



# Dorset Junior Chess Newsletter

No.2



## Welcome to Newsletter No 2.

Thank you for the positive feedback and responses to the first newsletter. Your on-going feedback is really valuable so please keep it coming.

## Southbourne Chess Club – junior club sessions



From Friday 8 November, the Southbourne Chess Club at Tuckton Social Club will be opening from 6.30pm to 7.15pm to accommodate junior chess players. This initiative will initially run on a trial basis each Friday up to and including 20 December (the night of the very popular Christmas tournament at Southbourne). The format will be informal and flexible with the club encouraging juniors of all ages and standards. Please do support this initiative for junior chess! <https://southbournechessclub.weebly.com/>



Tea

Well-deserved free tea or coffee and biscuits will be available for the accompanying parents.

Juniors will be very welcome to stay on for the normal Southbourne chess club evening from 7.30pm with parents' permission.



## Dorset County Junior Championships: February 2020

Dorset County Chess Association will be hosting this year's Dorset County Junior Chess Championship on Saturday 8 February 2020 at Bournemouth School for Girls.

Junior chess players in school years 3 to 13 are invited to come along for a fun & competitive day of chess, irrespective of whether a relative novice or more experienced player.

Further details of the event to be confirmed; this will be an all-day event until approx. 4.30pm.



**We are very proud to announce that in addition, this event will be a qualifying event for the Delancey UK Chess Challenge (see below).** We encourage as many juniors as possible to



enter the Challenge.

## The Delancey Chess Challenge



*The UK Chess Challenge is an annual four-stage chess competition for all school-age children from the United Kingdom, starting with the qualifying round for U12 year olds. It is the largest children's chess tournament in the world. Over 40,000 children play in the competition and the eventual winner is crowned as UK Schools' Chess Challenge Champion.*

*Juniors over 12 years have direct entry to the next round, the Megafinal. The Megafinals take place in most counties across the UK in the springtime. Currently, for Dorset juniors, the nearest Megafinals are in Wiltshire (Wessex) and Hampshire. From the Megafinal, successful juniors progress to one of three Gigafinals and the winners then go on to the prestigious Terafinal in September.*

## 54<sup>TH</sup> Dorset Open Chess Congress: 11 to 13 October

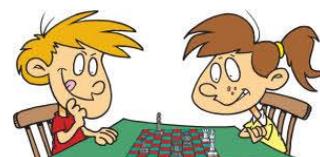


**Declan Lovelock** of Southbourne Chess Club continued his remarkable start to his chess career by winning the Dorset Open. Declan won his first 4 matches all against strong opponents and drew the last round. **Congratulations!**

Well done to the other Dorset juniors who took part: **Jamie Doyle** scored 2 points in the intermediate section, plus in the minor section **Ted Paul** scored 3.5 and **Vaughan de Grave**, new to chess, scored 2.5 points. Well done to all of you and thank you for supporting chess in Dorset!

### Junior Chess Clubs around Dorset

We have identified the following FREE junior chess clubs across Dorset. Should you be aware of any other free junior clubs, please do let us know.



#### Castlepoint Library

As featured in the previous newsletter, this junior chess club for beginners and improvers runs every Saturday from 10.15am to 12.00pm in the library.

#### Tuckton Library

An after school chess club, with tuition, runs at Tuckton Library, Wick Lane, Bournemouth on Monday and Tuesday from 3.30pm to 4.15pm. Numbers are limited so anyone interested should telephone the library to enquire.

#### Wimborne Library

Runs monthly on 1st and 3rd Saturday for ages 8 to 16 years, please contact the library for further information. <http://www.wimbornechessclub.org.uk/junior-chess.html>.

#### Dorchester: chess club and library

Dorchester Chess Club operates an evening chess club, the chess knights, on alternative Tuesdays, from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Dorchester Library has started a fortnightly Friday children's chess learning club, 4pm to 4.45pm.

<https://dorchesterchessclub.weebly.com/>



**Q: Why did the chess player bring pencils and a sketch pad to the game?**

**A: In case there was a draw!**

## Future Chess Tournaments for Junior chess players



One of the best ways for juniors to improve is by playing in suitable tournaments and competitions. Here are some up and coming tournaments that may be of interest:

**Hampshire Congress, Fareham, 1 to 3 November:** The 2019 Hampshire Chess Congress and Hampshire Individual Championship is open to all players and will be held at the Lysses House Hotel, Fareham. <https://www.hampshirechess.co.uk/hampshire-chess-congress-2019/>

Plus, there are a number of tournaments coming up in the next month or so, including slightly further afield:

**Wellington College, London Junior Chess Qualifier, Wellington College, Berkshire, 17 November:** This all day event is part of the Elite Junior Chess 2019 Grand Prix Series, organised by GM Nick Pert. Six sections: ECF graded open U18, U12, U10, and U8; Improvers' section; Beginners' section. <https://www.gmchess.co.uk/wellington-college-nov-2019-ljcc.html>

The U8 to U12 sections are qualifying events for the prestigious London Junior Chess Championships held annually in December.

**7th Witney Congress, Oxfordshire, 2 and 3 November:** There are four main sections: Open, U170, U145 and U120. <http://www.witneychess.co.uk/>



**2nd Bristol Open Blitz Championship, 24 November:**  
<https://www.bristolcongress.co.uk/>

**The London Chess Classic: 29 November to 8 December:** The UK's largest chess festival with something for every player including weekend FIDE tournaments and Rapidplay.  
<https://www.londonchessclassic.com/>

### English Chess Federation (ECF) Calendar



The ECF calendar lists a large number of future tournaments for both adults and juniors, covering both standard and rapidplay chess. <https://www.englishchess.org.uk/event-calendar/>

**Chess facts:** The number of possible ways of playing the first 4 moves for both sides in a game of chess is 318,979,564,400? Wow!

*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](mailto:nikkiforster2015@gmail.com) if you wish to find out more on any junior chess matters.*