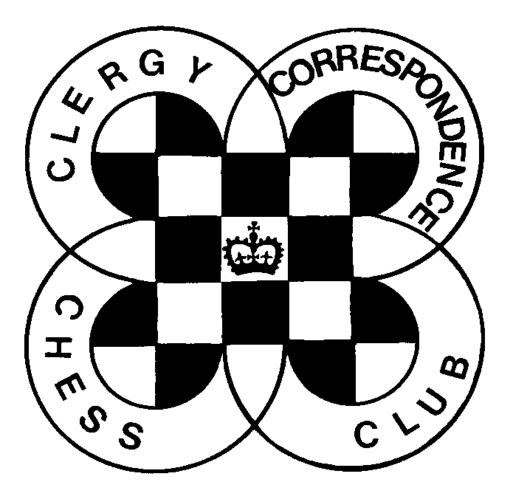
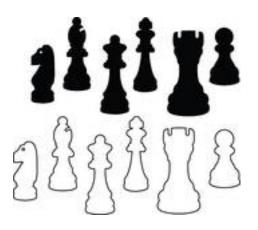
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NEW SEASON

The new season officially begins on 1st October, but you can start your games as soon as you receive this, or stagger the starting dates as outlined on the Fixture list page. See that page for when rounds must start by, but note that whenever you start a game, time begins to count straight away to bring all our games into line with those played on Scheming Mind.

With the withdrawals of Lisa Battye and Nick Procter from League play and the addition of one new member, this season we have three full Divisions of five players each. Each person plays each other member of their Division twice.

Non-league members should make direct contact with another to arrange a friendly game if required.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are again unchanged this year at $\pounds 6$. You can become a Life Member for $\pounds 75.50$ and not have to remember subscriptions any more. Given that you aren't receiving any worthwhile interest on your savings why not use a bit of it to become a Life Member if you are not already one?! Please send subs. direct to our Treasurer as sending them via me increases postage costs.

WEB SITE

We are hugely indebted to Robert Moneagle who has taken over as Webmaster for the ICCF, who host our web site. Not only has he taken over the task of keeping the site up to date but he is currently in the process of digitising our entire Archive and putting it up on the Website. Every issue of CHESS minister! since we went digital (June 2010) is already available, but he is currently in the process of scanning every issue since the magazine started. He also has several other items from our archive which he is scanning and will in due course put up on our Website. This is all going to take time and is at the moment not complete, but it will give us all access to much more of the history of the Club. If you follow our Facebook page you will be kept up to date with progress on this.

GAMES

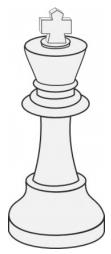
As always, my thanks to Michael Thistlewood for preparing the games for the magazine, and to those who send them in. Any score sheet sent in will be considered for publication unless you say you do not want this, but please consider sending in your games with annotations, which are more instructive to other members.



NEWS OF MEMBERS

Welcome to **Peter Turnbull** who has joined us for the current season. His contact details appear in the Divisions list and email list elsewhere in this magazine.

As mentioned in the last issue **David Hulme** has retired and his new address details are also in the Divisions list.



SCHEMING MIND STANDARD CHESS LEAGUE

The current season of the Scheming Mind Chess League is drawing to its close and our Team has had mixed fortunes. An initial strong win (9-1) over SCCA D Team was followed by a narrow loss $(4^{1/2} - 5^{1/2})$ to Scheming Knights and a draw (5-5) with Northern Trappers. We then beat Dreadnoughts D 6-4 but look like losing to The Chess Warriors C whom we currently trail 0-5. We are due to start the penultimate round against Knightworm78 as you receive this magazine and later in the year play our final round against Tim Cymru.

If anyone else would like to strengthen our Team please let me know. Having more players to chose from means that people can be rested between rounds and not have to play as much. You must have internet access to join this Team.

