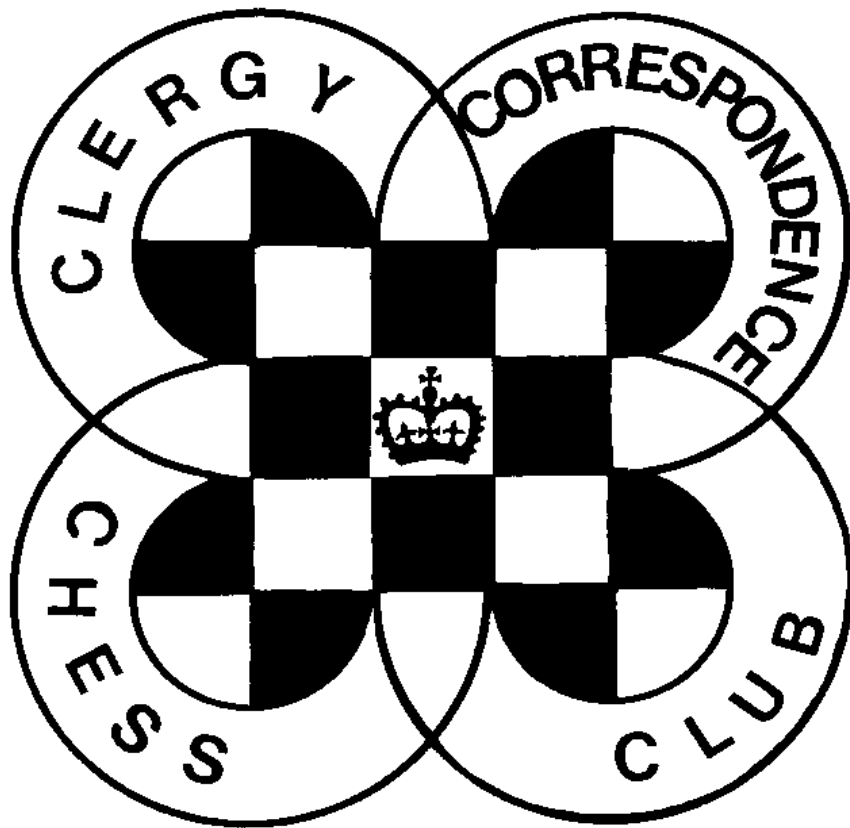
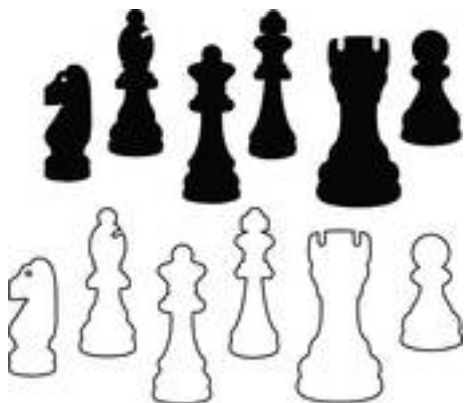


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**CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB**



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### **FINANCIAL ISSUES**

This issue begins with some financial issues concerning our Club.

#### **NEW BANK DETAILS**

Santander notified us that they were introducing an account charge that would have more or less destroyed us financially within a couple of years, so Charles has had to move our bank account. After quite a long search and a few refusals, Virgin Money finally accepted our account on a fee free basis.

*The new account details are on the back cover of the magazine and below. If you have the old account saved in your own Internet banking then*

*please delete it now.*

*Add the new details if you can, but as long as you have deleted the old account it will remind you to add the new one when you next need to make a payment.*

Account Name: Clergy Correspondence Chess Club

Bank: Virgin Money (Clydesdale Bank)

Sort Code: 82-12-08

Account No: 60234571

On my own bank I could delete the old account details but could only set up the new details if making a payment, so I made a token donation of £1 to CCCC so that the new account is set up for future payments. I wouldn't want to appear to be soliciting £1 donations for the Club from everyone, but it is one way of setting up the new account details now while it is in your mind!

I want to thank Charles, our Treasurer, on behalf of the Club for his work in this matter. He has had to spend quite a lot of time over the summer to find a new bank willing to take us on. Being a small Club without a formal constitution led to a number of banks refusing our custom, and it has been quite a task to find a bank that will accept us.

