



NEWTON ABBOT CHESS CLUB



Hello to all members (and potential members) of Newton Abbot Chess Club,

Hope you had an excellent summer.

The weather has turned so it is a great time to think about returning to chess for the new season.

The first club night is on THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2022 at 7pm at the COURTENAY CENTRE. It will be a night of Friendly chess and if enough members want it we will organise a Blitz tournament.

We are hoping to play in all divisions of the Torbay League, and organise internal tournaments similar to last year's to suit everyone. Please sign up when you come to the club.

For your diary - last session before Christmas 22/12/22
first session of new year - 05/01/2023
last session of season - 18/05/2023

There was plenty of chess played over the summer. Lots of members played in the British Championship in Torquay - congratulations to Suhayl Abdalla who was among the prizewinners.

Trefor organised 3 outdoor chess events at the Forde Park Pavilion, which were greatly enjoyed by everyone who came along.

Trefor is stepping down as Secretary for this year – many thanks for all he has done for the club, he will still be playing an active role - so please send any emails, messages or questions to me.

Thanks also to Les Barron who has taken on the role of Treasurer. His email is lesliebarron.java@yahoo.co.uk

Les will be happy to receive subscriptions - because he lives on Dartmoor and doesn't often come into Newton Abbot, it would be more convenient for him if members paid directly into the Newton Abbot Chess Club Account at HSBC - Sort Code - 40-31-34 Account Number - 21465740. Of course, we will also accept cash and cheques.

Adults' subscription has been frozen at £65 per year, while Junior membership has been reduced to £25 per year. Part subscriptions are available (for deserving cases), so if you think you would qualify please talk to us.

If you want to play in one of our teams or get your games graded, don't forget to rejoin or join the ECF. This page has the details: (copy and paste it into your browser)

<https://www.englishchess.org.uk/ecf-membership-rates-and-joining-details/>

Any junior member who has not previously been an ECF member can have one year's free Silver Level membership (ask Paul or Trefor for details).

ECF Bronze membership is a necessary precondition for playing in external matches for the club. Silver Level is required for congress play.

Junior members: we are keen to encourage and foster our junior members. Stronger juniors are encouraged to enter the club's championship tournaments and there will, as ever, be a Junior Championship tournament.

Current ratings for all Newton Abbot players can be found at

https://www.ecfrating.org.uk/v2/new/list_players.php?club_code=4NAB

Club Committee: The committee consists of the following members – Andrew Kinder (President/Chairman), Paul Brooks (Acting Secretary, Internal Competitions' Controller), Les Barron (Treasurer), Trefor Thynne, George Darling, Richard Brenton and Jack Wills (Junior representative). If you want to help the chess club by joining the committee, we would be very grateful. Please talk to any committee member.

It was agreed at the AGM that all adult members will participate in a duty rota where for 1 or 2 nights a season they would give up their club chess and be responsible for arriving early to set up, ensuring that everybody gets a good game and welcoming any guests/visitors to the club. A rota will be published soon. Many thanks in advance for your help.

Hope to see you on 22nd September.

Have a great season,

All the best,

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