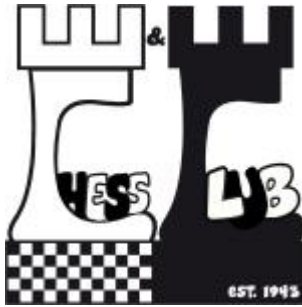


WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD CHESS CLUB

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Dear member

Re: PRE-SEASON INFORMATION – 2018-2019

I am delighted to be able to write to you confirming some of the key events that will be taking place at Wanstead & Woodford Chess Club this coming season and hope that the details contained herein will prove useful to you as you plan your diaries for an exciting season of Chess. We resume on the 4th September when Wanstead House reopens after its summer closure (**NB there is no club on 21st and 28th August**).

Please note that the dates given for the September Committee Meeting and Club Championship Round One are provisional depending on the date set for the Essex Knockout plate final against Ilford which will complete our Tuesday nights' programme for September. In the event of changes further updates will be issued and announcements will be made at the Club.

Those of you considering membership and those who joined towards the end of the season are referred to the Health & Safety at Wanstead House Members [Notice](#) and the documents issued by Wanstead House Community Association in respect of their safeguarding, fire evacuation and health & safety [policies](#). Your club subscription includes membership of Wanstead House. These documents are available from the Club's new [Safeguarding](#) webpage hosted on our [new website](#), which is under construction by webmaster Ian Hunnable for the new season.

Parents and guardians are reminded that the Club does not provide supervision of junior players at any time. This remains a parental responsibility during all of the Club's activities. The Safeguarding webpage hosts the Club's new [safeguarding policy](#) and other documents. Attention is drawn to the need to provide emergency contact numbers when a parent or guardian is not in attendance and to the new [code of conduct](#) for junior participants and [guidance](#) for parents/guardians.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of all members, so do take the opportunity to consult the Safeguarding webpage.

Please also familiarise yourself with the fire escapes and assembly points at Wanstead House. Any member who may need assistance in vacating the building who has not received guidance from the staff at Wanstead House is asked to contact Safeguarding Lead, Mark, who will arrange this for you. Your safeguarding team contacts are:

Ben Harte, safeguard-officer@wansteadandwoodfordchess.club 07793 553164.

Mark Murrell, safeguard-lead@wansteadandwoodfordchess.club 07973 773786.

Ben is our newly appointed Junior Organiser with a wide-ranging brief. His first act has been to set up [Junior Coaching](#) which will run in term time before the main club between 5 and 7pm starting on 18th September. **If you would like to be involved in this venture or are a parent or guardian of an interested child, please contact Ben for further information at juniors@wansteadwoodfordchess.club.**

The aim is to help children who wish to develop a proper understanding of chess and become good players. Coaching will involve formal coaching materials as well as competitive play. Members of the Safeguarding team, having obtained DBS clearances through the English Chess Federation, will provide the regulatory supervision of the coaching team.

In other administrative appointments, David Smith is the new Minutes Secretary, Keith Jones takes over the captaincy of North Circular Second (probably still in Division A) and Charlton Siddo North Circular Third (Division B). A second team is expected to be entered to play in the U130 Division C, captained by new member, Rafal Rozmus.

The Essex League will have a sister competition for Essex teams of four with a team average of 110 or under restricted to players graded under 126. The Club is supporting this venture and is currently looking for a Captain. **If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact me as soon as possible.** With these two additional teams there should be plenty of match chess for everyone, whatever your ability.

OPENING NIGHT:

The Official Opening Night this year is on **Tuesday 4th September 2018** and will take the form of the now traditional “Caterpillar” Simultaneous. Club and Junior Champion Partha Mulay leads the caterpillar joined by Roy Wagstaff Shield winner (and Lightning Champion) Mark Murrell and rising junior member Kyan Bui holder of the David Wood Board (as well as the John Philpott and Titmas Trophies). Please come along and take part in what is usually both an enjoyable and entertaining event. The Caterpillar will commence following presentation of the Ladder Trophy for 2017/2018 to John Jestico.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

COMMITTEE MEETING (provisional)

Tuesday 11th September 2018 - Committee meeting held at Wanstead House.

U126 LADDER

Tuesday 11th September 2018 – Start of the all year round 2018/2019 U126 Ladder Entries are being taken by Tournament Secretary Mark Murrell so please do not hesitate to contact him at E: tournaments@wansteadandwoodfordchess.club M: 07973 773786. Get to the top and be there on 30th July 2019.

