayed us. We saw the changing of the guard at the castle entrance then looked round the outside of the castle and St Vitus Cathedral before walking down Golden Street and out down the Old Castle Steps. We then went to Charles Bridge with all its statues before going across it and meeting our transport the far side. We were then taken out to a newly opened gym complex (owned by our hosts brother) where the players had a 4 a side soccer competition won by Prashast, Tara, James K and Matthew Mc whilst Glynis and I had a swim. We then gorged ourselves on pizzas before the players had a mini soccer competition won by Josh. Then it was back to the hotel, a quick meeting and bed.

Tuesday started with an 0800 breakfast after which we got on the bus for our castles tour. There was heavy rain on the journey which, fortunately had stopped by the time we reached Konopiste Castle. This was the home of Crown prince France Ferdinand, his wife Sophie and there three children and was almost an exile as the Hapsburg establishment did not approve of Sophie. However with his love of hunting (there are over 3000 trophies in the castle) he was happy with his situation. Unfortunately for the pair they were sent to Sarajevo in 1914 and the rest is history. The Czechoslovak government confiscated all Hapsburg possessions and the castle is now in state ownership. Fortunately most of the furniture, the superb collection of weapons and the trophies remained intact and it was this that we were shown during an excellent tour. We then

had time in the souvenir shops before moving on. We then had roughly an hours drive to Karlstein where we went to a very nice local restaurant. Fish and chips proved the favourite – two fish each! – whilst a few others sampled the rest of the menu.

We walked up to the castle which was steep but OK and followed this with a guided tour of the castle. This was built by Charles IV who seems to be the most revered of the Czech monarchs. It had become ruined in the 19th century but was reconstructed in the late 19th century so much of what is seen is not very old. Nevertheless it was furnished authentically. It is in three parts, residence, central tower (which includes the religious areas) and the treasury tower where the crown jewels used to be kept. This area has never been taken in battle. After the tour we walked down through the village and got the coach back to Prague. Here we were in the Oasis Chess Club playing a match against Prague Juniors. They were slightly older than us but we are, of course, a national team. The time limits were faster than we had hoped for but the lads acquitted themselves well winning 11-5 with white and 8½ – 7½ with black to give us victory 19½ – 12½. Only Ashwin, Richard MB and Gwilym got 2\2 in what was a well fought match. We then had the good old continental favourite, the blitz tournament! This was dominated by the Hollan twins (who played in the South Wales International in Penarth). Petr Hollan was first with 6½ Martin Hollan 2nd with 6 and Mark 3rd with 5½. Boxes of chocolate were also won by Daniel 4th, Billy 5th, Parshast 8th, Richard 9th and Ashwin 10th. We returned to the hotel for our final dinner there and, as I send this, they are having a quiz which has been arranged by our hosts as part of their “Boy of the Visit” competition.

Wednesday was another 0800 breakfast after which we packed and those efficient enough had a last game of soccer. The final thanks were then said and the results of “Boy of the Visit” were announced. This saw Johann Power winner with Mark Kenyon runner up. We then headed for the old town square where we did our last souvenir shopping and saw the astronomical clock working before heading for the airport where we separated and flew home after a very successful trip. Many thanks are due to Jaroslav Nemeč, his family and the Caritas team for putting together a brilliant package and I am sure the boys enjoyed it, learnt a lot and formed greater friendships.

[full results can be found on the ECF website - www.englishchess.org.uk]

Regional matches v Wales 2012 – from Peter Purland

The matches between SE England and Wales and SW England and Wales took place in Monmouth School over the weekend of June 9th and 10th. Part of the object of these matches from the English point of view is to give players who just missed out on the England team a chance to experience an international match. The South East is usually the strongest area and is so again, but what Victor and I found very disappointing were the number of players who, at the trial six weeks ago, were definitely available but somehow, when they failed to get in the team, something else came up and they could not travel to Wales. The number this year was

10 out of 22 and, although obviously some have a good reason, most do not. From a team point of view, our reliable team members were willing to fill the gaps and the result was probably better than it would have been but that is not the point – commitment is lacking from either parent, child or both.

Anyway, on to the chess – the U14s played well to gain the victory by 15½ – 4½ and three newcomers to the scene gained valuable experience and, in two cases, 2 points! It was pleasing to see the top four boards winning 5½ – 2½ against a strong Welsh foursome. The U12s were stronger than intended and this showed with a 9-1 first round victory, although 4 games went beyond the 2 hour mark. The second round was closer (8½ – 3½) although SE still ran out comfortable winners 19½ – 4½. Here again it was good to see two late replacements getting maximum score. The U10 match proved the closest in the first round with England (not just South East) winning 8-4 but they came back in the second round to win 10-2 and take the match 18-6. Three matches went to the final few minutes so the score was not fully reflective of the effort put in.

Sunday saw the South West come to Monmouth. Both SW teams appeared as selected, as did the Welsh, and a much closer match was anticipated. This proved true in the U14s where the score after the first round was 5-5. However in the U12s the Welsh team played very well and turned round 9-3 to the good. I would have been interested to hear Victor's team talk but I am barred (particularly when Wales are involved!) It was obviously a very successful team talk as the U14s roared back to win 6½ – 3½ and thus take the match 11½ – 8½ and. Although the task was beyond the U12s, they did at least reduce the margin of loss, finally going down 16 – 8 (7-5 in round two).

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ECF Afternoon School Chess Tournament

Played at Wilson's School, 27th June – report by Neill Cooper
The inaugural ECF Afternoon School Chess Tournament was a great success. 8 schools took part fielding a total of 16 teams with 4 players in each team. The Elite tournament consisted of just 4 teams, two from hosts Wilson's and two from nearby Sutton GS. The Main tournament of 12 teams included many players who had not played chess for their school before.

The Main tournament was very close throughout. It was run on a game score (rather than match score) so all 16 games counted. Going in to the last round 1 point covered the top 6 teams. In the end the joint winners were Wallington County Grammar School and Wilson's Southwark House team with 10.5 out of 16. Equal third were the two Emanuel School teams and another Wilson's team.

Whilst Wilson's, Sutton, Wallington and Emanuel play each year in the Briant Poulter (Surrey Secondary School) League, there were 4 other schools taking part who do not regularly play inter-school chess. Of these the top school was

Warlingham School who scored 8 points, half a point ahead of St Peter's A with Ewell Castle team third and Nonsuch fourth.

Just one of the 48 players in this section won all their games, Daniel Coleman of Wallington. Wilson's Camberwell House team draw all four matches 2 – 2.

The Elite section was played as 2 paired matches between the Wilson's and Sutton GS teams. Some of the players had problems adjusting to a Fischer time limit of 10 mins + 2 secs per move. After the first two matches Wilson's A were in the lead with 6 point with Sutton A second on 4.5. The final result saw a turnaround with Sutton A winning on 10.5/16 followed by Wilson's B with 9.5 (ahead of Wilson's A). Two players in this section won all their games – Adam Taylor (Wilson's B) and Keith Barker (Wilson's A)

Main Event

Place	Name	Score
1st =	Wilson's Southwark	10.5
1st =	Wallington	10.5
3rd =	Wilson's Mix	9.5
3rd =	Emanuel B	9.5
3rd =	Emanuel A	9.5
6th	Wilson's Brecon	9
7th =	Wilson's Camberwell	8
7th =	Warlingham	8
9th	St Peter's A	7.5
10th	Ewell Castle	6.5
11th	Nonsuch	4
12th	St Peter's B	3.5

Elite Event

Place	Name	Score
1st	Sutton GS A	10.5
2nd	Wilson's B	9.5
3rd	Wilson's A	8
4th	Sutton B	4

ECF U18 / U13

Under 18 champions: Hertfordshire (18.5 pts / 24) | Runners up: Berkshire (18)

Under 18 schools joint prizewinners: Haberdashers & Reading School (1st=)

Under 18 best game prize: Ravi Haria (Herts)

Under 13 Open champions: Sussex (13.5 pts / 18) | Runners up: Cambridgeshire (13)

Under 13 Minor champions: Norfolk 'A' (16 pts / 18) | Runners up: Hampshire (13.5)

Under 13 Minor best game prize: Thomas Bartram (Norfolk 'B')

Glorney Cup report 2012

– from Peter Purland

This report includes comments on the Gilbert (U18 girls), Robinson (U14) and Stokes (U12) Cups. The event was held at Daventry Court Hotel which is one of the Puma Hotels chain and the venue for some of the 4NCL events. The venue was definitely hailed as the best in 20 years and if we have to go back to student accommodation it will be. Playing conditions were spacious and quiet, rooms were very comfortable and the food was good and at sensible prices. Unfortunately England is the only country with more than three of this chain and where they are only in the main cities they tend to be considerably more expensive. However, we can but hope for the future!

