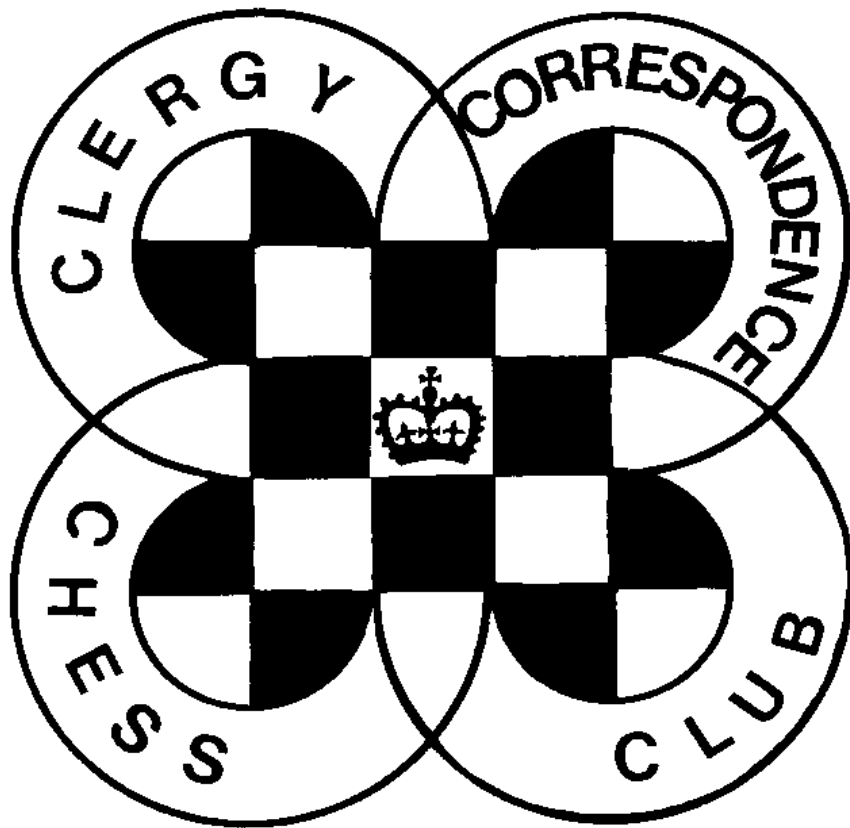
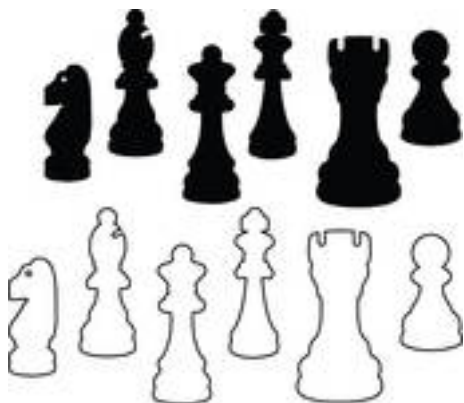


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CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB



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NEW SEASON

The season officially begins on 1st October, and follows the new structure outlined in the last issue. A fixture list for Shield Division is elsewhere 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.

Members of Social and Occasional Divisions should contact each other to arrange games whenever they wish.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

As we face an uncertain Autumn with many of our members possibly facing the loss of their winter fuel payment I am happy to report that our Treasurer does not feel the need to add to our financial burden by increasing CCCC subscriptions, though since most of us are Life Members it doesn't actually make a lot of difference! 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

David Nye, never one to refuse a challenge (see the *Heygates* envelope in our web site archive) tells me that when he started on Scheming Mind some eight years ago he played a pair of games against an opponent from North America. When the games finished his opponent said, 'play again?' and so they did and they have never stopped playing since. David tells me they have now completed well over 100 games against each other, along with an occasional comment as to what is going on in the world. He says results are fairly even but they have become sparring partners and try out new ideas rather than necessarily go for a win, sometimes leading to interesting variations. A couple of years ago he suggested they exchange photos, so they now have a photo of each other as they continue to play chess on their virtual board.

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

The current season is drawing to a close. As this issue goes to press we lead Dreadnoughts 4½- 2½ in our final match, with 3 games to be completed. At least one of these looks to be promising, so without wishing to tempt fate a win looks to be in our sight, which should be enough to keep us in the Division to which we were promoted last year, and from which we fully expected immediately to be related from! **Congratulations to our Team for achieving this result.**

TROPHIES ON THE MOVE

Andrew Yates has been spending part of his summer handing over CCCC Trophies!



Michael Williamson won our Championship for the first time this year, which is also the last under the old structure.

He is pictured, left, with the Ivor Davies Trophy by his side.