*Thank you Charles!*

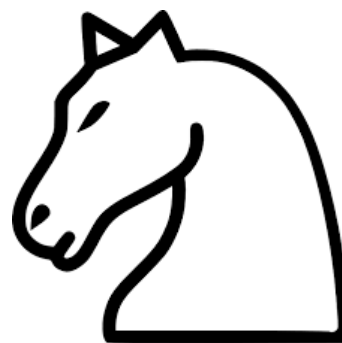
### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Despite continued inflation elsewhere, I am happy to report that our Treasurer is content for subscriptions to remain unchanged. This would be very helpful in our so called 'cost of living crisis' except 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 due. Please send subs. direct to our Treasurer as sending them via me increases postage costs.

## NEW SEASON

The season officially begins on 1<sup>st</sup> October, and follows the structure we started last year. A fixture list for Championship is in this magazine. Games must be started by the date shown, but if both players agree you can play games earlier if you want to.

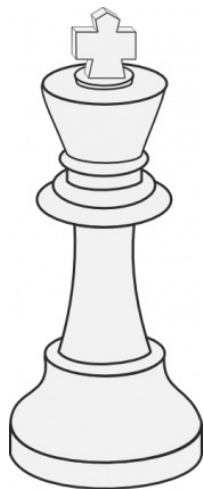
As you will see, we have slightly simplified things with the experience of a year of the new structure. The differentiation between Social & Occasional seemed unnecessary and so we now have simply Championship (better, on reflection, than Shield) and Social. The Divisions remain self-selecting with the simple qualifying criteria that if you have played in Championship and completed your games you can stay unless you ask to leave, while players in Social or those in Championship who default without good reason will have to show that they have completed two games before they can be admitted or re-admitted to Championship.



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

## GAMES

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



### SCHEMING MIND STANDARD CHESS LEAGUE

Our final two matches were in play at the time of the last magazine. Despite being awarded a 10-0 win over Team Great Britain as they were unable to field enough players, we lost to SCCA 4½ - 5½, and, although not yet finished we have also lost to Chess Warriors as the match stands at 2½ - 6½ with a game to finish. This means we are almost certain to be relegated back to our old level in Division 4, but at least there we will face opposition more at our level. Our Team has played well for two seasons in a Division generally above our level and deserve our thanks for representing us in this League.

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SHIELD DIVISION RESULTS 2024 / 2025

	Y		H		T		N		B		C		D		Tot	%
Yates			1	1*	1	1*	1	1*	1	1*	1	1*	1	1*	12	100
Hall	0	0			1*	0	1	0	0	1*	1*	1	1	1*	7	58
Turner	0	0	0	1*			1	1*	1	½*	1	1*	0	0	6½	54
Nye	0	0	0	1	0	0			½	1*	1	1*	1	1*	6½	54
Battye	0	0	1*	0	0	½	½*	0			1	1*	1	1*	6	50
Cleaves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1	0	1	8
Druce	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			1	8

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANDREW YATES 2024/2025 CHAMPION

Andrew Yates has reclaimed the Ivor Davies Trophy in emphatic fashion with 100% score.

The next 4 places were very close with Michael Hall edging 2nd place by ½ point. Jon Turner & David Nye tied for 3rd, with Jon getting the place on the Sonnenborn-Berger tie break, with Lisa Battye was just a further half point behind them.

Richard Cleaves & John Druce brought up the rear, each beating the other once so their tie break went right down to SM Ratings.

One or two results were agreed or claimed at the last minute after failing to be completed in time, and one match was scored 0-0 after no result was notified.

RESULTS FROM SOCIAL OR OCCASIONAL DIVISION

Although there is no formal table for the other Divisions I will record results of games here if I am informed of them.

Williamson 1-0 Carlin ; Carlin 1-0 Williamson  
Carlin 1-0 Body; Body 0-1 Carlin



# CCCC DIVISIONS 2025 / 2026

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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## 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 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026 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 also 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!

