

Maidenhead Chess Club.

Minutes Book

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

Held at Swan Hotel on 9. 10. 1963.

In the chair H. V. Benedictus Esq., President.

Apology for absence from G. G. Blake Esq., Life V President.

Item 1. The Minutes of the previous E. G. M. had been read and approved at the following A. G. M. with no matters arising.

Item 2. The move to new premises to be postponed.

Item 3. League & Club Programmes for 1963-64.

- a) A B & C teams to play in Berks. League.
- b) The 'Lightening' Tournaments for the Walter Quittner Cup to be held near the end of the season.
- c) The Club Championship to be held as a knockout tourney with Mr. Norris making the draw.
- d) Mr. Norris to organize a Ladder as an experiment.
- e) Dr. Green's proposal for matches between members (which had been put forward at the previous Committee meeting - [this was attended by Dr. Green, and Messrs Norris, Wardle & Bheffins only] -) was accepted and

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... was accepted and
Mr. Byway was asked to pair off the
players.

Item 4. Subs. to be paid promptly, please.
Adults: 30/- under 21: 15/- full time scholars
free.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks
to the President for taking the chair.

Stanley Green

Notes on the E. G. M. - J. K. Jeffries.

The Hon. Sec. omitted to record names of members present.

Item 3 (c). Was altered by the Committee. It was decided
that this was not unconstitutional as only 2 non-
Committee members were present at the E.G.M.

Item 3 (d) The ladder was unsuccessful - not one
challenge was made.

Item 3 (e) Dr. Green questioned the Hon. Sec. about this
later in the season. The Hon. Sec. questioned Byway who was
not aware that he had been given the job and he did
not wish to officiate. The Committee meeting referred to
was called to have the Captains together. As they did not attend
no minutes were recorded & matters discussed put to this E. G. M.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at Swan Hotel on 29. 4. 64

P. R. Cuthbert Esq in the chair.

Members present: Messrs. Borlase, Byway, Chiffoni,
Gutteridge, Jones, Koenig, Norris, Pinkney, Reynolds,
Stranso and Wattle.

Item 1. The Minutes of the previous AGM were read
approved & signed.

Item 2. Matters arising. The Hon. Sec. explained that only
one friendly tourney had been arranged mainly
because of the heavy programme with 3 teams in
the league and the difficulty of fixing some of the
matches. We had played Gerrards Cross (away) early
in the season (winning 5-3) but they did not
take the opportunity of visiting us during Jan.

Item 3. The Hon. Sec's brief report of the season's events
was accepted.

Item 4. The Hon. Treasurer's report showing a balance at the
bank of £18.18. Swelled by a donation of £10
from Mr. J. Koenig was applauded. The income
from subs. was double the previous season's without
an extraordinary increase in new members' subs.
Report accepted - Hon. Treasurer thanked.

Item 5. "6" team captain reported that he had played
the same 6 players in every match with the
exception when forced to default one board.

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- 5 (cont)... on board. Dennis, playing on top board on 6 occasions and board 2 twice had scored $6\frac{1}{2}$ from a possible 8 points. Norris explained his system of evaluating the players' performances, viz: results % multiplied by the inverse of board No. e.g. Dennis 81% average board 1.4. $81 \times (7-1.4) = 454$ pts.
6. Byrway (capt B team) and the Hon Sec. reported four matches now three lost and the match v Newbury fixed for 7 May. A good result in Div I
7. The President (Capt A team) was absent and the Hon Sec. reported a fine season. We had won the Championship but unless we got $1\frac{1}{2}$ points from 2 games sent for adjudication we would have to share the title with Reading A.
8. Mr. Wardle was asked to keep a visitors' book and to advise the Hon. Sec. of regular visitors so that they could be proposed for membership. Mr. Wardle accepted. (prop. by Cheffins sec. by Gutteridge)
9. Election of Officers and Committee.
President: H. J. Benedictus (Pinkney Norris)
Hon Sec: C. J. Reynolds (Cheffins Bolau)
Hon Treas: K. G. Pinkney (Cheffins Gutteridge)
Hon Auditor: P. E. Gutteridge (Wardle Norris)
Club Captain: H. J. Benedictus (Pinkney unanimous)

AGM 29.4.64 (cont)

Item 9 (cont)...

Captain B team J. Cheffins (Byrway Norris)
Captain C team W. H. Norris (Wardle Reynolds)
Committee: The above plus Messrs. Gutteridge and Wardle together with Dr. Green.

Item 10

Mr. Koenig was presented with a beer mug which had been specially made to mark our appreciation of his great services to the club for many years. He was wished good fortune in his new home abroad. In reply Mr Koenig thanked the club & said he would try to look us up when in this country.

Item 11

The final of the Club Championship was still to be played. Finalists E. Strauss (holder) and H. J. Benedictus.

CUPS

Lightening champion 1963-64 - E. Strauss (holder)

Item 12

Club Programme 1964-65

- Simultaneous display by E. Strauss Esq.
- Lectures by E. Strauss Esq
- Diamond Jubilee Celebration - the Committee to decide on a suitable event
- Club Championship to be run by J. Cheffins on the system of Perpetual Tournament/Grading System expounded by Oliver Penrose in BCM December 1960

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- e) Lightning Tournery for the Walter Quittner Cup as before.
 - f) Bodlase School (Marlow) and Maidenhead Boys School to be offered friendly tournery - to be held at our HQ or theirs at their choice. Gerard's Cross to be invited to Maidenhead.
 - g) 'A' 'B' and 'C' teams to ~~be invited~~ ^{continue} in the Berks League.

13. The landlord, Swan Hotel, will let us know what is happening regarding the reported demolition of the Swan. If we are able to continue our tenancy the landlord to be asked to supply extra heat on cold nights at extra charge.

14. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Cuthbert for taking the chair & performing chairman's duties so admirably.

Mr. Cuthbert

INFORMAL MEETING.

Held at Windsor Castle Hotel on 10th JUNE 1964
8 pm.

H. J. Benedictus Esq. in the chair.

Members present: Messrs. Cheffins, Cuthbert, Norris, Perkins, Reynolds and Wardle.

Item 1. It was agreed that Mr. P. E. Gutteridge should act as the Club Publicity Agent. Unanimous.

Item 2. The meeting agreed to make the presentation of the Championship Cup at the A.G.M. of the Berks. League the starter for a publicity drive aimed at improving the public image of the Club.

Item 3. The meeting discussed what events should be held to mark the Diamond Jubilee year of the Club.

Three proposals were made ^{on 10th October 1964}:-

a) A telephone match between Maidenhead and St. Cloud, the mayors of the twin townships to be invited to open the event. The Secretary was directed to investigate cost and to contact the Town Clerk with a view to municipal support for the project.

b) The Club, as League Champions to issue a challenge to the rest of the League, the match to be played also at the Town Hall, refreshments to be provided.

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(c) Mr Golombek to be invited to give a simultaneous display. Hon. Sec. to approach him about requisite fee and suitable date.

The next Committee meeting was set for Wednesday 1st July at 8.15 pm (same venue) and as there was no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

H. J. Benedictus

INFORMAL MEETING

Held at Windsor Castle Hotel, on 1st July. 8.15 pm

H. J. Benedictus Esq., in the chair.

Members present: Messrs. Cuthbert, Norris, Kirkney and Reynolds.

- Item 1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.
- Item 2. Matters arising. Hon. Sec. read the reply from Mr Golombek who agreed to give a simultaneous display on 17th February 1965 at a fee of 4 gns. for up to 20 boards, 5 gns. from 20 to 30 and 20 on. The meeting accepted the offer and Hon. Sec. would write and confirm.
- Item 3. Hon. Sec. advised the meeting that the cost of an open line to St. Cloud for the proposed telephone match was £7 per hour. After discussion, the meeting considered the cost to be beyond Club means but Hon. Sec. was given a brief to discuss the general suggestion with Mr Gutteridge (who was unable to attend the meeting) with a view to his approaching the Town Clerk. The terms of reference for such an approach, which was to be informal were
- a) possible financial support from the

Meeting 1.7.64 (cont)

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Turning fund.

- b) Provision of a room at the Town Hall for the telephone match, without charge.
- c) Consideration of an official invitation to St. Cloud to send a team to W'head and to include Bad Godesburg if numbers from St. Cloud insufficient.
- d) Any other suggestions for Town sponsored events to celebrate the Club's Diamond Jubilee.
- e) Use of a Town Hall room for the Golembek simultaneous display

Mr Norris also agreed to make an unofficial approach to an ex-mayor to lobby support.

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There was general discussion on a proposed week-end visit to St. Cloud. Agreed to include consideration first of an official invitation for a visit from St. Cloud in Mr Gutteridge's approach to the Town Clerk (Item 3(c) above)

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Further discussion on offering a challenge to the League from the Club. Agreed that a meeting should be arranged between the Club Chairman, Mr Lee and the County Secy. to discuss arrangements. Mr Lee to write to Mr Blackman & arrange a meeting.

Meeting 1.7.64 (cont)

Item 6.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm. The next meeting was set for Wednesday 29th July at 8.30 pm at the Winsor Castle.

W. G. Gutteridge

INFORMAL MEETING

Held at Windsor Castle Hotel on 29th July 1964. 8.30pm

H.J. Benedictus in the Chair.

Messrs present: Messrs. Cuthbert, Cheffins, Norris, Reynolds and Wardle.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matters arising. Hon. Sec. reported that he had written to Mr Golombek agreeing to 17th February 1965 for the simultaneous display.

The discussion with Mr Gutteridge had taken place as arranged but no results were as yet forthcoming.

