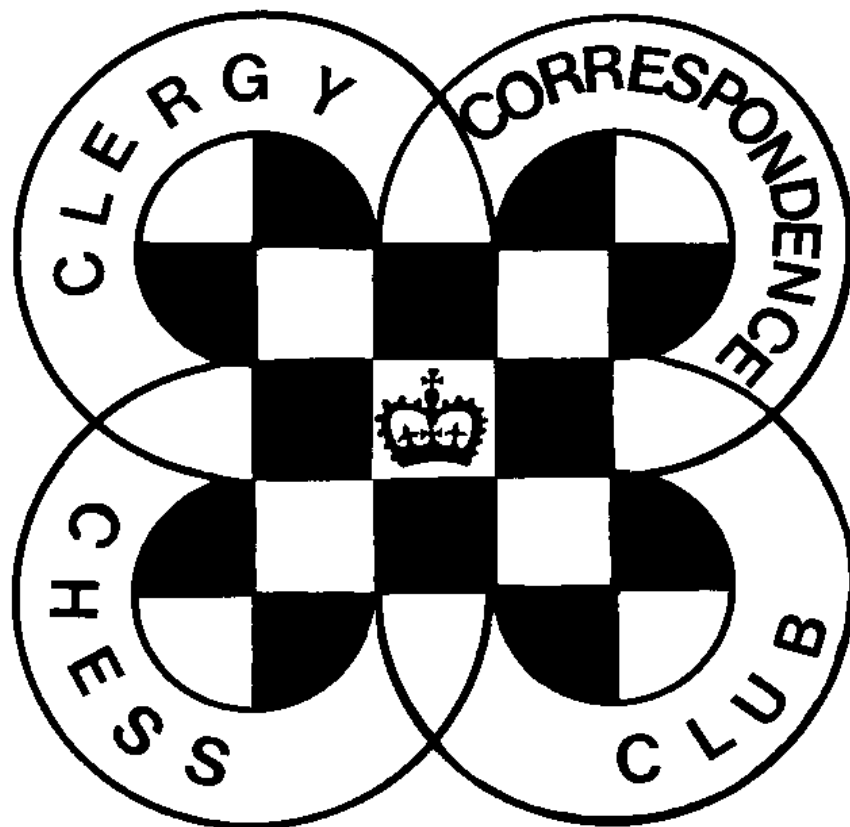


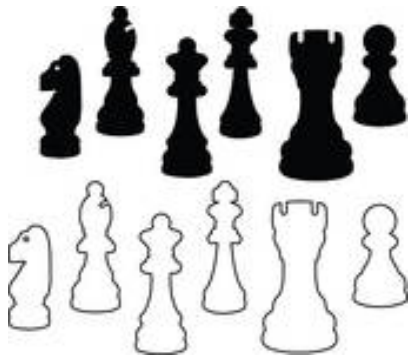
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**October 2021**



**CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB**





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## NEW SEASON

The new season officially begins on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

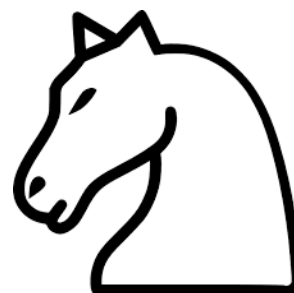
## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions remain unchanged this year. You can become a Life Member for £80 and never pay a sub again, otherwise your annual subscription is now due and for the coming year that is £6.50 Please send subs. direct to our Treasurer. Alternatively you can pay online - details of our bank account are on the back cover.

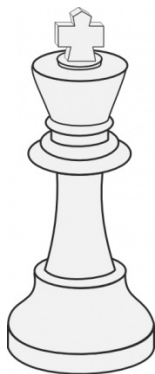
## GAMES

As always, my thanks to Michael Thistlewood for preparing the games for the magazine, and to those who send them in. Please do try to send a game or two with annotations, which are more instructive to other members.

In this issue our games pages form a tribute to **Mike Smith**, who died in June, and his obituary also appears on these pages.