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 2025 / 2026

There are seven players in this Division which requires 7 rounds, though one player will have a bye in each round. We don't want to start a round any later than March to ensure there is time to complete it before the season ends so the first two rounds begin fairly close together. Not all rounds are due to begin on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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. If you play on SM you use a computer, so you can presumably put some kind of reminder in your calendar that will automatically alert you to the dates when rounds are due to start.***

### FIXTURE LIST

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

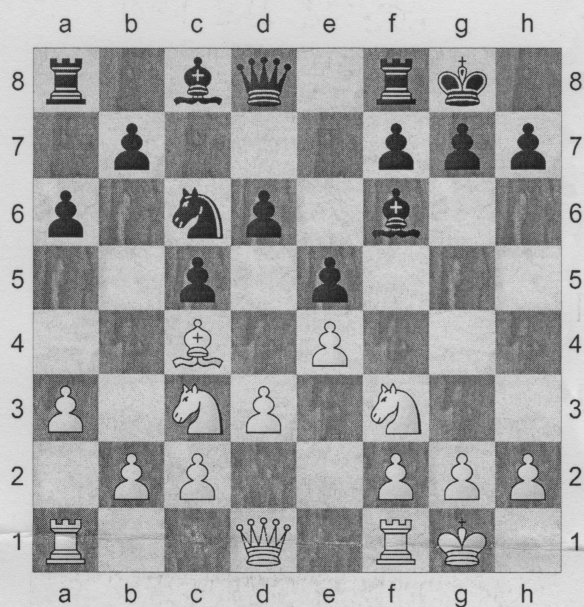
*The first named player in each fixture is responsible for starting the games.*

Round 1	Oct 1st 2025	Nye v Druce	Turner v Cleaves	Yates v Battye
Round 2	Oct 15th 2025	Hall v Turner	Battye v Nye	Cleaves v Yates
Round 3	Nov 3rd 2025	Druce v Battye	Yates v Hall	Nye v Cleaves
Round 4	Dec 1st 2025	Yates v Turner	Druce v Cleaves	Nye v Hall
Round 5	Jan 7th 2026	Cleaves v Battye	Turner v Nye	Hall v Druce
Round 6	Feb 3rd 2026	Nye v Yates	Battye v Hall	Druce v Turner
Round 7	Mar 3rd 2026	Hall v Cleaves	Yates v Druce	Turner v Battye

□ Michael Adams  
 ■ Gawain Maroroa Jones

English Championship 18.07.2025

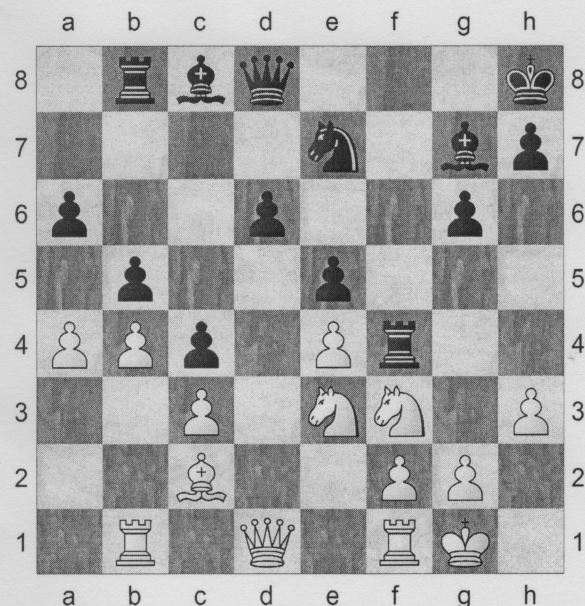
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 Bd6 5.d3 Nf6 6.Bg5 a6 7.Bc4 Be7  
 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 d6 10.Bxf6 Bxf6  
 Diagram



11.Nd5 Rb8 12.b4 g6 13.Rb1 b5  
 14.Bb3 Bg7 15.h3 Kh8 16.c3 f5  
 17.a4 fxe4 18.dxe4 c4 19.Bc2 Ne7  
 20.Ne3 Rf4 Diagram

(Diagram)

21.Qe2 Qf8 22.Rfd1 Rb6 23.Nd2  
 Be6 24.Ra1 Rf7 25.Ra3 Nc6 26.Nf3  
 Bh6 27.h4 Rb8 28.axb5 axb5 29.Ra6  
 Qc8 30.Rda1 Qe8 31.Ng5 Bxg5  
 32.hxg5 Bc8 33.Ra8 Be6 34.Rxb8  
 Qxb8 35.Qd2 Ne7 36.Bd1 Qb6  
 37.Bg4 Bxg4 38.Nxg4 Rf8 39.Nf6  
 Rd8 40.Qe2 h5 41.gxh6 d5 42.Nxd5  
 Nxd5 43.exd5 Qf6 44.Qe4 Kh7  
 45.Ra7+ Kxh6 46.g3 Qg5 47.Rb7  
 Ra8 48.Qh1+ Qh5 49.Qxh5+ Kxh5  
 50.Rxb5 e4 51.d6+ Kg4 52.Kg2 e3  
 53.f3#  
 1-0