A letter had been sent to the County Secy. suggesting a meeting with Club President and Hon. Sec & Dr. Slade but no reply had been received. This was probably due to the Postal Strike.

Some discussion took place about the semi display. Suggestions made that other players from other Clubs should be invited, at a fee, and that invitation made to Maidenhead and Balage Grammar School to send, say, two of their best players to take boards at the

Meeting 29.7.64 (cont)

Item 3 (cont)

simultaneous display.

Item 4.

Mr Norris advised the making of his later discussion with Mr Fletcher-Wood. Although the twinning funds were designed for the benefit of effort the Club had in mind, Mr F.W. might be inclined to approach the Town Clerk and go a long way. He would arrange a meeting between Club members and the Town Clerk.

Item 5.

Messrs Norris and Cheffins reported upon their meeting with the Chairman of the Conservative Club Committee following an approach to the Club by Mr F. Wood on our behalf to accommodate the Chess Club at York Road.

If Chess Club members were to join the Conservative Club (Fee 1 gm. per annum) there would be no charge for accommodation, exclusive use would be given of the room on chess evenings and the Club would provide equipment, clocks etc. if required.

After discussion, the meeting agreed that Hon Sec would send a referendum to all members, the decision to be announced at an extraordinary general meeting to be

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held on 9th September 1964.

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 9.35 pm. The next meeting was to be the E.G.M. on 9th Sept 1964

Discussion

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Held at Swan Hotel on 9th Sept. 1964.

In the chair: Dr. S. Green

Apologies for absence from H. J. Benedictus Esq., President and Messrs Finch and Mrs Jones.

Item 1. The minutes of the previous E.G.M. were read approved and signed.

Item 2. arising from the minutes (Item 3 (e)) Dr. Green's proposal for pairing off members for matches was amended, to provide for the Secretary to arrange pairings using the League system of Perpetual Tournament Grade (in use for the Club Championship) as a guide to balanced pairing.

Item 3. Secretary advised the meeting of the discussion which had taken place in Committee on the arrangements for celebrating the Club's Diamond Jubilee. He referred to the Gylombek Simultaneous display in February, the proposed telephone match with St. Cloud, a visit to Walsdenhead by the St. Cloud team and a challenge match with a representative team from the Berkshire League. The last three items had not reached finality and members were to be advised when preliminary

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arrangements were completed.

4.

Following an announcement of the result of the referendum on the Conservative Club proposal, the Secretary read out a letter from Mr Finch and it was decided to write to the Conservative Club advising them that the necessary 100% membership could not be achieved and asking for a re-statement of the Club's offer on the basis of a 99% membership with one Chess Club member (Mr Finch) invited as a guest. (This was subject to Mr Finch's acceptance of this principle) The general consensus of opinion of the meeting was that if this could not be achieved, the whole idea should be dropped and that the Club should remain at its present headquarters until the Church Hall was completed in about a year's time. The Secretary was also to investigate the possible use of Castle Hill Terrace as an alternative. When the Conservative Club had replied, another general meeting would be convened to advise members of the situation.

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A new member, Mr Glen was introduced

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and was welcomed by the Chairman. The meeting regretted the loss to the Club of Mr Jones who was emigrating to Yorkshire.

Item 6.

By unanimous vote, Dr Green was elected to fill the vacant seat on Committee.

Item 7.

Proposed by Mr Penkney and seconded by Mr Cheffins that Mr Koenig be elected to a life Honorary Vice President. Carried unanimously.

Item 8.

Secretary advised that a match had been arranged with Gerrards X Chess Club for October 16th, with a return match at G.X on a date to be arranged. Dr. Green reminded the meeting that a previous match arranged with this Club had shown up the Maidenhead Club in a very poor light when an insufficient number of boards could be made up. For the coming match, team Captains would select a team well in advance of the agreed date.

Item 8

With a vote of thanks to the Chair, the meeting closed at 21.40 hrs.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Held at Swan Hotel on 28th October '64

In the Chair: Dr. S. Green

Apologies for absence from Mr H. J. Benedictus, President.

Item 1. As only twelve members were present, the minutes of the previous meeting were not tabled and the meeting considered the one item on the agenda, namely that the Chess Club should make its headquarters at the Conservative Club, York Rd. This followed an offer made by the Conservative Club for the exclusive use of a room on Tuesday evenings, free of charge, provided all members of the Chess Club (except for two named members) joined the Conservative Club as full members, the remainder being invited as guests on Club nights.

During a debate when the disadvantages of changing the Club night were discussed, the meeting also considered a suggestion from Mr Chebbin that for the remainder of the season the premises at the Swan Hotel should be returned ^(on Wednesday) and that we use the Conservative Club room on Tuesdays. Because of the problems associated with dividing equipment between two Club rooms and the uncertainty of funding

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opponents, the suggestion was withdrawn.

Members then voted on a proposition from Mr Norris, seconded by Mr Gutteridge that the Club remain at the Swan Hotel. The motion was carried by a majority of 9-1, there being one abstention.

A further proposition from Mr Borlase seconded by Mr Reynolds that the Hotel management be requested to provide additional background heating during cold evenings was carried unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at Swan Hotel on 28th April 1965

In the Chair: Mr. W. Norris.

Members present: Messrs. Cheffins, Finch, Borlase, Wardle, Bynay and Reynolds.

An apology was received from Mr Gutteridge.

- Item 1. The minutes of the previous Committee meeting were read, approved and signed.
- Item 2. The constitution of teams for the 1965/66 season was discussed. It was proposed by Reynolds and seconded by Bynay that two teams only were entered for next season. An amendment to the motion was proposed by Cheffins and seconded by Finch that we should continue to enter three teams. This amendment was put to the vote and carried. As a result of this, the motion was defeated. It was proposed that the match captain would enter three teams.
- Item 3. Proposed Cheffins and seconded Reynolds that Mr Sec. and Mr Gutteridge would book the new Church Hall for the Club premises next season; the same Club night would be selected. Motion carried.

Item 4. It was agreed that the date for the Annual General Meeting would be Wed. 26. May 1965.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Swan Hotel on 26/5/65.

H.J. Benedictus Esq., in the Chair.

Members present: Messrs: Borlase, Bysray, Cheffoni, Dennis, Fenwick, Glenn, Gutteridge, Norris, Lindney, Reynolds and Wardle.

Item 1: The minutes of the previous AGM were read, approved and signed.

Item 2: Matters arising. Mr Cheffoni stated that the Club championship was shared between E. Strauss and H.J. Benedictus.

Item 3: The Hon. Sec's report on the season's events was accepted. He expressed disappointment that the Club's Jubilee year had not been marked by greater success in the League and that it had not been found possible to arrange commemorative matches with St. Cloud and the Rest of the League. It had been hoped to find a formula acceptable to members for a change of Club premises but this had also not been found and there had been unavoidable disruption of teams because of loss of team players.

There had been brighter moments however: the display by M. Lombardi was highly successful.

Item 3 (cont). and had been enjoyed by all present and a match played against Maidenhead Grammar school was also a success. It was disappointing that St. William Borlase school, Marlow had seen fit not to reply to our invitation.

The Club had gained a few new members during the season, but, such as it was, the publicity drive had not proved effective. There were hopes of new Club premises in the 65/66 season and this, it was expected, would attract new, probably younger members.

The Secy recorded the valuable support given him by Jim Cheffins during his first term of office as Secy.

Item 4: The Hon. Treasurer presented his report showing a balance at the Bank of £12.10. Expenses totalling £27 were high and subscriptions were down by £11. New arrangements for collection of subscriptions would be announced for the commencement of the new season. The report was accepted.

Item 5: Match captains presented their reports on what had been a disappointing season after

Item 5 (cont). The successes achieved last season. The "A" team escaped relegation although the "B" team, equal bottom with Kemmer Recreation were relegated to Division II. The "C" team started off the season very well, but were forced to play inexperienced players for most of the season due to the calls upon the regular team in making good the losses in the A & B teams. Nevertheless, the "C" team ended the season in a fairly healthy position in the league table.

Item 6. Election of Officers and Committee.

President: H. J. Benedictus. (Reynolds / Finch)
Hon. Sec: C. J. Reynolds. (Borlase / Norris)
Hon. Treas: K. G. Penhney. (unanimous)
Hon. Auditor: P. E. Gutteridge (re-elected)
Club Captain: J. Cheffins (Finch / Borlase)

It was left to the Club captain to deputise team captain during the season.
Committee: As above plus Messrs. Norris, Wardle and Dr. Green.

Item 7. Club Programme for 1965/66.

- Simultaneous display by M. Golombek.
- Lightning tourney to open and close the season.
- To continue with the Penrose system to

Item 7 (cont)

decide the Club Championship ~~(Results of League matches to be included in the points system)~~

Item 8.

There was a lengthy discussion originated by Mr Norris on the speed of play in League matches; he proposed a rate of 28 moves in the first hour and 7 in the next quarter (in line with the County match rate). It was agreed to put the proposal to the County AGM in September.

Item 9.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

H. J. Benedictus

Informal Meeting

Held at Windsor Castle Hotel on 15th September 1965.

Mr H. J. Benedictus in the Chair

Members present: Messrs. Dr. Green and Norris, Cheffins, Reynolds and Wardle.

- Item 1. The minutes of the previous meeting were not available; they would be presented for formal approval at the next meeting.
- Item 2. The Secretary referred to the letter to all members d'd a fortnight earlier notifying the change of Club premises and would arrange to put an adv. in the local newspaper.
- Item 3. The Lightning Tournaments proposed for the opening night of the new season (Sept 29th) would be run under the Lewis system as proposed by Mr Norris. This was agreed.
- Item 4. Hon. Sec. advised the Committee that this year's Golombek display would be given on 17th Nov. Mr Cheffins proposed a per capita fee of 5/- to cover expenses. This was agreed.
- Item 5. Hon. Sec. announced that he was presenting a trophy to the Club in the new year to mark

his first full year of secretarship. The trophies would replace the Quilter Cup which had been won outright last season. The new trophies would however remain Club property & could not be won outright. The Committee agreed that miniatures could be presented to those members winning the ^{acquired} trophies in three successive years.

