

A few weeks ago I represented Lincolnshire and the A.G.M. of the Midland Counties Chess Union at Erdington near Sutton Coldfield. It turned out to be a very interesting meeting, unusual in that these meeting can be a bit labourious, where a number of changes took place.

The most significant change was a reshuffle within the post of Events Director where Sean Hewitt from Leicestershire took the helm from Cyril Johnson. Cyril, also from Leicestershire, in turn replaced Neal Beasley as the controller of the Midland Counties competitions.

Both Sean and Cyril were aware of Lincolnshire's position of only having one team playing in the Open event but would like to run an Under 125 grade team but were able to do so because the fixtures for both teams fell on the same dates with a number of players who are graded under 125 playing in the open team.

It transpires that other counties are in a similar position so they took heed of this and have decided to change the fixtures so that they do not clash. Consequently, Lincolnshire have decided to enter a team in the Under 125 competition, as well as the open, with yours truly as captain. So if your grade is under 125 and you would like to play - then let me know.

Finally, Sean was previously the Grading Director but stood down in order to take up his new duties. This left a vacancy which I am happy to fill, doing a similar job as Grading Officer for Lincolnshire, and was duly appointed.

Meanwhile a white to mate in three for your perusal.