*Please excuse the fact that our games are not up to our usual standard in this issue.*

*Michael Thistlewood (who prepares the games for the magazine) was having technical issues at the time of preparing this issue, and with the start of the season due we did not want to delay the magazine while these were sorted out.*

*Hopefully the games will return to their usual quality in future issues.*



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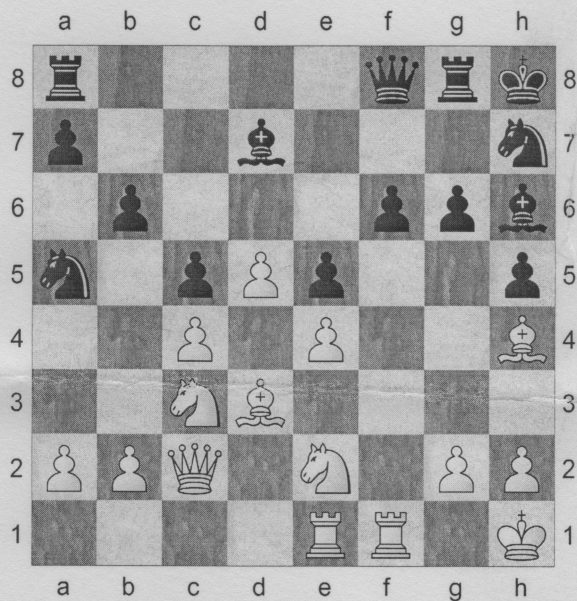
□ Nikita Vitiugov

■ Ameet Ghasi

English Championships

18.06.2025

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4  
d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 c5 7.Nge2 Nc6  
8.d5 Na5 9.Ng3 e5 10.Bd3 Bd7  
11.0-0 h5 12.Bg5 Qe8 13.Qd2 Nh7  
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f6 20.fxe5 dxe5 Diagram



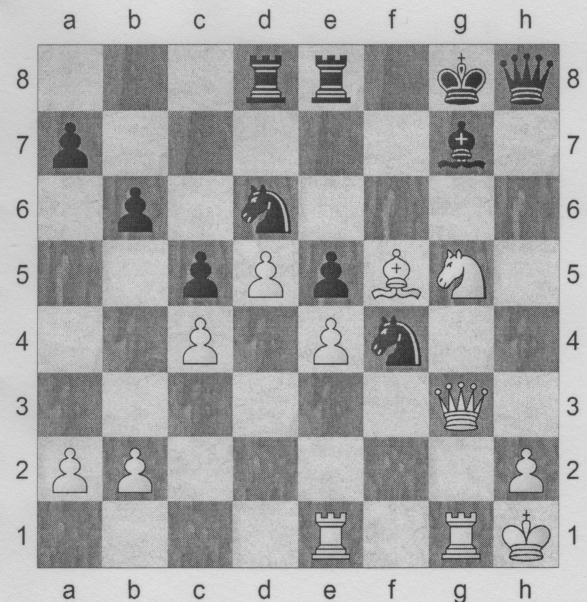
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24.Nd1 Nb7 25.Ne3 Ng6 26.Nf5  
Qh7 27.Be3 h4 28.Qc3 Rge8  
29.Bc2 Bf8 30.Bxg5 fxg5 31.Nxg5  
Qh5 32.Nf7+ Kg8 33.Bd1 Qh7  
34.Ng5 Qh8 35.Bg4 Rad8 36.Qf3  
Nf4 37.g3 hxg3 38.Qxg3 Bg7  
39.Rg1 Bxf5 40.Bxf5 Nd6 Diagram

(Diagram)

41.Ne6 Nxf5 42.exf5 Nxe6 43.fxe6  
Qh6

[ 43...Rxe6 ]

44.Re4 Re7 45.Rh4 Qf6 46.Qh3  
1-0





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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 2025 to September 2026

### ***Please note new bank details***

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Bank: Virgin Money (Clydesdale Bank)      Sort Code: 82-12-08      Account No: 60234571

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.