## SCHEMING MIND STANDARD CHESS LEAGUE



We finished 4th in our Division last season, and so remain in the same Division this time. We are having another go although our team is significantly weaker than it was after losing two of our stronger players and 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.

The current season has begun and we lost our First Round match against *knightworm78* 3½ - 5½ (with one to finish). We are currently playing *The Chess Masters* but so far no games have been completed, and are about to start Round 3 against *Team Mexico!*

One of the benefits of the internet is that it is as easy to play chess against someone in Mexico as it is to play someone in the next street. Gone are the days when one of our players was involved in a postal game against someone in the USSR (as it then was) that took something like 4 years to complete!

## CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB RESULTS 2020 / 2021

<b>Division 1</b>	H		Y		N		D		S		Total	%
Hulme			1	1*	1	1*	v	v	v	v	4	100
Yates	0	0			0	1	v	v	v	v	1	25
Nye	0	0	1	0			v	v	v	v	1	25
Dunning	v	v	v	v	v	v			v	v	v	
Smith	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v			v	
<b>Division 2A</b>	W		P		L							
Williamson			1*	1	v	v					2	100
Partridge	0	0			v	v					0	0
Loxton	v	v	v	v							v	
<b>Division 2B</b>	Ca		Cl		T		D					
Carlin			0	1	1*	1	1	1*			5	83
Cleaves	1	0			½	0	1	1*			3 ½	58
Thistlewood	0	0	½*	1			0	1*			2 ½	42
Druce	0	0	0	0	1*	0					1	17

\* indicates a game won or drawn with the Black pieces.

David Hulme is once again crowned Champion with a perfect score in a rather depleted Division 1.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID.

Andrew Yates and David Nye tied and were only separated by the 6th tie break criterion, that of Yates having a higher Rating on SM.

Following John Loxton's withdrawal Division 2 became a match between Michael Williamson and Tim Partridge, settled in the former's favour.

We added John Druce to Division 3 when he joined part way through the season and though placed last he picked up a point from Michael Thistlewood, who finished 3rd. Richard Cleaves took second place while Bruce Carlin won this Division with 5/6.

## THE CURRENT SEASON : 2021 / 2022

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 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 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 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 the 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 Division 1 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2021 / 2022

These are the Divisions for the forthcoming season. Each player plays two games against each other person in their Division, one as white and the other as black. Games no longer all have to be played simultaneously but start dates can be staggered through the season. Full details are on the next page.

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David Nye, 3, Blackberry Field, Prestbury, CHELTENHAM. GL52 5LT. 01242 268964  
Michael Williamson, 49 Ennerdale Road, Astley, Tyldesley, MANCHESTER. M29 7AR. 01942 870274  
Bruce Carlin, 44 Frank Lane, DEWSBURY. WF12 0JJ. 01924 511066

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Michael Hall, The Vicarage, 111 Church Street, GREAT BURSTEAD. CM11 2TR. 01277 632060

## DIVISION 2B

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John Druce, 9 Fuller's Close, Hadleigh. IPSWICH. IP7 5AS. 01473 827242  
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# CCCC Fixture List 2021 / 2022

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).

In the unlikely event anyone still plays by post, they must start all games by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you are transmitting your moves by phone or email you can delay the start of some games according to the table below.

If you are playing on the Scheming Mind webserver, where the time limit is strictly enforced, you can delay later rounds even further. Since playing time on Scheming Mind starts as soon as you begin a game, this must now apply to all our games.

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.

I am sorry that Divisions 2 and 3 remain small, but with the number of active players we have I cannot see any alternative. If we had one more player we could have 3 equal Divisions of 4 players, if we had one fewer we could have two Divisions of 5, but the number we have prevents either option. Divisions 2 & 3 have only 3 Rounds, but they are designated Rounds 1,3,5 so that starting dates can be staggered.