PHOTOS

No photos of members have been received for this issue, notably still nothing from the member whose idea it was in the first place! If you can send in a digital photo of yourself, playing chess or otherwise, I will include it in a future issue.

FACEBOOK GROUP

A reminder of our Facebook Group, which could provide an easy way of reporting results and keeping up to date with anything gong on.

All results this last season were posted on our Facebook page as soon as I was notified of them so this is by far the best way to keep up with progress in our Leagues.

Followers of this page also learned of the availability of back issues of CHESS minister! And will similarly be kept up to date with the digitisation of our Archive.



Simply search on Facebook for Clergy Correspondence Chess Club, then select Ask to Join and next time I am on Facebook I will approve it and you are in.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Our Golden Jubilee issue did at least get us an article in Church Times (if anyone knows of any other church press coverage please let me know)

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Hulme			1⁄2*	1⁄2	1	1*	1	1*	1	1*	7	88
Smith	1⁄2	1⁄2*			1⁄2	1*	1	1⁄2*	1	1*	6	75
Stevenson	0	0	1⁄2*	0			1	1*	1⁄2*	1⁄2	3 1⁄2	44
Lowe	0	0	0	1⁄2	0	0			1	1⁄2*	2	25
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Loxton	0	0			1*	1	1*	0			3	50
Hall	0	1⁄2	0	0			1	1			21⁄2	42
Cleaves	0	0	0	0	0	1*					1	17
Division 2B	V	Wi		Ва		Ny		Pr				
Williamson			1	0	1	1*	v	v			3	75
Battye	0	1			1	0	v	v			2	50
Nye	0	0	0	1			v	v			1	25
Procter	v	v	v	v	v	v					V	
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Thistlewood	0	0	0	0							0	0

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Division 1 sees David Hulme once again Champion ahead of Mike Smith (both unbeaten). Brian Stevenson is 3rd while David Lowe & Bruce Carlin are relegated.

In Division 2 Andrew Yates wins promotion from 2A with an unbeaten campaign, as does Michael Williamson from 2B. It is unlikely there will be a 3rd Division net season so no one will need to be relegated.

Matthew Joy was unbeaten in Division 3 on his return to League play.

THE CURRENT SEASON : 2017 / 2018

Officially our season runs from October to July, but you can start your games as soon as you receive this, or by the dates given for each round on the Fixtures page. This allows those playing by phone or email to delay some of their games until November, and for those playing on the Scheming Mind webserver to delay some even until January next year as the time limit is strictly applied.

Whichever method you choose it is your responsibility to make sure that all games are completed by 31st July 2018 and results reported to me.

The Divisions for the season are on the next page. These contain up to five players, some fewer to even out numbers. Each player plays each other in their Division 2 games, once with White pieces, once with Black. The player to the left of the 'v' on th4 fixtures list should normally begin game 1 as White. If you haven't heard from an opponent by the due date please chase them up first, and contact the Secretary if you still fail to make contact.

At the end of the season two players are relegated from Division1 to be replaced by the winners of 2A and 2B. If there are sufficient players then the bottom placed player of 2A and 2B will be relegated to Division 3 to be replaced by the top two in that Division. Adjustments may be made at the Secretary's discretion to take account of withdrawals or returns to league play.

Algebraic notation must be used unless both players agree to use another.

Ties are decided initially by the Baumbach Tie Break, then the Sonneborn-Berger Tie Break in accordance with ICCF procedures. These have been explained before but if you are not clear what these systems are then email the Secretary or send him a stamped envelope for enlightenment...

The time columns on the score sheet are: 'R' is the date that you *received* your opponent's move; 'S' is the date you *send* your reply; 'T' is the *total time* used to date. This way you and your opponent can immediately see where you stand in relation to the time limit.

You may play your games on Scheming Mind, or communicate your moves by post, telephone, fax, or e-mail, but with the recent increases in postage costs I suspect that will now be the least popular method, though if you are playing by phone an occasional exchange of the score card can help to make sure a mistake in notation has not been made. If using the phone please try not to keep your opponent waiting while you find pen and paper and be clear in your notation, perhaps using the phonetic alphabet when reading moves.

