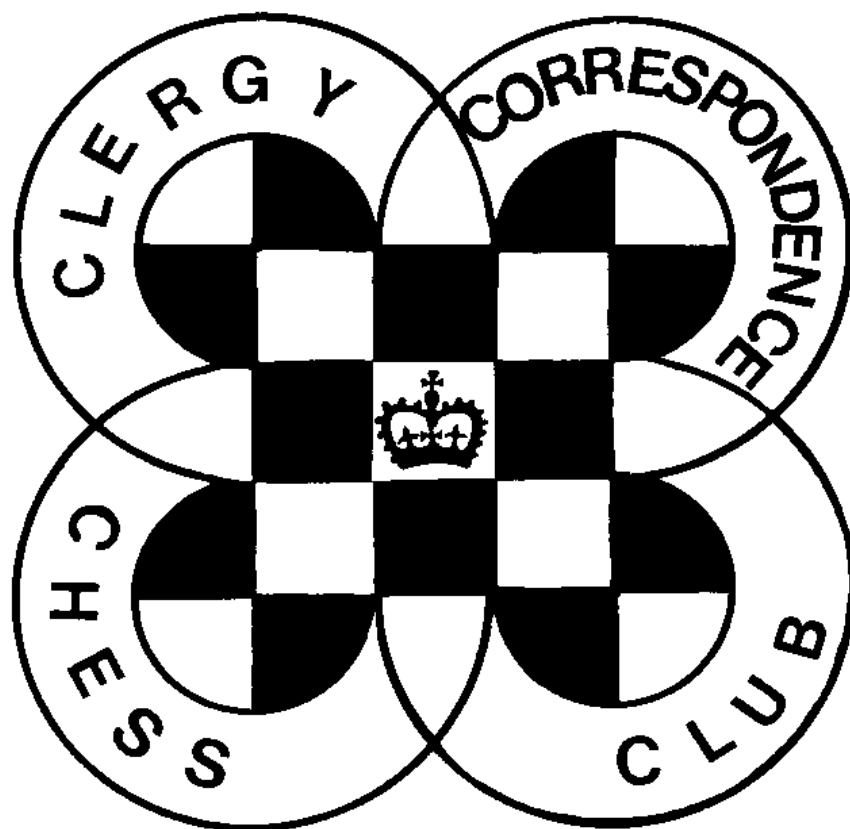


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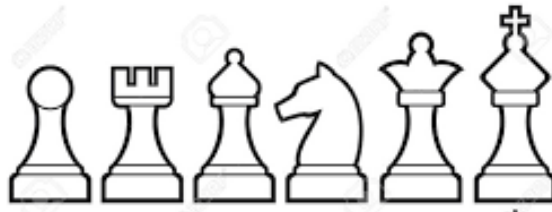
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**CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB**

# **CHESS Minister!**

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### **CURRENT SEASON**

All games should now be underway in the current season even if you are taking advantage of the staggered starting dates allowed to those playing on Scheming Mind. If there are any games not yet underway please do get them started now.

### **GAMES PLEASE**



As always, thanks to Michael Thistlewood who edits and prepares the games for the magazine. He does an excellent job but can only work with the material you send in, so please send in game scores, annotated if possible.

### **SCHEMING MIND CHESS LEAGUE**

We finished an excellent 3rd in our Division in the last season of this tournament, only two points behind the top team. Because of an irregularity the team finishing above us has been banned from this year's tournament and we were offered promotion in their place. Most of our Team members felt we should have a go and so we have accepted this and the season is beginning as you read this.

### **ACCOUNTS**

Accounts for the last year are elsewhere in the magazine. Our thanks to Charles for keeping careful control over the Club's finances.

## **BISHOP'S MOVE?**

As I was preparing this issue I read an article about a rare book, a copy of which had come up for sale. The *Summa Collationum*, an instruction manual for priests, was written by John of Wales, a 13th century Franciscan theologian, but claims to use the rules of chess as examples of good and bad behaviour. He says that the King is able to move in any direction because 'the king's will is law,' while rooks represented justices and so moved straight and rigid, symbolising that they always acted justly. He is however less flattering of Bishops whom, he said, 'move obliquely ... because nearly every bishop misuses his office for cupidity [avarice].' Pawns represented poor men and move diagonally when taking from others, teaching that they only advance in life when they move straight. But the most striking difference from the present game is that of the Queen, which can only move one square at a time and that diagonally because 'women are so greedy that they will take nothing except by rapine [violent seizure] and injustice.' Some of this perhaps needs to be read with care as writers of moralities were known to vary the 'rules' of such as chess to suit their ends, but you have to ask what move he might have allowed a female bishop, were he even to imagine such a thing existing! There is of course a fair bit of research into some early forms of the game in our own founder's work, *The Chess Player's Alice*, only a few copies of which now remain.