Now to the chess -

This year the competition proved much closer with England certainly not having everything their own way, although at the end of day two they were leading in three of the four tournaments. In the Glorney the first round saw 3-2 wins for England and Scotland but in round two England defeated Scotland 4-1 whilst Ireland accounted for Wales $3\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$. On the second day Wales defeated Scotland $3\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ whilst England got a whitewash against Ireland. The second day saw the first of the reverse games with Scotland and Wales doing better but going down 3-2 to England and Ireland respectively. This left England on 15 points, Wales on 9, Ireland $8\frac{1}{2}$ and Scotland $7\frac{1}{2}$. In the Gilbert we have had a lot of draws with 13/24 games ending even. Again things are fairly tight with England leading on 8, Scotland on $6\frac{1}{2}$, Ireland on 5 and Wales on $4\frac{1}{2}$.

The Robinson Cup is even closer. On day one Wales defeated England $4\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ and Ireland 4-2 but did not keep this pace up drawing with Scotland and losing 2-4 to Ireland. Scotland meanwhile lost $2\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$ to England in their first meeting but gained revenge by the same margin in the return. They also won 5-1 against Ireland whilst England beat Ireland $3\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$. This left Scotland leading narrowly with 14 points from Wales $13\frac{1}{2}$, England on 11 and Ireland on $9\frac{1}{2}$. The Stokes Cup is looking like an English victory although their total of $16\frac{1}{2}$ is only 5 ahead of Ireland with Scotland a further point behind and Wales on $9\frac{1}{2}$. Again almost all the games have been close with England's 5-1 win in round 4 pushing them well ahead.

To date the tournament has been played in a friendly, sporting manner and we look forward to some exciting chess in the final two rounds ...

We started the last day at 0900 to facilitate departures and the morning proved decisive in two tournaments but left the other two open. In the Glorney a $3\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ win for England over Wales gave England an unassailable lead although only one point separates the other three countries so there is still a lot to play for. The Gilbert saw 4/6 games and both matches drawn leaving England still $1\frac{1}{2}$ points ahead. In the Robinson Scotland and Ireland drew whilst Wales lost $2\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$ to England and entered the final round 1 point behind Scotland but with the better tie break. Finally England built up an unas-

sailable lead in the Stokes beating Wales $4\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ whilst Scotland beat Ireland $3\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$ leaving both countries tied on 14 points.

The first section to be completed was the Stokes where England saw off Ireland leaving Scotland, who had beaten Wales 4-2 in second place. The final tally was England 27, Scotland 18, Ireland 14 and Wales 13. The Robinson which all through had been the most exciting, went down to the last game with Scotland needing a win to clinch the title. England came third after drawing with Ireland. The final game finished 20 minutes from time with Rhys Bennett holding his nerve to clinch a 4-2 victory for Wales and with it the Robinson Cup: The final scores being Wales 20 points, Scotland 19, England $17\frac{1}{2}$ and Ireland $15\frac{1}{2}$. This is the first time Wales have ever won any section in this competition! The Gilbert also went down to the wire but a draw against Ireland ensured a win for England with 11 points followed by Scotland 10 pts, Ireland on 8pts and Wales 7pts. England had secured the Glorney with a round to go but the battle for second place went down to the last minute. England defeated Ireland $3\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ whilst James Thomas won a mad time scramble to gain a 3-2 win for Wales and second place. The final scores being England 22, Wales $13\frac{1}{2}$, Scotland 13 and Ireland $11\frac{1}{2}$ thus ending an excellent tournament with good chess and good sportsmanship throughout. After the prize giving we all departed for our various homes with many meetings in the North East the following week.

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Visit of Saxon Chess Players August 2012

In 2010 a group of 8 Junior Squad youngsters aged 11 and 12 visited Saxony after Victor had received an invitation to come during the Paignton Congress. Looking back in the diary I saw that we won the match 29-3 but I had commented that the Saxons were young but I felt had promise and I would be interested to see them in two years time playing our U12s. This was to be the opportunity as 5 of the 8 players were in the team that visited us.

The Saxons arrived at Liverpool Airport on Friday 10th August and settled down in their hotel. The leaders then met to sort out the programme after which they had a night's sleep. On Saturday, the Saxons and I met at Liverpool Town Hall. We chatted for a bit before going on an extensive tour of the city including There were quite good views although, unusually for this summer, there was a heat haze. They then walked down to the Beatles Story but there was a long queue so they spent time in Chavasse Park before going on to the cinema. Sunday was "Ferry Cross the Mersey" day but as well as the cruise they visited Spaceport and the Wallace and Gromit exhibition at Seacombe, had a picnic lunch and went on to Woodside to view the U Boat. They tried to repatriate it but their efforts were fruitless (it is surprisingly Danish property) so they returned to Liverpool empty handed.

Monday was the first of two days devoted mostly to chess. A minibus picked us up at the hotel and we were taken to Manchester Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) where

we spent a couple of hours looking round, using many interactive exhibits and seeing a textile making demonstration.

After lunch it was down to the chess. We played two 50 minute games at MOSI where the Saxons showed how much they had improved by winning 15-1!! We then went to Bolton for a fish and chip supper followed by a blitz tournament at Bolton Chess Club. We managed a total of 34 players and this included adults (some being of a high standard) and was won on 5\5 by Henrik Hoffmann who was the Saxon coach and plays for one of the teams in the 4NCL. Second place was shared by Robert Kreyssig, Joseph McPhillips, Selina Moses and Anna Nobis with Selina getting the trophy on tie break. Afterwards the coach took us back to Liverpool. After a night's sleep the Saxons got the train to Town Green where they were met by cars and taken to Aughton St Michael's where they were to play a combined England and Lancashire team.

Unfortunately, from an English point of view, the match went the way of Monday with some good games but the English coming off second best. Hari was the only one to score gaining a draw when his opponent made an illegal move in time trouble. This gave us our only half point. We then had a buffet lunch provided by the school and then got on to the second round. After three defeats it was Hari again who broke our duck. This was a far better round with the 4 England players drawing 2-2 and Cameron getting a draw on board 5. The final score was England 3 -13 Saxony but with some good close games. We then started the rapidplay in which we had 33 players. The Saxons gradually moved to the top but were challenged by Zheming Zhang (who came second=) and Kyle Sharpe who came fourth. The winner was Theo Gungl (board 2) half a point ahead of Zheming and Robert Kreyssig (Board 1). We then went to the Stanley Arms for a farewell dinner after which the Saxons returned to their hotel and flew out Wednesday.

World Junior Chess Championship 2012

– from Sonal Haria

The World Junior Chess Championship 2012 took place between 2nd to 15th August, in Athens, Greece. Further tournament information is at www.athens2012.com

This international trip was organised and made possible by Lawrence Cooper with both Lawrence and Mark Hebden coaching some of the players (Lawrence coached William, Henrik, Lateefah and Megan and Mark coached Yang-Fan, Callum and Ravi). Accompanying parent: Sonal (Ravi's mum) with a surprise visit from Ping (Yang-Fan's mum)

It was really impressive to see players from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland celebrating successes and helping each other through the tough 13 round tournament, which was attended by many full time junior chess professionals from countries whose leaders prioritise chess above many other pursuits including school. The top under 20 Girl is from China and the top under 20 Boy from Turkey. Our group all played close to or just below their rating, but this is too strong a tournament to expect to gain much in the way of rating

points!

