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"I am writing for three people in England and you are not one of them."

- Peter Jay (then Economics Editor of the Financial Times) to someone  
who complained that one of his articles was obscure.

With slightly more humility (but perhaps more obscurity) I sometimes feel that my readership is of about the same size.  
No matter. Here we go again.

## BULLETINS

E-mail recipients of the Bulletin will be receiving future issues in glorious colour. Following this issue the rest of you will have to put up with black and white again.  
**So why not have your copy delivered on-line?**

## BDCL RULED BY A PEAR

A big round of applause for retiring Hon. Gen. Sec. Dave Thomas who has decided to bow out after 16 seasons.

Now we have Pauline Woodward as President and Dave Rowe as her Prince Consort. Those of you who know your Sellar and Yeatman will recall that when Good King Williamammary came to the throne the chapter heading was "England ruled by an Orange", hence the heading.

(No disrespect. I could have written "fruitcake".)

## HANDBOOKS

Chris Evans of Mutual Circle has e-mailed to say

(a) that by the time you read this he will have retired from the Secretaryship of his Club in favour of **Mike Walker, 90 Woodstock Road, Moseley, B'ham 13.** (Telephone number 0121 449 1308)

(b) that the directions to his Club in the Handbook are wrong.

In lines 6 and 7, please delete the words "and as by car, or 11 to Wake Green Road ½ mile beyond venue."

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"Sidmoor" in Clive Dent's address on page 1 should of course be "Sidemoor".  
Sidmoor's a different fellow entirely.

## MIDLANDS CHESS WEBSITE

The BDCL website can be accessed at [users.powernet.co.uk/rees/bdcl](http://users.powernet.co.uk/rees/bdcl) and the webmaster (Mike Rees) can be e-mailed at [lbicc@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:lbicc@blueyonder.co.uk) or [bdclchess@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:bdclchess@blueyonder.co.uk)

These bulletins (and much else) are available from the Website. Do visit it if you have the technology.

## INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

Graham Humphreys asks me to remind you that entries for these competitions are due in to him by 1st October. His address and telephone number are on page 1 of the Handbook, and are also repeated below.

The cost is £2.50 per entrant, as noted on page 20 of the Handbook. This is the same fee as last year. Send all entries to: -

Graham Humphreys  
82 Vernier Avenue  
Kingswinford  
West Midlands  
DY6 8SA  
(01 384 571 486)

## TEAM NEWS

Following the loss of a number of players, Lichfield wanted to withdraw their 1B side, but were prevailed upon to restructure their lower teams instead.

Bushbury and South Birmingham have entered extra teams in Division 7. Fixture details will be published here as and when I am given the details.

## THE 6th WOLVERHAMPTON RAPIDPLAY

This event, now re-named the Robert Ward Memorial Rapidplay in recognition of that gentleman's contribution to chess in Staffordshire and the West Midlands, is a qualifier for the BCF Grand Prix 2003.

It will be held on **Saturday 1st November 2003** at the **University of Wolverhampton Compton Park Campus**, Compton Rd. West, Wolverhampton, starting at 10am.

Dave Thomas will control, and the sections are U190 / U145 / U100.

Entry forms from **Geoff Rosser, 25 Leyland Avenue, Merridale, W'ton WV3 9RF.** Telephone and fax: 01902 424 931.  
E-mail address: [g-d.rosser@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:g-d.rosser@blueyonder.co.uk)

All of the registrations are now in apart from Birmingham University. Here they are.

Aldridge

- 6 Andrews L
- James S
- Payne B
- Smith G
- Smith RSJ
- Winman S
- Woodward AW
- Woodward G

Birmingham

- 2 Daniels RG
- Fender J
- Gee GJ
- McConkey CC
- Pready A
- Scott HG
  
- 4 Carter W
- Hill J
- Hopkins BD
- Loose JC
- Saunders N
- Schroeder M
- Sharp I
- Varley E
- Wright A

Boldmere St Michaels

- 3 Biddle M
- Fagan J
- Harrington M
- Savage P
- Thomas K
- Wilson A (S)
  
- 4 Barron G
- Brelsforth D
- Hall J
- Jones P
- Little M
- Smith GW
  
- 6A Dixon B
- Goodby E
- Harman G
- Phillips S
- Tuckey R
- Willits FT
  
- 6B Harman W
- Hillman R
- Huynh S
- Johnson A
- Miller E
- Osborne G
- Palfrey F
- Sturch A
- Thomas C
- Wood S
- Wyer T