## **CHESS AT GENERAL SYNOD?**



This photo is from a spare moment at General Synod earlier this month and shows current Champion Andrew Yates (on the left) trying to interest a fellow member in CCCC.

## CCCC ACCOUNTS

### Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31.7.22

	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>(2020/21)</u>		<u>2021/22</u>	<u>(2020/21)</u>
<u>Income £</u>			<u>Expenditure £</u>		
Subscriptions	166.50	(99.50)	Secretary's Expenses	16.58	(19.43)
Bank Interest	0.11	(7.54)	EFCC Affiliation	21.00	(21.00)
Scheming Mind p'ments	15.00	(18.00)			
Alice book sales	16.76	(84.29)			
Donations		(79.50)			
	_____	_____	Surplus for year	<u>160.79</u>	<u>(248.40)</u>
	<b>198.37</b>	<b>(288.83)</b>		<b>198.37</b>	<b>(288.83)</b>

### Balance Sheet as at 31.7.22

	<u>£</u>
Balances brought forward	1390.01
Add: surplus for year	160.79
	_____
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1550.80</b>
<u>Represented by:</u>	
Santander UK plc Business Account	277.44
NS&I Investment Account (Life Membership)	1273.36
	_____
	<b>1558.80</b>

### Treasurer's Report on the 2021/22 Accounts

Though not matching last year's record-breaking £248, this year's surplus is a very healthy £160.79. This is due to two new Life Memberships, though even without them we would have managed to cover our costs – just!

Unless we recruit new members, these surpluses seem unlikely to continue, as we now have only one non-Life Member, and we are down to our last few Alice books.

However, I want to assure everyone that the Club's finances are very healthy. Our capital reserves are ample in terms of servicing our annual running costs for many years. You will be pleased to know that there is no sub outstanding.

At the end of the financial year 2021/22 the value of the Life Membership Fund stood at £55.36 per Life Member (previous year: £53.01).

NS&I restructured their product range last year, reducing the Investment Account interest to almost nothing, though at the time of writing (December 2022) rates have recently returned to something nearer the previous year's.

Thank you to those who support us financially by buying Scheming Mind tokens.

The figures on the expenditure side call for no comment.

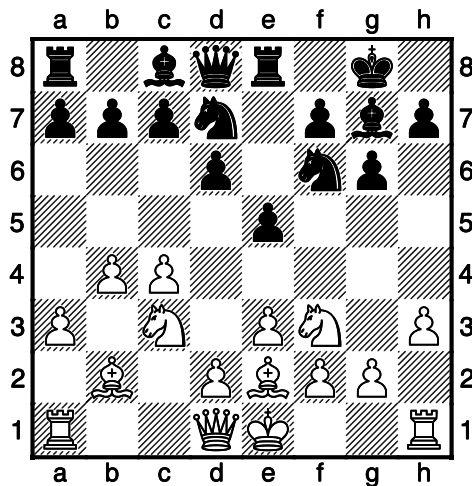
**Charles Mason – Hon Treasurer, CCCC**

Mike Basman, who died recently was a most unusual chess player. He played unusual openings, moving pawns on a, b, g and h.

His other claim to fame was organising a large chess competition for juniors all over the country. I believe thousands took part. Here are some of his games.

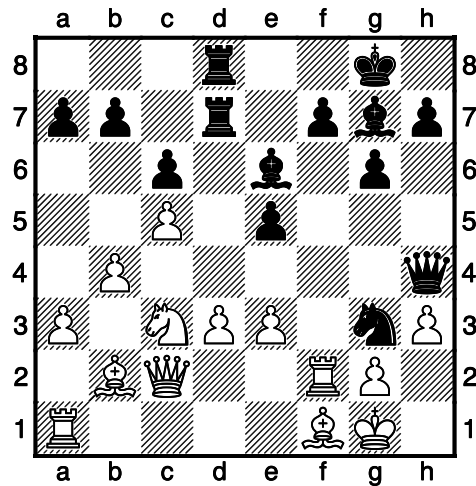
**Basman, Michael J – Kinlay, Jonathan [A00]**  
Bristol op Bristol (3), 1980

1.b4 e5 2.a3 Nf6 3.e3 d6  
4.Nf3 g6 5.h3 Bg7 6.Bb2 0-0  
7.c4 Re8 8.Nc3 Nbd7 9.Be2