<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Scheming Mind</u>	<u>Phone or email</u>	<u>Post</u>
1	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	October 1 <sup>st</sup>
2	November 1 <sup>st</sup>	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	October 1 <sup>st</sup>
3	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	November 1 <sup>st</sup>	October 1 <sup>st</sup>
4	January 1 <sup>st</sup>	November 1 <sup>st</sup>	October 1 <sup>st</sup>
5	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	October 1 <sup>st</sup>

## Division 1

Round 1	Nye	v	Yates	Williamson	v	Carlin
Round 2	Hulme	v	Williamson	Carlin	v	Nye
Round 3	Carlin	v	Yates	Hulme	v	Nye
Round 4	Nye	v	Williamson	Yates	v	Hulme
Round 5	Hulme	v	Carlin	Williamson	v	Yates

## Division 2A

Round 1	Hall	v	Thistlewood
Round 3	Partridge	v	Hall
Round 5	Thistlewood	v	Partridge

## Division 2B

Round 1	Druce	v	Boddy
Round 3	Druce	v	Cleaves
Round 5	Cleaves	v	Boddy

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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.

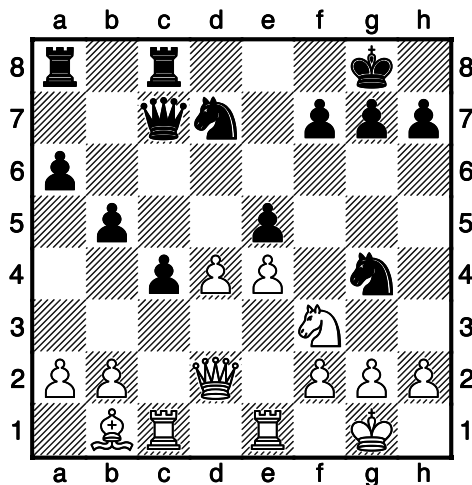
It also includes aliases for those who have joined the Scheming Mind web site. If you wish to play your games using the Scheming Mind webserver then the player who is white should challenge the player who is black. If your opponent has restricted the number of games he is willing to play you may initially 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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Alexander, Wilf	wilfalexander@yahoo.co.uk	
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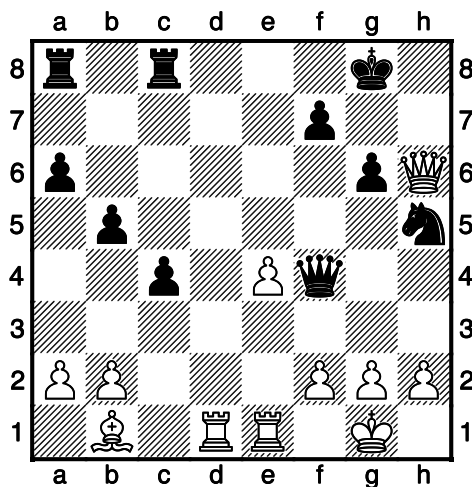


## Mike Smith – Heiner Theofel Scheming Mind

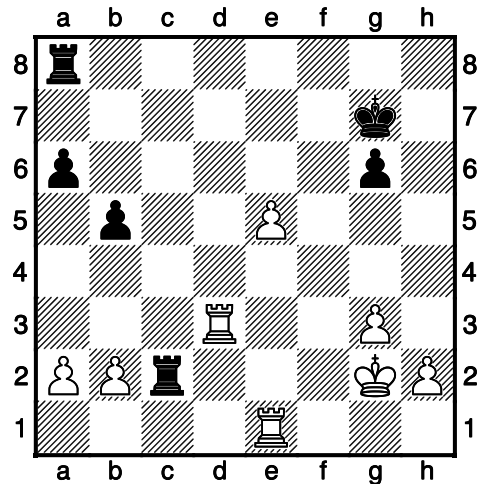
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10.Re1 dxc4 11.Nxc4 b5 12.Nd6  
c4 13.Bb1 Qc7 14.Nxc8 Rfxc8  
15.e4 e5 16.Qd2 Ng4



17.Qg5 Ndf6 18.Nxe5 h6 19.Qf5  
g6 20.Qf4 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Nh5  
22.Qxh6 Qxe5 23.Rcd1 Qf4