If playing by post, phone or email the time limit is 20 days for each 10 moves, time saved is carried forward, same day reply counts as nil, but *every* day counts including Sundays and Bank Holidays. Each player can have 14 days off during a game after notifying their opponent, additional time off for special need can be granted by the Secretary on request. If your opponent exceeds the time limit you can claim the game but you must do this as soon as the time control is broken or you lose the right to claim unless a later one is also broken. In order to avoid anyone exploiting technology to make same day replies impossible (e.g. by emailing or faxing at 2359 hours) the convention is that a move by email or phone is considered to be received the day after it was sent, as if it were a perfect first class letter (I believe there still are such things).

If you are playing on Scheming Mind webserver then the time limit is 30 days plus 1 day per move made, and this is maintained by the web server along with holiday leave etc. and it doesn't allow any leeway so if you break the time limit you lose!

Please try to complete your games by 31st July as it does ease our administration. It will help me in the event of tie breaks being needed if you tell me whether you were playing White or Black along with each result. If you cannot then a game may be submitted for adjudication but there is a charge for this for us to have access to the BFCC adjudication panel.

CCCC DIVISIONS 2017 / 2018

Titles are omitted in this list to ensure that everyone fits on one line (everyone is at least The Rev'd.). If the POST TOWN is in upper case and the postcode is used there is no need to state the County. That is if anyone addresses letters anymore!

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CCCC Fixture List 2017 / 2018

Players are free to start their games as soon as they receive this magazine, and there is nothing to stop you playing all your games simultaneously as has traditionally been done. However the quality of play may be improved if games are staggered so that we are not playing 8 games at once (in addition to any others we might be playing).

If you are playing by post you must start all games as soon as possible and at least by October 1st. If you are transmitting your moves by phone or email you can stagger the start of your games according to the table below, and if you are playing on the Scheming Mind webserver where the time limit is strictly enforced you can stagger them even further. Since playing time on Scheming Mind starts as soon as you begin a game, this must now apply to all our games.

In the list the player to the left of the 'v' plays White in Game 1 and is responsible for starting the games. When reporting results please let me know whether you were white or black in case of tie breaks later on.

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Round 1	Stevenson	v	Smith		Yates	v	Williamson	
Round 2	Hulme	v	Yates		Williamson	v	Stevenson	
Round 3	Williamson	v	Smith		Hulme	v	Stevenson	
Round 4	Stevenson	v	Yates		Smith	v	Hulme	
Round 5	Hulme	v	Williamson		Yates	v	Smith	
Division 2A								
Round 1	Nye	v	Loxton		Cleaves	v	Partridge	
Round 2	Lowe	v	Cleave	S	Partridge	v	Nye	
Round 3	Partridge	v	Loxton		Lowe	v	Nye	
Round 4	Nye	v	Cleave	S	Loxton	v	Lowe	
Round 5	Lowe	v	Partrid	ge	Cleaves	v	Loxton	
Division 2B								
Round 1	Carlin	v	Turnbu	II	Joy	v	Thistlewood	
Round 2	Hall	v	Joy		Thistlewood	v	Carlin	
Round 3	Thistlewood	v	Turnbu	III	Hall	v	Carlin	
Round 4	Carlin	v	Joy		Turnbull	v	Hall	
Round 5	Hall	v	Thistle	wood	Joy	v	Turnbull	

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e-mail addresses & Scheming Mind aliases

This list has the email addresses of all members who have advised me of them. Please do make sure you inform me if you change your email address.

It also includes aliases for those who have joined the Scheming Mind web site. If you wish to play your games using the Scheming Mind webserver then the player who is white should challenge the player who is black. If your opponent has restricted the number of games he is willing to play you may initially be refused, but the best solution is for each of us to create a 'buddy list' and add the other CCCC members to this and then allow challenges from anyone on your buddy list.