Bushbury

- 1 Cooper D
- Cooper L
- Grinsell L
- Parry RCT
- Pinfold P
- Schroeder A
- Staniforth J

Bushbury (continued)

- 7 Allen P
- Booth RK
- Brett D
- Brodie R
- Buckley D
- Hancox M
- Keates D
- Marlow B
- Pinfold W
- Scott P
- Staley P
- Whitehead J

Halesowen

- 1 Bethel M
- Bissell DA
- Edge J
- Fishburne S
- Jackson Dale
- Priest AA
- Thomas RK
  
- 2 Ambrose A
- Bingham J
- Grimes R
- Hadley M
- Peck WWA
- Wyle G
  
- 4 Banks P
- Clark Mrs M
- Curry B
- Curry D
- Freshwater F
- Lees C
- Ryder KC
  
- 5 Black S
- Curry J
- Digger DC
- Jackson Darren
- Taylor A
- Ward V
- Welch Hazel
  
- 7 Beasley R
- Evans Joyce
- Grimes M
- Grimes S
- Hancock S
- Heywood N
- Howell D
- Vile M

Handsworth Wood

- 2 Chadaway SM
- Edwards S
- Grant D
- Jones KP
- Lake AN
- Mildenhall J
  
- 4 Fryer SM
- Gee GM
- Gowler G
- Iskra J
- Lake NJ
- Loach PL
- Neale R
- Robinson J
- Wakefield P

Kynoch/Barn

- 1 Burton R
- Dawson CR
- Dawson GB
- Hickey A
- Ingram K
- Mowatt O
- Roberts N
- Webster P
  
- 6 Dawson B
- Fetahu T
- Kennedy O
- Morgan G
- Morgan W
- Rake A
  
- 7 Cullen J
- Dawson Mrs E
- Hewitt I
- Hill D
- Murphy P
- Wells B
- Wynn A

Lichfield

- 1A Collins P
- Farmery R
- Hibbard CP
- Smith J
- Staples M
- Wallace P
  
- 1B Abell D
- Fone D
- Grant AB
- Griffiths P
- Maher MP
- Mieleniewski A
  
- 3 Cooper M
- Crellin R
- Giles A
- Homewood BB
- Lakin J
- Monks G
  
- 5 Andrews S
- Brown CE
- Candlish M
- Hall A
- McLaughlin I
- Ricketts CE
- Saumtally R
- Short D
- Slobodynk Y
- Smith J
- Smith Richard
- Smith Roy
- Smitton S
- Wingrove R

Lucas & BS

- 5 Campbell R
- Collier L
- Cook RA
- Crump JA
- Dyson P
- Elkington EP
- Gough RT
- Johnson L
- Johnston A
- Maddocks P
- Rees MJ
- Shadrokh L
- Tallis M

Mercia

- 3 Carrier R
- Francis KAJ
- Perks D
- Phillips J
- Share M
- Smith BR
  
- 6 Bateson CJ
- Bradley L
- Brownsword A
- Fletcher B
- Heathcock C
- Jancis A
- Lane C
- Nicholls P
- Pallant S
- Price R
- Rich J
- Scarrott L
- Stokes-Roberts G
- Webb D
- Worthington D

Mutual Circle

- 3 Boynton L
- Boynton P
- Goray SS
- Hollows R
- Lewis L
- Paffard M
  
- 4 Boynton R
- Evans C
- Homer JL
- Hunt J
- Hussain T
- Kirby D
- Newsham A
- Robinson Mrs S
- Singhal Saket
- Singhal SN
- Sudders A
- Walker MBA
- Webb A
- Wells P

Northfield Checkmates

- 7 Allen A
- Astbury B
- Candlin A
- Coulter C
- Draper A
- Hodkinson P
- Left P
- Wilmott L

Olton

- 1 Cundy MA
- Gostelow DW
- Holt PJ
- Holt TJ
- Lloyd AD
- Price D
  
- 2 Apostolakopoulos P
- Cheshire D
- Liszewski R
- McDonald J
- Reynolds Richard C
- Reynolds Robert
- Wallman RJ

Olton (continued)

- 3 Archibald W  
Bourne N  
Brown DR  
Cottom A  
Gillespie JA  
Llewelyn J  
Stockwin DR
- 5 Atkin RH  
Bradley Steve  
Bradley Stuart  
Clulee JD  
Edwards L  
Garner B  
Gazee T  
Goldwater AL  
Reynolds J  
Simpson P  
Singh P  
White T  
Yeomans W