As both of them are on General Synod, Andrew took the opportunity to hand over the Secretary's Trophy to Lisa Battye at the York sessions, even persuading the Archbishop of Canterbury to make the presentation!

Lisa is shown, below, receiving the trophy from he Archbishop, while, bottom, Andrew and Lisa are photographed together, along with the Trophy.



CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB RESULTS 2023 / 2024

Division 1	W		Y		N		C		H		Total	%
Williamson			1	½ *	1	1*	1	1*	v	v	5 ½	92
Yates	0	½			1	1*	1	1*	v	v	4 ½	75
Nye	0	0	0	0			1	1*	v	v	2	33
Cleaves	0	0	0	0	0	0			v	v	0	0
Hulme	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v			VOID	
Division 2A	H		T		P							
Hall			1	1*	1	1*					4	100
Thistlewood	0	0			1	1					2	50
Partridge	0	0	0	0							0	0
Division 2B	T		C		D		B					
Turner			1	1*	1	1*	v	v			4	100
Carlin	0	0			1	1*	v	v			2	50
Druce	0	0	0	0			v	v			0	0
Boddy	v	v	v	v	v	v					VOID	

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

In the final season of the present Club structure we hail a new overall winner. Michael Williamson dropped only half a point to reigning champion Andrew Yates and so wins the Ivor Davies Trophy. David Nye took 3rd place by virtue of beating Richard Cleaves in both games.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL WILLIAMSON

Both second Divisions followed a straightforward pattern of 100%, 50%, 0 results.

The New Season

Our season runs from October to July, with games played in Shield Division according to the Fixture List below. It is your responsibility to make sure that all games are completed by 31st July 2024 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 EFCC 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 before but if you are not clear what how they work then email the Secretary for enlightenment.

In Shield Division you must play your games on Scheming Mind, or at least by email. Other Divisions can use post, telephone, or fax as well. 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!

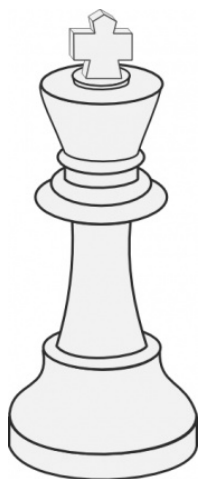
If you use the scoresheets then the time columns are: 'R' is the date that you *received* your opponent's move; 'S' is the date you *send* your reply; 'T' is the *total time* used to date. This way you and your opponent can immediately see where you stand in relation to the time limit.

Shield Division Fixture List 2024 / 2025

There are seven players in Shield Division this season which requires 7 rounds, though one player will have a bye in each round. We don't want to start a round later than March to ensure there is time to complete it before the season ends so the first two rounds will have to begin fairly close together. Not all rounds are due to begin on 1st of the month to avoid weekend starts and, in the case of January, the Christmas period. 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.

In the fixture 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.

<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Scheming Mind</u>		
1	October 1st 2024		
2	October 15th 2024		
3	November 1st 2024		
4	December 3rd 2024		
5	January 7th 2025		
6	February 4th 2025		
7	March 4th 2025		
Round 1	Hall v Battye	Nye v Cleaves	Druce v Yates
Round 2	Turner v Nye	Yates v Hall	Cleaves v Druce
Round 3	Battye v Yates	Druce v Turner	Hall v Cleaves
Round 4	Druce v Nye	Battye v Cleaves	Hall v Turner
Round 5	Cleaves v Yates	Nye v Hall	Turner v Battye
Round 6	Hall v Druce	Yates v Turner	Battye v Nye
Round 7	Turner v Cleaves	Druce v Battye	Nye v Yates



CCCC DIVISIONS 2024 / 2025

These are the Divisions for the current season.

In Shield Division each player plays two games against each other person in their Division, one as white and the other as black, according to the Fixture List in this magazine.

Members of Social and Occasional Divisions should contact each other and start games as they wish to.

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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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Bruce Carlin writes:

When I retired 11 years ago I found myself living just 4 miles from fellow CCCC member Antony Foster, so we began meeting on a more or less monthly basis for a game of chess. Although I moved somewhat further away 6 years ago, it was still a reasonable drive to his house so we continued. We must have played something in the region of 100 games by now, and although I haven't kept a score, Antony is undoubtedly the better player and has won more of our games than I have. I suggested we might each nominate one game that we had won and write some notes for the magazine.

Antony Foster – Bruce Carlin.

OTB 03.06.2024. Notes by Antony Foster.

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4 4.h3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3

[I prefer a Bishop to a Knight]

5...e6 6.c4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Bxd2+ 8.Nxd2 c6 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Bb5+ Nbd7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rac1 Rc8 13.Nb3 a6 14.Bd3 h6 15.Rxc8 Qxc8

[Gaining the open file]

16.Rc1 Qb8 17.Nc5 Nxc5 18.dxc5 Rc8 19.b4 b5

[Giving me a passed pawn.]

