

Booking Form

Please return to Francis Best with cheque payable to "Shropshire Chess Association"

Please book me on:

Description	Individual price £	Payment Included £
Simultaneous display (includes lectures)	£30 (by 30/6/11) £35 (after 30/6/11)	
Lectures	£5 (by 30/6/11) £6 (after 30/6/11)	
Spectator at simultaneous display	£5 (by 30/6/11) £6 (after 30/6/11)	
Total payment included:	£	
I am interested in the roast dinner before the event (please circle)	Yes / No	
I am interested in a lightning tournament before the event	Yes / No	

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Nigel Short is one of England's top chess Grandmasters, earning that title in 1984. In 1993, he earned the right to challenge Gary Kasparov for the world championship, having defeated Anatoly Karpov, Jan Timman and Boris Gelfand en route. Describing himself as the oldest player in the world's top 100 players, Nigel continues to entertain with his chess and commentaries, whilst still turning out first class tournament performances.

CJ de Mooi is well known for his appearances on numerous quiz programmes, most notably *Eggheads* (check out YouTube!) However, he is also a pretty mean chess player, having been Mensa chess champion. He was elected President of the English Chess Federation in October 2009 and is noted for his forthright views – particularly where fairness or justice isn't seen to prevail. CJ is a keen runner – marathons, half marathons and 10-mile runs "for fun".

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Nigel Short & CJ de Mooi
Shropshire Visit
16 October 2011

Event details, pricing & booking form

Francis Best

President, Shropshire Chess Association

President's Message Book now – places going fast!

So far, interest in the Nigel Short and CJ de Mooi visit has been very strong, so thank you to all those who responded to the initial publicity. I am pleased to say that we have been able to reduce prices from those originally proposed, and now is the time to make a firm commitment in order to secure your place.

Those who responded to the first announcement will have had early sight of this brochure and, if the initial expressions of interest are anything to go by, places will fill rapidly, particularly for Nigel Short's simultaneous display. There are discounts for early payment too, so there's every reason to sign up now. Tickets are on a first come, first served basis and it would be good if our strongest players were well represented.

You can be involved from as little as £5 and plans are in place to make this the premier event of Shropshire chess this year. Don't miss out!

Francis Best

Price Structure

- £30 buys a place in the simultaneous display against Nigel Short and attendance at the lectures throughout the day (£35 if after the AGM in June).
- £10 buys attendance at the lectures and watching the simultaneous display (£12 if after the AGM in June).
- £5 buys attendance at the lectures or watching the simultaneous display (£6 if after the AGM in June).



A Superb Venue

We are very grateful to the Wrekin Housing Trust who have agreed to the use of their excellent training suite and catering facilities for the event. Jacob Perry, the resident chef will be offering a variety of chess-themed dishes to tempt the palate.

As this is one of the factors that has enabled us to keep the prices down, only refreshments purchased at the venue may be consumed on site and we ask all participants to support this policy.

Lunchtime Menu

The main event will start at 2pm but, if there is enough interest there will be an opportunity to buy Sunday Roast beforehand during which there will be a showing of extracts from Nigel Short's "Greatest Hits" DVDs on the restaurant's plasma screen. If this would be of interest to you, please indicate this on the form to allow us to plan for catering numbers. Pricing will be competitive (£5-£10) and details on this will be provided once we have had responses.

A selection of hot and cold drinks and snacks will be available during the rest of the event.

VENUE:

The Wrekin Housing Trust
Colliers Way
Old Park
Telford
TF3 4AW

Programme Details

Timetable

13.30-14.00	Registration
14.00-15.00	Lecture 1: A week in the life of a Grandmaster (so how DO you defeat Karpov in a match?)
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-16.00	Lecture 2: It's a funny old game!
16.00-16.30	Break / Signing
opportunities	
16.30-Close	Simultaneous display

Lectures

The lectures will be given by Nigel Short and CJ de Mooi and will include demonstration of some of Nigel's games and discussions on the world of chess. There will be scope to ask questions of both Nigel and CJ and the sessions promise to be both instructive and entertaining.

Great Chess Bargains

There will be the opportunity to buy Nigel Short DVDs at a discount, as well as photo and signing opportunities. In addition, there will be a souvenir brochure for sale, produced especially for the event.