Item 6. Hon. Sec. will write to a number of local firms with a view to obtaining new members. Those were agreed as De la Rue, Grassland Research Station, Melrose Hill, M.L. Aviation Ltd, & RAF White Waltham.

Item 7. The suggested match with Pressed Steel Co. London was rejected on the grounds that fabricators were fully committed. Hon. Sec. to reply - regretting with thanks.

Item 8. The meeting suggested a further approach to the Headmaster, Maidenhead Grammar School now that the new Club premises were unlicensed. Hon. Sec. to arrange.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Stanley Green

COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at Spencer Room, St. Mary's Church Hall

20th October 1965. 7.45

In the Chair: Dr. Green.

Members present: Messrs. Finch, Morris, Gutteridge, Reynolds and Wardle.

Item 1. The new booking arrangements for the season were outlined by Hon. Sec. and agreed.

Item 2. The possibility of using the Rose Hotel, King St. as a Club H.Q. next season was discussed. The meeting agreed that this hotel was undesirable & would not proceed further.

Item 3. The meeting agreed to increase the match fee from 2/- to 3/- to balance the increase in cost of additional accommodation in the Church Hall on match nights.

Item 4. Mr Gutteridge was asked to approach the Vicar with a view to extending the time to 10.15 pm. This he agreed to do. He would also arrange for the use of the kitchen on match nights.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.40

Committee Meeting

Held at - Spencer Room, St. Mary's Church Wall

22nd. December, 1965

In the Chair: Dr. S. Green

Members present: Messrs. Norris, Cheppin, Finch, Gutteridge,
Reynolds and Wardle

Item 1. The unsatisfactory arrangements for meetings of the Club at the Church Wall were discussed. The meeting agreed to the suggestion made by Mr Norris that his Restaurant should become the new Club venue as from the beginning of the new year. Financial arrangements would be agreed between Mr Norris and Financial Secretary.

Item 2. Secretary was to write to the Chair advising him of the decision of Item 1 & obtain final account.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at The Rest, on 11th May 1966. 8.15 pm.

W. J. Benedictin, Esq. in the Chair.

Members present: Messrs. Norris, Benton, Bynnes, Bolase, Wardle, Sellick, Tull, Kinnean, Ricks, Fines, Emmett, Frazer, Gutteridge, Cheffins, Pinkney, and Reynolds.

Item 1: The minutes of the previous A.G.M. were read, approved and signed.

Item 2: Matters arising. Mr Cheffins stated that the Club championship had been gained by Mr Bynnes.

Item 3: The Hon. Secretary's report on the season's events was accepted. He remarked that the season was notable for two circumstances which combined to produce greater stability in the Club: the increase in membership and the change in Club premises. Both had led to a more settled team structure, and the failure of the Church Hall experiment ~~was~~ proved to be a dominant factor in this new stability in that the Club had found a new 'Rest'. He expressed his thanks to Mr. Norris coupled with his wife whose activities behind the bar were very much appreciated.

A number of successful friendships were again

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played during the season, highlighted by the Gelombek simultaneous display in November. Arrangements were being made for their now annual event to take place on 5th October next. Special mention was made of the visits to Gerrards x and to Ferranti, Blackwell during the season.

The Lightning Tournney, played on 6th April was won by Mr Byrnes to whom congratulations were offered. It was proposed to hold a Summer Lightning tournney on a date to be agreed at a fee of 2/- per player, member for a hot prize to the winner. The Club Lightning Tournney for the Quikner Trophy would be played on 14th December.

The Club Championship, continued under the tenure system would be played throughout the summer, all members to play as many different opponents as they can. The Secretary has presented a Trophy to be held annually by the Club Champion, who will also receive a miniature award for his own property. The Chairman presented the Reynolds Trophy to Mr Byrnes as Champion for 1965/66. Thanks were expressed from the Club to the Hon Sec. for his gift to the Club.

Item 4: The Hon. Treasurer presented his report which was incomplete as no Bank Statement had yet been received. It showed that receipts were up by £8.5. because of the intake of new members, but expenses were high due almost entirely to the rental charged for the Church Hall (£16.1.9). After all receipts had been gathered, the Treasurer hoped to show a balance in hand of £10. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Item 5: Match Captains presented their report. Mr Cheffers, recorded that altho' the "A" results were not yet complete, the team would finish the season in about 4th place in the table. Mr Finch reported a highly successful season for the "B" team which had gained promotion to Div 1 after one season in the lower division. He expressed his thanks for a very fine team effort. Mr Reynolds reported a disappointing season for the "C" team, due largely to the need to play inexperienced players - He looked forward to a much more success next season because of the availability of new members.

Item 6: Election of Officers and Committee
President: H.J. Benedictin (unopposed)

6 (cont) Hon Sec. C.J. Reynolds (renopposed)
Hon Treas. K.G. Pinkney (")
Hon Auditor. P.E. Gutteridge (")
Club Captain. J. Cheffins (")
Committee: as above plus Messrs. Bynnes,
Wardle, Norris and Dr. Green

8. Any other business

A motion to change the arrangements for deciding the Club Championship next season proposed by Mr. Norris & seconded by Mr. Cheffins was carried by 9 votes to 6. The Championship will be decided by a play-off (two games each alternate white & black) of the top four. A proposal that the top 5 card holders should play off was carried, an amendment that the top 4 should play off being defeated by 8 votes to 6.

A motion by Mr. Bynnes, seconded by Mr. Norris that the maximum number of games rule (7 per year) be waived was defeated by 8 votes to 4.

A motion by Mr. Norris seconded by Mr. Ford that a "D" team should be formed next season was carried by 8 votes to 3.

a. The date of the next AGM was given as ^{3rd May} ~~5 April~~ 1967.

Item 10. The meeting closed at 9.20 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Signed: Ken Meredith
Date: 10 May 1967

Item 6: Amendment.

Because Jim Cheffins has left the Club on transfer to Wakefield, the Committee agreed on 28/9/66 on the appointment of Mr. Bynnes as Club Captain in substitution for Mr. Cheffins.

Ken Meredith Hon Sec.
29/9/66.
Ken Meredith
10/5/67.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at The Rest, on 10th May 1967. 8.0 pm.

W. J. Benedictus, Esq., in the Chair.

Members present: ^{Brooks} ↑ 2 Messrs. Aveland, Bolase / Dymov, Emmett, Fraser J, Fraser I, Norris, Lishner, Reynolds, Lamm, & Mrs. Jellen, ^{Wardle} Wardle. Apologies were received for non attendance by Mrs. & Mr. [unclear]

- Item 1. The minutes of the previous A.G.M. were read, approved and signed.
- Item 2. Matters arising. The Secretary was reminded that a "D" team would be formed unless the Club and Team Captains agreed. The Summer Lightning Tournay was not held. ~~The~~ ^{Apologies} ~~Chairman~~
- Item 3. The Hon Secretary's report on the season's events was accepted. He noted that the season had been marked by two significant circumstances: a continued rise in membership and a marked improvement in the Club standard of chess. It was a very commendable feat that the 'A' team had won the 1st Div championship and congrats. were offered to the team & to their Captain, Mr. Dymov. Fewer friendly matches were played this season probably due to a heavy league programme but the year was again notable for the annual Golombek simultaneous displays. Either the Club

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Standards are improving on the Gylombek
is slipping; The Hon. Sec. applied the former
criteria. We had three successes and a
number of drawn games, a not inconsiderable
result. The evening was enjoyed by all who
took part and we look forward to a renewal
of the annual battle this year. The
match against Torranth's played this year
at home was also most successful.

This year's Lightning Trolley for the
Quintner Cup was won by the Cavalier &
the trophy leaves Paul Brynazi sideboard.
Congratulations were offered to the winner.

There is no decision yet on who is to
be this season's Club Champion & the holder
of the Reynolds Trophy. Five who will play
off are Messrs. Cavalier, Brynazi, Dennis
I. Fraser and Norris.

In winding up, the Secy. paid tribute to
Mr & Mrs. Norris who have done so much to
ensure that the Club has operated so smoothly
this season.

(Chairman added a word to their report to
record that since Mr Norris made his premises
available, the Club is happier than at any time
in its history)

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The Hon Treasurer presented his report which

(Item 4 cont.)

was incomplete as no Bank Statement
had yet been received. He recorded that
the increase in Club membership was not
reflected in increased receipts from subscriptions (in
fact, receipts under this heading were 5 qns.
down on last season). Affiliation fees were
up, due to the increased number of members
playing in the League, but Insurance cost was
down; this was due to the cover provided by
Mr Norris on his premises. No rental had
been agreed with Mr Norris and there was an
outstanding bill for rental of St Mary's Hall, Reading.
An interim balance showing surplus was presented
by the Treasurer which was accepted.

Arising from the report, members were disturbed
at the number of non fee-paying members &
Mr Boland recommended that these should be
reminded by letter. This was accepted.

Item 5. Match Captain presented their reports.

Mr Brynazi recorded his great satisfaction of his
team's achievement this season and thanked team
members for their efforts.

