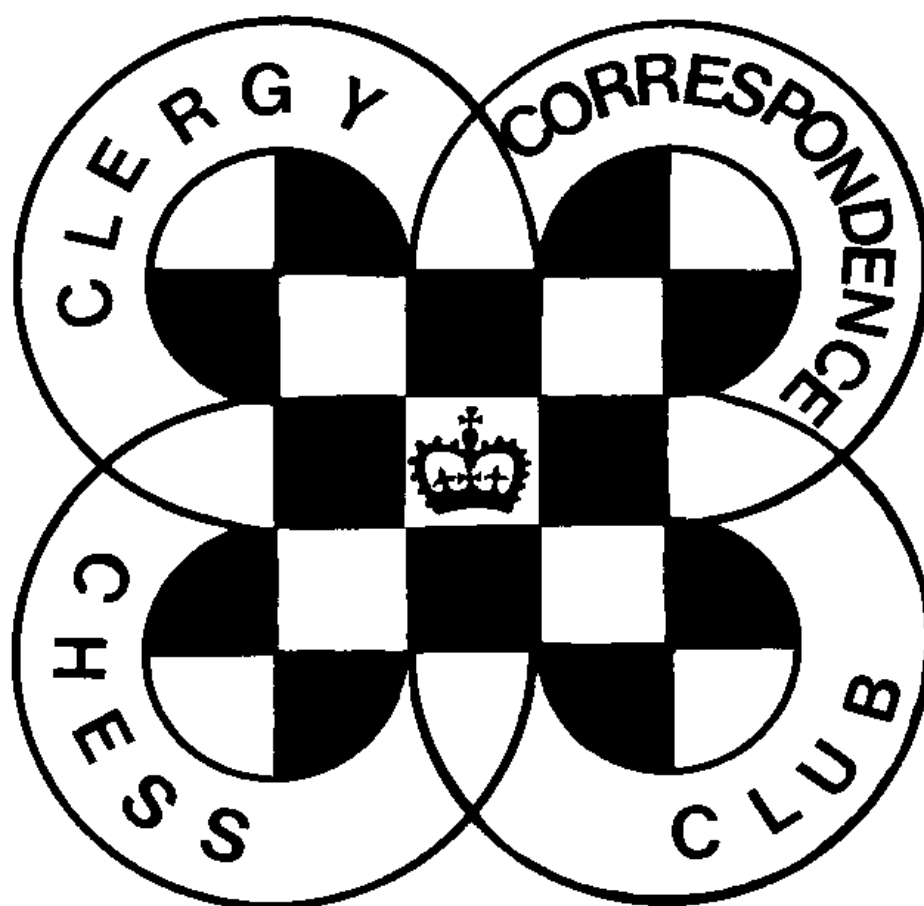


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CHESS Minister!

February 2014

In this magazine you will find results so far received from the current season, along with the Club's accounts, as well as some games as usual.

Within days of sending out the last issue of CHESS minister! I received a number of new addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. This required me to send out a number of correction emails which probably annoyed most of you also. It really would help if members could update me at the time of any move or change of email address.

For the record John Loxton now lives at 2 Blackbird Court, ANDOVER. SP10 5PA and David Boddy at The Street, Somerlyton, LOWESTOFT. NR32 5PT. 01502 733374.

Please report results as your games finish, and send in any games that you think are fit for publication, annotated wherever possible. There are only two pages of games in this issue for the simple reason that this is all we have!

Thanks as always to Michael Thistlewood who has typed up the games for publication.

On a personal note, having taken early retirement a year ago my wife (Jan) and I have planned one of those holidays that you simply cannot do when working, and before we become too old and decrepit to manage it. We are mainly visiting Australia & New Zealand, but completing a round the world trip by stopping in Singapore on the way out and Los Angeles on the way back. This means we will be away for 5 weeks, from 20 January to 22 February. I trust all will run smoothly in my absence. Post and phone calls will simply not be answered, but assuming some hotels will have Wi Fi I should be able to deal with emails if necessary.

Bruce Carlin (Secretary)

Obituary - Graham Johnson

I first met Graham when I came to Peterborough Diocese and we played for the diocesan cricket team together. We shared a love of sport generally though he was lucky enough to have some ability too! I like to think I encouraged him to join the CCCC and he was soon displaying his chess skills, sharing the title in 1975 and 1976 before winning it outright in 1977. By now he was much loved Rector of three rural parishes and then in 1983 he came to be Rector of Daventry in the deanery of which I was rural dean. He was a joy to have in the deanery and his positive attitude to life and ministry benefited all of us. He took over as rural dean after me and his natural care for everyone was much in evidence. Although very practical he was also deeply spiritual and became Warden of Launde Abbey, the Leicester Diocesan Retreat House and for two further years rural dean there too. In all his ministry he was wonderfully supported by Diane his wife, who, herself was later ordained. In his latter years he battled with Parkinson's Disease until he had to retire. At his funeral the Bishop of Leicester described him as "one of his most faithful and creative priests" Our sympathy goes out to Diane and his family.