The hotel and playing venue, Titania Hotel, in the centre of Athens (very close to the Acropolis), proved to be an excellent venue and the whole event was very well organised by the Greek Chess Federation.

Federation	Player Name	Rating	Score
England	IM Yang-Fan Zhou	2430	7
England	FM Callum Kilpatrick	2326	7
England	William Jones	2127	4.5
England	Ravi Haria	2054	5.5
England	Henrik Stepanyan	2022	4.5
England	Lateefah Messam-Sparkes	1947	5
England	Anna York-Anderson	1828	5.5
Wales	Ashley Davis	1929	4
Wales	Megan Owens	1816	5.5
Scotland	Clement Sreeves	2191	6
Scotland	Jonathan Edwards	2170	5.5
Ireland	Ryan Rhys Griffiths	2362	7



World U-16 Olympiad Istanbul 2012

– from Glenn Flear

This is the first time that the youth Olympiad has been run concurrently with the mainstream Olympiad. So the experience gained by playing in a competitive team event abroad, is enhanced by the chance to watch and rub shoulders with many of the leading players in the world.

England's team of five, Marcus Harvey, Oskar Hackner, Roy Zhang, Amy Hoare, and Daniel Noel, is being coached by yours truly, GM Glenn Flear.

The venue is the Istanbul Trade centre, an enormous complex of exhibition halls, so playing conditions are modern, spacious, air-conditioned, and generally ideal for large chess events.



We are staying in a student dormitory, a short bus journey away, where the players are also eating their meals. The food is Turkish, so relatively new to most visitors. It's edible but, to put it mildly, it's not exactly the favourite type of food of our five English teenagers! The rooms are hot and a little noisy, as we are next to a busy road, but the organizers have been helpful to make the stay enjoyable. Electric fans have appeared, and each person has their own locker and desk. Indeed, despite the multi-person rooms, they are not cramped. We have also been supplied with a 3G dongle, to ease our earlier problems with the Internet.

As for the chess, the infamous five are using their preparation time by looking at all aspects of chess intensely. The preparation doesn't always crop up, as the names of the actual opponents are revealed very late, but the work they are putting into their game should pay dividends in the future.

So far the England team has won two matches out of three, but lost heavily to the third seeds:

Round 1: Lebanon 0.5-3.5 England

Round 2: England 0-4 India (ouch!)

Round 3: Sweden 1-3 England

A fourth round pairing against Greece, who are very slightly higher-rated than England, will be a real test.

England U-16 Team at the halfway stage in Istanbul.

After five rounds, 19th seeded England is in 17th place in the

Youth Olympiad.

A disappointing end to the Greek match was followed up with a comfortable victory over a useful Slovakian team. Complicated struggles in Roy Zhang's and Oskar Hackner's games, yesterday in the Greek match, could have gone either way, but Roy was only able to draw and Oskar lost.

4th round – England 1.5-2.5 Greece

5th round – Slovakia-B 1-3 England

Against Slovakia, top board Marcus Harvey won his third win in a row, while Oskar Hackner kept up his 100% record with the white pieces. Roy and Daniel drew their games to complete a fine victory over the younger of the two Slovakian teams.

Scores so far: England has a total of 11/20 (3 matches won, 2 lost).

Marcus 3.5/5, Oskar 3/5, Roy 2/4, Amy 1/3, Daniel 1.5/3

An unfortunate problem with picking four players, from a squad of five, is that it is very hard to even out the colours. So for example, from the first six rounds Amy Hoare has had four Blacks with no Whites, while Daniel Noel has only played with White!

Round 6 report

In the sixth round England lost a hotly-contested match against South Africa.

On board one Marcus Harvey held a dubious looking position, due largely to his opponent's time trouble. On board two, Oskar Hackner was pressing to win, but went astray and eventually lost, again with time playing a part. Amy Hoare went down in complications on third board, as the bishop and two pawns proved to be stronger than Amy's rook. Daniel Noël was England's only winner, when his neat combination netted a pawn, which was duly converted in the endgame.

Round 6: South Africa 2.5-1.5 England

England is in 20th place right in the middle of the table. The team visited the central part of Istanbul on the rest day, as can be seen in the photo taken by the famous Blue Mosque.



Youth Olympiad over for 2012

In the final round England narrowly lost out to a tough Turkmenistan team. Daniel Noel defended solidly, whereas Roy had to find a route to safety after his opponent sacrificed a piece. Amy had a complicated game where her opponent obtained good play at first with a combination. The young English star then found a resourceful defence, involving a temporary piece sacrifice, to steer the dangerous complications into safer territory. A repetition at the end sealed the draw. Oskar was the only loser after his opponent played a fine game in the King's Indian.

Round Ten: England 1.5-2.5 Turkmenistan

The team finished on 19/40 which put them towards the top of the second-half of the table.

The preparation sessions involved the players helping each other and sharing their ideas and own analyses. It was a pleasure to be part of such a constructive atmosphere. The team spirit remained excellent throughout and the five players deserve credit for their 'esprit de corps'. I was also impressed at the way the players took adversary on the chin, and rebounded with the desire to fight back.

Here are the final scores of the team members:

Marcus Harvey 4.5/9 (a passionate self-confident chess-oholic full of original ideas)

Oskar Hackner 4/9 (strong with the initiative)

Roy Zhang 4/7 (positionally sound and tough to beat)

Amy Hoare 2/7 (took lots of awkward Blacks, finished with two gritty draws)

Daniel Noel 4.5/8 (cautious, but gained greatly in confidence as the event progressed)

The experience gained should see these youngsters in good stead in future, and I anticipate them all being stronger for the experience. If they are to be your future opponents, be warned!

World Youth 2012

U18 – Saravanan Sathyanandha, Astghik Stepanyan, Craig Whitfield, IM Yang-Fan Zhou

U16 – Peter Batchelor, William Foo, Oskar Hackner, Amelia Hoare, Louise Head, Roy Zhang

U14 – Daniel Abbas, Ananthanarayanan Balaji, Robert Fitzgerald, Ravi Haria, Andrew Horton, Cosima Keen, Tarun Malhotra, David Redman, Adam Taylor

U12 – Joshua Higgs, Akshaya Kalaiyalahan, Gorak Rajesh, Eva Ressel, Brian Tarhon, Matthew Wadsworth, Yang-Jian Zhou

U10 – Laura Davidson, Isabelle Gilbert, Koby Kalavannan, Anthony Zhang, Zheming Zhang

U8 – CM Joshua Altman, Leo Sanitt, Aditya Verma

Coaches: GM Nick Pert – Head Coach; WGM; IM Jovanka Houska; IM Lawrence Cooper; GM Neil McDonald; GM Mark Hebden; IM Andrew Martin; IM Andrew Greet; IM Thomas Rendle; GM Stuart Conquest

For 30 kids from England ...

- from Hillary Altman

... it's about 330 games of chess, 3 rollercoasters and a ski-slope! Today, the England Team arrived in Maribor, Slovenia, to prepare to compete in the World Youth Chess Championships that begin tomorrow afternoon, and unfold with 11 rounds over the next 11 days. 100 countries have sent their most promising players, ages 8 to 18, to participate. We are equal among the best in the world from China, Russia, India, and many more. It is the opportunity of a lifetime.

The City of Maribor has set the stage. There are banners and billboards welcoming us. Every effort has been made to make us feel we're on holiday. There is a pizza truck, a party tent with old-fashioned arcade games, dancing music, a trampoline, and an ample supply of sugary sodas and energy drinks. Even our airlines handed out bars of Toblerone and bags of Gummi Bears. There is a high level of service and comfort, and everyone has a smile. The weather is sunny and perfectly brisk. And there is a mountain to climb.