Mr Reynolds read a report from Mr Finch who
was unable to be present due to domestic circumstances
(The Club sent its best wishes to Mrs Finch for
a speedy recovery & Mr Boland offered to convey
this to Mr & Mrs Finch.) Mr Finch was regretted

Item 5 cont:) having to report that the "B" team will be relegated from Div. I, the bottom three places in the table reading as follows:-

	P.	W	D	L	F	A	Pls
Reading "C"	8	2	2	4	21½	26½	6
M'head "B"	8	1	3	4	20½	27½	5
Basingstoke "A"	8	0	2	6	18	30	2

Losing three out of the first four matches left the team with too much leeway to make up - and if the team players had had their bad nights all together instead of separately there would have been a different picture.

All matches were hard fought however and Mr Finch thanked the team for their support.

John and Ian Fraser, C.P. and W. Sells stood in at several matches and only suffered two losses between them. He offered a vote of thanks to Wilf Bolase who never failed to provide transport for the team even when he was away. His effort helped to reduce financial problems to negligible proportions. In conclusion, the heinous of the competition in Div. I was illustrated by the fact that M'head "A" scored 29½ games out of a possible 48 and were champions, whereas M'head "B" scored 20½ out of 48 and will be relegated.

Mr Reynolds reported a much more satisfactory

(Item 5 cont:) season for the "C" team which played with a much more settled team than for the past two years. The team finished in 6th place in Div. III having won 2, drawn 2 and lost 2 of their 6 matches played. He looked forward to an even more successful season next year and thanked the members of the team for their support.

Item 6. Election of Officers and Committee.

President: H. J. Benedictus (unopposed)

Secretary: C. J. Reynolds (")

Treasurer: K. G. Penhney (")

Auditor: P. E. Gutteridge (")

Club Capt.: P. Bynnes (")

Committee: As above plus Messrs. Wardle, Norris, and I. Fraser, who replaced Mr. Green on a proposition from the Secy, seconded by Mr. Bolase. It was also carried that Mr. Norris would act as Vice Captain to act for Paul Bynnes who was engaged in final exams. Later this year Equally, Ken Penhney would be absent on business from July for four months and Mr. Reynolds would act as locum in his absence.

Item 8. Any other business, Under this heading, the following matters were discussed and agreed.

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To assist in the ready collection of membership fees, Club Championship cards would be issued by the Treasurer only upon payment of the membership fee.

A motion by Mr. Norris to increase the win points under the Championship card system to 50 and the compensation differential to 45 points was withdrawn on a proposition that all card holders for next season will have a commensurate points score of 1000, the ^{win} points differential remaining as at present. This amendment was carried with a condition that a list of card holders will be displayed on the Club notice-board for regular entry of current points total by players.

9. The meeting closed at 9.10 pm. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Signed: *R. Norris*
Date: 2nd Oct 1968

amendment. The date of the next AGM was later given as 8 May 1968.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at The Rest, Bridge Road on Wednesday 2nd October 1968, at 8.30 pm. Mr. W. T. Norris in the chair in the absence of Mr. H. Benedictus.

Members present:- Messrs: Clarke, Collier, Fraser I, Fry, Dennis, Martin, Norris, Nichols, Runcombe, Reynolds, Teller, Thomson and Wardle.

Item 1. Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Green, John Fraser, Paul Bynay and Derek Finch.

Item 2. The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read, approved and signed.

Item 3. Matters arising: The Secretary announced that Mr Paul Bynay had been declared Club Champion for the 1966/67 season.

Item 4. The Hon. Secretary's report for the 1967/68 season was accepted. He noted that the Club continued to be well supported and that its membership continued to rise. As to the Club's achievements during the season, unhappily, the steady success of the 1966/67 season had not been maintained. Despite late-season fears, the "A" team were not relegated to Div. II as they beat Newbury in their final engagement. It was also gratifying

to report that the "B" team remain in the 2nd Division, although this was fortuitous as Ferranti had withdrawn from the League and a play-off was therefore unnecessary to decide the penultimate placing. League match captains will present their report later.

Because of the heavy league programme, no friendly matches were organised during the season and the annual meeting with Mr. Polombek was also not arranged. The season's determining journey for the Aquinas Trophy was a hard-fought affair culminating in two players from Group A and Group B fighting out the final. It was encouraging to note that our lady members Mrs. John reached the last four, the final runner being declared as Sigfried Jeller. We offer him our congratulations.

There is, as yet, no decision as to who is to be this season's Club Champion and the holder of the Reynolds Trophy - We hope to reach finalities on this before long.

In winding up his report, the Club Secretary paid tribute to Mr & Mrs. Norris who have again done so much to ensure that the Club ran so smoothly and also thanked Mrs. Norris for standing as locum for the Treasurer who has been away in the United States. His report which follows will show that his stewardship was of the highest order.

Item 5. Mr. Wardle took the Chair whilst Mrs. Norris gave his report as stand-in Treasurer. He reported that his assumption as temporary Treasurer became permanent during the season but he was happy to report a credit balance of £10 to the Club, after payment of bills - League fees, 7/3 rent of St. Mary's Hall, Club premises outgoings etc.

Mrs. Norris's report was accepted by the meeting.

Item 6. Match Captains' reports.

"A" Team (presented by Mrs. Norris in the absence of Paul C.)
Mrs. Norris reported that the "A" team only just avoided relegation from what had proved to be a very strong Division. The team's position was due principally to the number of games conceded by default; there were only two occasions when a full team was fielded. This situation is disastrous in such a strong Division and Mrs. Norris commented that it might be better to field slightly lower grade players who would be relied upon to turn out, rather than the star players who do not turn up, especially for away matches.

"B" Team (presented by Mr. Reynolds in the absence of Mrs. Finch)
Mrs. Finch reported that although the season opened brightly with a win over Ferranti on Nov. 15, it was the only win over the board that the team was

estimated to achieve, the only other victory being gained by default over B.P.

In contrast with the team's promotion season when an unchanged team was fielded, last season was an unhappy one. Very rarely were the established players together and matches against Brachnell Ind. B. and the W. of S.S. were the team able to field full sides. This, coupled with a loss of form of Mr. F. and certain colleagues was sufficient to tip the scales towards the second division basement. In fact, the team has been saved from relegation play-off with Ferranti by the latter's withdrawal from the league.

Looking at the bright side however, Mr. F. would like to thank those members of the "C" team who were kind enough to step into the breach on several occasions, particularly C.T.R. the club secretary. Mr. Borlar in the past, saw to it that the team had no transport problems even providing a car when he was available himself.

The team's final record was nine matches played, four won, one drawn and four lost, but games for and against 24 with games against 30, so not much is needed to swing the balance between victory and defeat.

Mr. Finch ended his report by wishing the "B" team well for the coming season.

The "C" team Mr. Reynolds reported on a satisfactory

season for the "C" team. Of the eight matches played during the season, four were won, ^{and} four were lost with a games total of 25½ for against 22½. Two of the matches were lost by a single game margin whilst the heaviest defeat was against the University C at 5 games to 1. On the credit side however, we were successful against the University D team by the same margin as we were against Premier Division B.

Ending the season as the team did in 5th position was not a discouraging performance and although thanking the team for their effort, Mr. Reynolds entered a plea for all selected players to turn out for matches. It is so disheartening to have to concede games by default. Two of the team's lost matches could have gone the other way if a full team had been fielded.

The match captain's reports were accepted nem con as a proposition from Mr. Wardle seconded by Mr. Fraser.

Item 7 Election of Officers and Committee

The following were elected to serve in the coming season:-

President: Mr. H. J. Benedictus (Mr. Norris Sec. Fraser)

Secretary: Mr. C. J. Reynolds (Mr. Clark Sec. Wardle. N.C.)
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Treasurer: Mr. M. A. Drencombe. (Mr. Reynolds Sec. Clark. N.C.)

Creditor: Mr. P. E. Gutteridge (Mr. Wardle Sec. Fraser. N.C.)

Club Captain Mr. W. H. Norris (Mr. Wardle Sec. Reynolds) N.C.)

Committee: As above, with the addition of

Messrs. Wardle, I. Fraser and Dennis and Martin who were elected to fill the ^{positions} vacancies.

Item 8. Any other business.

Mr. Martin proposed that teams should consist of 7 members so as to carry a reserve. After discussion it was agreed to leave team selection to the Club Captain assisted by team captains.

Mr. Wardle questioned whether the time had come to find a substitute for the simultaneous display by Columbus. Mr. Martin thought that a master's presentation using a large demonstration board would be more beneficial to members. After discussion it was left to the Secretary to look into this suggestion and bring it forward again in Committee.

Mr. Norris raised the question of the future rental of his premises by the Club and proposed to the meeting a 15/- rental for the seven months of the Club's season. After discussion, Mr. Reynolds proposed that this figure should be accepted; Mr. Fraser seconded and the meeting agreed to the proposition *unanimously*.

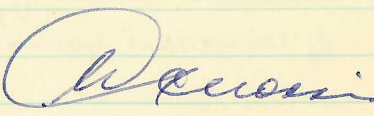
Mr. Norris reported on the successes achieved by Club members at the Marlborough Congress this year. Ian & John Fraser, Bill Norris were amongst the prize winners.

and Paul Byrnes was outstanding.

5. In the play-off for the Club Championship, it was suggested by Ian Fraser that the dates for the play-off should be fixed and notified. The Secretary would make the necessary arrangements.

6. On a discussion regarding the starting point total for members on the championship cards, it was agreed, on a vote of 8 to 3 that the starting figure of 1000 points would apply this season. An earlier amendment proposing that last season's totals would form the starting point for this season was defeated by 8 votes to 2.

Item 9. There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

Signed. 

Date: 17th Sept 1969

Committee meeting held at The Rest, Bridge Road
21st. May 1969.

In the Chair: Mr. C. J. Reynolds.
Members: Messrs. Norris, Fraser & Wardle.