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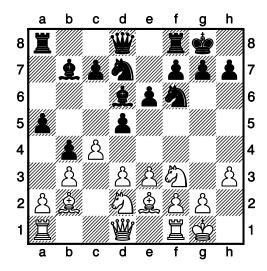
Michael Basman is a well known English chess player noted for his unusual openings and I intend to print two of his games below.

He is also well known for the U.K. Chess Challenge – a competition for Juniors which involves children from schools all over the country. In its later stages it involves big numbers in large venues. I once helped in one at Repton and it was fantastic to watch so many youngsters playing chess.

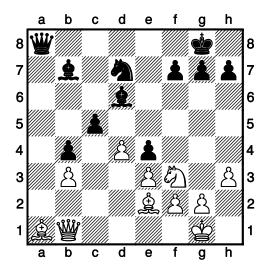
English chess needs this as is seen by an article by John Nunn in the British Chess Magazine showing his concern about the decline of chess in England. It also prints an article he wrote in 1991 on the same theme. Has it all gone on to the computer? But with this chess you never meet your opponent. I am sure many of us are also members of otb clubs where we have made many good friends. Michael Thistlewood

Basman,Michael J (2370) – Rogers,Jonathan (2245) [A00] - Eastbourne 1991

1.h3 b5 2.e3 Bb7 3.Nf3 b4 4.b3 e6 5.Bb2 Nf6 6.c4 d5 7.d3 Bd6 8.Nbd2 Nbd7 9.Be2 a5 10.0-0 0-0



11.a3 Qe7 12.axb4 axb4 13.Qc2 c5 14.Rxa8 Rxa8 15.Ra1 Qd8 16.cxd5 exd5 17.d4 Rxa1+ 18.Bxa1 Qa8 19.Qb1 Ne4 20.Nxe4 dxe4



21.Nd2 Nb6 22.Bb2 Nd5 23.dxc5 Bxc5 24.Nxe4 Nc3 25.Nxc3 bxc3 26.Bxc3 Bxg2 27.Qf5 Qe4 28.Qxc5 Bxh3 29.Qg5 1-0

Basman,Michael J (2370) – Wall,Tim (2280) [A00] BCF-ch 77th Eastbourne, 1990

1.h3 e5 2.a3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.g4 Nc6 6.Bg2 Be6 7.d3 Nge7 8.Nc3 Ng6 9.Nf3 Be7 10.g5 f5 11.gxf6 gxf6 12.Rg1 Qd7 13.h4 h5 14.Qa4 0-0-0 15.b4 b6 16.Bd2 Kb8 17.b5 Na5 18.Na2 Nb7 19.Nb4 Bxb4 20.axb4 Nd6 21.Bh3 Bxh3 22.Rxg6 Rhg8 23.Rxf6 Rg7 24.Bg5 Qc8 25.Rc1 Rc7 26.Rc6

Bruce Carlin – David Lowe [C42]

Division 1 – 2016-2017

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 DL My first mistake. I didn't intend to play the Russian defence. No harm done. There's nothing wrong with it, of course.

3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nc4 DL I thought this wasn't the best place to retreat White's Knight to. BC But it is in the Opening Book, though I am inclined to agree, especially after move 6.

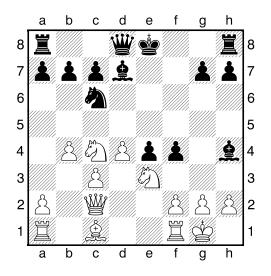
4...Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Ne3 DL White has to retreat again.

6...Be7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.c3 Be6 9.Bxe4 dxe4 10.0-0 DL White didn't see the d5 fork. BC Oh dear! No, I didn't.

10...Bd7 DL So don't give him another chance.

11.Nd2 f5 DL I am looking ahead to castle on the Queen's side.

