

Dorset Junior Chess Newsletter

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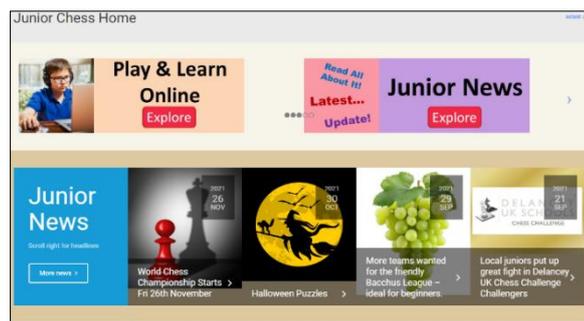
Welcome to Newsletter No 13.

As we reach the end of an eventful and often difficult 2021, it is good to see that chess continues to flourish and there has been some welcome return to Over The Board (OTB) chess. Hopefully this will continue, and junior chess will thrive and grow in various forms and formats. Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas.

New Revamped Dorset Junior Chess Section!

The Dorset Junior Chess Section has had a major revamp with new **exciting sharper sections, pages and rolling images**. The sections have now been split into ...

- **Tournaments** for Juniors
- Junior Chess - **How to Improve**
- Junior Chess - **Play & Learn Online**
- Junior Chess **Puzzles**
- Junior Chess **News**



This should be your **'go-to'** place for all things Dorset Junior Chess.

Please do take a look <https://www.dorsetchess.co.uk/junior-chess/> and make use of the valuable information found here.

Peter Anderson (peter.w.anderson@live.co.uk) and myself (nikkiforster2015@gmail.com) welcome any comments you may have.

Recent Dorset Junior Chess success

🇬🇧 2021 British Junior Rapid & Blitz Championship



The **2021 British Junior Rapid & Blitz Championship** took part on 13th and 14th November at Kents Hill Park, Milton Keynes. Our Dorset juniors - **Jamie Doyle, Larissa Cuthbert, Florence Spirling and Zander Booth** - all performed very well, playing on average, between 18 and 20 games over the course of the weekend!

Special **congratulations** to **Jamie Doyle**, (on the right in the photo below collecting his trophy) who performed 300 points above his own rating to come **3rd** in the **British Under 16 Open Rapid Championship**.

🚩 Hampshire Junior Open Chess Tournament

Three young Dorset junior chess players took part in the Hampshire Junior Open Chess Tournament on **Sunday 28th November**: **Leo Camopy** in the **U10** section, with **Harry Mercer** and **Zander Booth** in the **U12** section.



All played very well and special **congratulations** to **Leo** and **Zander** who won their respective sections with a fantastic **maximum score of 6 out of 6!**

🚩 4NCL: Wessex team

Larissa Cuthbert was back at Milton Keynes on 20th and 21st November playing in the **4NCL (Four Nations Chess League)** for the Wessex C Team.

Players play two rounds, one on Saturday and one on Sunday with Larissa losing one and winning one. This weekend was a complete contrast to the Junior Rapid and Blitz Championships with much longer games for Larissa, averaging 3.5 hours per game.



🚩 Bacchus League

The **B&DC League's Bacchus League** is aimed at junior players and inexperienced players, all with a rating of around 1450 or under. It's an excellent opportunity for younger players (and some older ones) to build up experience of playing longer games under match conditions. Time control is 60 minutes per player.

To date, there have been several juniors in action in Bacchus League games, most notably playing for **Southbourne Seagulls** and **Poole Bishops**. In the opening match of this season, five out of the eight players were juniors, which is fantastic to see.

Chess Clubs are encouraged to enter teams in the Bacchus League and support the development of young junior players.

Please do send through details and news of any tournaments that juniors may have played in, either over the board or online.

Chess jokes:

Q: Why is the white Bishop piece the fastest? A: Because he's on F1

Q: Why did the pirates raid the tournament? A: They were looking for the treasure chess!

