

The Northern Gigafinal of the UK Land Challenge took place at Manchester University last month including several Lincolnshire players who had qualified at the county megafinal held at Lincoln Castle in May.

In the junior section Grimoldby Primary School did particularly well with Cory Partridge (Under 7 Girls), Sorsha Antcliff and Amy Milson (both Under 10 Girls) qualifying for the Terafinal to be held at the Source near Meadowhall in Sheffield on 19/20 August.

They will meet the qualifiers from the Southern Gigafinal which took place at Tidworth in Wiltshire when substantial cash prizes will go the winners of each age group.

In the senior age groups it was the boys turn to shine and Lincolnshire will be represented at Sheffield by Alec Young from Horncastle Primary (Under 11 Boys), Jamie Pratt from Louth Chess Club (Under 12 Boys) and Samuel Milson from King Edward VI Grammar School and Louth Chess Club (Under 12 Boys) who was the Ultimo in his section with a maximum 6 points.

It's not gone unnoticed that three of the qualifiers Jamie Pratt, Amy Milson and brother Samuel Milson supported by father Neil Milson have been encouraged by Louth Chess Club and I am sure that their experience gained in the Lincolnshire League this season has accelerated their improvement.

Meanwhile, Kevin McCarthy is organizing the Lincoln Rapidplay to be held at St.Peter and St Paul Parish Centre, Skellingthorpe Road on Monday 28 August. Details and entry form on the website www.PandorasBoxChessClub.org.uk

While you are wishing our youngsters well - a white to mate in two ...