Our hotel is the Arena – an aptly named modern and cozy theatre for such an event, perched at the foot of a steep ski run – grand and grassy this time of year, that appears from below to dissolve into the sky. A lively bevy of girls, some of the first to arrive, raced toward its top and encountered a lone baby wolf, who they stared down in sober practice for the determination that will be required to prevail here.

The Arena is set at the top of a hilly compound of five buildings – the Habakuk and the Gras, which are the main playing halls, the party tent, and an adjacent building of flats for larger family groups. There are rocky footpaths, quiet connecting roads, a still pond and an empty playground in between. Inside the playing halls are the sleek, tell-tale rows of boards, clocks and pieces, hundreds upon hundreds, laid carefully atop elegant white tablecloths. The fiery clouds closing in overhead mimic the anticipation in this expectant village.

And the ups and downs of this pitching topography are like the rollercoasters the players must withstand. The first is their voyage to Slovenia – a bumpy ride by plane, train, coach and car through Birmingham, London, Marrakesh, Milan, Vienna, Zagreb, Munich, Frankfurt and Graz, via missed connections and border delays, to reach Maribor. The second is their emotional journey – a true test of the desire to be the best, strength of character, and talent as they are measured at each move, in every game. Finally, it is the ride of our lives – at the base of this mountain, we prepare tonight for our ascent to its peak.

Brainwaves and bandwidth

The England Team is now underway at the 2012 World Youth Chess Championships. Everyone has achieved points, and the board orders are sorting into a top, middle and bottom. Of the 11 rounds the 1500 players from 100 countries will play here – 16,500 games in all – today's are perhaps the most rigorous test of mind, as rounds 5 and 6 are the midpoint and will be played within hours of each other, leaving little time for pause or preparation in between. A rest day will follow,

then one-a-day rounds for the remaining 5 games. Along this spectrum, today is the bottleneck. Only the best minds will break through it ...

As the mountain looms above from our base camp in the Arena, we have been fine-tuning. The players, coaches and parents all gather in the team room, where there is a less temperamental internet connection and a steady din of excitement rising as the Grandmasters, youngest and oldest team players all mix easily, sharing games and tactics of opponents faced and then overcome. A group of parents have set out on their own trek, a straight-up hike to conquer the top of the slope, and an attempt to make the long journey back down has gone astray, requiring a course-correction. A daily one-way ritual has emerged now that the return by gondola has been discovered.

As we enter the playing hall, a visual wavelength of players is also assembling, across a range of colours. The bottom boards have trended a subtle citrus, the colour of the Slovenian team's hoodies, as many of the local players are less-experienced and here just to take part in the grand event. The middle hall is filled with red track suits – the bold colour of the big countries who have put forth large teams (Russia, Turkey, and USA), splattered with the white tops of Bulgaria, Mongolia and Peru and the smart, trim navy of India's fitted blazers and England's sporty polos. The top boards are a mix of players' most comfortable attire, muted hoodies and Ts from Abercrombie, Gap and Nike. Further down, the rest of the room washes in pink, as the pony-tailed girls from nearly every country seem to fancy princesses and Barbie. Hundreds of final words fill the floor simultaneously in different languages, resonating.

We feel this kinetic energy bouncing all around us against a backdrop of caffeinated drink sponsor, Shark. The players' thoughts must certainly operate at this superfrequency of an incredible human chess brain. It seems these highwired brainwaves could explode beyond the walls of the inanimate building. It is notable that Andrew Marr in "The History of the Planet" marks the moment of the Big Blue Computer defeating a human as paramount to realigning the natural order of our world. But here, in right order, all calculations are left up to the individual player – to face himself against his opponent and the unexpected moves and outcomes only the human mind can achieve.

As the games begin, the decibels inside plummet to zero and we are relegated as observers to an endless live video loop set to mute. Only our human ability to read body language from intermittent pixels keeps the current flowing at steady speed

Slovenia – Head of Delegation's midway-through-the-event update

- Jim Wadsworth, Monday 12th November

Well, round 6 has just started and I thought it was about time to put pen to paper (or more accurately fingers to keyboard). The England team of 34 players, 9 coaches and more than 30 family members is very happily settled into the Hotel Arena. The chess is going well, with a team score after five rounds in

excess of 50%, with 2 players unbeaten, with one in the top ten of his section, and with players and coaches working together in a fantastic spirit. The Slovenian organisers have done an excellent job, and in most cases are open and approachable. All of which makes being head of delegation of such a large group much easier than it might have been!

On the hotel, we are walking distance from the playing venue; and we are by far the largest group staying in what is a relatively small and intimate hotel. (Team Scotland are also here, as is the Hong Kong team of one, and some of the Canadians). The staff are great, the beds are comfortable, and the food is both varied and plentiful. A number of the veterans of numerous previous such trips rank it amongst the top environments an England junior team has ever had; personally I can't yet claim veteran status but it's certainly the best I have experienced.

About the only quibble is that the local telecoms network can't cope with the demand being put on it by hundreds of chess players in our hotel and elsewhere in the neighbourhood simultaneously all trying to access the internet to look up their opponents' games and so on. I and others have got round this by using the excellent 3G mobile coverage when necessary.

My co-correspondent Hillary Altman has eloquently described the beautiful mountain scenery hereabouts so I won't repeat that; but I will call out the amazing autumnal colours of the surrounding forests. Quite astonishing. I hope that during tomorrow's rest day I will finally be able to go explore them a little.

As far as the chess is concerned, the playing conditions are good compared to equivalent events. There was the usual rugby scrum of people trying to get into the venues at the start of round 1 but that has pretty quickly settled down. The organisers have implemented a strict policy at the main venue of only allowing players in – not even delegation heads; slightly frustrating but the players are reporting that the arbiters are controlling the games well so not the end of the world. At the smaller venue, where the U8s and the U10 girls are playing, parents are allowed in before the round starts. There are live webcams in both playing halls; and in the main hall ten live boards per section. The organisers have waived the controversial zero time default rule – instead a more sensible 30 minutes default has been applied (not that England will be testing that, since we are just a few minutes' stroll from the venue!). In relation to draw offers, normal conditions apply – no possibly confusing Sofia rules here, I am pleased to say.

We have all settled into a good routine (only disturbed by today's double round...), with breakfast followed by pre-game preparation followed by a stroll up (or in my case part-way up) the mountain; lunch is followed by the game for the players; after a while a couple of the fathers station themselves just outside the main playing hall to escort the children back up the hill to the Arena hotel – it is quite dark by the time the games finish, and the local roads aren't well lit. Most of the party convenes in the team room generously provided gratis

by the hotel to wait for the players' return and their reviews with the coaches.

Supper is followed by a little blitz or exchange (for the players), or a beer/ glass of wine (for many of the adults). In relation to the latter, after careful research your correspondent can highly recommend a local bar called Peggy's ?.

In relation to the results over the board, it was great that by the end of the 3rd round all the players had registered a score. Various team members have put in appearances on the live boards (though it's a shame that there are no live boards in the smaller playing hall, since some of our strongest contenders are in the under 8s). Regrettably we have had a couple of intra-team pairings – one in the under 8 open and one in the under 12 open. Chances are high that there will be one or two more before the end: given we have such a big delegation and since the pairing rules do not allow event organisers to take nationality into account when determining who plays whom.

We have seen some high quality games from England players – some of which have been posted onto the ECF website, with analysis and annotation from coaches Rendle and Greet.

My thanks to the players, their family members and the coaches for their various contributions to what is so far a very successful trip. With round 6 currently in progress, we look forward to the rest of the tournament!

A parent's view – WYCC article from Tim Horton

We have now got to Day 8, and Round 8 of the World Youth Chess Championships. For those of you outside this 'bubble' that is the WYCC, you can call it Thursday 15th November! After the double-round day on Day 5, and a rest day on Day 6, we are back into the daily routine of preparing and coaching, playing and reviewing individual games. At this point we have four more rounds to play.