A special meeting was called to discuss the situation which had arisen over the selection of the five leading contenders for the Club Championship trophy. Four members of Committee were present and a quorum was declared.

At an earlier informal (and therefore unrecorded) meeting on April 9th, the Club Captain extended the date for nomination to the Club Championship play-off, to the end of April. By that date, all cards were to be handed in. At the same meeting, the Rules requiring a minimum number of ^{seven} Championship games and the invalidity of consecutive games between the same players were waived.

On the evidence of the cards submitted, five players were nominated for play-off, Mr Nigel Dennis being one of the players but it became known later that Mr Nigel Clarke held a higher score than Mr Dennis and qualified for nomination.

Because of an oversight, Mr Clarke's card was not available but the meeting decided that his name should be substituted for that of Mr Dennis in the play-off.

There being no other business, the meeting closed
at 9.20 pm.

Signed

Dated

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Rest, 17th September 1969.

Mr. W. Norris in the Chair in the absence of Mr. Benedictus.

Members present: - Messrs. Dennis, Clarke, Caveland, Fraser J & I, De Green, Mason, Teller, Reynolds, Remembe, Collier, Nichols, Wardle, Howard & Walsh.

Item 1. The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read, approved and signed.

Item 2. Matters arising. None.

Item 3. The Hon Secretary's report for the 1968/9 season was accepted. He noted that the season had been the best - within his term of office for achievement, membership and general interest in chess.

After a somewhat disastrous season the year before, the 'A' team had lifted the Div. I championship from Reading and once again the name of Unidentified Chess Club appeared on the silver book. The Club also won the coveted Remin Chess Challenge Trophy with their No. 1 team. A splendid effort which reflected immense credit on the premier team.

The B and C teams also acquitted themselves well during the season, the B team coming near in their Division to the first two places after hanging

on the 2nd place in the 2nd Division the previous season only by virtue of Ferranti's withdrawal from the League.

The season's regular lightning tourney was won by Ian Fraser after a splendid final battle between Denis Caveland, Ian Walsh, Paul Bynay and young Ian. Many congratulations to Ian Fraser. The Club championship award also went to Ian Fraser who thus wound up the season with a fine double.

In winding up his report, the Secy. paid a warm tribute to Bill Norris for making his premises available to the Club and to his fellow officers who made his year of office so trouble free.

Item 4. Hon Treasurer's report.

Mr Remembe reported a healthy balance of £30.15.6 in Club funds, expenditure of £37.9. against an income of £69.4.6. The meeting accepted the Treasurer's report.

Item 5. Match Captain's report

'A' team Mr Norris presented his report which he said could be summed up in the evidence of the trophies displayed. All members of the team pulled their weight, but he particularly wished to mention three by name - Messrs. Caveland who achieved a

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73% seen, Mr Walsh who won 4 games out of 4 and Ian Fraser who played in every game - League & Cup and finished the season with the figures P.14. W.9. D.2. L.3 - an average of 71%.

"B" team. Presented by Mr Reynolds

After finishing perilously close to the foot of the Division last season (and only avoiding relegation by the chance that Terranti withdrew from the League) the "B" team finished comfortably up in the table, scoring 3 wins, drawing 1 match and losing 5. Wallingford "A" won the title with 17 points winning 8 and drawing 1 with no losses, but they had no harder match than against Maidenhead. We lost $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ but might have drawn or even won the match had Board 4 consolidated a winning or at least a drawing position in the middle game. Hard luck David Nichols - it was a fair battle none the less. A full team was always fielded & had three matches which ended $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ gone the other way (as they all might have done) the team could have ended in second place in the table.

"C" team. Present by Mr Wardle.

The team was bedevilled by defaults during

AGM (cont)

the season - in two matches, there were two Maidenhead defaults in each - both matches ending in a $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ loss. A full team might have made a vast difference to the "C" team final position. We looked for a more reliable turn-out in the new season.

The match captain reports were accepted then con (Gaveland / R. Green).

Item 6. Election of Officers & Committee.

President:	H. J. Benedictus	(Norris / Reynolds)
Secretary:	C. J. Reynolds	(Duncombe / Nichols)
Treasurer:	M. Duncombe	(Wardle / Clarke)
Creditor:	Mr Moran	(Reynolds / J. Fraser)
Club Captain:	D. Walsh	(J. Fraser / Gaveland)
Committee:	As before plus Collier, Gutteridge and Nichols.	

(A second nomination for President (Mr Keelan) was proposed by Dr. Green. As there was no seconder, the nomination was not put to the vote.)

(A second nomination for Creditor (Mr Gutteridge) was proposed. Walsh seconder Dennis. In the ensuing ballot: Mr Moran polled 10 votes & Mr Gutteridge 4. Mr Moran was elected.)

Item 7. Any other business.

AGM. (cont).

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- 1) A proposition from Treasurer to use some of the balance of funds to buy new equipment was referred to Committee to consider.
- 2) A proposal that a pension section of the Club (6.30 - 7.30) ~~was~~ be formed was accepted.
- 3) Changes in the Club rules for the annual championships were agreed.
 - a) Rule concerning 7 games qualifying minimum was removed
 - b) Consequent games rule deleted
- 4) Advertisement of the Club to be arranged.
- 5) The Committee should meet 1 week before the AGM.
- 6) An annual match to be arranged between Slough and Maidenhead (Mr Davdani to make the arrangement.)

Item 8. Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed 

Date. 30 Sep 70

Committee Meeting held at The Rest, Bridge Rd.

16th September 71

In the Chair. Mr. Norris.

Members. Messrs. Dennis, Walsh, Nichols, Collier & Key

1. The meeting was called following agreement at the last AGM that the Committee should meet a week before the AGM.
2. Mr Dennis presented his report of the County AGM held on 10th September. Rule 14c as proposed in the amendments was deleted - strong pressure from m.e.c.
3. A County suggestion that two new clocks being brought for County use should be held by MCC as custodian was ratified.
4. The meeting agreed that the Agenda for the AGM should contain an item about Richard Collier's new competition.
5. Meeting closed at 9.0 pm

Signed 

Dated. 8.7.71

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at The Nest, Bridge Rd. on 30 September 70

Mr W. H. Norris in the Chair in the absence of the President.

Members present: Messrs. Norris, Reynolds, Walsh, Fraser, Howard, Smith, Nicholls, Dennis, Collier, Forsythe and Dyke.

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Item 2. The minutes of the previous AGM were read, approved and signed.

Item 1. Mr Norris reported that Peter Green had sent his apologies for absence due to work commitments.

Item 3. Matters arising.

① Mr Nicholls asked whether any decision had been taken about purchasing new clocks for the Club. The Secy. recommended that this matter be left in abeyance until the Treasurer's report on the Club finances was viewed.

② Mr. Walsh reported the result of the friendly match v - Slough. M'heath won 6-4 and the Club now "holds" the Caveland Trophy.

Item 4

The Secretary gave his report for the 1969/70 season. He noted that the season had unfortunately not been marked by the success of the 1968/9 season and regretted that no trophies were on view. Nevertheless, as the league captains would detail in their reports, the three league teams had acquitted themselves well, if without tangible honours during the season. The final positions in the table were:

A Team	Equal 3 rd .	(12 points out of 18)
B Team	Equal 4 th	(11 " " " " 18)
C Team	Equal 7 th	(7 " " " " 18)

Equally and regretfully, the handsome Dennis Dennis Challenge Trophy would grace another sideboard this year.

The season had seen a steady inflow of new members during the early part of the year. It was particularly encouraging to see how successful the junior section had been. This progress will be the more gratifying if another Ian Fraser should be found among our junior members. The Secy. recorded his thanks to Don Walsh for his help & untiring efforts during the year.

The Club Championship Trophy was won predictably by Don Walsh who also carried off

Item 4 cont)

the Reinter Cup for the Lightning Turners. The Secretary noted the names of members who had left the Club, with particular reference to Paul Byrnes. Reference was made in closing to the correspondence which passed between the Secy & the League Secy about the late nomination of Paul Byrnes. This culminated in the B.C. Association seeking to change the rules on nominated players - Mr Norris would inform members of the result of the B.C. team later in the meeting. Tribute was paid to Bill Norris for once again making his premises available to the Club during the season.

Item 5

In the absence of the Treasurer, no financial report was tabled and a special meeting would be called when this was available.

Item 6

Match Captain Report

Don Walsh presented his report on the 'A' team for the season. Altho' no trophies had been won, nevertheless the team achieved a 66% success gaining 12 points out of 18 with 5 wins, 2 drawn games & 2 loss. There were no exceptional performances but he singled out Bill Norris for mention in that when called upon as reserve in 5 matches, he achieved a 70% success. Although troubled by concentration over Paul Byrnes

Item 6 (cont).

nomination, there was no material disadvantage altho' the atmosphere was somewhat unsettled. Don reported that the 'B' team was eliminated from the Premier Division Trophy competition in the first round against University A, losing 5 games to 1. A friendly match played against Henley however went to Maidenhead 4 games to 3.

Mr Reynolds presented his report for the 'B' team. He was happy to report continued progress during the season in which they finished 4th equal, records 5 wins, 1 drawn game and 3 losses. The team went down to an expected 5-1 defeat to the eventual winner (ICL) but made amends somewhat by defeating Reading D by 6 games to nil. But for a surprising adjudication result on Board 5 - v - Bracknell Industries in which the entire team expected at least a draw, the team might well have finished 3rd in the table. He thanked all members of the team for their efforts during the season and commented on an almost 100% turn out for all matches.