20.a3 Qe5 21.Qe2

[Preventing Black's Q to N 7]

21...Ne4 22.Qc2 f5 23.c6 g5

[The passed pawn marches on.]

24.c7

[The passed pawn marches on.]

24...Kf7 25.Qc6 Qb2

[Threatening Qxp+.]

26.Bxe4 dxe4 27.Qd7+ Kf6 28.Rc6 Black Resigns.

[Black's position is hopeless.]

(2) Antony Foster – Bruce Carlin [D02]

OTB, 02.04.2024. Notes by Bruce Carlin

To be honest this was not a game I should have won, but I felt I did well to salvage what I believed to be a draw from a potentially losing position.

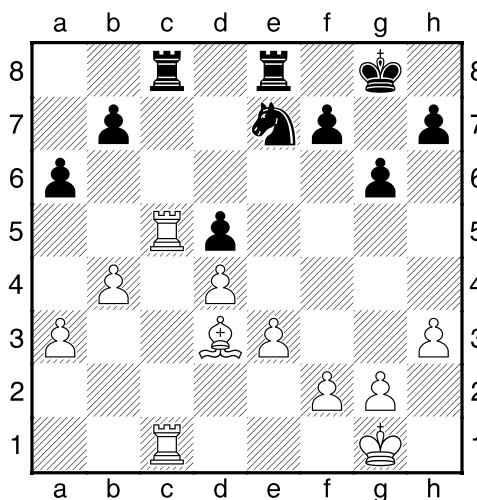
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Bg4 3.e3 e6 4.c4 Bb4+ 5.Nbd2 Nf6 6.a3 Bxd2+ 7.Bxd2 0-0 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3

[I have now exchanged both my Bishops for his Knights, which on the whole I prefer, as time and again I have found a Knight a powerful piece to have in an endgame, as we will again see here.]

9...Ne4 10.Bb4 Re8 11.Bd3 Nd6 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Qxd5 Nc6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Qxd6 cxd6

[This was probably necessary though it leaves me a pawn down and with an isolated d pawn.]

16.0-0 d5 17.b4 a6 18.Rac1 Rac8 19.Rc5 Ne7 20.Rfc1 g6



[If the Rooks are coming off, I would prefer him to initiate it.]

21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Rc5 f5 23.f4 h5 24.Kf2 Kf7

[And even this early both Kings begin to come out into play, which is going to be a fixture of the game later on.]

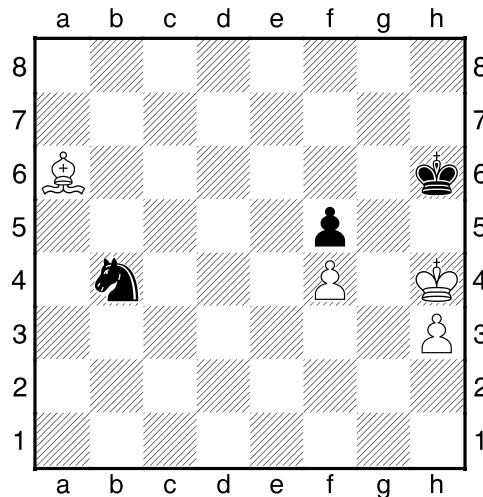
25.Kf3 Rxc5 26.dxc5 Ke6 27.g4 Nc6 28.gxf5+ gxf5

[Again I prefer he initiates the exchange as I have a line of pawns on the 5th rank, each two spaces apart and more or less impassable.]

29.Kg3 Kf6 30.Kh4 Kg6 31.Be2 d4 32.exd4 Nxd4 33.Bxh5+ Kh6

[I have now lost that impregnable row of pawns and have gone two down, but my King and the f pawn can still keep his King in place.]

34.Be8 Nc2 35.c6 bxc6 36.Bxc6 Nxa3 37.Bb7 Nc2 38.Bxa6 Nxb4



[So that's the Queen side cleared out (to my advantage I think), and I am back to only one pawn deficit, but neither of us has the material to give mate unless we can promote a pawn.]

39.Bc8 Kg6 40.Kg3 Nd5 41.Kf3 Ne7 42.Bd7 Kh5 43.Kg3 Kg6 44.Kh4 Nd5

[My remaining Knight is now showing its superiority as it threatens White's f pawn and his Bishop. White can't get his King forward, nor either pawn, so I am really quite confident that I have neutralised the game and secured a draw.]

45.Be8+ Kh6 46.Kg3 Nf6

[And after playing Nf6 I formally offer a draw. Antony immediately declines, clearly thinking he can still get a win, but then, possibly distracted by the offer, plays a disastrous move.]

47.h4 Nxe8


[White resigns and I snatch victory from the jaws of ... well, I still think a draw!]


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