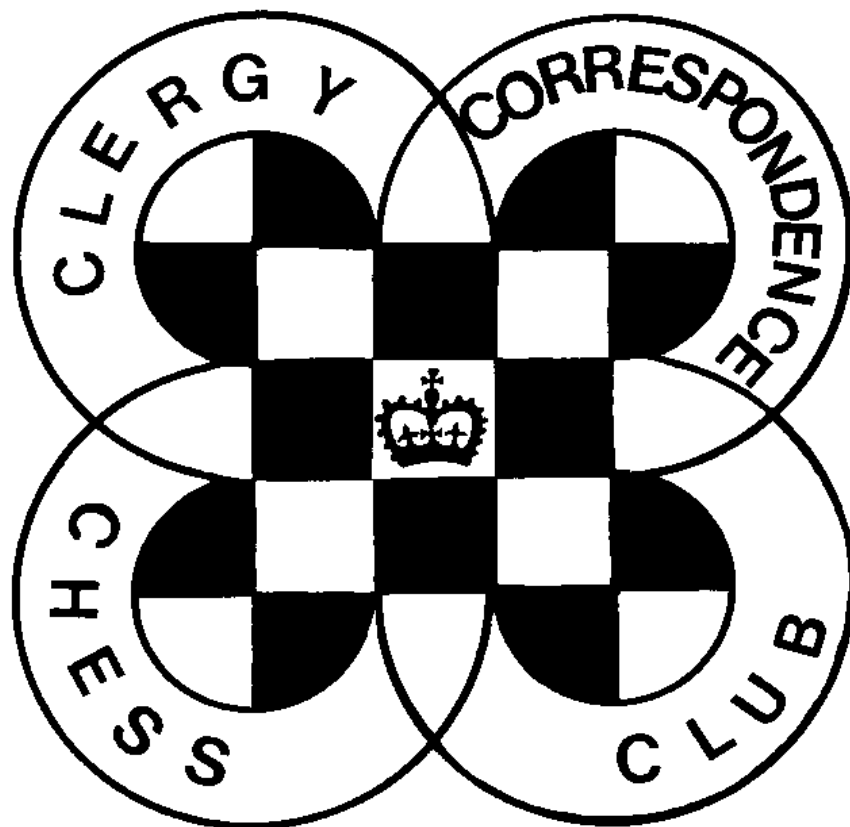
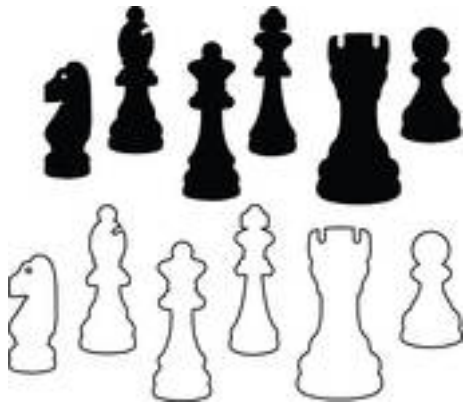


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**CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB**



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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. 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.

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

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Despite raging inflation in every other part of our lives, I am happy to report that our Treasurer is content for subscriptions to remain unchanged this year. This would be very helpful in our so-called 'cost of living crisis' were it not for the fact that nearly all of us are Life Members and so don't pay annual subscriptions anyway! If you are not a Life Member you can become one for £80. Otherwise your annual subscription of £6.50 is now due. Please send subs. direct to our Treasurer as sending them via me increases postage costs. Alternatively you can pay online and the details are on the back cover.

### **MEMBERS**

Our treasurer, Charles Mason, has now retired and is living with his daughter while they look for a suitable retirement home. His current, albeit temporary, address is on the back cover.

David Brown is leaving the Anglican Chaplaincy in Warsaw and moving to the one in Gran Canaria later in the year. He does not yet have his new address, but his email remains the same.

### **GAMES**

As always, my thanks to Michael Thistlewood for preparing the games for the magazine, and to those who send them in. Please do send in game scores with annotation if possible.

### **SCHEMING MIND STANDARD CHESS LEAGUE**

Having won promotion to a higher Division we knew we would be struggling this season. That we drew our first match 5-5- against International Chess Friends was therefore a credit to the team, though we then lost our second match to Northern Trappers 1½ - 7½ (one game to finish), and in the 3rd round we trail Apple Pie 0-3.

## CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB RESULTS 2022 / 2023

<b>Division 1</b>	Y		Hu		W		Ha		D		Total	%
Yates			1	½*	1	1*	1	1*	1	1	7 ½	94
Hulme	0	½			0	½	1	1*	1	1*	5	50
Williamson	0	0	1	½*			1*	0	1	1*	4 ½	56
Hall	0	0	0	0	0	1*			1	1*	3	38
Druce	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
<b>Division 2A</b>	N		P		B							
Nye			1	½*	1	1					3 ½	88
Partridge	0	½			1	1*					2 ½	63
Boddy	0	0	0	0							0	0
<b>Division 2B</b>	Cl		Ca		T							
Cleaves			1	0	1	1*					3	75
Carlin	0	1			1	½*					2 ½	63
Thistlewood	0	0	0	½							½	13

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

Congratulations to Andrew Yates who is Champion this year. He dropped just half a point to David Hulme, who finished 2nd. Michael Williamson took a win and draw from David Hulme to finish 3rd, just half a point behind. Michael Hall finished 4th ahead of John Druce.

In Division 2A, David Nye dropped just half a point to Tim Partridge on his way to victory, David Boddy failing to score.

Richard Cleaves took Division 2B, just half a point ahead of Bruce Carlin. they won a game each against each other, but Michael Thistlewood gained a draw against Bruce Carlin to settle the outcome of this Division.

## THE CURRENT SEASON : 2023 / 2024

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 2024 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 2023 / 2024

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.

## DIVISION 1

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David Nye, 3, Blackberry Field, Prestbury, CHELTENHAM. GL52 5LT. 01242 268964  
Richard Cleaves, 20 Morfa Street, BRIDGEND. CF31 1HB. 07816 973340

## DIVISION 2A

Michael Hall, The Vicarage, 111 Church Street, GREAT BURSTEAD. CM11 2TR. 01277 632060  
Tim Partridge, Flat 419, St Crispin Retirement Village, NORTHAMPTON. NN5 4RA. 01604 591329  
Michael Thistlewood, 44 Blackhall Croft, Blackhall Road, KENDAL. LA9 4UU. 01539 739677

## DIVISION 2B

John Druce, 9 Fuller's Close, Hadleigh. IPSWICH. IP7 5AS. 01473 827242  
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# CCCC Fixture List 2023 / 2024

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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

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	Williamson v	Hulme	Nye v	Cleaves
Round 2	Yates v	Nye	Cleaves v	Williamson
Round 3	Cleaves v	Hulme	Yates v	Williamson
Round 4	Williamson v	Nye	Hulme v	Yates
Round 5	Yates v	Cleaves	Nye v	Hulme

## Division 2A

Round 1	Thistlewood v	Partridge
Round 2	Hall v	Thistlewood
Round 3	no games to play	
Round 4	Partridge v	Hall
Round 5	no games to play	

## Division 2B

Round 1	Carlin v	Boddy
Round 2	Carlin v	Druce
Round 3	no games to play	
Round 4	Druce v	Boddy
Round 5	no games to play	

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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.

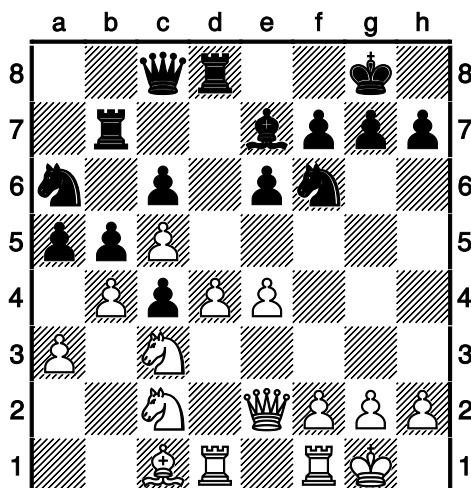
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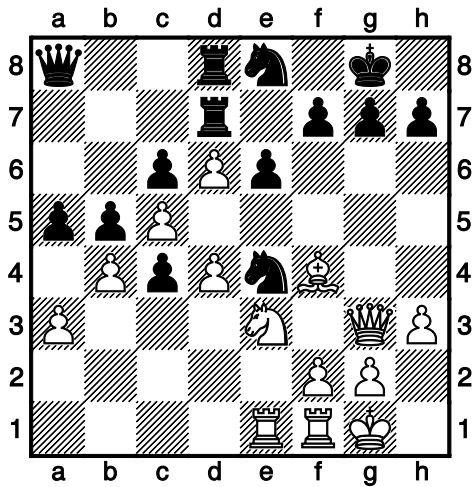
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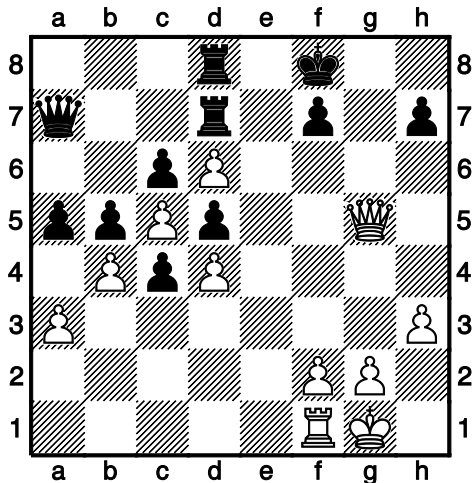
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7.b4 b6 8.Bb2 a5 9.a3 Be7  
10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 Ba6  
12.Ne1 Bc4 13.Bxc4 dxc4  
14.Qe2 Rb8 15.Ra2 b5 16.e4  
Rb7 17.Nc2 Nb8 18.Raa1  
Qc8 19.Rad1 Rd8 20.Bc1  
Na6