In the absence of Neville Clarke (at College) Mr Reynolds read his report on the 'C' team. He thanked all members who took part and

Item 6 (cont) especially those who used their vehicles to take other members to away matches. The team did not fare too well, although everyone did their best. The team results were 3 of matches won, 1 drawn and 5 lost. Mr Clark hoped that Club would enter the 'C' team for the Premier Division Challenge Trophy competition next season. He regretted not being able to continue with the team captaincy next season - unless College studies would restrict his chess more than a little - and he recommended Richard Collier to captain the team.

The Secretary's report and the match captain's reports were accepted *nem con*.

Mr Norris reported on the outcome of the Berkshire AGM on 10 September (see Item 4)

Two amendments to the Rules were noted.

1) Clubs will nominate their best players for their 'A' teams and play them in descending order of known strength.

(Leading & Mr Head voted against this rule change but were out-voted)

2) Players nominated for a higher team may play in a lower team for 3 matches only. Newly registered players will be nominated for a lower team.

Item 7. Election of Officers and Committee

President.	H.J. Benedictus (Howard/Walsh)
Secretary	C.J. Reynolds (Nichols/Fraser)
Treasurer	P. Noren (Smith/Dennis)
Auditor.	P. Gutteridge (Dennis/Walsh)
Club Captain	D. Walsh (Collier/Forsythe)
Committee.	Voted en bloc with the exception of Ian Fraser who would be attending University at Aberystwyth.

The Committee now stands at: The above officers with Messrs. Noren, Dennis, Collier, Nichols, Wardle, and J. Fraser

Item 8. Any other business.

- It was agreed that only one team would be entered for the Premier Division Challenge Trophy Competition for the coming season.
- A motion that only two teams be entered for the League was defeated. Three teams would be entered and Richard Collier would take over the captaincy of the 'C' team from Neville Clark whose College commitments prevented him from competing next season.
- It was agreed that the proposal to purchase additional clocks for the Club would be deferred until the Treasurer's report was available
- A proposal to enter a team for the National Club

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Championship went by default because the entry could not be made before the closing date.

- (E) A new competition for the Collier's Cup would begin in the new season. Players of Grade 145 and below would be eligible. The meeting gave a vote of thanks to Richard for presenting this handsome trophy.

Item 9. The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Signed 

Dated 8 Sep 71

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at The Rest, Bridge Road on 8 September 1971

Mr. W. H. Norris in the Chair in the absence of the President

Members present: Messrs. Norris, Nichols, Potts, Dawson (Senior & Junior) Cooper, Forsythe, Dennis, Clark, Wardle, Walsh, Horne, Hodgson, Howard and Reynolds (15)

Item 1. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Green and Burrows.

Item 2. The minutes of the previous AGM were read, approved and signed.

Item 3. Matters arising: Reference was made to the purchase of additional clocks which were being held in custody for the League by St. Paul's Chess Club and the future of the Collier's Trophy. This latter point would be taken under Item 9 (A.O.B.)

Item 4. The Secretary presented his report for the 1970/71 season. The season had not been marked by tangible evidence of success either in the League

Item 4 (cont)

or in the Challenge Trophy competition. In the league, Match Captains will be presenting their individual reports but in summary, the final positions of the three teams who took part in the battles for league points were:-

"A" team.	2nd.	(11 points from 16)
"B" team.	7th.	(5 " " 14)
"C" team.	5th.	(7 " " 16)

Club activities during the past year have been marked by the enthusiasm and not a little much needed competition for the more senior members of our junior members. ~~The Secretary~~ ^{The Secretary} found it most refreshing and not a little daunting at times at the clan evidenced and the interest shown in our chess activities by the juniors. They have kept us on our mettle and in Alan Potts have put Maidenhead on the national chess map by his success at Blackpool. The Secretary was sure that Alan ~~the~~ himself was less than satisfied over not winning the Langress outright but his achievement, although below his own high standard deserves the Club's

warmest congratulations. (Applause). The Secretary in his report a year ago suggested that progress in the junior section will be the more gratifying if another Ian Fraser could be found amongst their number. Gentlemen, we have found such a one.

On the domestic front it goes without saying that Donal Walsh should have carried off the Club Championship Trophy. The lightning journey Quinten Cup was however denied him. Congratulations to John Fraser whose son Ian, the Secy. was delighted to see back at the Club on a vacation visit. Members will hear from Nigel Kennis about the proposed changes in the Berkshire league competition this year and this subject was left for him to expand later in the meeting.

Finally the Secretary reported that because of business commitments, he would not be available for re-election. He thanked members for their help and forbearance over the past seven years and asked to be allowed to slip quietly to the other

Item 4 (cont) side of the table.

(The Chairman suggested that all reports should be put to the meeting in toto & this was agreed)

Item 5. In the absence of the Treasurer, no financial report was tabled and a special meeting would be called when this was available.

Item 6. Match Captains' reports:

"A" Team. Dan Walsh reported that the Teams performance was not distinguished by top honours. It collected 11 points out of a possible 16, winning 5, drawing 1 and losing 2. With a total of $29\frac{1}{2}$ to $18\frac{1}{2}$, the result was better than Bracknell Industries who finished 3rd. equal with Maidenhead. He thanked the members of the team for a 100% effort. The Henry Heesom Trophy competition was hard fought. Although reaching the semi-final the team went down $5\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$ to the eventual winners Bracknell Industries who beat Reading 'B' in the final. In the friendly against Slough, Maidenhead lost 6-4; he hoped

Item 6 (cont) for better success next week. He looked forward to next season with every confidence.

"B" Team Mr Reynolds reported a moderate season despite a disappointing beginning when the team lost its first four matches - that against Basingsale by a margin of $5\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$. It recovered well however to drop only one point in the next three matches to finish in 7th place in the table, equal in points with Reading 'D' in 6th place. On paper, the team was a strong one, w somewhat disappointing.

He thanked the team for a 100% attendance and effort - no defaults on any board during the season.

"C" Team In the absence of Mr ^(Collier) ~~Clatton~~ Mr Wardle reported that the season started very well until Mr Collier had to give up the captaincy (and left the Club) and the team went downhill. He thanked the team for a 100% attendance (made possible by Jan Forayth's wife). A Captain of Richard Collier's calibre was very necessary for next season.

The reports were put to the meeting en bloc. Proposed by Mr Howard & seconded by Mr Potts they were accepted nem con.

Item 7 Electing of Officers and Committee

President: H. J. Benedictus (Lenni / Dawson
son)
Secretary: Vacant.
Treasurer: I. Forsythe (Lenni / Clark)
Auditor: D. Nichols (Walsh / Reynolds)
Club Captain: D. Walsh (Reynolds / Lenni)
Committee: As before less R Collier with
addition of A. Potts.

Item 8. Berkshire League report.

Mr Lenni reported on the changes in the Berkshire League competition procedures. A standard fixture list had been prepared with matches spread evenly throughout the season. Clubs must agree a particular date within the week shown. A new rule on nomination is to be promulgated. All Premier Division Trophy matches may have to be played to the finish. A decision on this will be given at the League AGM on 16/9/71

Item 9. (Any other business)

A number of suggestions were made by members on the method of deciding the competition for the Collier Trophy. All were put to the vote and a proposal made by David Nichols for an all-ages all competition, restricted to Grades 145 and below was adopted. The final elimination would be on a knock out basis. Mr Nichols was voted to organise this competition.

A proposal made by Nigel Lenni to increase subscription rates was left in abeyance until the Treasurer's report was available

Item 10. Meeting closed at 21.45 hours

Signed: Dawson

Dated: 6.9.71

Annual General Meeting

held at The Rest, Bridge Road on 6th September, '72.

W. H. Norris took the Chair, in the absence of the President.

Members present : Messrs Norris, Buntan, Hodgson, Smith, Dennis, Cooper, Stanton, J. Mower, C. Davies, W. Wardle, R. Green, A. Green, M. Dawson, J. Fraser, D. Walsh, A. Pitts & H. Harris

Item 1 : Secretary for the meeting. In the absence of an official club secretary, Dr. M. Buntan agreed to read the minutes of the previous meeting, and act as secretary for the evening.

Item 2 : The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.

Item 3 : The club has been without a secretary for the entire year; accordingly no secretary's report was presented.

Item 4 : Treasurer's report. A written report was received from Iain Forsythe who was unable to attend the meeting.

Iain started by reporting that the previous Treasurer had departed, leaving the Club's finances in a thoroughly disorganised and unsatisfactory state. There is a £20 overdraft at a branch bank, and an

outstanding debt to Bill Norris for unpaid rent. In addition there was no statement of accounts.

The Treasurer opened a new account in Maidenhead, collected subscriptions from adult members and donations from most junior players. However, these proved insufficient to pay all our league fees, BCF fees as well as to clear outstanding debts, and early in 1972 the club was again short of funds, with no reserves for boards, cloaks etc. A general appeal for donations was mounted and a number of members responded very generously. As a consequence, the club now has £70.70 in the bank, but faces a £25 rental commitment and a £20 overdraft from the previous account.

Item 5 : Match Captain's report

Don Walsh reported that the previous season had been a highly satisfactory one for the club, the 'A', 'B' and 'C' teams winning all three divisions of the Berkshire League, and the 'A' team also taking the Premier Premier Challenge Trophy. A very big factor contributing to this successful picture has been the quality of play and the enthusiasm shown by the young players in the club.

'A' team - scored 15 points from 8 games to win the 1st Division by the substantial margin of 6 points. In addition the Premier Premier trophy was won, although the final (won 4-1) against

was very closely fought. Don Walsh praised the support given at all matches by all members of the team: no default losses were recorded all season.

'B' team scored 14 points from 7 matches, a 100% record to win Division 2 by a margin of 3 points from Reading 'C'. John Hodgson established himself as an excellent top board for the team, being undefeated throughout the season.