Redditch

- 2 Clack I  
Cole J  
Heath J  
Robertson PC  
Robinson T  
Towers N  
Wells S
- 5 Clack Mrs M  
Daniels M  
Dixon D  
Jackson G  
Sanders M  
Stanton G  
Wood M/s P
- 6 Church P  
Hayes S  
Holmberg J  
Mason A  
Richardson D  
Robinson M  
Sandhu S  
Turner R

Rushall

- 2 Bell D  
Colwell S  
Hadley K  
Lewis R  
Sadler J  
Westwood R  
Wilcox Miss CJ  
Wilcox SR
- 5 Allen S  
Butler K  
Cooksey S  
Gant R  
Hancox RJ  
Hennion J  
Hills J  
Mason M  
Parker N  
Parker R  
Perrygrove C  
Sanders G  
Sims N  
Staniforth M  
Turner P  
Turner R

St James

- 3 Bott D  
Collett R  
Ellis I  
Johnson S  
Lloyd J  
Peters R  
Wheatley L  
Wiggins A

Shirley & Lucas

- 1 Freeman J  
Galloway I  
Huxtable T  
Mason DJ  
Thomas DR  
Walker R
- 2 Asbury J  
Christie G  
Jimenez FC  
Purcell RJ  
Ward E  
Warren K
- 3 Gilbert KT  
Healey R  
Leeper P  
McGuirk P  
Rawson LS  
Warden M
- 6 Cox T  
Csepregi G  
Foster N  
Friend JB  
Garrity J  
Handy D (LR - 4.9.03)  
Hemmings H  
Horton K  
Phillips G

Solihull

- 2 Carpenter R  
McCumiskey A  
Rogerson AM  
Sadler T  
Stokes G  
Summerfield J  
Tapp M
- 3 Allen K  
Collins FS  
Horsley D  
Howard GF  
Peck W  
Shurrock D  
Tarlow M
- 7 Bricknell R  
Broadbridge D  
Brown V  
Crawford SJ  
Henry D  
Howard Christine  
Howard Colin  
Randle D  
Smitten D

Solihull Youth

- 6 Anderton A  
Anderton O  
Anderton R  
Clarke D  
Clarke R  
Coxon J  
Coxon L  
Page C  
Page R  
Preece G  
Singleton N  
Viskandis B

South Birmingham

- 1A Ashby A-M  
Dunn D  
James R  
Pitcher J  
Swindells J  
Tidman S
- 1B Cartwright G  
Charman C  
Emanuel J  
Lane T  
Smyth M  
Varnom G
- 2 Ball L  
Glass R  
Hardy R  
Hope G  
Hurney K  
Walker T  
Williams S
- 3 Boivin C  
Drugan M  
Evans S  
Killarney S  
Lee D  
Ralph S  
Stockhall DA
- 5A Gilchrist D  
Hunt P  
Peace A  
Pitt C  
Swatridge P  
Szatanik A

- 5B Baker E  
Baquer R  
Dickson F  
Emanuel P  
McClory B  
Tidman T
- 7A Emanuel L  
Loat MA  
Smith S  
Tait D

- 7B Ball R  
Green B  
Kirby D  
Kirtley M  
Perry S  
Thomas M  
Williams A

Stourbridge

- 2 Bissell M  
Dudley BG  
Fallowfield N  
Howarth I  
Hunt M  
Thomas G
- 4 Barnett C  
Branford R  
Dathan S  
Durnell K  
Evans R  
Fallowfield J  
Foxall J  
Horwill E  
Humphreys KG  
Jukes S  
Lamont P  
Matsumoto T  
Moore A  
Mullinder C  
Pearce J  
Podlesak M  
Scriven D  
Shaw S  
Somerfield A  
Trevis P  
Wilson M/s J

Sutton Coldfield

- 1 Addis M  
Briscoe B  
Brown AJ  
Chevannes S  
Cox T  
Escott KL  
Folayan S  
Soszynski M
- 2 Dent C  
Hayden LF  
Jones R  
Owen N  
Storey I  
Windows G
- 4 Dandy C  
Dhesi I  
East C  
Kent A  
Salih K  
Winter G
- 6 Casey M  
Gardiner D  
Gardiner S  
Mason R  
Wassell J  
Wint R
- 7 Aparo J  
Bhatia V  
Gardiner K  
Hussein A  
Jackson-Park S (LR - 8/9/03)  
Levine L  
Mayne S  
O' Rourke T  
Pazzaglia R  
Smith L  
Thirbenny A  
Thompson P  
Turner M  
Underwood S (LR - 8/9/03)

