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Newsletter Issue 8: October 2016

This newsletter has been produced in the sad realisation that we have lost, within a matter of weeks, two valued colleagues and friends, Richard Haddrell and John Philpott. Whilst Richard had been seriously ill for some time he continued to work for the benefit of English chess until the end and was even planning to attend a meeting shortly before he died and, whilst it was acknowledged that he would eventually succumb to his illness, his dedication to the end added an element of shock in terms of its timing.

It is very poignant that Richard's death was communicated on the ECFForum by John Philpott who, having announced his wish to step down from his roles as ECF Company Secretary and Finance Controller in order to enjoy a well-deserved retirement was to die suddenly, only a matter of weeks later. A short obituary for Richard can be found [here](#) and arrangements for his funeral [here](#). A short article by John Philpott's sons has already appeared on the website and can be found [here](#)

You will find in this email short intros to links you can click on if we have managed to whet your appetite. Many of the links will take you to a page dedicated to the eNewsletter which will appear simultaneously on the website and will contain material exclusive to the eNewsletter. Other links will lead to items on the Website of our Facebook which you may have missed the first time around but may be interested in reading now.

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If you have any chess news you think we should know, about or if you have any comments you would like to make on this newsletter, please contact us by emailing manager.publicity@englishchess.org.uk. The deadline for the newsletter will normally be on the 18th of each month so don't send us the info too late!

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Mark Jordan (Publicity Manager)

ECF NEWS

GAWAIN JONES WINS 2ND PRIZE IN MILLIONAIRE CHESS!

Whilst Michael Adams and David Howell were competing with some of the world elite at the Isle of Man International, Gawain Jones performed excellently in the States to secure 2nd in

this high profile event and can be considered unlucky not to have won outright. His performance puts him in the world top 100. A good account of his achievement can be found by [clicking here](#)

ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION AGM

The 2016 English Chess Federation AGM took place in Birmingham on the 16th October. For the minutes of the meeting [click here](#)

BOARD REPORT TO COUNCIL

[Click here](#) for the report of the Board presented to the Council at the AGM which gives an account of ECF activities over the past year.

All the documentation presented to Council at the last AGM can be found on the website by [clicking here](#)

ECF AWARDS

These can be found by [clicking here](#)

ECF BOOK OF THE YEAR

The ECF Book of the Year award was won by Chess for Life by Matthew Sadler and Natasha Regan. [Click here](#) for a review of the book by the judges.

DAVID WELCH RECEIVES FIDE ARBITERS AWARD

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ENGLISH CHESS NEWS

ISLE OF MAN INTERNATIONAL

The Isle of Man International Open, sponsored by www.chess.com, took place between 1st and 9th of October and was immensely strong with 3 top 10 players, Caruana, So and Nakumara, taking part and many other strong GMs. Caruana and Eljanov tied for 1st with the latter winning the trophy and prize on tie-break. The top English participants, both won prizes, David Howell coming equal 4th (7th on tie-break) with Michael Adams in equal 8th (9th on tie-break). Adams had good chances of a higher placing, remaining undefeated through-out the tournament until he met Caruana in the final round when he lost a hard-fought game in which he certainly had chances [read more](#)

4NCL TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL RAPIDPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS 1-2 October

Barbican 1 took the Team Trophy and GM Matthew Turner the individual title [read more](#)

EXCERPT FROM "CHESS"

[Click here](#) for an exclusive excerpt from the October edition of "Chess"

BOOK REVIEWS

[Click here](#) for exclusive reviews of two new books, "Reaching the Top" by Peter Kurzdorfer

and "Timman's Titans: My World Chess Champions" by Jan Timman

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

THE LONDON CHESS CLASSIC

The London Chess Classic returns to Olympia from Friday 9th - Sunday 18th December. Eight of the world's top ten players, including two former world champions, will be taking part as this year's Grand Chess Tour reaches its climax. Daily and season tickets are now available online - book early to avoid disappointment!

There will also be the usual chess festival for players of all ages and abilities, with an over £45,000 prize fund. Events include a nine-round FIDE Open and the Super Rapidplay Open. Women and under-25s enter free of charge (UK residents only). Full details and online entry now available - enter before Monday 17th October for the best discounts. For further information [click here](#)

11TH 4ncl FIDE RATED CONGRESS 4-6 NOVEMBER

An excellent tournament, participants will, this time, have the opportunity to qualify for the British Knockout Championship which takes place alongside the London Chess Classic. For more information [click here](#)

GOLDERS GREEN MONTHLY RAPIDPLAY

Open, u170, u145, u120 25 minutes +5 secs a move please [click here](#)

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH HENDON BLITZ

Open section 10 Minutes each [click here](#)

CLUB FOCUS

We are very interested in hearing from any clubs that would like to feature in this column

HAMMERSMITH

The second in a series featuring clubs that, having gone through difficult times, have made successful efforts to turn things around. It is hoped that these articles [here](#) will be helpful to all those clubs out there seeking to improve their fortunes.

Chess Humour

DAVID MABBS: CHESS AND MARRIAGE

[Click here](#) for a humorous take on chess playing life by the former England International, David Mabbs.

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