

Chess in the Castle 2006

For once Aydon Castle let us down with the weather. It was a cold damp day but still much good chess was played. As usual we were grateful to English Heritage. The castle wardens, Lynn and Brian, are old friends by now and were very welcoming. I am personally very grateful, too, to our splendid team of controllers, Tim and Abi Adams, Lara Barnes, Alex McFarlane and Gerry Beldon who made my day so easy; and to Syd Cassidy, who not merely handed out the prizes at the end, but brought a whole busload of players from Carlisle.

OVER-11 Section

1 Asef Zahed (RGS)	6b1 2w1 5w1 8b1 3w1 4b=	5½
2 Kunal Gupta (RGS)	17w1 1b0 14b1 4w1 13b1 5w1	5
3 Sam Beldon (Tynemouth)	15b1 7w1 8w1 12b1 1b0 11b1	5
4 Stephen Lewis (Austin Friars)	19b1 9w1 12w1 2b0 8w1 1w=	4½
5 Sam McStay (Austin Friars)	16w1 13w1 1b0 10b1 11w1 2b0	4
6 Ajit Kishore (RGS)	1w0 17b1 13b0 20w1 18w1 9b1	4
7 Saathvik Shetty (Austin Friars)	22w1 3b0 11b0 17w1 12w1 10b1	4
8 Ben Spedding (Austin Friars)	20w1 11w1 3b0 1w0 4b0 17b1	3
9 Paul van Iterson (Austin Friars)	14w1 4b0 10b0 13w1 15b1 6w0	3
10 Oliver Rice (Allendale)	11b0 20b1 9w1 5w0 14b1 7w0	3
11 Andrew Dickson (Dyke House)	10w1 8b0 7w1 18b1 5b0 3w0	3
12 Anna Jackson (Tynemouth)	bye 18w1 4b0 3w0 7b0 16b1	3
13 Aine Beldon (Tynemouth)	21w1 5b0 6w1 9b0 2w0 18b1	3
14 Megan Pattie (Tynemouth)	9b0 22b1 2w0 21b1 10w0 19w1	3
15 Sanial McCormick (Dyke House)	3w0 16b= 19w0 22b1 9w0 21b1	2½
16 Alastair Campbell (Tynemouth)	5b0 15w= 20b0 19b1 21w1 12w0	2½
17 Daniel Tzabar (Austin Friars)	2b0 6w0 22w1 7b0 20b1 8w0	2
18 Mario Coxon (Bedlington)	bye 12b0 21w1 11w0 6b0 13w0	2
19 Kate Longrigg (Austin Friars)	4w0 21b0 15b1 16w0 22w1 14b0	2
20 Robert Ford (Allendale)	8b0 10w0 16w1 6b0 17w0 22b=	1½
21 Alexander Lunness (St Joseph's)	13b0 19w1 18b0 14w0 16b0 15w0	1
22 Adam Eales (Allendale)	7b0 14w0 17b0 15w0 19b0 20w=	½

Sam McStay was Under-13 Champion and Saathvik Shetty second in the Under-13 Championship after a play-off match. Both won trophies.

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1 Thomas Langley (RGS)	11w1 16b1 12b1 3w1 9b½ 7w1 4b1 6w1	7½
2 James Lau (RGS)	12b1 9w0 11b0 17w1 15b1 16w1 3b1 4w1	6
3 Jack McHugh (RGS)	20w1 13b1 8w1 1b0 6b1 4w0 2w0 7b1	5
4 Tom Gholkar (RGS)	16b0 17w1 14b1 11w1 7w1 3b1 1w0 2b0	5
5 Vikram Sehgal (RGS)	13w0 20b1 16w1 8b1 11b0 6w0 12b1 18w1	5
6 Georgina Campbell (Austin Friars)	bye 10b1 7w0 15b1 3w0 5b1 14w1 1b0	5
7 Martin Donohue (RGS)	17b1 21w1 6b1 9w1 4b0 1b0 11w1 3w0	5
8 William Atkinson (RGS)	18b1 14w1 3b0 5w0 12b0 13w1 16b1 11w1	5
9 Edward Langley (RGS)	19w1 2b1 13w1 7b0 1w½ 11b0 10w1 ret	4½
10 Monty Dethick (Tynemouth)	21b0 6w0 bye 14w½ 18b1 12w1 9b0 16w1	4½
11 Ruben Tadmore (RGS)	1b0 bye 2w1 4b0 5w1 9w1 7b0 8b0	4
12 George Wyatt (RGS)	2w0 19b1 1w0 20b1 8w1 10b0 5w0 14b1	4
13 Peter Campbell (Tynemouth)	5b1 3w0 9b0 18w1 16w0 8b0 20w1 15w1	4
14 Jonathan Lunness (St Matthew's)	15w1 8b0 4w0 10b½ 17w1 19b1 6b0 12w0	3½
15 Thomas Johnston (RGS)	14b0 18w1 21b1 6w0 2w0 20b0 19w1 13b0	3
16 Max Stevens (RGS)	4w1 1w0 5b0 21w1 13b1 2b0 8w0 10b0	3
17 George Sims (Austin Friars)	7w0 4b0 19w1 2b0 14b0 18w0 bye 21b1	3
18 Toby Robson (Austin Friars)	8w0 15b0 20w1 13b0 10w0 17b1 21b1 5b0	3
19 Catherine Pattie (Tynemouth)	9b0 12w0 17b0 bye 21w1 14w0 15b0 20b1	3
20 Ben Ogden (RGS)	3b0 5w0 18b0 12w0 bye 15w1 13b0 19w0	2
21 Anna Shukurova (Tynemouth)	10w1 7b0 15w0 16b0 19b0 bye 18w0 17w0	2

Georgina Campbell won the Girls Championship; Edward Langley won the Under-9 Championship

Finally there should have been a special award for Aydon, the castle swallow, who spent the best part of the day fluttering around among the beams above the Under-11 Section; making occasional shrill comments (about the standard of the play?) He made his escape early in the afternoon and so missed the prizegiving.