

29th of August 2024

Dear members,

Tuesday night programme for the 2024/25 season

Please continue to support these events which contribute to our strong club culture. The club will be a busy and slightly noisy place for these events. Members will be able to continue to enjoy a relatively quiet club on the other three Tuesday evenings every month, or in the analysis room. Details for how to enter the Allegro club championship and the Blitz championship will be sent later. For all other events simply turn up promptly at the time indicated. Note that adult training sessions will be starting at 6:30 PM and finishing at 7:15 PM. Registration will be set up. There are 2 evenings to be organised. Ideas please!

Captains: please do not organise matches for these nights.

Other upcoming events

Club championship and challengers' matches will be organised on an alternative evening and **not** Tuesdays this season.

I would also like to hear ideas for other events and speakers, and of course you are free to volunteer to give us a talk. (Please email me at rbhopal@doctors.net.uk)

Please note the programme and put the dates into your diary.

Date Tuesdays) (Please check the arrival time. We plan to finish by 10 PM)	Event
10/9 7:30 PM	AGM (annual general meeting) including presentation of prizes
8/10 7 PM	The traditional, annual simultaneous display by the 2023/4club champion Freddy Wauldhausen Gordon FM. First 20 people to turn up will play. Please come to spectate even if you are not playing.
29/10 630-7:15 PM	Adult beginners coaching (registration required). Please note time.
5/11 7:30 PM	To be organised
19/11 630-7:15 PM	Adult beginners coaching (registration required)
3/12 630-7:15 PM	Adult beginners coaching (registration required)
17/12 Christmas night	Fun chess! Details to be developed. Ideas welcome. This popular Christmas event will be followed by traditional refreshments!

14/1/2025 630-7:15 PM	Adult beginners coaching (registration required)
21/1 7:30 PM	<p>Endgame practice: there will be two tough but important endgames. 15 minutes each on the clock. We will match people with similar grading on the night. The pieces will be placed on their starting positions.</p> <p>Queen versus rook endgame to win the rook (far from easy). Bishop & Knight versus King to checkmate.</p> <p>I predict that many people will not be able to win.</p>
11/2/24 7:30 PM	Presentation and discussion: the most important items collected by the club over the last 202 years (club historian David Archibald)
11/3 7:15 PM for 7:30 PM start	Unrated friendly Allegro (rapid play) competition. Five games with 15 minutes with 2s increments (not cumulative) on the clock each. This will be practice for the forthcoming official Johnny Marr Allegro club championship.
15/4 7:30 PM	Ideas from club members invited for this evening
13/5 7:15 PM for 7:30 PM	Johnny Marr Allegro club championship, competing for the Johnny Marr trophy. Time control will be 15 minutes with 2 seconds increments (not cumulative) per person. The results will be sent to Scottish chess for grading (not FIDE rated). Registration will be set up for this event.
10/6 7:30 PM	Blitz championship. There will be seven rounds (ungraded). 5 minutes for each player with 2 seconds increments (not cumulative). Registration will be set up for this event.