Tim Partridge

CCCC ACCOUNTS

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31.7.13

	<u>2012/13</u>	<u>(2011/12)</u>		<u>2012/13</u>	<u>(2011/12)</u>
<u>Income £</u>			<u>Expenditure £</u>		
Subscriptions	102.40	(21.60)	Secretary's Expenses		(61.06)
Bank Interest	5.53	(2.09)	Treasurer's Expenses	0.50	(1.72)
Donation	10.00		BFCC Affiliation	15.00	(15.00)
Deficit for year		(54.09)	Surplus for year	102.43	
	<u>117.93</u>	<u>(77.78)</u>		<u>117.93</u>	<u>(77.78)</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31.7.13

	£
Balances brought forward	1018.85
Add: surplus for year	102.43
TOTAL NET ASSETS	1121.28
<u>Represented by:</u>	
Santander UK plc current account	24.57
Santander UK plc deposit account	2.96
NS&I Investment Account (Life Membership)	1093.75
	<u>1121.28</u>

Treasurer's Report on the 2012/13 Accounts

A very good year financially! Subs were dramatically up by £80.80 compared with last year. £72 of that increase was a life subscription, and our Canadian associate member paid two years' subs in one go. The increase in NS&I interest rates brought in an extra £3.44, and a donation of £10 completed the rosy picture on the income side.

It was an equally happy story as regards expenditure – there was very little of it. Our esteemed Secretary, having bought a large stock of stamps last year to beat the Royal Mail price rise, did not need to claim any expenses at all this time, and I was able to confine my own outgoings to the cost of one 2nd class stamp. The high proportion of members accepting electronic delivery has continued to keep communication costs low. Our BFCC affiliation fee was unchanged.

At the end of the financial year the value of the Life Membership fund stood at £42.07 per Life Member (previous year: £36.97). No withdrawals were required; indeed I was able to pay back £20 into the LM fund from surplus cash. Total assets, though not quite at record levels, represent a very comfortable reserve in terms of typical annual expenditure.

All subs were paid up at the end of the financial year, though at the current time (December 2013) there are arrears of £5.75.

Charles Mason – Hon Treasurer, CCCC

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RESULTS 2013 / 2014

DIVISION 1	H	S	A	Ha	F	St	L	Pts	%
Hulme	X						1	1 / 1	100
Smith		X					1	1 / 1	100
Alexander			X		1		1	2 / 2	100
Hall				X	1		0	1 / 2	50
Foster			0	0	X			0 / 2	0
Stevenson						X			
Low	0	0	0	1			X	1 / 4	25
DIVISION 2	N	Ca	T	W	P	Cl	Co	Pts	%
Nye	X	1	1					2 / 2	100
Carlin	0	X	1					1 / 2	50
Thistlewood	0	0	X	0				0 / 3	0
Williamson				X					
Partridge			1		X			1 / 1	100
Cleaves						X			
Costello									
DIVISION 3	Y	L	C	P	B	A		Pts	%
Yates	X			1				1 / 1	100
Loxton		X							
Couch			X			0		0 / 1	0
Procter	0			X				0 / 1	0
Boddy					X				
Askey			1			X		1 / 1	100

Few results are in, which is only to be expected at this stage of the season, especially with the suggested optional staggered start which we are trying this season.

If there are any games you haven't even started, now really is the time to do so.

Please let me have results as they come in and I will try to send out periodic updates to those on email.

SCHEMING MIND STANDARD CHESS LEAGUE

Our third season in the Scheming Mind league is proving to be something of a challenge!

Having won promotion last season we are now up against much tougher opposition and are nearly always quite severely out ranked by our opponents. Under the circumstances our Team is acquitting itself extremely well.

We narrowly beat Monty's Python 5^{1/2}-4^{1/2}
 We are finely poised against Dilo en español 4-4 with 2 games to complete
 We have been destroyed by Apple Pie A Team 0-10!
 We are ahead in the early stages of our latest match against Will's Wonders where we lead 2^{1/2}-1^{1/2}

Well done to all our Team, and if anyone else would like to strengthen us please let the Secretary know.