Tamworth & District

1 Bould T  
Briggs P  
Hern K  
Hoddy J  
Kimberley M  
Kimberley S

4 Chrusciel L  
Cotterill C  
Dicken K  
Griffiths R  
McConnell P  
Walton S

5 Adams RC  
Comley P  
Cunningham B  
Golightly E  
Guffick L  
Hoddy D  
Howlett J  
Makepeace D  
Oliver PD  
Palmer J  
Prentice D  
Smith A  
Wraight P

Walsall Kipping

1 Anderton DW  
Bellin J  
Denny M  
Pritchard D  
Wheeler DP  
Wheeler M

3 Beasley S  
Friend DJ  
Jones RG  
Pohribnyj C  
Rea W  
Whitmore D

5 Groombridge MS  
Jones PJ  
Payton JL  
Savin M  
Shrimpton AE  
Southall C (LR - 15.9.03)  
Wilkinson R  
Young NC

Walsall Kipping (continued)

6 Bellin C  
Billings C  
Davies B  
Gavin P  
Hayes L  
Jones SA  
McIntosh Mrs D  
Moore KJ  
Nixon P  
Perry A  
Salt P (LR - 15.9.03)

Warley Quinborne

1 Dighton S  
Fox MB  
Lawton G  
Pugh D  
Smith S  
Southall A  
Whitehouse B  
Wildboar M

2 Delaney T  
Doran M  
Eaton M  
Gordon C  
Moxley A  
Moxley S  
Reeves D

3 Burnett A  
Fahy J  
Lewis JB  
Nixon C  
Rawlings W  
Turner J

4 Price PW  
Reeves J  
Rourke J  
Rowe D  
Wheeldon M/s P  
Woodward Mrs P

7 Bull R  
Pakenham J  
Payne B  
Payne J  
Plyer T  
Uddin M

West Bromwich

3 Backhouse D  
Barnett K  
Bryant C  
Crump JE  
Davies DM  
Gregg M  
Uddin M  
Walker N  
Wesson G  
Wilkes P

West Midlands Municipal

4 Griffin CE  
Jewsbury K  
Lunn J  
McKeown A  
McKeown G  
Wise K

7 Bibbings P  
Harris P  
Hood M  
Langston K (LR - 14.9.03)  
Taylor S

West Midlands Police

4 Cooper M  
Gough P  
Hardstaff P  
Jones PJ  
Rickhuss A  
Ryan R

6 Butler P  
Farn A  
Farrell D  
Hathaway M  
Holman R  
McIntosh L  
Merritt A  
Phillips B  
Preston R  
Quail JH  
Singh R  
Sullivan R  
Withey P

Westminster

4 Elliot W  
Foy S  
Goddard G  
Millward R  
Price D  
Steeles B

6 Abram P  
Burford J  
Burke J  
Cooper D  
Corcorran J  
Evans T  
Littlehales D  
Pankhurst B  
Trevis R  
Woolaston A

Wolseley

5 Fennell GT  
Lawrence P  
Maciel EG  
Maciel G  
Siddiqi A  
Stepanovic G

7 Bates G  
Joiner P  
Nooney K  
Spence P

Wolverhampton

2 Fox J  
Mangwengwende J  
May Mark  
May Martin  
Morrison M  
Porter P  
Sanghera P  
Townsend M  
Wood F

5 Bird D  
Blake E  
Eddies C  
Evans L  
Griffiths M  
Haughton C  
Jones K  
Lewis B  
Marlow B  
Rosser G  
Wilson S  
Wootton M

**ARS EST CELARE ARTEM, AS MY OLD MOTHER USED TO SAY.**

My Sunday newspaper informs me that Lennox Lewis has had his sexual orientation questioned, "based on the incontrovertible evidence that he plays chess". And I thought the sequins on his shorts were just showbiz.

On a similar theme, I was much amused by the Manchester United Memorial Chess Set, which was produced and marketed about 18 months ago. United were delighted when Trademark Toys designed a chess set based on star players from the 1968 and 1999 European Cup winning sides. Until it came to naming the two queens, that is.

Five players from each era were nominated to be represented as pieces. The players were Best, Law, Charlton, Crerand and Stiles from 1968, and Beckham, Keane, Giggs, Solksjaer and Sherringham from 1999.

After much debate, United refused to say which player should be represented by which piece, because nobody wanted to be the queen. Designer Matthew Webb had to produce two moulds of each player and make the bases interchangeable, so that the owner of the set could determine the issue.

Full backs to the wall, I would have thought.