'C' team scored 14 points from 8 matches, winning Division 3 by the margin of 2 points over ~~Barnet~~ ^{Tring} ~~St Albans~~ ^{St Albans} 'B'.

'D' team was less distinguished, and finished at the bottom of the 3rd Division.

Don Walsh concluded with some general observations:

- (a) The club needs larger premises to allow for up to 2 simultaneous match games plus space for friendly play.
- (b) The league time limit for matches is too fast and should be revised.
- (c) The club evenings should include sessions of serious study (e.g. opening theory).
- (d) more control match needs to be kept on the state of the club sets: too many pieces were being lost or mixed up with wrong sets.

Item 6 Thames Valley League.

Major Dennis reported that because of the shortage of match play experience available from the Berkshire League, a team had been entered in the 4th Division (West) of the Thames Valley League. This had provided valuable

experience for a number of players. Despite a number of overwhelming victories, the team had failed to win the league division, because of two losses (Slough 'B', and Hampton 'B').

However, a team default, together with the recognition of the potential Maidenhead club strength has led to the team's promotion to the third division for the coming season.

Item 7. Acceptance of the three reports (Items 4-6 above) was proposed by R. Green, seconded by J. Smith and unanimously approved.

Item 8 Election of officers and Committee

President: H.J. Benedictus (Dennis, Dawson)
(provided he agrees: Hon. Sec. to advise)

Secretary: Dr. M.J. Buntan (Dennis, J. Smith)

Treasurer: F. Forsythe (Dennis, Davis)

Auditor: G. Collingwood (Stanton, Messer)

Club captain: D. Walsh (Harris, Fraser)

Committee: officers, plus Nais, Dennis, Wardle, J. Fraser, A. Potts (Green, Stanton)
also all team captains when appointed (Smith, Dennis)

Item 9. (Any other business)

(a) Subscriptions: The treasurer submitted a written recommendation that subscriptions be increased to: Adults £3.50
Juniors £1.25
to be paid within one month from the A.G.M.
An amendment to charge Old Age Pensioners the same amount as Juniors was proposed and passed unanimously (Messrs, Dawson)
The main motion was then voted on and passed unanimously (Foytke, Hodgson)

(b) Thames Valley League: Nigel Dennis had entered a second team, to compete in the 4th Division (West) bringing our strength in this league to two teams (Divisions 3+4)
The third division team would play 12 matches. The fourth division team 14 matches through the course of the season.

(c) Berkshire League meeting: Several club members who were proposing to attend the Berkshire League meeting planned for 7th September expressed their intention of pressing for a revised time limit on League matches.
30 mins = 1 1/4 hours seemed to be the

most popular vote in the opinion of the meeting.

(d) Accommodation: It was generally felt that the space available at the Rest Cafe was too restricted for the expanded needs of the club.
A small committee consisting of the
1) The Secretary
2) N. Cooper
3) J. Smith
4) W. Nais
agreed to look urgently for alternative accommodation, to report to the club on the first Wednesday in October.

Item 10. Meeting closed at 21.30.

Signed: 

Dated: 18 Sep. 73

Committee meeting

held at the Rest Cafe, 21st February 1973

Members present

W. Nanto, W. Wardle, J. Hodgson, Dr. M. Buntin, G. Collingwood, J. Messy, N. Dennis.

Item 1. The resignation of Mr. I. Forsythe as Club Treasurer was received, and accepted with regret. Mr. G. Collingwood was elected Treasurer in his place. A new auditor would be appointed in due course.

Signed: -

Date: -

General Meeting

held at the 'Rest Cafe', on 18th April 1973.

Item 1. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6th September 1972 were read, approved and signed.

Item 2. Matters arising. The Secretary reported that the search for alternative accommodation had not produced a solution for the 72/73 season, as had been hoped. Instead, an overlap meeting place, exclusively

for matches when more than one home fixture had occurred on the same night, had been arranged. This was the ~~meeting~~ ^{social} hall at the Friends' meeting house in West Street. This facility had been used on approximately 8 occasions during the season.

Item 3. The Secretary's report. Membership of the club had risen very dramatically this season, largely on account of the great interest in chess, stimulated by the Fischer v Spass world championship match. The membership now stood at 43, with about 14 newcomers in the total. A consequence of this was quite desperate overcrowding at the Rest Cafe. Proposals for new accommodation for next season were good, with possibilities at

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| 1) Methodist Church Hall | rent £3 |
| 2) Library | .. £2 |
| 3) Rugby Club | £2 |
| 4) Scab Hut | rent to be negotiated |
| or 5) Spiritualist Church | £3 |

After discussion (and subsequent visit to new properties), it was agreed that the Club should move to the Melba Room at the Public Library, accepting the disadvantages of no refreshments, and a firm 10.30pm finishing time.

The Collins trophy had been played for with quite new rules, and was won by R. Green.

A new venture had been a simultaneous display given by the Russian Grandmaster Tukmakov, taking on 40 opponents (including Maidenhead Club + Berkshire County). Two club members, Paul Stacy and John ^{Alan Potts} ~~Hodgson~~ have scored victories; Chris Brown had scored a draw.

New equipment: a dozen new sets, and 7 new cloths were purchased during the season.

Item 4. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer (G. Collingwood) presented a statement of accounts. The Club started the season with a healthy £70.73 in the bank. Subscriptions raised during the season came to £98.00, expenditure (excluding equipment) was £63.53, up to 31/3/73. The purchase of new cloths, sets and boards was £66.10, leaving a net balance of £27.65 in the bank at the end of March.

Item 5. Match Captain's Report. The season had been generally very successful for the club. Two extra teams had been entered into leagues (one, TV division 4w, the other Berks. League division 3). Resulting placings were: Berks. League
- Division 1, championship won by 'A' Team (W6, L2), runners up 'B' Team (W5, D7, L2)

an outstanding performance for the club.

- Division 2, 'C' Team, finished 8th, (W3, D2, L4)
- Division 3 'D' " " 8th (W3, D3, L5)
- " " " " " 11th (W1, D2, L7)

Thames Valley League:

- Division 3: joint first place shared by Maidenhead 'A' and Hayes, the championship to be decided by a play-off - (W11, D1, L2)
- Division 4w: 'A' Team, finished 3rd (W9, D7, L4)

The Club had also won the Ellam Memorial trophy at a jamboree held at the start of the season.

Item 6. Plans for next season

(a) It was agreed that a Junior section should be formed to meet before the main club meetings, in the Melrose Room at the library

(b) It was pointed out that tables would need to be purchased by the club for use in the library. 10 superior quality decorator's folding tables would be purchased through Mrs. Nemo, at a cost of £200. The treasurer pointed to the financial strain this would impose, particularly remembering outstanding debts. Several Club members kindly offered donations - approximately

£20 was raised in this way.

(c) It was agreed that the club would continue to meet through the summer. An open knockout club championship would be held for this period.

(d) Various ideas on publicity were discussed. The secretary agreed to progress the questions, particularly with respect to the new premises, and the Junior section.

(e) Election of officers. It was agreed that this meeting should be deemed to be the Annual General Meeting. Accordingly the following officers were proposed, seconded and elected for the 73/74 season:

President - W. Nani
Secretary - Dr M. Buntan
Treasurer - G. Collingwood
Junior Secretary - W. Cooper
Match Captain - J. Hodgson.
Auditor - C. Reynolds

Signed :- 

Date :-

Annual General Meeting,
held in the Nichols Room, Maidenhead Public Library
on Tuesday 7th May 1974

Present were 18 members.

Item 1. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the 'Peb Cafe' on 18th April 1973 were read, approved and signed.

Item 2. The Secretary's Report.

A Summer Knockout Competition had been held and reached a 'Finals' match. This, however, was still outstanding and should be played off first thing this summer. (Cooper v Messer)

The Club Lightnings championship was held in the Spring, as a 9 round Swiss tournament. J. Hodgson was the winner.

The Collins Trophy was again played according to the 'Grading' rules. N. Shaw finished highest (129) but had not played enough games to qualify. The competition was therefore won by C. May (128).

Another successful Simultaneous match was held, jointly sponsored by Maidenhead Chess Club and the Barbours.

League. 37 players took part vs. the Russian Grandmaster Gennady Kuzmin. The final score was (to the Grandmaster) W 2, D 4, L 1 (vs. Bernard of Bracknell)

Considerable effort was put into promoting the chess club during September. An advertisement was put into the 'Maidenhead Advertiser' for 4 weeks, and a display was mounted in the Public Library. A centrepiece in this was a competition organised by Neil Cooper. This was won by Andrew Scarborough.

Membership this season increased somewhat, to 53 in the adult section.

The Accommodation had proved very satisfactory despite the problem of the 10.30 closing time, the lack of refreshments and the problems with air conditioning.

The Walker Room had been used on occasions as well as the Nicholas Room. The President had agreed to the club's use of the 'Pet Cafe', on a limited scale (9 games) during the summer.

Item 3. Treasurer Report. The statement of affairs as of 1.4.73 showed Cash at Bank to be £27.65, with an outstanding rent commitment of £16.58; At the 1.4.74 date, the cash situation was £27.87 with rent outstanding at £33.00; leaving a small debit balance.

The income and expenditure account showed a surplus of £32.00 (Income £185.00; expenditure 153.00). However, £41.75 was spent on equipment (new tables)

A possibly substantial new commitment was payment of in-kind adjudication fees - set at 50p for the British League, (for in-court claims.)

Item 4. Junior Section Report. The Junior Secretary reported considerable interest and support from over 400 Juniors (average age ca. 10). The BCF Certificate of Merit Scheme was being conducted, as an experiment, for 12 selected Juniors: it was hoped that tests for the award could be held in June or July.