21.Bf4 Rbd7 22.h3 Ne8  
23.Qe3 Bf6 24.e5 Be7  
25.Ne4 Nac7 26.Nd6 Qa8  
27.Qg3 Nd5 28.Ne3 Nc3  
29.Rde1 Bxd6 30.exd6 Ne4



31.Qh4 Nd2 32.Nd5 Nxf1  
33.Nb6 Qa7 34.Rxf1 Nf6  
35.Be5 Nd5 36.Nxd5 exd5  
37.Bxg7 Kxg7 38.Qg5+ Kf8  
39.Qf6 Kg8 40.Qg5+ Kf8



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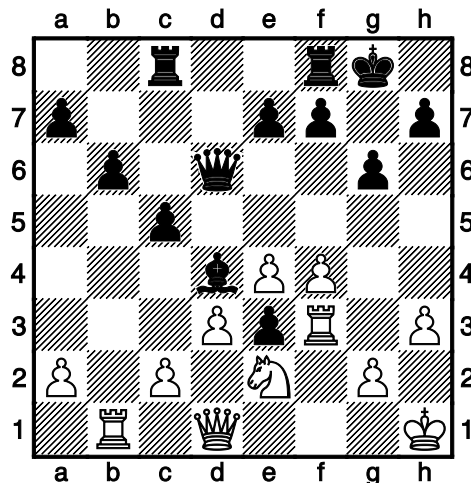


## (6) MJT – Bruce Carlin

Clergy Correspondence,  
20.04.2023

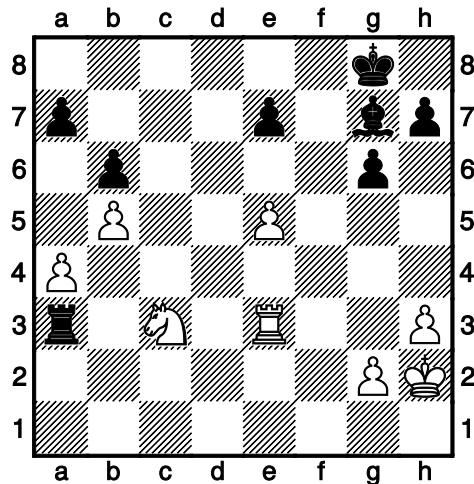
As I was playing this game, I thought it would make a good game for the magazine. Bruce thought that we both missed opportunities, but he hadn't kept his notes of when we did! Perhaps you can find them.

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4.Be2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5  
7.Nc3 Nc6 8.Ne5 Qc7 9.Nxc6  
Qxc6 10.Bd2 Bf5 11.Bf3 Qd6  
12.Ne2 Rac8 13.Rc1 d4  
14.e4 Bg4 15.Bxg4 Nxg4  
16.h3 Ne3 17.Bxe3 dxe3  
18.Rf3 b6 19.Kh1 Bxb2  
20.Rb1 Bd4



21.c3 Bg7 22.Rxe3 Rfd8  
23.e5 Qe6 24.a4 f6 25.Qb3  
Qxb3 26.Rxb3 c4 27.dxc4  
Rxc4 28.Rb4 Rd1+ 29.Kh2

Rxb4 30.cxb4 fxe5 31.fxe5  
Ra1 32.Nc3 Ra3 33.b5



33...Bh6 34.Rf3 Bd2 35.Ne4  
Rxf3 36.gxf3 Bf4+ 37.Kg2  
Bxe5 38.Ng5 Kg7 39.Ne6+  
Kf6 40.Nd8 Bc7 41.Nc6 e5  
42.Nxa7 Kf5 43.Nc6 Kf4  
44.Nb4 e4 45.Nd5+ Ke5  
46.Nxc7 e3 47.Kf1 Kd6  
48.Ne8+ Kc5 49.Nf6 Kb4  
50.Nd5+ Kxa4 51.Nxb6+  
Kxb5 52.Nd7 Kc4 53.Nf6  
Kd3 54.Ke1 e2 55.Nxh7 Ke3  
56.Ng5 Kf4 57.Kxe2 Kxg5  
58.Kf2 Kh5 59.Kg3 g5 60.f4  
gxf4+ 61.Kxf4 Kh4 62.Kf5

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