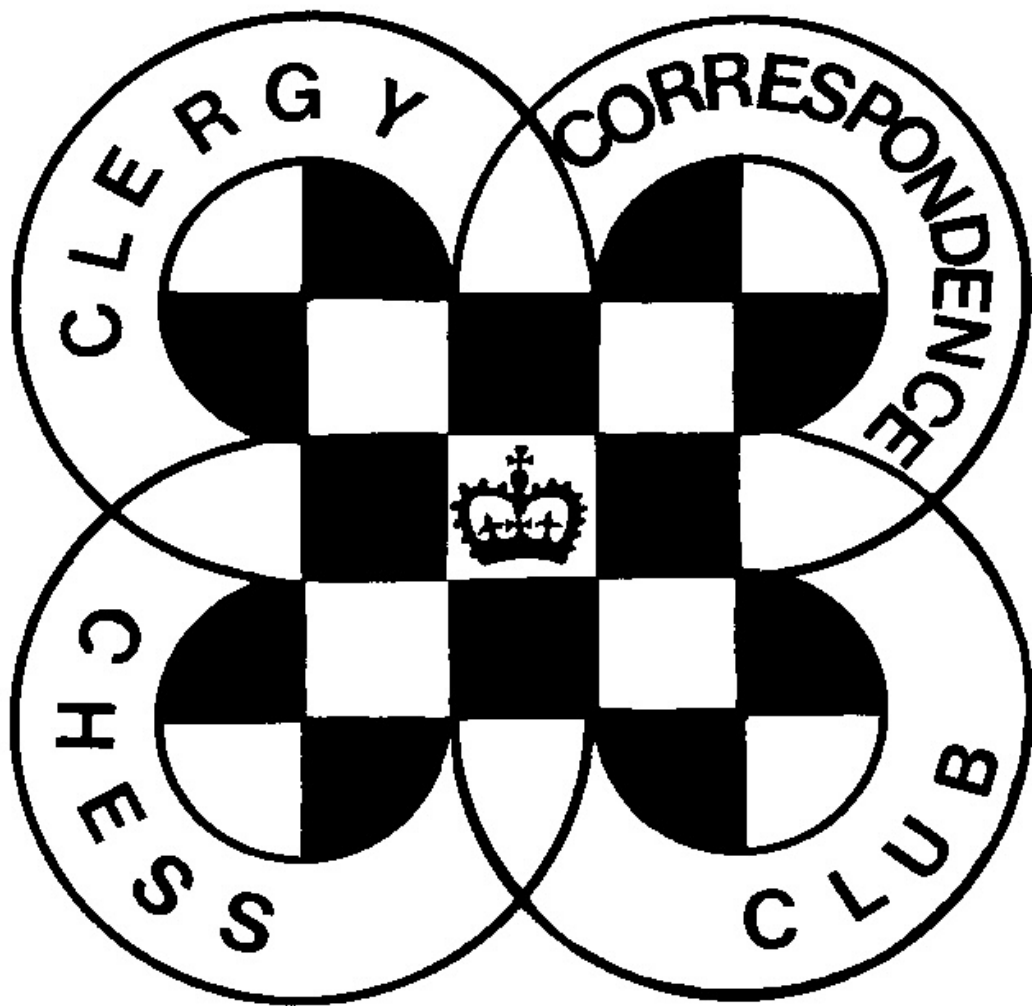
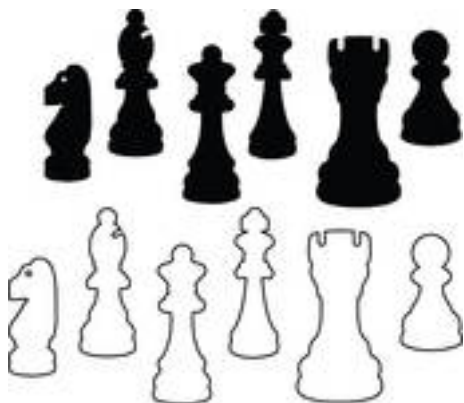


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NEW SEASON

The new season officially begins on 1st October. A fixture list for Championship is in this magazine. Games must be started at the latest by the date shown, but if both players agree you can play games earlier, if you want to.

Social Members should contact each other to arrange games whenever they wish.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Our Treasurer is content for subscriptions to remain unchanged this year. 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 or pay online using the details on the back cover.

MEMBERS

Jon Turner was ordained priest in the Church of England in June. His address is now 17 Bainbrigge Avenue, DROITWICH. WR9 7AT.

Congratulations to David Hulme who recently remarried following the earlier death of his first wife.

SCHEMING MIND STANDARD CHESS LEAGUE

As the last issue went to press we looked likely to be defeated in Round 4, and this did in fact unfold with a score of 1-9, leaving us with two wins and two defeats so far this season. Things improved in Round 5 with the score reaching 6-3 just as I write this, ensuring us of victory in this match with a game to spare. The final round is just getting underway.

I hope to be able to announce a major update to our Scheming Mind Team in the next issue, hopefully in time for the new season in this Championship.

