



Dorset Junior Chess Newsletter

No. 6



Welcome to Newsletter No 6.

It seems such a long time ago that we were all playing chess across the board and attending junior chess sessions at libraries or playing tournaments. So much has changed; we hope that everyone is well, healthy and safe in these difficult times.

In this newsletter we look at the **new ways** in which players can continue to enjoy their **chess online**.

Dorset Rapidplay: 15th March 2020

It was very exciting to see that a number of juniors participated in the highly successful and enjoyable 25th Dorset Rapidplay on 15th March, including local Dorset junior players Jamie Doyle, Florence Spirling, Vaughan de Grave, Archie Issac and Jack Baskett. **Well done all.**



The occasion also saw the presentation of the now engraved **Dorset Junior Chess Championship** trophy to **Jamie Doyle**, along with the U10 trophy to **Jack Baskett**.



Florence Spirling winner of the Countdown to Christmas puzzles was also presented with her trophy.

Ringwood and Castlepoint Libraries Junior Chess Clubs online at [Chesskid.com](https://www.chesskid.com)

With the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic, **Ringwood and Castlepoint Libraries Junior Chess Clubs** are no longer holding over-the-board chess clubs for junior chess players and have set up "virtual" chess clubs in the [chesskid.com](https://www.chesskid.com) platform.



Chesskid.com is developed and run by the world's leading chess site [chess.com](https://www.chess.com) and specifically designed for children with their safety and enjoyment in mind.

Each child has their own [chesskid.com](https://www.chesskid.com) name under which they play chess, can do puzzles and/or take part in tournaments and, because there is no relationship in [chesskid.com](https://www.chesskid.com) with a child's name or email address, their account is 100% anonymous.

Coordinating the creation of accounts and setup of the virtual clubs is more effective if done centrally and therefore we are using a simple process using Google's forms and a single administrator: **Andy Baskett** from Ringwood Junior Chess.

Andy has worked tirelessly to set up children's accounts on behalf of Dorset Libraries, Ringwood and Castlepoint Libraries and we are very grateful for his commitment and expertise. **THANK YOU ANDY!**



To date there are now **over 25** junior chess players from **Ringwood and Castlepoint Library Junior Chess Clubs** registered which is a wonderful achievement.

Tournaments are held every week day and at weekends, with around 12 to 15 players each time.

For further details or any questions please contact Andy Baskett at andy@baskett.co.uk or Nikki Forster or visit <https://sites.google.com/view/junior-chess-club-setup>

So here's to some fun online junior chess!

Other Online Chess for Junior players (and their parents):

Chess in Schools and Communities online resources: School's out, but not Chess

The UK's biggest chess educational charity, [Chess in Schools and Communities](https://www.chessinschools.co.uk), is adapting to the Coronavirus lockdown by offering a range of teaching online resources to school students, their parents and school chess tutors.



These are currently being added to the site and are scheduled to include:

- Comprehensive chess worksheets (these are already in place)
- YouTube videos to accompany the worksheets
- Kahoot quizzes for children to try at home

The worksheets are bright and colourful and include points to practice and chess quizzes.

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Chess in Schools and Communities

Lesson 7: CHECK and CHECKMATE

CHECK

If a king is attacked it is in **CHECK**. Before you do anything else, you must get out of **CHECK**. There are three ways of doing that:

- **A**void: move the king to a safe square.
- **L**ock: put another piece in the way.
- **A**pture: capture the attacking piece.

Puzzle Corner

The White king is in check. Can you find the only move to help him escape? Which of the **A-B-C** methods did you use?

For more information, go to: <https://www.chessinschools.co.uk/chess-at-home>

CSC Announces Free 3 month **GOLD** Membership

In addition, Chess in Schools and Communities has announced the launch of their campaign to get one million children playing chess in the UK during lockdown by teaming up with Chesskid.com to offer all **UK primary school children** 3-month **gold** memberships of **ChessKid.com** free of charge. The memberships will be valid to July 20, 2020. Every child of primary school age in the UK is eligible.

For further details: <https://www.chessinschools.co.uk/chesskid-for-parent>

Delancey UK Chess Challenge



Many of you will be aware of the Delancey UK Chess Challenge and some of our juniors have qualified at the Dorset Junior Chess Championships or are eligible for the Megafinal Stage.

Sadly, the annual UKCC MegaFinals have been postponed until (at the earliest) September and the GigaFinals (for those qualifying at the Megafinal stage) until October, respectively.

Sign up for updates about rescheduled UK Chess Challenge events [here](#).

However in the meantime, [Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge](#) is organising daily online school chess tournaments, simultaneous events against titled players and various other online events.

More details available <https://www.delanceyukschoolschesschallenge.com/online-chess-club-2020/>

Dorset Chess website and junior chess puzzles

For all things chess in Dorset, please don't forget to visit the Dorset Chess website and especially the newly revamped **Dorset Junior Chess web pages**.

<https://www.dorsetchess.co.uk/junior-chess/>.



Here you will find lots of information on junior chess in Dorset **plus some excellent puzzles to sharpen your chess**. We fully encourage young players to develop their chess skills through doing puzzles and playing online on appropriate websites.

We hope you enjoyed this newsletter. We always welcome new juniors of all levels and volunteers, so please contact the B&DCL and DCCA junior chess coordinator, Nikki Forster at nikkiforster2015@gmail.com if you wish to find out more on any junior chess matters.