The double-round day (Rounds 5 and 6) on Day 5 (Monday) was a very long, hard day. There was some great chess played, but unfortunately Team England didn't always manage to collect points as a just reward for the effort put in, particularly from the second round of the day. However, on Day 7, it was great to see that some of the young players who had just missed points on Day 5 showed great determination and skill to win and draw their games. There is considerable resilience in this squad of young players, and all are striving to perform their very best in each round.

Day 7 marked the second half of the tournament, and each player has an opportunity to re-group, or kick on, after their results during the first half. The need for stamina to continue to play at these exceptionally high levels cannot be understated, and this will be an increasing challenge during the next few days. The old-timers talk candidly about the poorer quality of chess that can sometimes be played during rounds 10 and 11!

This is the first time that my son, Andy, and I have been involved in such a high-profile chess competition. In his recent post, Jim Wadsworth (our Head of Delegation) comments on some of the chess organization, in comparison to previous events. I can only agree with his comments about that, and accept that we have certainly been very fortunate to join a trip with such good facilities!

An additional benefit of the trip has been the superb surroundings. Maribor is the second city in Slovenia, with a population of approximately 90,000 people. The large river Drava flows through its centre, and just on the edge of the city there is a ski-resort situated on a forest-lined mountainside. A gondola is running to make it easier to get to the mountain top (1042m high), and there is great walking to enjoy.

In the hotel the final preparations are being made for this afternoon's round. Lines are being chosen to play at the chess board, and wise advice is being offered by the fantastic coaching team from their considerable experience.

We are ready for round 8. Let's wish the players well!





WYCC final scores

U8-Open

Name	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	Pts
Altman Joshua	1	1	0	1	1	½	0	1	½	0	0	6
Sanitt Leo	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	½	1	½	0	6
Verma Aditya	1	1	1	0	0	1	½	1	1	½	1	8

U10-Girls

Davidson Laura	0	0	1	1	0	0	½	0	½	0	0	3
Gilbert Isabelle	0	1	0	½	0	0	1	0	0	½	0	3

U10-Open

Kalavannan Koby	1	0	½	1	½	1	0	½	½	1	0	6
Zhang Anthony Y	1	½	1	0	½	0	1	0	1	1	0	6
Zhang Zheming	½	½	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	½	6½

U12-Girls

Kalaiyalahan Akshaya	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	½	1	6½
Ressel Eva	0	½	1	½	0	1	0	0	½	1	1	5½

U12-Open

Higgs Joshua	0	½	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	½	0	5
Rajesh Gorak	½	0	0	1	1	0	½	0	½	1	0	4½
Tarhon Brian	1	0	½	½	1	½	½	½	0	1	1	6½
Wadsworth Matthew J	½	½	1	1	1	½	½	1	½	1	1	8½
Zhou Yang-Jian 0	1	0	½	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	5½	

U14-Girls

Keen Cosima C 0	½	0	0	1	1	1	½	0	1	½	5½	
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U14-Open

Abbas Daniel	1	0	½	1	0	½	0	0	½	1	1	5½
Balaji Ananthanarayanan 0	0	1	0	0	1	½	1	0	1	1	½	6
Fitzgerald Robert C	0	0	1	1	1	½	0	0	½	0	½	4½
Haria Ravi	1	½	0	½	0	1	½	1	1	½	0	6
Horton Andrew P	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	½	5½
Malhotra Tarun 1	0	1	0	1	½	0	1	½	½	½	6	
Redman David J	0	1	0	1	½	0	0	1	1	0	1	5½
Taylor Adam C	1	½	0	1	½	0	1	0	1	0	1	6

U16-Girls

Head Louise	0	0	1	0	½	1	0	½	1	½	½	5
Hoare Amy B	1	0	½	0	½	0	1	1	0	½	1	5½

U16-Open

Batchelor Peter J	1	0	½	½	1	0	1	½	0	1	½	6
Foo William J	0	0	1	1	0	0	½	0	1	½	1	5
Hackner Oskar A	1	½	½	½	1	½	0	0	0	0	1	5
Zhang Roy Yinian	½	½	0	0	1	0	1	½	0	½	0	4

U18-Girls

Stepanyan Astghik	0	1	0	1	0	0	½	½	½	½	0	4
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U18-Open

Sathyandha Saravanan 0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	5
Whitfield Craig M	0	1	0	1	0	0	½	1	0	1	½	5
Zhou Yang-Fan	1	1	½	0	0	1	1	1	0	½	1	7

RND TOTAL	17	15	15½	20½	19	15	18½	15	15	19½	18½	188½
%	52%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	50.40%

**YATELEY MANOR NATIONAL
SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP 2011-12**

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**CHAMPIONSHIP
FINAL**

Wellington College			6.7.12		Manchester Grammar School	
1	James Holland 208 (W)	0	1		Dan Fernandez 230	
2	Brandon Clarke 215	1	0		Andrew Horton 167	
3	Akash Jain 205	½	½		Dan Abbas 167	
4	Alex Galliano 199	1	0		Dan Lea 158	
5	Adrian Archer-Lock 194	1	0		Michael Fernandez 158	
6	Ewan Wilson *111	0	1		Jake Manton 151	
	(17.3)	3½	2½		(14.6)	

Manchester Grammar School won on age handicap.

THIRD PLACE PLAYOFF

Millfield School			6.7.12		Haberdashers' Aske's	
1	Rhys Cumming 188 (W)	0	1		Saravanan Sathyanandha 205	
2	Nikita Ayvazyan 162	0	1		Ravi Haria 188	
3	George Galliano 136	0	1		Shyamal Patel 182	
4	Alex Gould 124	0	1		Jonathan Pein 146	
5	Max French 112	0	1		Lawrence Lee 129	
6	Yadu Bhageria 96	0	1		Vincent Lee 133	
	(15.7)	0	6		(14.11)	

**PLATE
FINAL**

Reading School			6.7.12		Wilson's School	
1	Roy Zhang 183 (W)	½	½		Anand Krishnan 191	
2	Matthew Wadsworth 186	½	½		Adam Taylor 169	
3	William Foo 182	1	0		Aditya Gupta 183	
4	Daniel Noel 175	0	1		Philip Knott 167	
5	Alfred Wong 150	½	½		Pavan Murali 153	
6	Ryan Wong 131	1	0		Michael Banh 141	
	(14)	3½	2½		(15.7)	

THIRD PLACE PLAYOFF

Reserves			6.7.12		K Edward's Birmingham	
1	Emery Asher 142 (W)	½	½		Tom Lilburn 172	
2	Alexander Vanlint 137	0	1		Shakeel Choudhury 148	
3	Keith Barker 131	0	1		Aloysius Lip 144	
4	Jason Lau 117	0	1		Mani Nijjar 143	
5	Aman Chawla 97	0	1		Ashwin Kalyana 134	
6	Adam Durrant *129	1	0		Arron Dhesi 124	
	(15.3)	1½	4½		(15.1)	