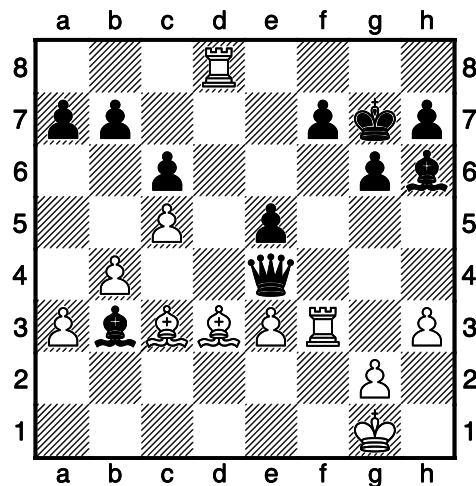


9...e4 10.Nh2 Ne5 11.Qb3 c6  
12.f4 exf3 13.Nxf3 Nh5 14.0-0  
Ng3 15.Rf2 Be6 16.Nxe5  
dxe5 17.Qc2 Qh4 18.c5

Rad8 19.Bf1 Rd7 20.d3  
Red8

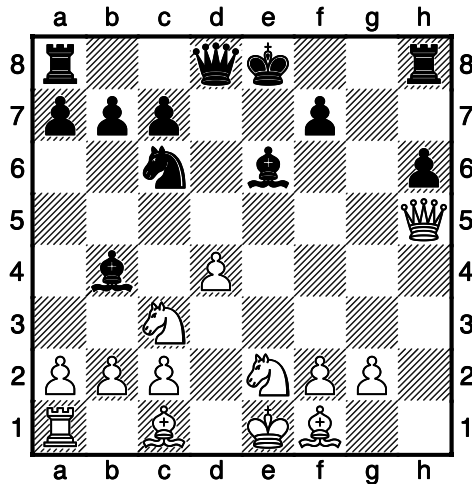


21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.dxe4 Qg5  
23.Rf3 Rd2 24.Qc3 R8d3  
25.Qxd3 Rxd3 26.Bxd3 Qd8  
27.Rd1 Qh4 28.Bc3 Bb3  
29.Rd2 Bh6 30.Bf1 Qxe4  
31.Rd8+ Kg7 32.Bd3

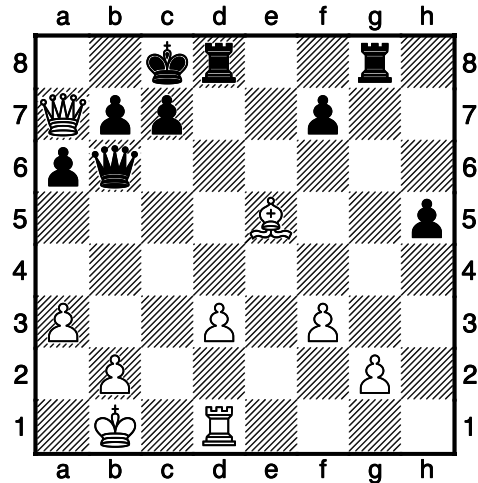


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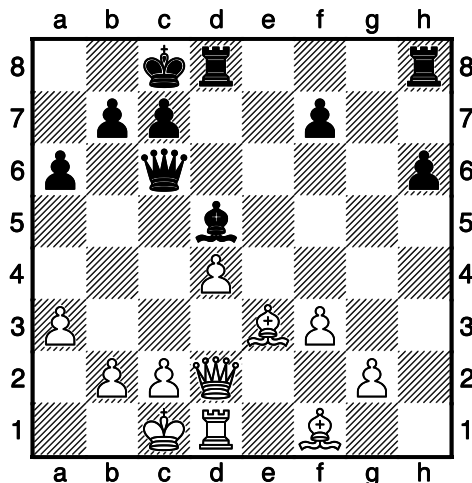
1.e4 g5 2.d4 h6 3.h4 gxh4  
 4.Rxh4 d5 5.exd5 e6 6.Rh5  
 Nf6 7.dxe6 Bxe6 8.Nc3 Nxe5  
 9.Qxh5 Bb4 10.Nge2 Nc6



21.Kb1 h5 22.Bg5 Rde8  
 23.Bf4 Bc4 24.Be5 Rhg8  
 25.d5 Bxd5 26.Qd4 Bb3  
 27.Bd3 Rd8 28.Qe3 Bc4  
 29.Qa7 Bxd3 30.cxd3 Qb6



11.Be3 Qd7 12.a3 Bg4  
 13.Qb5 a6 14.Qd3 Bxc3+  
 15.Qxc3 0-0-0 16.f3 Be6  
 17.0-0-0 Ne7 18.Nf4 Nd5  
 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Qd2 Qc6