GAMES SECTION

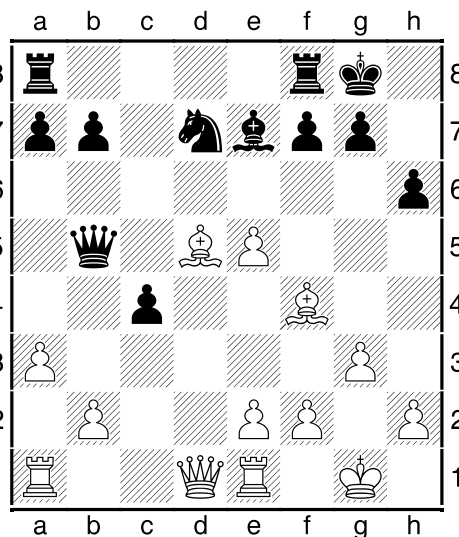
Thanks as always to Michael Thistlewood who does so much work in preparing the games for publication in the magazine. But this section being here is entirely dependent upon you sending in games for us to use.

He begins by saying,

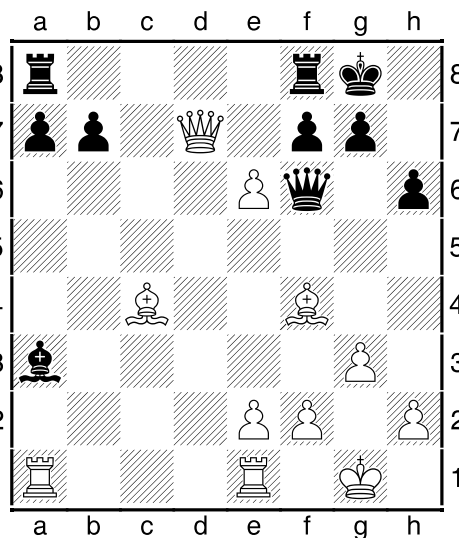
I am grateful to Antony Foster for sending me these three games in response to my appeal for more games in the last magazine.

Mike Smith - Antony Foster [D34] Division 1 - 2012-2013

1.c4 c5 2.♘c3 ♗f6 3.g3 ♘c6 4.♙g2 e6 5.♗f3
 ♙e7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.♙g5 h6
 10.♙f4 ♙e6 11.♞e1 ♞a5 12.a3 c4 13.♗e5 ♗xe5
 14.dxe5 ♗d7 15.♗xd5 ♙xd5 16.♙xd5 ♞b5
 Diagram



17.♙xc4 ♞xb2 18.♞xd7 ♙xa3 19.e6 ♞f6
 Diagram

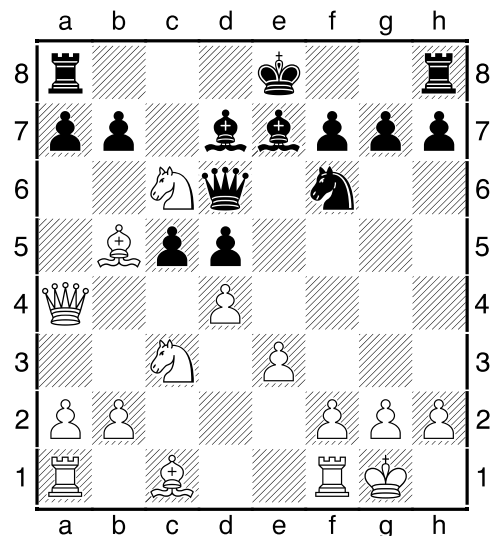


20.exf7+ ♔h8 21.♞ed1 ♞c6 22.♞xc6 bxc6
 23.♙d6 ♙xd6 24.♞xd6 a5 25.e4 a4 26.e5
 1-0

**Antony Foster - Bruce Carlin
[D32]**

Division 1 - 2012-2013

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.e3 ♘c6
6.♗c3 ♗f6 7.♙b5 ♙g4 8.0-0 ♙e7 9.♖a4 ♗d7 ?
10.♗e5 ♗d6 11.♗xc6 ♙d7 Diagram



12.♗e5 cxd4 13.♙xd7+ ♗xd7 14.♗xd7+ ♗xd7
15.♗xd7 ♗xd7 16.♗xd5 ♖he8 17.♖e1 ♙c5
18.♙d2 ♖e5 19.♗f4 ♖e4 20.exd4 ♖xd4 21.♙e3
♖c4 22.♙xc5 ♖xc5 23.♖ad1+ ♗c6 24.g3 b6
25.h4 g6 26.♖e7 ♖f5 27.♖dd7 h5 28.♖xf7