SCHOOL AWARD

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Abingdon, 1972
Acklam Hall Grammar, 1950
Adamsrill Junior, Sydenham, 1984
Alcuin School, Leeds, 2004
Aldro Preparatory School,
Godalming, 1999
Altrincham Grammar, 1921
Anfield Junior Boys, Liverpool, 1957
Austin Friars, Cumbria
Barnard Grove Grammar, Hartlepool, 1983
Bassaleg Grammar, 1957
Beaver Road Primary School, 2005
Bede College Grammar, Sunderland, 1958
Bedford Modern School, 1986
Bedfordshire Middle Schools Chess League, 1978
Belah Primary School, 2007
Bemrose Grammar, Derby, 1962
Birkenhead Institute, The, 1933
Birmingham & District Junior League, 1950
Bishop Vaughan School, Morriston, Swansea, 1985
Bolton Grammar, 1949
Bolton, 1973
Booker Avenue Primary School, Liverpool, 1991
Bristol & District Junior C.A., 1966
Bristol Grammar, 1973
Calday Grange Grammar, 1954
Cardiff High, 1925
Carr Hill Primary, Gateshead, 1984
Challney Boys', Luton, 1959
Chatham House, Ramsgate, 1929 (Special)
Chatsworth Junior Mixed, Liverpool, 1979
Cheltenham College, 1923 (Special)
Christ's Hospital, Horsham, 1932
City of London, 1935
Cockington Primary School, Devon 1995
Coleridge Boys, Cambridge, 1954
Colf's Grammar, London, 1964
Coloma Convent Girls', Croydon, 1980
Coopers Co's Bow, E.3, 1949
County Intermed. Port Talbot, 1951
Cowbridge Grammar, 1967
Croesyceilog Grammar, 1969
Cyfarthfa Castle Grammar, 1966
Dale Boys', Leicester, 1963
Darlington Grammar, 1937
Dawpool Primary, Merseyside, 2002
De La Salle College, Ashton-under-Lyne, 1979
Dulwich College, 1966
East Moor, Leeds, 1951
Ellis School, Leicester, 1954
Exeter Junior School, 2006
Exmouth & District Primary Schools Chess League, 1994
Fettes College, Edinburgh, 1914
George Farmer, Holbeach, 1979
Glyn Grammar, Ewell, 1974
Glyncoed Primary School, Cardiff, 1991
Gosforth Grammar, 1952
Grappenhall Junior Chess Club, 2005
Greatham Primary School, Cleveland, 1991
Great Sankey County Primary, 1982
Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School, 1954, 2005
Hamilton School 2009
Hampton School, Middlesex, 1998
Heversham, 1956
Homefield School, 2010
Hove County Grammar, 1965
Huddersfield New College, 1972
Hylton Red House, Sunderland, 1977
Ilford County High, 1973
Immanuel & St. Andrew CE Primary, 1999
Ipswich Primary Schools Chess League, 1988
Itchen College, 1968
John Ball Primary, London, 1981
Kendal, 1965
Kent Primary Chess Association, 1991
King Charles Junior, Falmouth, 1983
King David Junior School,
Manchester, 1990
King Edward VI, Southampton, 1955
King Edward's High, Birmingham, 1934
Knights United Club, Lancashire, 2008
King's School, Chester, 1976
King's School, Peterborough, 1987
Kingston Grammar, 1957
King William's College, Isle of Man, 1955
Kitwood Girls, Boston, 1975
Ladymount Primary School 2009
Lawn Primary School, 2007
Leedon Lower School, Bedfordshire, 2003 & 2004
Leeds Grammar, 1916
Leicestershire Junior
Chess League, 1951
Lincoln City, 1957
Liverpool Blue Coat, 1975
Liverpool College, 1999
Lockleaze County, 1959
London Secondary School League, 1913
Luton Grammar, 1951
Malvern College, 1922
Magdalen College, 1964, 2002
Maidstone Boys Grammar School, 1999
Manchester Girls, 1911
Manchester Grammar, 1911
Marlwood School, Bristol, 1987
Marston Middle School,
Oxfordshire, 1990
Mexborough Grammar, 1959
Millfield School, 2006
Minet Junior Mixed, Hayes, 1960
Monmouth School, 1993 & 2004
Musters Road, County Secondary, 1966
Netherton County Primary,
Wakefield, 1981
Newbury Park Primary, 1979
Newport Grammar, 1962
Northfold County Primary, Lancashire, 2001
Norwich High School for Girls, 2007
Norwich School, 2007
NJCA, Northumberland, 2003
Norwich & Norfolk Schools
Chess Association, 1967
Nottingham High, 1962
Olveston Primary, Bristol, 1982
Ormesby School, 2006
Oxford High School For Girls, 1991
Oxfordshire Junior Chess League, 1950
Paston School, North Walsham, 1985
Plymouth College, 1966
Pontypridd Grammar, 1958
Prior Pursglove College,
Guisborough, 1980
Queen Elizabeth Grammar, Blackburn, 1927
Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Yorkshire, 1996
Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, 1952 & 2008
Reading, 1936
Red Rose Primary, Durham, 2000
Richmond Junior Chess League, 1988
Rooksbury Park Girls Primary School, 1986
Royal Grammar, Guildford, 1983
Royal Grammar, High, Wycombe, 1975
Royal Grammar, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1960
Rugby, 1914
Sacred Heart Primary, Birmingham, 1977
St. Alban's, 1915
St. Illtyd's College, Cardiff, 1948
St. Boniface's College, Plymouth, 1960
St. James's R.C. School, Salford
St. John's College, Southsea, 1963
St. Joseph's R.C. Comprehensive, Swindon, 1972
St. Mary's College, Middlesborough, 1974
St. Michaels R.C. Secondary, Stevenage, 1983
St. Olave's Orpington, 1982
St. Paul's, 1979
St Teresa's Primary School, 2010
Salop Junior, C.A., 1949
Scotby School, Cumbria, 1999
Shawlands Academy, 1924
Michael Sobell Sinai School, Harrow, 1993
Southend High School for Boys, 2007
Southern Grammar, Portsmouth, 1975
Southridge First, Northumbria, 1995
Staffordshire CCA (Junior Section), 1955
Taunton's Southampton, 1926
Temple Sutton Primary School, 1997
Thorpe House Langley Preparatory School, 2011
Tiffins, Kingston, 1950
Torquay Boys' Grammar School, 1992
Truro, 1953 & 1990
Tyldesley, Lancs, 1968
University College School, London, 1918
Uppingham School, Rutland, 1999
Varndean, Brighton, 1948
Washington School, Tyne & Wear, 1993
Wednesbury High, 1938
Wellesley Park Primary School, Wellington, 1996
Wellington, 1949
Wenlock Primary, Manchester, 1978
Westergate, Chichester, 1982
Westminster, London, 1923
Weston-super-Mare Grammar, 1963
Wey Valley Junior Chess League, 1988
Whale Hill Primary School, Cleveland, 1999
Whitgift, Croydon, 1946
Whyteleafe School, Surrey, 1993
William Ellis, London, 1948
Wilson's School, 2011
Wolverhampton Grammar, 1948
Woodbridge School, Suffolk, 2004
Worcester College for the Blind, 1928
Worcester Royal Grammar, 1948
Wyggeston Grammar, 1917
Yarlside County Primary School, Barrow-in-Furness, 1985

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Email: dbr2007@danrosen.plus.com Website: <http://www.ashtead-chessclub.org/>
Dan Rosen

Ashton Community Chess Club

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(near Ashton United's ground)
Email: david@ashtonccc.co.uk Tel: 07974 952252
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5.30-7.30pm on Mondays during school term
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Rob Willmoth

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Arnold Lutton

Basingstoke Junior

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Springs Building, Bedford College, Cauldwell Street, Bedford
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Harpenden Junior Chess Club

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Royston Chess Club

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Monday 6.30pm-8pm
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Watford Junior

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Frank Roberts

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JUNIOR CHESS ORGANISATIONS

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Affiliated Clubs:

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Berkshire Junior Chess Association

Website: www.bjca.org.uk

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Briant Poulter Chess League

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Surrey secondary school league with 16 schools fielding 33 six boards teams across 5 divisions. Any Surrey area school interested in joining should contact -

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Birmingham & District Junior Chess League

Website: www.brumjuniorchess.co.uk

Secretary: M K Ayers, 42 Dingle Lane, Solihull, West Midlands B91 3NQ Tel: 0121 704 3753

Membership open to schools in the Greater Birmingham area

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Coulsdon Chess Fellowship Juniors

(CCF Surrey Junior Chess)

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Devon Junior Chess Association Founded 1996

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Secretary: Andrew Ashenhurst, 22 Ide Lane, Exeter, Devon EX2 8UR Tel: 01392 214344 Email: a.ashenhurst@eclipse.co.uk

English Counties Girls Chess Federation (ECGCF)

Website: www.ecgcf.org.uk

This organisation was formed in 1998 and provides two annual Inter-County team competitions for girls. 'The Grand Cup' tournament for teams of U14 girls, held in the Spring and 'The Whitehead Cup' tournament for teams of U11 girls, usually in November/December each year. The Counties are the real Counties of England, as on their pre-1974 boundaries, not 'Chess' Counties. Qualification is by birth or residence only.