24.Qxf4 Nxf4 25.g3 Nh3+ 26.Kg2  
Ng5 27.f4 Ne6 28.f5 Nc5 29.fxg6  
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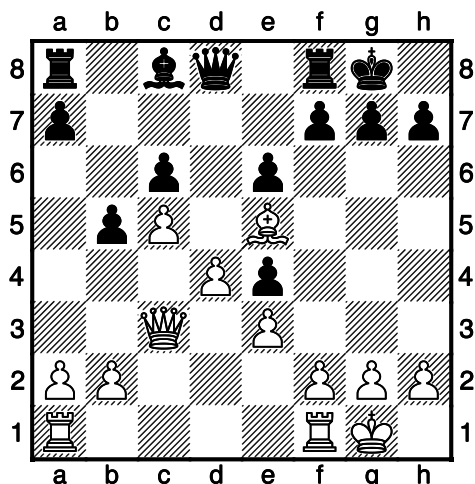


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Kf6 37.Rf7+

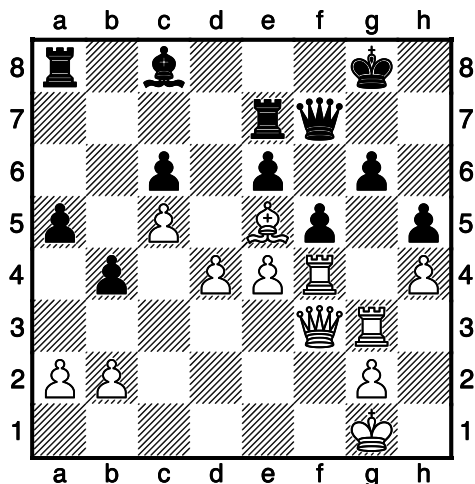
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## Mike Smith – Simon Green Scheming Mind

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7.Qxc3 Nbd7 8.e3 Qb6 9.c5 Qc7  
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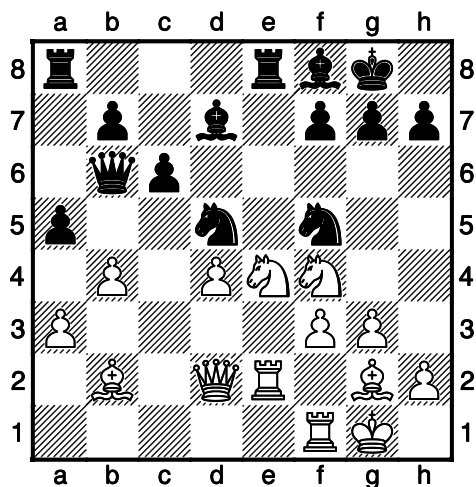
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 19.Raf1 f5 20.Rg3 g6 21.Rf4 Qf6  
 22.Be5 Qf7 23.e4 b4 24.Qf3 Re7  
 25.h4 h5



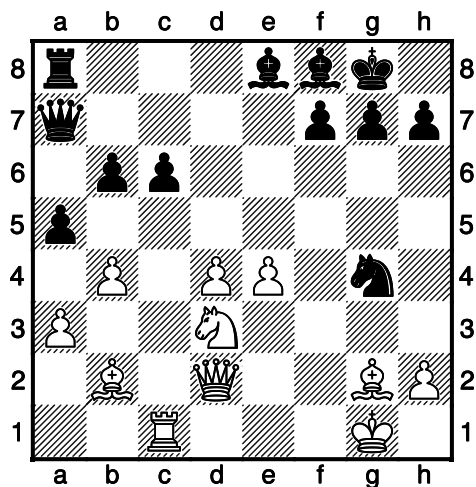
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 30.Rg5 Ba6 31.exf5 exf5 32.Rxf5  
 Bc8 33.Rh5+ Kg6 34.Rfg5+ Kf7  
 35.Rh7+ Ke8 36.Rxe7+ Kxe7  
 37.h5  
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## Mike Smith – Geoffrey Rosser Scheming Mind