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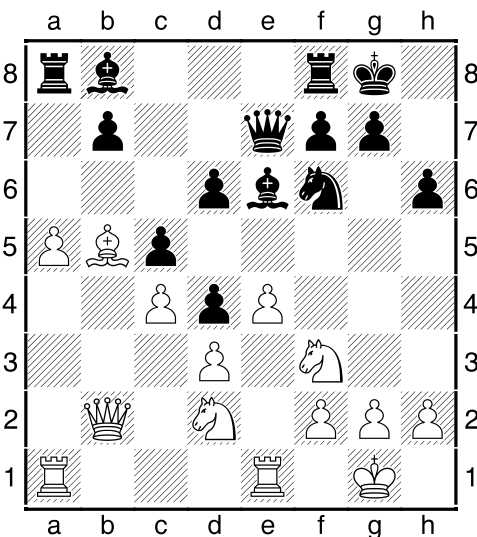
**David Lowe - Stanley Hall [C70]
Division 1 - 2012-2013**

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 b5 5.♙b3
♗f6 6.♗c3 ♙c5 7.d3 0-0 8.♙g5 d6 9.♗d5 ♗d4
10.♗xf6+ gxf6 11.♙h6 ♖e8 12.♗xd4 ♙xd4
13.♖f3

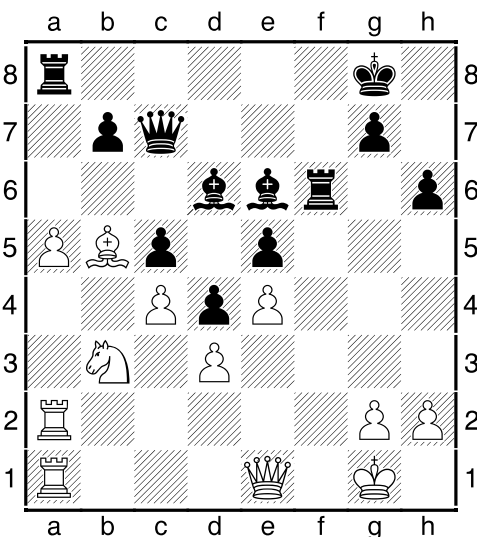
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**David Nye - Antony Foster [C50]
Division 1 - 2012-2013**

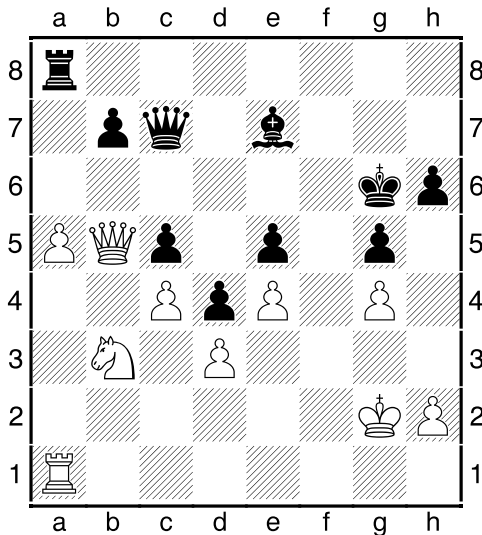
1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♙c4 ♙c5 4.0-0 ♗f6 5.d3 h6
6.♗bd2 0-0 7.c3 d6 8.b4 ♙b6 9.a4 a6 10.♙b2
♙g4 11.♖c2 ♗d7 12.a5 ♙a7 13.b5 axb5
14.♙xb5 ♖e7 15.♖a4 ♙d7 16.♖b3 ♙e6 17.c4
♗d4 18.♙xd4 exd4 19.♖b2 c5 20.♖fe1 ♙b8
Diagram



21.♗b3 ♗g4 22.♖d2 ♗e5 23.♗xe5 dxе5 24.♖a2
♙d6 25.♖ea1 ♖c7 26.f3 f5 27.♖e1 fxe4 28.fxe4
♖f6 Diagram



29.♖f2 ♖xf2 30.♖xf2 ♖f8 31.♖b2 ♙d7 32.♗d2
♙xb5 33.♖xb5 ♖a8 34.♗f3 ♗h7 35.♗h4 g6
36.g4 ♙e7 37.♗f3 g5 38.♗d2 ♙d6 39.♗b3 ♙e7
40.♗g2 ♗g6 Diagram