12.Qb3 Na5 13.Qc2 Bh4 14.b4 Nc6 15.Ndc4 f4



DL That's an appalling oversight, which wouldn't have been so bad had I not left the King exposed. From now I go downhill.

16.Qxe4+ Be7 17.Qxf4 BC And I am two pawns up now, though not for long as we shall see.

17...Be6 18.Re1 Qd7 19.b5 To change the metaphor, I'm back against the ropes.

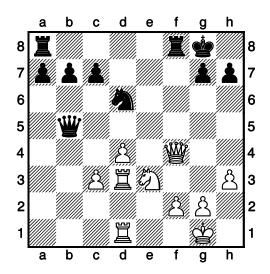
19...Nd8 20.a4 Nf7 21.Ba3 Bxa3 22.Nxa3 DL Rxa3 might have serves White better. BC But I didn't want my Rook stuck on the a file.

22...0-0 DL My plan for a Queen side castle didn't come off.

23.Rad1 Bb3 24.Rd3 Bxa4 DL That's one pawn recovered.

25.h3 Bxb5 DL And the 2nd. I've survived a long round on the ropes.

26.Nxb5 Qxb5 27.Red1 Nd6



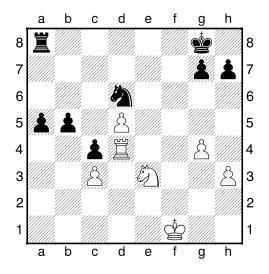
28.Qe5 BC I think Queens off the board might be to my advantage, but ... DL No thanks. I don't wish to swap.

28...Qc6 BC So I will have to force the issue!

29.Qd5+ DL OK. I'll have to!

29...Qxd5 30.Nxd5 Rf7 31.f4 c6 32.Ne3 Rxf4 DL Won 3rd pawn in a row. I'm laughing. BC And I am not happy, having had a 3 pawn advantage turned to a single pawn deficit.

33.d5 c5 34.Rf1 Rxf1+ 35.Kxf1 c4 36.Rd4 b5 37.g4 a5



DL I think I can win. BC So do I (think he can win, that is!)

38.Nc2 Re8 39.Kf2 Ne4+ 40.Kf3 Nxc3 DL 4th pawn. My hopes are truly up.

41.d6 DL On the other hand, that's looking dangerous.

41...Rd8 42.Kf4 Kf7 43.Ke5 Re8+ 44.Kf5 a4 45.h4 g6+ BC Well, he did force me away from defending the passed pawn, so I might as well get some pawns back in compensation.

46.Kg5 Ke6 47.Kh6 Kd7 DL Not a good idea to face the King against

the Rook. But I'm rather tied up. (Ropes again).

48.Kxh7 Re6 49.Na3 DL A good move, I thought. BC He can swap Rooks and gain the d pawn, but it leaves me with 2 pawns on the King side.

49...Ne4 50.Nxb5 Nxd6 51.h5 gxh5 52.gxh5 Kc6 53.Nxd6 Rxd6 DL When these exchanges began I was thinking the Rooks would be included. But, of course, he's not going to now. What a pity! BC I can't swap the Rooks now or he can promote his a pawn before I can promote my h pawn as I have to move my King.

54.Rxc4+ DL And he didn't. Now we are all square. At this point a draw could be offered. BC I am not sure I didn't suggest one about now, but you still had ideas of winning.

54...Kb5 55.Rc8 BC I had an idea of going behind, but it wasn't going to work so this was a wasted move, though in the end it didn't matter.

55...a3 56.Rc1 Kb4 57.h6 a2 58.Ra1 Kb3 59.Kg7 Kb2 60.Rxa2+ DL Now it's got to be a draw. But let's make it tidy.

60...Kxa2 61.h7 Rd7+ 62.Kg8 Rxh7 63.Kxh7 DL That looks tidy. What an intriguing game. BC My second appearance in Division 1 again lasted just one season and resulted in the expected relegation, but three hard fought draws was at least two better than last time I reached these exalted heights!

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