The only problem noted was one of noise: the Junior Section meets while the library is still open, and so enthusiastic children are not easy to quell.

Item 5. Match Captains Report.

It had been a successful season, though the entry of two additional teams in the League had led to a difficult situation in ensuring fully supported matches in all cases. An example of ^{an} ~~the~~ problem was ~~the~~ the fact that no less than 19 players took part in TV 'A' and 'B'

team matches (19 in each case). It would be better for the Club, if fewer teams were entered next season: perhaps, retaining the 'A' team from the 1st division of the Bels League and 2 other lower teams. (one TV team, one Bels team)

However, the Club had won the TV Division 2 championship, winning promotion to the 1st Division next season. The Bels League Division 1 position was clear; it appeared that the 'A' team may finish second to Bracknell Industries 'A'.

Other positions: Bels League

Division 1 - 'B' team will probably just escape relegation

Division 2 - 'C' team will finish slightly below the half way mark.

The 'D' and 'E' teams will finish low down the 3rd division; these teams provide very good practice for less experienced players
TV League

The 'B' team may be relegated from the 4th division; the 'C' team will finish bottom of Division 5 (Nably)

Maidenhead lost on board count to Newbury in the RPCT competition. In the National Club Championship, the team had a bye in Round 7;

beat Muddmans (a strong London side) in Round 2; (3½-2½) and lost to Richmond + Trickerham in Round 3 (4½-1½)

The Acceptance of the Reports was proposed by J. Mear, seconded by F. Forsythe and unanimously agreed.

Item 6 election of officers for 1974/5 season

President: W. Norris (Forsythe, Mear)

Secretary: J. Mear (Cooper, Rodie)

Treasurer: G. Collingwood (Forsythe, Gutteridge)

Junior Sec: Dr. M. Bruta (Cooper, Collingwood)

Match Captain: G. Varty (Dennis, Cooper)

Auditor: P. Gutteridge (Norris, Wardle)

Committee: above, plus W. Wardle (Mear, Wheatley)
W. Dennis (Forsythe, Cooper)

Thanks were expressed for the services rendered by Dr. Bruta and ~~M. Cooper~~ in their various offices through the season.

Item 7 Plans for next season.

(a) A lengthy discussion was held on the subject of next year's subscriptions. A motion to vary subscriptions to:

Adults £4.00

Juniors £2.00

Junior Subs: 75p.

was passed unanimously.

(b) Payment of Adjudication fees.

A motion was proposed, and passed, as follows:

"The Captain* shall have discretion in cases where the result of the match is undecided to charge, or not to charge, the possible adjudication ~~charge~~ ^{fee} (in the event of a claim subsequently not upheld) to the player concerned. In cases where the result is decided, the player concerned shall always be personally responsible for any adjudication charge."

(* is Captain of the Team concerned)

The motion was passed without dissent.

(c) Possible withdrawal of teams from leagues.

A motion was proposed as follows:— (Bulkeley, Waddle)

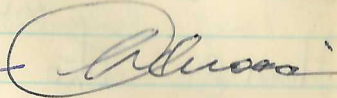
"If teams are to be withdrawn, they should be from the bottom team upwards."

The motion was rejected by 9 votes to 5.

(d) Future structure of the Becho League.

The club preferred the present single-sex division structure to a league of smaller divisions on a 'H' and 'A' basis.

M. W. Dennis was asked to convey this view to the Becho County Committee.

Signed: 

Date: — 20 April 76.

Annual General Meeting 1975.
Meeting held in Nicholson's Room
Maidenhead Public Library.
MR W.H. Norris in the Chair. Time 20.24.

- m1. The minutes of the A.G.M. held on Tuesday 7th May 1974 were read, approved & signed.
- m2. No matters arising from minutes.
- m3. The secretary's report.

The club had maintained a fairly large membership, although several members had left the area they were replaced by new members. An advertisement placed in the Maidenhead Advertiser had been quite successful in attracting new members.

Due to the high commitment to league matches it had not been possible to run a successful club competition.

Item 4. - Treasurer's report.

There was no Treasurer's report as our Treasurer (Graham Collingwood) had left the club. However before he left he presented a statement to your secretary. From this statement it would seem that the club would just about break even over the season.

Item 5.

Junior Section Secretary's Report

Mike Bruton reported that the Junior section had proved to be very popular. Eight members of the Junior Section had passed the BCF Certificate of Merit (Two of these with Credits). Matches had been arranged with schools associations from Berkshire, Newbury & Wokingham. There had been 80 entries for the Easter Junior Congress.

Item 6.

Match Captains report.

Graham Vortey commented on the high standard of chess in Division 1 of the Thames Valley League.

In Division One of the Berkshire League the A ~~team~~ team was doing well & should win.

The club had won through to the final of the Premier Division Cup. This match was to be arranged.

In the National Club Championship Maidenhead had ~~once~~ won its first round. However it was defeated in the second round by a very strong team from Oxford University. The score was 2½ - 3½.

All reports were accepted Newcom.

D. Wheatly / J. Synal.

Item 7.

President - W. Norris (M. Britton / G. Vortey)
Secretary - J. Messer (D. Wheatly / J. Synal)
Treasurer - Carri Synal (J. Messer / W. Norris)
Junior Secretary - M. Britton (G. Vortey / D. Wheatly)
Match Captain - G. Vortey (M. Britton / J. Synal)
Club Competition Organiser - A. Scarborough (J. Messer / G. Vortey)

Auditor P. Lyttonridge (J. Messer / D. Wheatly)

Committee, all above plus
N. Dennis (M. Britton)
C. Davis

Item 8. Presentation to Wilf Wordle.

The club was sorry to see that Wilf Wordle was leaving Maidenhead after many years of service to the club.

To show its appreciation the club presented Wilf with a chess book and a travelling chess set, and wished him well in his new home in Windsor.

Item 9.

It was decided to hold summer meetings in the small room at the library. It was agreed that a summer subscription of £1-00 be charged to members who wish to attend the summer sessions.

Item 10. Any other Business.

1. It was agreed to raise subscription to
£6-00 seniors
£3-50 Juniors O.A.P. etc.
(J. Synal / J. Verling).

2. Bill Norris donated to the club the fees owing to him by the club for the rent of the Rest Cafe for last summer ~~rent~~.

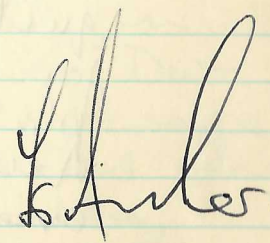
10.03. It was agreed to run
3 teams in the Berkshire League
3 teams in the Thames Valley League.

10.04. Notice was given that the County A.G.M. would be held on 12th May at Reading Chess Club.

10.05. Wilf Wardle. - Honorary Vice President.

It was proposed by Nigel Dennis and seconded by Dave Wheatley that Wilf Wardle be made a Honorary Vice President of the club. This was agreed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 21.50.

Signed - 
Date: 14.9.76

Annual General Meeting 14th Sept. 1976
Meeting held in Nicholls's room
Maidenhead Public Library, Time 8.00pm
Mr Fred Archer in the Chair
Item 1. The minutes for the 1975 AGM
were read, approved & signed.

Item 2. There were no matters
arising.

Item 3. Secretary's Report.
The secretary reported that
the club had followed its
previous policy of providing
as many league matches
as possible. The club had
entered 3 teams in
the Thames Valley League and
3 teams in the Berkshire
League. The club had
quite a few new members
join, and the advertisement
placed in the Maidenhead
Advertiser brought several
enquiries.

Item 4. Treasurer's report was
accepted by the club
meeting.

Item 5. Match captain's report.

Our match Captain Graham
Jartey reported that the
'C' team had produced
quite good results in
the Berks Div 3, but
had not been so successful
in the Thames Valley 5 Div (North).
Due to a reorganisation of
this league the 'C' would
be playing in Div 6 next year.

The B team had been
reasonably successful in
the Thames Valley 4th Div
and was rather average
- Div 2 of the Berks League.
The 'A' team won the
Premier Procession cup and
was 2nd in the Berks League.
In the National Clubs Championship

The club beat Gernards Cross
in the first round but was
defeated by London University in
round 2.

Graham Varty reported that
John Syner & Tony Stanton had
achieved very good results in
the strong 1st Division of the
Thames Valley League.

am 6). There was no Junior Sec.
report.

Election of Officers
The following officers were elected

President W. Norris P. J. Messer
S. N. Dennis

Secretary J. Messer P. G. Varty
S. J. Syner

Treasurer J. Verling P. G. Varty
S. K. Trowal

Match Captain G. Varty P. J. Syner
S. A. Scarborough

Committee members.

N. Dennis } P. J. Messer
K. Trowal } S. C. Burrows
Auditor. P. Gutteridge

Item 8.

It was agreed to enter
3 teams in the Thames Valley
League, and 4 teams in the
Berkshire League.

Item 9. A.O.B.

It was agreed to run an advertisement
for two weeks in the Maidenhead
Advertiser. It was also agreed
that the secretary would prepare a
display card for the notice
boards of Maidenhead Library &
for Windsor Library.

Mr Ralph Condon suggested that
the committee tries to raise
cash.

Mr Condon also pointed out that there was a lack of communication match results. It was pointed out that this was difficult due to adjudications & unfinished games. The secretary agreed to prepare a large fixture table which would be updated by Team captains.

There was some discussion on running a Club Tournament. This had not been successful in the past due to league commitments.

It was noted that several new members had arrived at the club & all members were asked to welcome any new arrivals.

The meeting closed & retired to the Anchor.

Signed: *Percival*

Date: - 13 Sep 77