41.♔g3 ♕d6 42.♖a4 ♗e7 43.♖a2 ♖d6 44.♗f2
♗f6 45.♗xf6+ ♔xf6 ½-½

Mike Smith - David Lowe [A38] Division 1 - 2012-2013

1.c4 c5 2.♖c3 ♖c6 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.♗f3
♗f6 6.0-0 d6 7.e3 ♗d7 8.b3 0-0 9.♗b2 ♖e8
10.d4 cxd4 11.exd4 ♗g4 12.h3 ♗f5 13.♖e1 ♗d7
14.g4 ♗xg4 15.hxg4 ♗xg4 16.d5 ♗e5 17.♗xe5
♗xe5 18.f3 ♗h3 19.♗d2 ♗f5 20.♗xh3 ♗xh3
21.♗g2 ♗g3 22.♗xg3 ♗xg3 23.♖e2 a6 24.♗e4
♗f4 25.♖ae1 ♗e5 26.♗xe5 dxe5 27.♗c5 f6
28.♗xb7 ♔f7 29.c5 a5 30.c6 a4 31.d6 axb3
32.axb3 1-0

Spanish Player - David Lowe [C77] Scheming Mind

1.e4 e5

I shouldn't have played the Spanish Defence
against a Spaniard!

2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 b5 6.♗b3
d6 7.♗g5 d5 8.♗xd5 ♗xd5 9.♗xd5 ♗xg5
10.♗xc6+ ♔d8 11.♗xa8 ♗xg2 12.♖f1 ♗e7 13.d4
♗g4 14.♗d3 ♔c8 15.♗d5 ♖d8 16.♗e3 h5
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cxd5 21.bxa6

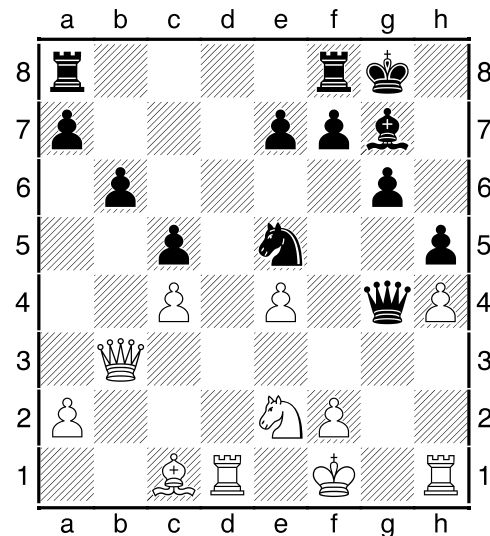
1-0

Tim Partridge -

Michael Thistlewood [E90]

Division 2 - 2012-2013

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗f3 0-0
6.♗d3 c5 7.♗e3 b6 8.♗e2 ♗g4 9.h3 ♗xf3
10.gxf3 ♗bd7 11.h4 h5 12.e5 dxe5 13.dxe5
♗xe5 14.♗e4 ♗xe4 15.fxe4 ♗d3+ 16.♔f1 ♗xb2
17.♖b1 ♗g7 18.♗b3 ♗e5 19.♖d1 ♗c8 20.♗c1
♗g4 Diagram



Black is two pawns up and in a stronger position
21.♗b2 ♗xe4 22.♖h3 ♗xc4 23.♗xg7 ♔xg7
24.♗c3+ ♔h7 25.f3 ♗e6 26.♔f2 ♖ad8 27.♖e1
♖d7 28.♗f4 ♖d2+ 29.♔f1 ♗e3+ 30.♖xe3 ♖d1+
31.♔f2 ♗xa2+ 32.♖e2 ♗b1 33.♖h2 ♖f1+ 34.♔g3
♖e8 35.♗c4 ♔g7 36.♗d5 ♖g1+ 37.♖hg2 ♖d1
38.♖d2 ♖h1 39.♗d7 ♗e1+

Black couldn't find a win - the Knight was a
nuisance!

40.♖df2 ♔f8 41.♗xa7 ♖d8 42.♗xb6 ♖d2
43.♗xc5 ♖g1 44.♗h3 ♖xg2+ 45.♔xg2 ♖d1
46.♔g3 ♖d3 47.♗c4 ♖e3 48.♗d4 ♔g8 49.♗d8+
♔g7 50.♗d4+ ♔f8

Oh dear!!

51.♗h8# 1-0

This was a most exciting game to play – as Tim
said: 'Better than a roller-coaster ride!' After my
blunder move 50, I offered a draw!! If I had
played Kg8 as in move 48, it might have been a
draw. But the game was more important than
the result. Michael Thistlewood.