

Dear parents and children,

The Junior Committee of the Nottinghamshire Chess Association http://nottschess.org is contacting you as you near the end of your time in primary school. We hope that you feel that you have been very well served in your chess-playing by the NPSCA and by your teachers at primary school. You may be lucky, moving to a secondary school which has a chess club. If there is no chess club there, don't panic! Whether or not there is a chess club in your new school, there are many clubs in Nottinghamshire and in adjacent counties which would welcome you as a member. Joining a chess club is one of the best ways of improving! A list of Nottinghamshire clubs follows.

There are also many events run by the NCA either specifically for juniors, such as the under 130 grade twelve-board Four Counties team, or which have many juniors playing in them, such as the grade-limited county teams (Under 100/120/140/160/180 and Open). Many juniors play in the Nottingham Rapidplay (a Sunday in late January) the Congress (a Saturday and Sunday in April) and the County Championships (a Saturday and Sunday in November or December, which for the first time in 2017 included a one-day under 12 as well as an under 15 Rapidplay on the Sunday). Members of our association also support other events for under 18s, including the Junior 4NCL, the National Youth Chess Association and the National Schools Chess Championships.

If you wish to be informed of forthcoming NCA events, you can receive the NCA's junior newsletter by sending your email address to: http://eepurl.com/c6AiLX or contact juniorcommittee@nottschess.org The junior newsletter also publicises forthcoming events in adjacent counties which may be of interest to Nottinghamshire's junior chess players.

Clubs within Nottinghamshire suitable for juniors

Parents and juniors are advised to contact the club before attending for the first time, so that they can ask any necessary questions, such as about disabled access; a club should then be able to ensure that there is a suitable person expecting your arrival who can make you welcome.

Ashfield (Wednesdays) www.ashfieldchessclub.org.uk

Coronation Social Club, Bannerman Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 8DW Contact: Richard Dyce 01623 758789 Email: richarddyce@yahoo.co.uk

Gambit (Tuesdays) www.gambitchess.org.uk

Stronger and experienced older juniors wishing to play in the League are welcome. The Lincolnshire Poacher Pub (upstairs room) 161-163 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham NG1 3FR Contact Brian Hayward 0115 9873784 or 07711 417631 Email: bmhayward@aol.com

Newark (Mondays) www.newarkchessclub.org.uk

The Railway Club, Hatchets Lane, Newark, NG24 2AF

Contact: Graham Ladds 01636 821891 Email: grahamladds@btinternet.com

Nomads (Mondays) www.nomadschessclub.org

Organ Grinder Pub (upstairs room) 21 Alfreton Road, Nottingham, NG7 3JE Contact: Maurice Hill 0115 9164328 Email: maurice.hill@tesco.net

Radcliffe and Bingham (Tuesdays) https://radcliffeandbinghamchessclub.wordpress.com

Royal British Legion, Main Road, Radcliffe on Trent NG12 2BB

Contact: Barry Redburn 01636 525741 Email: barryredburn@btinternet.com

West Bridgford (Mondays) www.westbridgfordchess.weebly.com

Wilford Social and Bowls Club, 55 Main Road, Wilford, Nottingham, NG11 7AP

Contact: Chris Budd 0115 9814427; 07798 765117 Email: chris.budd@englishcountryfurniture.co.uk

West Nottingham (Mondays) www.westnottinghamchess.org

Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3HD

Contact: Simon Scott 0115 9107495 Email: simonscott.chess@gmail.com

Worksop (Mondays) www.worksopchess.com

The Grafton Hotel, 157-161 Gateford Road, Worksop S80 1UQ

Contact: Phill Beckett 01777 228 360; 07597 379658 Email: familybeckett2@aol.com