

## THE NORTHUMBERLAND JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

This year's Junior Championships were held at Newcastle Preparatory School in Jesmond on Saturday 7th March. I am most grateful to Mrs Coates, the Head Teacher at the school not merely for giving us permission to use the school's splendid sports hall for the event, but also coming along to present the prizes at the end. Thanks also to Richard Boddy, NPS Chess Teacher, for making all the arrangements at the school. Thanks are also due to Tim and Abi Adams who provided their usual tuck-shop, and Vince Hakansson, Kevin McBride, Gerry Beldon and John Byrne who helped with controlling the various sections.

91 children took part - a big improvement on recent years. I was caught out by the numbers - I'd guessed at about 60 and the prizes at the end barely held out. I still owe several of the senior boys prizes which I will have to get to them when I have obtained them! The extra numbers also meant that we didn't play quite as many rounds as usual - and some of the juniors are learning to play longer games of chess. This resulted in a number of tied results.

In the Under-9 section, Zheming Zhang, just turned 7, who attends Jesmond Chess Club, won easily - he is a brilliant player for his age, but must learn to sit down and not chatter so much when he plays! Manav Gupta, another 7 year old was placed second. Both Abhisek Kamath and Urban Coningham made 100% scores at Under-11 and we didn't have time for a final decider between them. They will share the trophy this year. Lolly Maddison retained the Girls Championship that she had won last year. Adam Clark appeared to be walking away with the Under-13 Championship, but a surprise defeat in the penultimate round to back marker Adam Hall allowed Tom Aldridge to catch him and to share the title. David Griffin from Hetton won the Under-18 section, but could not, of course win a Northumberland Championship. Justice was served however in that the County title went to Max Jones, the only player among those taking part not to have received a bye in the competition. Callum Ballard won the Under-15 title for the second time by the skin of his teeth, narrowly ahead of Fatheha Essa. (It has been some years since a girl won one of our County titles)

### Under-18 and Under-15 Section

1	David Griffin (Hetton Lyons)	5b1	3b1	6b1	7b1	bye	2w½	5.5
2	Max Jones (RGS, Jesmond)	6w1	7b1	5b1	4w1	3b½	1b½	5
3	Callum Ballard (Kings)	bye	1w0	4w1	5b0	2w½	6b1	3.5*
4	Fatheha Essa (RGS)	7w0	6w1	3b0	2b0	5w1	bye	3*
5	Ismail Essa (RGS)	1w0	bye	2w0	3w1	4b0	7w1	3
6	Brett Wood (Astley)	2b0	4b0	1w0	bye	7w1	3w0	2*
7	Oliver Rice (QEHS, Hexham)	4b1	2w0	bye	1w0	6b0	5b0	2

\* after the score indicates Under-15s

### Under-13 Section

1	Adam Clark (RGS, Jesmond)	7b1	3w1	2b1	5w1	8b0	4w1	5
2	Thomas Aldridge (RGS)	8w1	5b1	1w0	3b1	7w1	6w1	5
3	James Schofield (RGS)	6w1	1b0	4b1	2w0	5b1	7b1	4
4	Uche Obonna (RGS)	5w0	8b1	3w0	7w1	6b1	1b0	3
5	Thomas Cleminson (RGS)	4b1	2w0	6b1	1b0	3w0	8w1	3
6	Sophie Gatenby (Red Rose)	3b0	7w½	5w0	8b1	4w0	2b0	1.5
7	Callum Henfrey (RGS)	1w0	6b½	8w1	4b0	2b0	3w0	1.5
8	Adam Hall (Bedlington)	2b0	4w0	7b0	6w0	1w1	5b0	1

**NORTHUMBERLAND - NPS - Under-9**

1	Zheming Zhang (Cragside)		12b1	13w1	11b1	6w1	4b1	5
2`	Manav Gupta (RGS)		17w1	20b~	19w1	18w1	8b1	4.5
3	Peter Owen (NPS)		33w1	15b0	20w1	11w1	13b1	4
4	Aidan Byrne (St Teresa's)		24b1	16w1	15b1	7w1	1w0	4
5	Daniel Bell (St Teresa's)		6w0	24b1	25w1	27b1	15w1	4
6	William Wilkinson (RGS)		5b1	8w1	9b1	1b0	20w1	4
7	Omkar Dixit (RGS)		22b1	23w1	32b1	4b0	10w1	4
8	Daksh Sharma (RGS)		34w1	6b0	14w1	12b1	2w0	3
9	Anthony Lai (RGS)		14w1	26b1	6w0	13b0	18w1	3
10	Jamie Lishman (RGS)		15w0	34b1	16b1	17w1	7b0	3
11	Chidera Obonna (RGS)		bye	30w1	1w0	3b0	25b1	3
12	Hamish Burnett (RGS)		1w0	bye	26b1	8w0	27b1	3
13	Parth Mannikar (RGS)		35b1	1b0	bye	9w1	3w0	3
14	Mark Broughton (RGS)		9b0	31w1	8b0	32w1	26b1	3
15	Lottie Gill (NPS)		10b1	3w1	4w0	19b1	5b0	3
16	Augustus Coningham (RGS)		31b1	4b0	10w0	23w1	21b1	3
17	Sam Warwick (NPS)		2b0	28w1	33w1	10b0	29b1	3
18	Aaron Choi (NPS)		19b~	29w1	27w1	2b0	9b0	2.5
19	Finlay Brechin (RGS)		18w~	21b1	2b0	15w0	30w1	2.5
20	Louis McBride (Tynemouth)		30b1	2w~	3b0	29w1	6b0	2.5
21	Owen Bell (St Teresa's)		29b~	19w0	35b~	34w1	16w0	2
22	Jack Hughes (NPS)		7w0	25b0	34w0	31b1	33b1	2
23	Lewis Jeffrie (NPS)		26w0	7b0	24w1	16b0	34b1	2
24	Keshav Krishnan (NPS)		4w0	5w0	23b0	bye	32b1	2
25	Thomas Cairns (NPS)		32b0	22w1	5b0	28w1	11w0	2
26	Shay Stobbert (NPS)		23b1	9w0	12w0	33b1	14w0	2
27	Owen Casey (NPS)		28b1	32w1	18b0	5w0	12w0	2
28	Elizabeth Johnson (NPS)		27w0	17b0	30w~	25b0	35b1	1.5
29	Uzaam Qayoom (NPS)		21w~	18b0	31w1	20b0	17w0	1.5
30	Mark Donald (NPS)		20w0	11b0	28b~	35w1	19b0	1.5
31	Jamie Johnson (NPS)		16w0	14b0	29b0	22w0	bye	1
32	Aaranga Nodiyal (NPS)		25w1	27b0	7w0	14b0	24w0	1
33	Nick Wharton (NPS)		3b0	35w1	17b0	26w0	22w0	1
34	Adam Gurteen (NPS)		8b0	10w0	22b1	21b0	23w0	1
35	Toby Heywood (NPS)		13w0	33b0	21w~	30b0	28w0	0.5