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.g3 Be7 4.Bg2  
 Nc6 5.e3 Nb4 6.d4 exd4 7.exd4 0-0  
 8.a3 Nc6 9.Nge2 d6 10.0-0 Re8  
 11.Nf4 Bg4 12.f3 Bd7 13.b3 Bf8  
 14.Bb2 Ne7 15.Qd2 c6 16.Rae1  
 d5 17.Re2 Qb6 18.cxd5 Nf5  
 19.Ne4 Nxd5 20.b4 a5



21.g4 Nd6 22.Nc5 Nf6 23.Rxe8  
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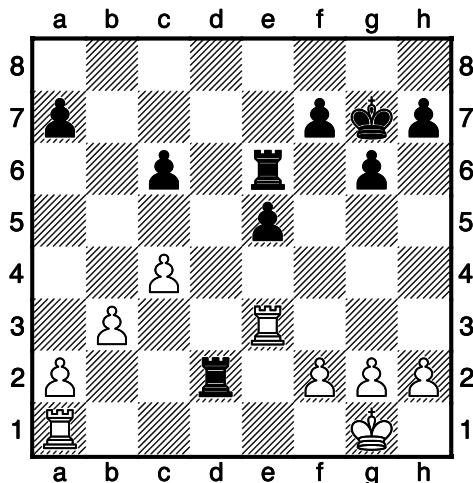


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33.Qxf6 gxf6 34.Bh3 Bc5+  
35.bxc5 Rxc7 36.cxb6 Rxc1+  
37.Nxc1 Bc6 38.Nb3

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## Geoffrey Rosser – Mike Smith Scheming Mind

1.e4 c5 2.b3 Nc6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3  
g6 5.Bb2 Bg7 6.Nf3 d6 7.Be2  
Nxe4 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.Bxc3 0-0  
10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.d4 cxd4  
12.Nxd4 Qb6 13.Nxc6 bxc6  
14.Re1 Be6 15.Bg4 Bxg4  
16.Qxg4 Rae8 17.Qd7 e5 18.Qxd6  
Re6 19.Qd2 Rd8 20.Qe3 Qxe3  
21.Rxe3 Rd2



22.Kf1 f5 23.Re2 Rd4 24.Rae1  
Kf6 25.f3 e4 26.Kf2 a5 27.fxe4  
fxe4 28.Re3 h5 29.Ke2 Ke5  
30.Kf2 Rd2+ 31.R1e2 Rf6+  
32.Ke1 Rxe2+ 33.Kxe2 Rd6  
34.Rg3 Kf4 35.a3 h4 36.Re3 c5  
37.Rc3 g5 38.Re3 Rd4 39.Rc3 g4

40.Re3 a4 41.g3+ hxg3 42.hxg3+  
Ke5 43.bxa4 Rxc4 44.Rb3 Rxa4  
45.Ke3 Rc4 46.Ke2 Rc2+ 47.Ke1  
Kd4 48.a4 Ra2 49.Rb7 Rxa4  
50.Rg7 Ke3 51.Kd1 Kf3 52.Rg5  
Rc4 53.Kd2 e3+ 54.Kd3 Rd4+  
55.Kc3 e2

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Mike Smith



We have devoted our games pages this issue to Mike Smith, who died in June after a four year fight with prostate cancer.

Mike was born in Bolton in 1949. His family attended Zion Baptist Church where he was baptised when he was 19. Mike went to Sheffield University to study History, and after working in a library for three years he felt called to the ministry and took a second degree at Manchester University as part of his training.

He was ordained in the summer of 1977 and worked in Hull, Wolverhaptan, Skelmersdale and Finchley. He always strived to work ecumenically and was instrumental in setting up an ecumenical night shelter for the homeless in Finchley.

A football fan, he supported Bolton Wanderers through thick and thin. In his late teens he developed a passion for chess and subsequently played for Lancashire. He joined the CCCC many years ago and regularly played in our top Division, becoming joint champion in 1994. More recently he was also active on the Scheming Mind web site, both as a member of our Team and individually.




To his widow, Jenny, and three sons, the Club offers their condolences.

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