DIAMOND JUBILEE

2027 will mark the 60th anniversary of the Club.

Has anyone got any ideas as to how we might mark this anniversary?

A special souvenir magazine (as we did for our 40th anniversary) is a possibility,
but what would we include in it this time?

We are probably too far spread geographically to suggest any kind of in-person gathering,
and there has been no enthusiasm for another residential congress recently,
but would anyone be interested in something like an overnight with dinner somewhere?

Let me know if you have any ideas.

The New Season

Our season runs from October to July, with games played in Championship according to the Fixture List below. It is your responsibility to make sure that all games are completed by 31st July 2027 and results reported to me. Results that are not notified may be scored as a loss to both players. Please let me know if you were playing White or Black when notifying results in case of a tie. If you cannot complete a game or agree a result 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.

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

In Championship you must play your games on Scheming Mind, or at least by email. Other Divisions can use post, telephone, or fax. If you are playing on Scheming Mind 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!

I am not sending out score sheets as a matter of course as few people use them now, but if you do need a score sheet let the Secretary know. If you use the scoresheets then the time columns 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.

Championship Fixture List 2026 / 2027

There are 6 players in this Division which requires only 5 rounds, but everyone is playing in every round. However I have spread the starting dates between rounds further apart which hopefully will result in a reduction of the number of games we are playing simultaneously. The dates given below are the latest that each round should start, but if both players agree there is no reason why you should not start games earlier.

When reporting results please let me know whether you were white or black in case of tie breaks later on.

Last season a few rounds were never started even though I sent emails around the time each round should have begun.

If you play on SM you must be using a computer of some kind, so you can presumably put a reminder in your calendar to alert you when rounds are due to start.

FIXTURE LIST

The date given is the latest date by which the round should start.

The first named player in each fixture is responsible for starting the games.

Round 1	Oct 1st 2026	Cleaves v Carlin	Hall v Turner	Battye v Nye
Round 2	Nov 10th 2026	Turner v Cleaves	Nye v Carlin	Battye v Hall
Round 3	Jan 7th 2027	Cleaves v Nye	Turner v Battye	Carlin v Hall
Round 4	Feb 3rd 2027	Battye v Cleaves	Hall v Nye	Carlin v Turner
Round 5	March 9th 2027	Cleaves v Hall	Battye v Carlin	Nye v Turner

CCCC DIVISIONS 2026 / 2027

Championship players will play two games against each other person in that Group, one as white and the other as black, according to the Fixture List in this magazine. The winner will hold the Ivor Davies Trophy for a year and have their name inscribed on it.

Social players should contact each other and start games as they wish to.

I will publish the results from either group in CHESS minister! and on our Facebook page if you notify me of them.

The Divisions are largely self-selecting in that anyone in Championship who completes their games will stay in that group unless they choose to drop into Social. Anyone in Social, or anyone in Championship who defaults without good reason must complete two games before they can be re-admitted to Championship

We are no longer including postal addresses as almost no one communicates that way any more. If you do need someone's address (to post a trophy for example) either contact them directly or ask the Secretary. What is given is Name, email address, phone number if known, and Scheming Mind alias.

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CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION RESULTS 2025 / 2026

	Y		T		N		B		H		C		D		Tot	%
Yates			1	½	1	1*	1	1*	1	1*	1	1*	v	v	9½	95
Turner	0	½*			½	½*	1	1*	1	1*	1	1*	v	v	7½	75
Nye	0	0	½	½*			0	0	1*	½	1	1*	v	v	4½	45
Battye	0	0	0	0	1	1*			0	0	1	1*	v	v	4	40
Hall	0	0	0	0	0	½	1	1*			0	1	v	v	3½	35
Cleaves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			v	v	1	10
Druce	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v			Void	

* indicates a game won or drawn with the Black pieces

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANDREW YATES

CCCC CHAMPION 2025 / 2026

Andrew Yates has comfortably defended his title with only half a point dropped to Jon Turner who finished runner up.

David Nye narrowly took 3rd place by half a point from Lisa Battye (though some agreed results were part of David's score). John Hall was a further half point behind with Richard Cleaves bringing up the rear!

John Druce withdrew during the season because of illness, and died shortly afterwards.

RESULTS FROM SOCIAL DIVISION

Carlin 1 - 0 Thistlewood
 Thistlewood 0 - 1 Carlin
 Boddy 0 - 1 Cleaves
 Cleaves 1 - 0 Boddy

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Richard Cleaves	Charles Mason	Steve Whitmore	

Subscriptions

Life membership £ 80.00
Annual membership £ 6.50

Our current Membership Year is from October 2026 to September 2027

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If you make payments by this method, please use your name as a reference so that our Treasurer can identify the payment, and email him to let him know it's coming and what it's for (eg subs, Scheming Mind, book purchase, etc). Alternatively you could include the purpose of the payment in the reference.

The Secretary holds members' name, address, phone number, and email addresses where provided, their CCCC division, and membership of any team, and the Treasurer holds members' subscription records.