Upcoming Chess Activities and Tournaments

For juniors looking for chess events over the next few months, the following are a selection of some of the offerings available. More can be found on the ECF calendar: [Calendar – English Chess Federation](#)

- ✚ **Southbourne Christmas Tournament, Southbourne Chess Club: Friday 17th December, 7.15pm to 10.15pm.** A fun end of year Christmas tournament. 7 rounds of 20-minute games but with a time handicap for the higher rated player! Only £2 to enter with lots of prizes, mince pies and bucks' fizz (for those eligible to drink). **Special juniors' section to be included.**



Southbourne Chess club welcomes juniors to the chess club on a **Friday** evening and is running **junior chess coaching** for beginners from **6.30pm to 7.30pm**. On Friday 3rd December, twelve very enthusiastic juniors came for coaching. For more information: nikkiforster2015@gmail.com

- ✚ **London Junior Chess Championships, University of Westminster, Harrow Campus, Northwick Park, Harrow HA1 3TP. 18th December 8:30 am – 19th December 8:00 pm.** Sections for **Under 10** and **Under 14**. Also sections for Under 8, Under 12, Under 16 and Under 18/21 on **28th, 29th, and 30th December** at the same venue. Competitors must gain qualification to play in the Under 10. Details of the tournament, dates, qualification requirements and qualification tournaments <http://www.ljcc.co.uk>
- **South of England Junior Chess Congress, Yateley Manor School, Reading Road, Yateley. January 29th 2022 9.00am – Jan. 30th 5.30pm.** Annual junior chess tournament, sections from U7 up to U15. Counts towards ECF Youth Grand Prix. Open event – all welcome! Details on Web: [South of England Junior Chess Congress - Home](#)

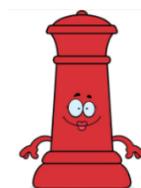
Suitable for more experienced players, the **Hastings International Chess Congress** runs from **29th December until 9th January 2022** with various events taking place during this time, including Christmas morning or afternoon tournaments and then New Year morning or afternoon tournaments plus some weekend events as well. For more information: [Caplin Hastings International Chess Congress](#)

Chess Fun Time



Fancy testing your chess knowledge with a Kahoot Quiz?

Chess in Schools and Communities (CSC) have some fun Kahoot Quizzes available to test not only your chess knowledge but also your speed at answering! Why not try these quizzes:



Pawn promotions and chess maths: [Play Kahoot! - Enter game PIN here!](#)

Starting the game: [Play Kahoot! - Enter game PIN here!](#)

World Chess Championship: Magnus Carlsen vs Ian Nepomniachtchi

The World Chess Championship is currently taking place in Dubai until 16th December for \$2 million prize money. Magnus Carlsen is defending the title, which he first won in 2013 and subsequently defended against Vishy Anand in 2014, against Sergey Karjakin in 2016, and against Fabiano Caruana in 2018. His opponent in 2021, the challenger, is **GM Ian Nepomniachtchi** ("**Nepo**" for short), a Russian super grandmaster who won the 2020/21 Candidates Tournament. The winner of the Candidates earns the right to play in the World Chess Championship.

Newsletter No. 7 included an article on Magnus Carlsen so here, to make sure that we are unbiased, we will briefly cover **Ian Nepomniachtchi**.



Ian Nepomniachtchi by Etery Kublashvili
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Nepo was born in Bryansk, **Russia** on 14th July 1990. His first name is pronounced as 'Jan' rather than 'Ian'.

His current **FIDE ratings** are **2782** (standard), 2798 (Rapid) and 2792 (Blitz) and he is ranked 5th in the world.

He played chess from a very young age, about four, and won three straight European championships in his age group from 2000 to 2002, when he was aged 10 to 12 years. In 2002 he also won the World Junior Championship for players under 12 years old, just edging out Magnus Carlsen to the title, whom he outrated at that point.

Nepo continued to gain about 100 rating points every two years. He reached a rating of 2500 in April 2005, and 2600 in April 2007. He also achieved all three of his GM norms in 2007 when he was 17 years old.

At the 2020-2021 **Candidates Tournament**, Nepo led with three wins and three draws after six rounds, before losing in the seventh and then tied for first. At that point, the Candidates tournament was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When the tournament resumed in April 2021, Nepo won round 10 and 12 and drew round 13 to win overall.

Nepomniachtchi is said to have a very tactical, intimidating, fast, carefree style.

*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 or check out the Dorset Junior chess webpage <https://www.dorsetchess.co.uk/junior-chess>*