Chairman: Mrs Sue Mazalon, Tanglewood, Chalk Lane, East Horsley, Surrey KT24 6TH Tel: 01483 283 271 or 07708 882 351 Email: via the new website at www.ecgcf.com or suevm@aol.com

The English Primary Schools Chess Association

Website: www.epsca.org.uk

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Essex Junior Chess Association

Website: www.ejca.co.uk

Secretary: Andy Swestun Email: andy.swestun@ejca.co.uk

Herts Junior Chess (HSCA)

Website: www.hertsjuniorchess.org.uk

Organiser: Chris Cook, 35 Billy Lows Lane, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 1UX Tel 01707 642027 Email: chris@littleheathchess.co.uk

Kent Junior Chess Association (KJCA) Founded 1987

to promote junior chess throughout Kent and South-East London

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Under 16 Team Manager: Sue Maguire (as above)

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Leeds Junior Chess Association

Website: www.leedsjuniorchess.org.uk

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Midlands Junior Chess League

Founded 4th June 2005 by Andrew Moore and Ray Dolan

National Youth Chess Association Founded 1979 and affiliated to the English Chess Federation

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Northumbria Junior Chess Association (NJCA) Established 1995 - a registered charity (No. 1048112)

Website: www.njca.org.uk

President: Paul Bielby

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Staffordshire Junior Chess Association

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Suffolk Junior Chess

President: Adam Hunt, c/o Woodbridge School, Burkitt Road, Woodbridge Email: ads59@yahoo.com

Surrey Youth Chess

Part of the Surrey County Chess Association.

Website: www.SurreyYouthChess.org.uk

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Sussex Junior Chess Established 1995

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Website: www.wjca.org.uk
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CORRESPONDENCE CHESS



British Federation for Correspondence Chess (BFCC)

(Previously BPCF) Affiliated to the International Correspondence Chess Federation and to the ECF

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The British Correspondence Chess Championship starts every year and is run in all-play-all sections on three levels: Reserve Sections; Candidates Sections; Championship - prizes £100 and £50. The entry fee is £12 at each level. Membership of the Federation or one of its organisations is a condition of entry. Tournament Director: Phillip Beckett, Brough House, Church Laneham, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 0NQ

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The British Correspondence Chess Association (BCCA)

Founded in 1906, the BCCA is the oldest surviving CC organisation in the world

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In an atmosphere that is both competitive and friendly, the BCCA provides extremely well organised and entertaining chess that has something to offer to every chess player. Fourteen different tournaments and competitions ensure an unmatched variety of chess from which to choose, including the BCCA Annual Championship, Handicap, Gambits, Thematic, Endgame tourney, Medal tournaments and much more. Playing Correspondence chess (CC) is an opportunity for over-the-board players to sharpen their analysis skills and deepen their opening knowledge. Many of our members combine CC with over-the-board play finding that the two are complementary in every way.

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National Correspondence Chess Club (NATCOR)

Founded in 1932 by Tom Morris & originally named the Forest & District CC Club

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1933	T. H. Tylor	1967	A S Hollis	2001 - 3	P A G Dargan & S S Shaw
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1937	W.L. Roche	1971	A S Hollis	2006 - 7	W F Lumley & H D Williamson
1938	Unknown	1972	F Boyd	2007 - 8	O Lightowlers, F Bush & S S Shaw
1939	Unknown	1973	M A Walker	2008 - 9	R J Wakefield
1940	W. L. Roche	1974	A M Stewart	2009 - 10	J Corfield & A Lockwood
1941	J Wolstenholme	1975	G H Davies & D Ebbett	2010 - 11	J Corfield
1942	W R Morry	1976	J K Footner	2011 - 12	W F Lumley
1943	R W Bonham	1977	P H Clarke		
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1946	G Wood				
1947	R W Bonham & J Cairncross	1980	A M Stewart		
1948	F Parr & G Wood	1981	C Woodford		
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1950	F Parr	1983	D Bryson		
1951	R W Bonham & E Brown	1984	D Bryson		
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1970	N Graham & M A Walker	1981	R Parker & M Read	1992	Samantha Milligan
1971	P Giulian	1982	M Johnstone & M Read	1993-4	P Belleville
1972	C C W Shepherd	1983	A Tankel	1995	O Lightowers
1973	P Corliatti	1984	E Whipp	1996	A Leech
1974	R Musson	1985	N A Down & E Whipp	1997	T Chamberlain & S Jones
1975	G Lawrence	1986	N A Down	1998	A Hughes
1976	E Gibney	1987	G W Lane & P Webster	1999	No contest
1977	D Jackson	1988	J W Clarke		

British Junior Email Correspondence Chess Championship

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British Veterans' Correspondence Chess Championship

1999	S Shaw	2004	M E Davis	2009	S J Grayland
2000	A J A Evans and P C Gibbs	2005	T J Taylor	2010	E Sowden & K W McLaughlin
2001	E Sowden	2006	T J Taylor	2011	K W McLaughlin
2002	T J Taylor	2007	J E Davis, T J Taylor & S J Grayland	2012	L Ellis & I M Pheby
2003	T J Taylor	2008	C F Girling		

British Correspondence Chess Team Championship

1968	Nottingham Mechanics	1984	Inland Revenue	1999	Square Bashers
1969	Nottingham Mechanics	1985	Inland Revenue	2000	Atticus
1970	Sutton Coldfield	1986	Streatham & Brixton	2001	Square Bashers
1971	Nottingham Mechanics	1987	Streatham & Brixton	2002	SCCA
1972	Bradford	1988	Streatham & Brixton	2003	Camden
1973	Dragons	1989	Sutton Coldfield	2004	Sheffield
1974	Dragons	1990	The Knights of the Square Table	2005	Square Bashers
1975	Cambridge	1991	The Knights of the Square Table	2006	Square Bashers
1976	BCCS	1992	The Knights of the Square Table	2007	BCCA A
1977	Sutton Coldfield	1993	The Knights of the Square Table	2008	Square Bashers
1978	Inland Revenue	1982	Streatham & Brixton	2009	Square Bashers
1979	Streatham & Brixton	1994	The Knights of the Square Table	2010	BCCA
1980	Sutton Coldfield	1995	Inland Revenue	2011	BCCA
1981	Streatham & Brixton	1996	Peckham Postal Chess Club	2012	Square Bashers
1982	Streatham & Brixton	1997	Ilford		
1983	Streatham & Brixton	1998	Camden		

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1991	Ipswich	2000	BCCS
1992	BCCS	2001	BCCA
1993	BCCS	2002	BCCS
1994	BCCS	2003	BCCS
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Chess Problem News

by Ian Watson

Jones Wins The Title

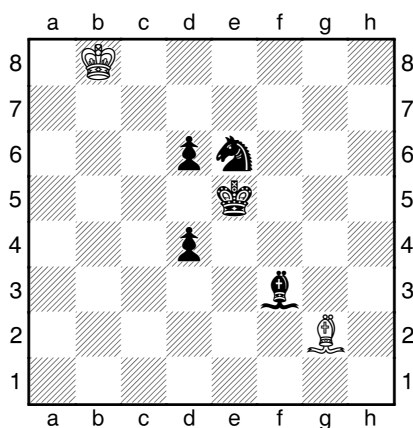
No, not Gawain.... it's Christopher Jones – CJA Jones – and he's become a Grandmaster of Chess Composition. Unlike the over-the-board GM title, the composing GM title is awarded only to a select few. A mere three such titles have ever been three awarded to British composers and the previous two, Comins Mansfield and Norman Macleod, are long deceased. Now, at last, we can celebrate another.

Like most composers, he started as an OTB player, playing as a junior for Scotland and captaining Oxford University in 1972-73, and began composing in early middle age. Since the 1980s, composing has taken over and his output of problems is now well past 500. His problems appear regularly in the main chess problem toursneys and journals, and have often been used in chess solving competitions like the World Chess Solving Championships.