**NORTHUMBERLAND - NPS - Under-11**

1	Abhishek Kamath (RGS)	30w1	15b1	18w1	14b1	4w1	5
2	Urban Coningham (RGS)	31w1	22b1	7w1	6b1	12w1	5
3	Andrew Gatenby (Red Rose)	40b1	12w0	41b1	11w1	9w1	4
4	Matthew Dunlop (Kings)	35w1	11b1	9w1	8b1	1b0	4
5	Mark Rowden (St Mary's)	13w0	10b1	27b1	26w1	14w1	4
6	Chris Wilson (RGS)	26b1	25w1	12b1	2w0	16b1	4
7	James Yeomans (Kings)	28w1	35b1	2b0	15w1	17b1	4
8	James Priest (Blythe)	10w1	33b~	25w1	4w0	22b1	3.5
9	Angus Clarke (Ponteland)	34b1	17w1	4b0	16w1	3b0	3
10	David Foo (Kings)	8b0	5w0	34b1	38w1	27b1	3
11	Nicholas Byrne(St Teresa's)	36b1	4w0	33w1	3b0	28w1	3
12	Ayinde Diop-West (NPS)	38w1	3b1	6w0	18b1	2b0	3
13	Johnny Zhou (NPS)	5b1	18w0	30b1	22w~	19b~	3
14	Sukhdeep Singh Srail (RGS)	19w1	41b1	23w1	1w0	5b0	3
15	Ikenna Obonna (RGS)	20b1	1w0	31b1	7b0	32w1	3
16	Akhil Gupta (RGS)	32w1	23b1	20w1	9b0	6w0	3
17	Lolly Madidson (Langley)	bye	9b0	32w1	23b1	7w0	3
18	Ibrahim Nasser (RGS)	24w1	13b1	1b0	12w0	25w1	3
19	Rohan Gujjuri (RGS)	14b0	34w~	24b1	33b1	13w~	3
20	Sam Lord (NPS)	15w0	24b1	16b0	29w1	26b1	3
21	Roxanne Green (NPS)	41w0	30b0	bye	36w1	33b1	3
22	Jack Hughes (St Teresa's)	27b1	2w0	28w1	13b~	8w0	2.5
23	Matthew Hutton (NPS)	29b1	16w0	14b0	17w0	37w1	2
24	Asheek Sarkar (RGS)	18b0	20w0	19w0	35b1	38w1	2
25	Rahim Neal-Yakoob (NPS)	39w1	6b0	8b0	31w1	18b0	2
26	Arjun Anilkumar (RGS)	6w0	38b1	37w1	5b0	20w0	2
27	Peter Wilson (RGS)	22w0	39b1	5w0	37b1	10w0	2
28	Tabitha Burnett (RGS)	7b0	40w1	22b0	41w1	11b0	2
29	Alex Bell (Red Rose)	23w0	31b0	39w1	20b0	34b1	2
30	Jasper Williams (RGS)	1b0	21w1	13w0	32b0	40b1	2
31	Chris Graney-Ward(St Teresa's)	2b0	29w1	15w0	25b0	36b1	2
32	Peter Black (NPS)	16b0	36w1	17b0	30w1	15b0	2
33	George Caffey (NPS)	37b1	8w~	11b0	19w0	21w0	1.5
34	Jake Wood (Blythe)	9w0	19b~	10w0	39b1	29w0	1.5
35	Charlie Gray (NPS)	4b0	7w0	38b0	24w0	41b1	1
36	Hisham Nasser (RGS)	11w0	32b0	40w1	21b0	31w0	1
37	Dryden DeMarco (NPS)	33w0	bye	26b0	27w0	23b0	1
38	Kate Garrett (St Teresa's)	12b0	26w0	35w1	10b0	24b0	1
39	Georgina Lobb(St Teresa,s)	25b0	27w0	29b0	34w0	bye	1
40	Lucy Ellerton (NPS)	3w0	28b0	36b0	bye	30w0	1
41	Eashan Patel (RGS)	21b1	14w0	3w0	28b0	35w0	1