31.Qxb6 cxb6 32.g3 Kd7  
 33.Bf4 Kc6 34.Rc1+ Kb5  
 35.Rc7 Rxd3 36.Rxf7 Rxf3  
 37.Rf5+ Kc4 38.Rxe5 Kb3  
 39.Rh1 Rf2 40.Bc1 Rxe3  
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 Rh3 44.Rg6 Rc2 45.Rg1 a5  
 46.Rg6 Rc5

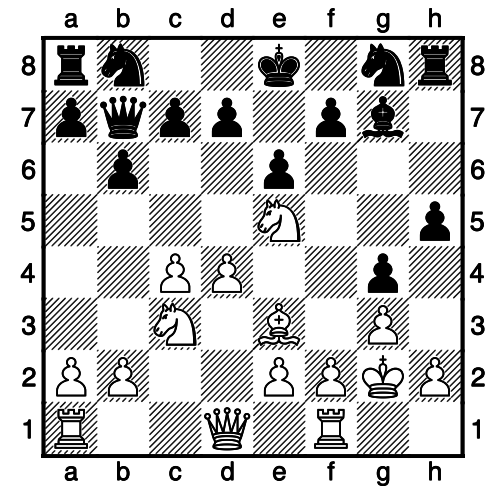
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This was Speelman v.  
 Basman

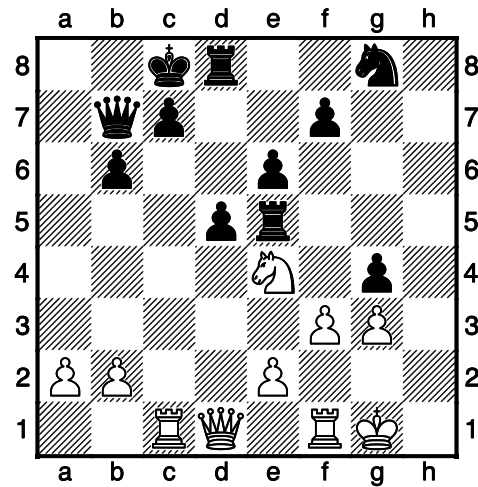
**Gelfer, Israel (2365) –  
Basman, Michael J  
(2405) [A13]**

Ramat Hasharon Ramat  
Hasharon (3), 30.09.1980

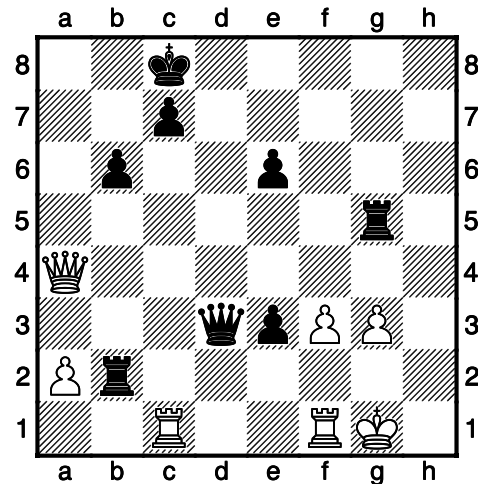
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4.Bg2 g5 5.0-0 g4 6.Ne5  
Bxg2 7.Kxg2 h5 8.d4 Bg7  
9.Be3 Qc8 10.Nc3 Qb7+



11.f3 Bxe5 12.dxe5 Nc6  
13.Kg1 h4 14.Ne4 hxg3  
15.hxg3 0-0-0 16.c5 Nxe5  
17.Bd4 Rh5 18.cxb6 axb6  
19.Bxe5 Rxe5 20.Rc1 d5



21.Nf2 gxf3 22.exf3 Ne7  
23.Kg2 Nf5 24.Ng4 d4  
25.Qa4 Ne3+ 26.Nxe3 dxe3  
27.Qf4 Rd2+ 28.Kg1 Qd5  
29.Qxf7 Qd3 30.Qf4 Rxb2  
31.Qa4 Rg5



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## CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB RESULTS 2022 / 2023

<b>Division 1</b>	Y	Hu	W	Ha	D	Total	%
Yates				1 1*			
Hulme							
Williamson				1* 0	1 1*		
Hall	0 0		0 1*		1 1*		
Druce			0 0	0 0			
<b>Division 2A</b>	N	P	B				
Nye							
Partridge							
Boddy							
<b>Division 2B</b>	Ca	Cl	T				
Carlin		0					
Cleaves	1		1 1*				
Thistlewood		0 0					

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

A smattering of results have come in already, but of course there are many more still to come.

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## Subscriptions

Life membership £ 80.00  
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Current Membership Year : October 2022 to September 2023

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