Christopher gained his title in September. It's based on the quality of problems composed over many years, and in Christopher's case this is mainly in the field of helpmates. In case you don't know what a helpmate is, it's a chess problem where the task is to mate the Black king but with White and Black co-operating to achieve this. There's only one other difference between a conventional problem and a helpmate – who moves first; in a helpmate in two, for example, the move sequence is BWBWBW, unlike in a conventional mate in two where it's WBW.

Here are some examples of Christopher's problems:

CJA Jones, The Problemist 1989

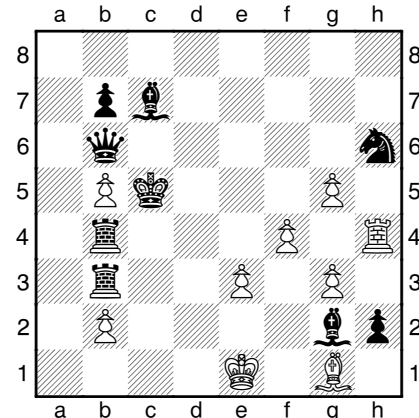


Helpmate in 7½ - Two solutions

(White moves first, and Black is mated on move 8; there are two different ways of doing this.) The solutions are:
1...Bxf3 2.Nc5 Bg4 3.Kd5 Kc8 4.Kc6 Kd8 5.Kb7 Bc8+ 6.Ka8 Kc7 7.Na6+ Kb6 8.Nb8 Bb7 and **1...Bf1 2.Ng5 Kc7 3.Kf4 Kxd6 4.Kg3 Ke5 5.Kh2 Kf4 6.Nh3+ Kxf3 7.Kh1 Kg3 8.Ng1 Bg2**. (Notice that only exactly these moves solve the problems – in sound helpmates, no alterna-

tive moves work.) The two solutions echo each other in opposite corners.

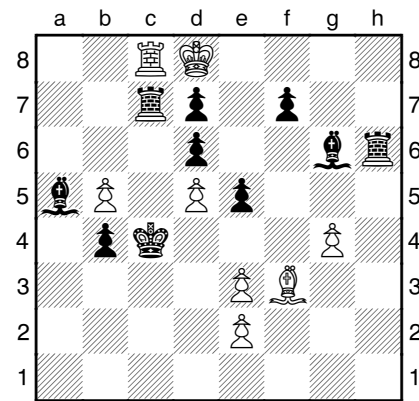
CJA Jones, Orbit 1999



Helpmate in 3 (b) WPe3→f2

(Black moves first, and Black is mated by White's third move; then solve the original position again, but this time with the White pawn which was on e3 transferred to f2.)
Solutions: (a) **1.Qa5 f5 2.Kb6 Rxb4 3.Rxe3+ Bxe3** and (b) **1.Rxb5 f3+ 2.Kb4 Bxb6 3.Bxf4 Rxf4**. It looks impossible to mate the Black king in three.

CJA Jones, Schach-Aktiv 2012



Helpmate in 3 (b) WRc8→e8

(The same as the previous problem, but this time in the second part it's a White rook that has to be transferred to a new position.)
Solutions: **1.Bc2 b6 2.Bb3 Kxc7 3.Bxb6+ Kxb6** and (b) **1.e4 Ke7 2.Kxd5 Bxe4+ 3.Kxe4 Kxd6**.

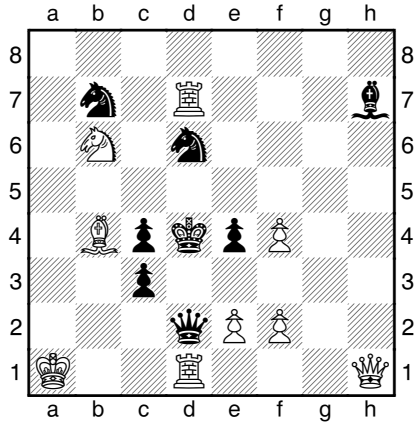
If you would like to see more of Christopher's work, good places to look are in **BCM** (the British Chess Magazine), or in **The Problemist** magazine (the journal of The British Chess Problem Society); Christopher writes columns in every issue of both magazines. (Visit the BCPS website to find out how to join and to see sample copies of the magazine: www.theproblemist.org)

Tony Lewis (1933-2012)

Most chess problems aren't helpmates but rather are 'orthodox direct mates'. Here is one by the late Tony Lewis, a stalwart of the British chess problem world, who died in 2012.

He had been composing problems for 65 years! This was composed in his early teenage years. It's White to play and force mate in two moves.

T Lewis, Chess 1948



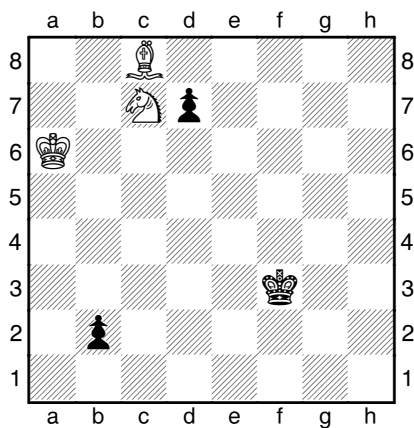
Mate in 2

It's what problemists call a 'complete block', meaning that there's a mate available after every possible Black move, but of course White has to move and in Tony's problem White has no waiting move. This kind of problem is often very difficult to solve. The solution is **1.Rc7** which unexpectedly abandons the pin of the d6 knight.

Endgame Studies

The chess problem community also promotes endgame studies. Here are two by Paul Michelet that I put in my column in Correspondence Chess magazine. They are a 'twin' – two almost identical positions. They have different solutions, and to fully appreciate them you have to see why the solution in each one doesn't work in the other.

P Michelet, Correspondence Chess 2012

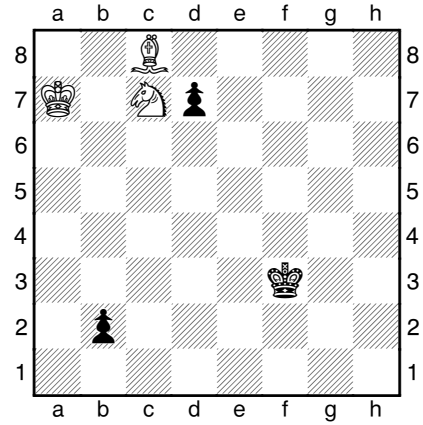


White to play and draw

1.Bb7+ Ke3 2.Be4 Kxe4 3.Nb5 d5 4.Na3.

The 'try' **1.Bxd7? b1Q! 2.Bc6+ Ke2 3.Nd5** fails; Black has to prevent white achieving the fortress draw of K on say a7, B on b7 and N on d5, and he can do this by, amongst other moves, **3...Qb8**. Having the White king on a6 makes it just near enough the centre to draw in the main line after **4...d4 5.Nc4**.

P Michelet, Correspondence Chess 2012



White to play and draw

1.Bxd7 b1Q 2.Bc6+ Ke2 3.Nd5. White will be able to play Bb7 and this achieves the fortress referred to; it's known as the 'Karstedt draw'. Having the White king one square nearer the corner makes the difference. The 'try' **1.Bb7+? Ke3! 2.Be4 Kxe4 3.Nb5 d5 4.Na3** fails only to the very surprising move **4...Kf4!** which keeps the Black king off any squares where the knight can check it and allows Black to shepherd his d-pawn down the board.

A very slight change in position gives an extraordinary change in solution; in addition, the 'try' in the first study is the solution in the second, and vice versa.

You're welcome to e-mail me (ian@irwatson.demon.co.uk) if you'd like more information about the chess problem world.

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CLEVELAND CHESS ASSOCIATION

Incorporating the Teesside Chess Association & founded in 1883. Affiliated to the ECF and the NCCU

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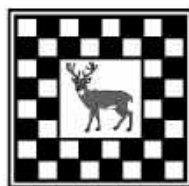
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Dudley & District League
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Harrogate Evening League

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Hull & District Chess Association

Humber League

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