**Castle Chess** News:

We are in our 17th season of Castle Chess. At the players review in October 2024 at Fareham it was agreed that we will run three events at the Lysses House Hotel in 2025 . Prizes will be dependent on the number of entrants.

**Entry Fee £40**

**Tea / Coffee** donation

£1.50 per cup. Max £9 for weekend

**Castle Chess** Grand Prix:

There will be no Castle Chess Grand Prix in 2025.

**Castle Chess** sends all results to the ECF for rating.

Non Silver or higher ECF members need to add £9 to their entry fee.

**Castle Chess** Winners October 2024

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| Open | **David Collyer**  |
| Premier | **David Collyer** |
| Major | **Nicholas Hordnes, Julian Llewelyn** |
| Intermediate | **Helen Archer-Lock** |
| Minor | **Ian Schreiber** |
| Challengers | **Isaac Macdonald, David Archer**  |

Your enjoyment at a chess congress is our main concern.

Please ask and, if possible, we shall do our best to make it happen.

**ACCOMMODATION AND VENUE:**

The Lysses House Hotel:

51 High Street

Fareham, Hampshire. PO16 7BQ

01329 822622 www.lysses.co.uk

**Castle Chess** invites chess players for a weekend’s congress in a family run 3\* hotel. The Lysses House Hotel has recently been refurbished and is located close to the centre of Fareham, one mile from Fareham train station.

All of the bedrooms at The Lysses House Hotel are furnished to a good standard. There is a large lounge area and a restaurant which offers fine dining as well as a good range of bar meals.

Wi-Fi internet access is available, without charge.

There is free parking on-site for 39 cars.

**BOOKING ACCOMMODATION:**

This should be done through Castle Chess to gain the best rates in this splendid hotel. There are 21 rooms reserved by us until 1st January. Early booking is advised. There are seven single rooms available and 14 twin/double. There will be an extra charge added to the single rate £20 per night for single occupancy of the twin/double rooms

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**PACKAGE TYPES:**

Entry Fee is included but Non ECF Members must add £9.00

 **B&B only**

“A” Single 1 night £ 120

“B” Single 2 nights £ 196

“C” Single 3 nights £ 272

“D” Twin 1 night £ 95 per person

“E” Twin 2 nights £ 145 per person

“F” Twin 3 nights £ 195 per person

**Single Supplement** in a double room: £ 20 per night added to Single Room price.

**Non-Players** may deduct £40 from the cost of their room.

**Entry Fee only: £40** (Subsidised by a generous private donation)

To obtain these rates your accommodation must be booked via Castle Chess

 

Presents their
26th Fareham Congress
in a hotel venue

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

17th – 19th January 2025

ECF Game Fee Registered

ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION

2024/25 Chessable Grand Prix Event

3 Sections - 6 Round Swiss

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| OPEN | including Premier U2001 |
| MAJOR – Under 1901 | including Intermediate U1701 |
| MINOR – Under 1601 | including Challengers U1401 |

The Castle Controlling Team :

Tony Corfe (ECF Arbiter), Marc Shaw, Barbara Corfe

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Non-Smoking Congress

**CONGRESS** - 6 round Swiss Tournament

**ENTRY FEE** - (without accommodation) £40

**CONGRESS DISCOUNTS** Junior (U18) £8.00

**PRIZES:** Expected £200 per section - but not Guaranteed, plus at least one grading prize in each section. Prizes are dependent on entries. The overall fund will be increased if the total number of adult entrants exceeds 60 players. This will be awarded pro-rata to each event based on their numbers. All cash prizes will be shared, but players will only be eligible to win one prize.

**UNRATED** players may only win 1/3 of any prize, in any section except in the OPEN! A rated player will be in the ECF list (Std or Rapidplay) or other national list.

**WITHDRAWALS**: A deduction of £10 will be made from any refund unless carried forward to a future Castle Chess event.

The first night’s accommodation booked will have to be paid for unless at least 24 hours notice has been given.

**LATE ARRIVALS:** Players will be defaulted after 30 minutes from the round beginning. Re-pairing will take place if at all possible.

**ENTRY CONDITIONS**: The organizers reserve the right to refuse an entry, without assigning a reason, or to cancel or merge sections.

**PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT THE EVENT** may be used for publicity purposes. Players should advise the organizers if they do not wish to have their photographs published.

**DISPUTES**: Appeals against the Arbiter’s decisions will be resolved by an appeals committee. In all other matters the decisions of the organizers are final.

Players are eligible to win points in one, or more, of the “English Chess Federation **2024/25** Chessable Graded Grand Prix” if the ECF run the event.

**PLAYING SCHEDULE**

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| **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| **Rd 1** 19:00 to 22:30\*The Players Review is an open forum that allows competitors to comment on the current congressand suggest any improvements for future Castle Chess events. | **Rd 2** 09:30 to 13:00 \*Players Review 13:45**Rd 3** 14:00 to 17:30**Rd 4** 19:00 to 22.30**Sunday****Rd 5** 09:30 to 13:00**Rd 6** 13:45 to 17:15 |

**No Prize-Giving as prizes sent via bank transfer.**

**RATE OF PLAY:**All games played on DGTs using incremental timing.
75 minutes plus 30 seconds per move.
All moves must be recorded throughout the game.

**EVENT ENQUIRIES:**Tony Corfe, 51 Borough Way, Potters Bar, Herts. EN6 3HA
01707 661160 Mob: 07973 516718 tony@mrcorfe.co.uk
Marc Shaw 07947 813303 marc.shaw.chess@gmail.com

**Calendar of Castle Chess** **2025**
26th Fareham 17th – 19th January Lysses House Hotel

27th Fareham 14th – 16th March Lysses House Hotel

28th Fareham 10th – 12th October Lysses House Hotel

**DATA PROTECTION REGULATION 2018:**

**Castle Chess** holds the personal data of players who have provided it to us. We will only use it to contact you with regard to the marketing of Castle Chess or other chess related activities. In normal circumstances we will make contact by email or occasionally telephone / mobile. The data required for grading purposes will be sent to the ECF



***Please advise us if you do not wish to be contacted.***

**Castle Chess** - Fareham January 2025

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| FIRST NAME |
| LAST NAME |
| ADDRESS |
|  | Post Code |
| Telephone |
| email |
| ECF Rating and Code |
| CLUB |
| ECF Membership Type |
| DATE OF BIRTH |
| SECTION ENTERED |
| Half Point Bye requested in Round(s) not Rd 6 |
| **Accommodation PACKAGE TYPE** |
| (which includes Entry Fee) |
| Arrival night | No of Nights\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Accommodation / Entry Fee £ |
| **Entry Fee Only** **£ 40 - 00** |
| Discount: Junior (U18) £8.00 £ |
| **DONATION** (to help defray expenses) £ |
| **NON ECF** Silver/Gold Member **Add** £9.00 £ |
| **LATE FEE:** £10 after 6**th January**  £ |
| TOTAL £ |

**Cheques / PO payable to : “Castle Chess”**

**If not paying online**, please send completed entry form with fee to: Castle Chess, 3 Greer Road, Harrow Weald, Harrow, HA3 6JF

**PAYMENT ONLINE: USE THE FOLLOWING CODE:**

**25J FARE - first 4 letters of Surname - first 4 letters of First Name. eg: 25J FARE-Corf-Tony**

**TSB: Sort Code: 30-16-64 Acct No. 00001021**