WANSTEAD FESTIVAL

Sunday 16th September 2018 – Wanstead Festival. This year we will once again be looking to capture the public's interest in Chess so if you are able to assist in any way with the running of the stall or just setting up/packing away, please contact Paul Barclay as soon as possible: publicity@wansteadandwoodfordchess.club.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – reigning champion Partha Mulay

Tuesday 25th September 2018 (provisional) - Club Championship 1st Round. Don't delay signing up to what will surely be another closely contested event. **Please submit your entry to the Tournament Controller Mark Murrell as soon as possible.** Fees for entry this year remains at £2.50 payable at the commencement of the first round. Future rounds are scheduled to take place on the following dates: **2018** 23rd October, 20th November, 18th December; **2019** 22nd January, 19th February, 19th March, 16th April and 14th May (9Rds).

LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP – reigning champion Mark Murrell

Tuesday 2nd October 2018 - Club Lightning Championship held at Wanstead House. The first in our series of first Tuesday of the month "all club" competitions.

OUR 75th ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday 16th October 2018 – 75 years to the day, no less, will be celebrated on the day. We hope to announce details of the planned events at the Opening Night.

HANDICAP BLITZ GRAND PRIX – reigning champion David Spearman

Tuesday 6th November 2018 – Handicap Blitz Grand Prix 1st Round. Each round in the series of 5 is a free-standing event as well as counting towards the Grand Prix prizes. Subsequent rounds are set for, **2018** 4th December; **2019** 5th February, 5th March and 2nd April.

VISIT OF AIX-EN-PROVENCE

Friday 9th November 2018 to Sunday 11th November (provisional)

This reciprocal visit is being mooted for the above weekend to coincide with the World Championship match in Holborn. An individual blitz in 2 sections on the Friday evening, with a return Rapid match on the Saturday afternoon followed by a dinner for players and partners are under discussion. Watch this space for further details.

BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP – reigning champion John Hodgson

Tuesday 8th January 2019 – The Blitz Championship will be held at Wanstead House.

RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP – reigning champion Ian Hunnoble

Saturday 23rd February 2019 – The Rapid Championship will be held at Wanstead House (10am to 6pm). All points count towards the John Philpott Trophy for best accumulated points score in all the Club's rapid chess events. This year's competition started with Bonanza Night in the Baum Trophy, includes all the results of this summer's rapid chess matches, with Lawrance and Finchley Cup matches to follow.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & SUBSCRIPTIONS:

New data protection legislation applies to Chess Clubs and other chess organisations. Find out how the Club, Wanstead House, Essex Chess Association, English Chess

Federation and others handles your personal data by visiting our [Data Protection](#) webpage. The Essex League now has [Conditions of Entry](#) covering safeguarding and data protection.

The Club has particular data protection requirements to meet including explaining why we need your personal information when we ask you for it. We also have to ensure that our data is accurate and up-to-date. To do so we need your help, including not divulging email addresses or other personal details of your fellow Club members. Bcc is used.

Accordingly, **all** members (whether life members, old or new) are required to complete and return to me as soon as possible your completed membership form making sure that you have completed fully both sections 1 and 2. If you are a parent or guardian a separate form should be completed for each junior member. Further details about data protection and your rights are set out in the Club's [Privacy Notice](#) available from the Club's [Data Protection](#) webpage or in the club room rules compendium. Please **do not remove** this or documents from it. It is a reference volume for all of the Club to consult.

Club subscriptions are presently unchanged. For those who are already direct English Chess Federation members for 2018/19 the amount of your discounted club subscription (which has changed due to changes in ECF junior memberships) appears in brackets:

£28 (£13) minimum Adult
£15 (£10) minimum Juniors 14 to U18 as at 31st August 2018
£10 (£ 5) minimum Juniors U14 as at 31st August 2018.

The Club attendance Board Fee remains set at £3.00 per attendance for adults and £1 for Juniors. Please help the Treasurer Peter Nickals by paying your Annual Subscription promptly, and by having your board fees ready when requested each evening.

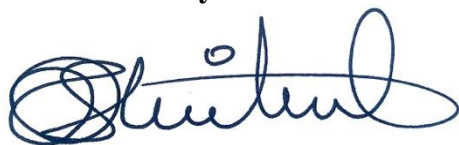
For those not visiting the Club in September please send a cheque (payable to "Wanstead & Woodford Chess Club") direct to the Treasurer: **Mr Peter Nickals, 91 Dover Road, London, E12 5DZ**. Alternatively, you can make payment by **electronic transfer** using the following:

Account Name: Wanstead & Woodford Chess Club
Sort Code: 09-01-55
Account Number: 76234001

FINALLY:

Chairman Ian and I both look forward to seeing you at the Club in the coming weeks and wish you every success with your Chess playing activities throughout the season.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Philip Staniland', with a stylized, cursive script.

Philip Staniland
Club Secretary