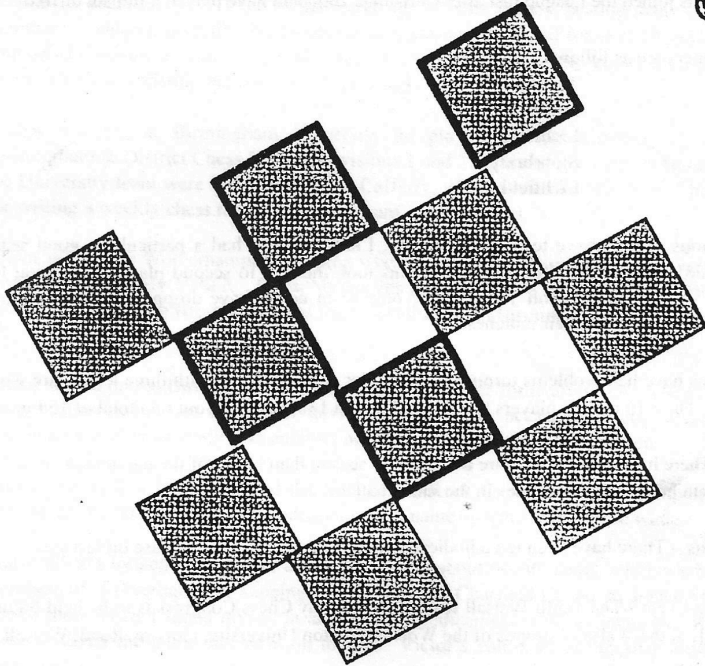


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League Bulletin - Mr Pittaway and Mr Jones, who have published the league bulletin for several seasons, will be retiring at the A.G.M. in May. I shall be grateful if anyone willing to take on the role of compiling and printing the Bulletin will inform their club secretary, who will then put their name forward at the above meeting

Another season draws to a close. We lost two teams and one club during the early part of this season. Hotels joined the League just after Christmas 2000 and have played a full set of fixtures

League Winners are as follows:-

DIVISION	TEAM
ONE	Lichfield
TWO	Lichfield
THREE	Stourbridge
FOUR	Lichfield

Congratulations to the above teams. Evidently, Lichfield have had a particularly good season, though Stafford's late run of five successive wins took them in to second place in Division One. Stourbridge, winners of Division Three, is the only team not to have dropped a point during the season, winning all nine of their matches.

Several teams have had problems turning out a regular side. Mercia, with three teams, are worthy of mention. Their 16 regular players have turned out on 138 occasions out of a total of 154 games

Defaults - There have been three more defaults this season than last. Of the ten defaults one was a default by both home and away sides in the same match.

Adjudications - There have been ten adjudications this season, a 100% increase on last year.

Forthcoming Event - The Tenth Walsall Kipping Quickplay Chess Congress is to be held Saturday 12 May 2001, at the Walsall Campus of the Wolverhampton University, Gorway Road, Walsall..

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In closing this editorial I wish to record a vote of thanks to both Ken Pittaway and his nephew, Michael Jones, for producing this newsletter on my behalf for the Wolverhampton and District Chess League for over twelve years.

Graham Humphreys
Editor

OBITUARY

Dr Victor George Jensen

I regret to inform you of the death on 29 March 2001 of Victor Jensen, at the age of 68. Victor held a B A (Science) and a PhD, both of which were attained at Birmingham University. Having gained these qualifications Victor remained at the university in the capacity of a lecturer.

Victor had a heart condition and had received treatment for a leaking heart valve. I learnt of his death when I received a response to a letter I had sent to him with a request to undertake a game analysis for me. His sister responded, notifying me of her very sad and sudden loss.

My first meeting with Victor was in 1945 at the Wolverhampton Kipping Chess Club, when he was 12 years of age. Even at that early age he was already beating many of the club members, including myself! He became a very strong player and for over 15 years was the captain of the Staffordshire County 1st team. He was also the County grader for a number of years as well as assisting the B.C.F. with gradings.

Whilst working at Birmingham University he played for the university team in the Birmingham & District Chess League, Divisions 1 and 2. Two of his fellow members within the University team were P C Gibbs and B Cafferty, who are well known in the Chess world for writing a weekly chess report in Birmingham's daily papers.

Victor played for Wolverhampton Kipping when they won the Birmingham League Division One title in the early 1970's. When his parents moved from Wolverhampton to Weymouth Victor went to live in Bromsgrove and then played for both Birmingham CC and Bromsgrove CC

Victor served on the Birmingham League Rules Committee for many years. The Committee always appreciated his views and advice. On many occasions Victor assisted with adjudications, always sending an analysis of how he had arrived at his decision.

During the 1950's Victor reached the final of the Rock Cup - the Wolverhampton League Individual knockout trophy - on 3 occasions. His name appears twice as the winner.

I have always looked upon Victor as a friend. For about twenty years, while we were both members of Wolverhampton Kipping CC, we went to Charfield CC on an annual visit. On one of these visits I found myself in an frightful predicament with my game but, with good fortune, saved the game and went on to win. Victor's comment to me after watching the game was:-

"Well, Graham, that was one of the very few times I have seen you play chess as it should be played!"

Cheeky, but true!

On behalf of all league members and those who knew Victor I offer my sincerest condolences to his family

Graham Humphreys

Division One

Bushbury	4 - 2	West Bromwich	Shifnal & Telford	4 - 1	Rugeley
L Grimsell	1 - 0	FF Crump	N F Rutter	1 - 0	C A Jaton
P Pinfold	½ - ½	N A Walker	D W Gostelow	1 - 0	A Dobson
J Stanforth	½ - ½	G Hill	C J Roberts	½ - ½	R Fell
R Parry	1 - 0	M Gregg	R G Thompson	½ - ½	J Montague
P Staley	0 - 1	G C Wesson	IR Wilson	1 - 0	M Page
A Schroeder	1 - 0	D M Davies	S A Tennant	0 - 0	A Meakin
Kidderminster	1 - 5	Lichfield	Stafford	4½ - 1½	Bushbury
M Bissell	½ - ½	P Collins	M Armstrong	½ - ½	L Grimsell
J Wrench	½ - ½	R Allen	J Hayward	1 - 0	P Staley
F Pickett	0 - 1	C Hibbard	D Morris	½ - ½	J Stanforth
J Gittus	0 - 1	J Smith	A Leadbetter	1 - 0	A B C Smith
M Riley	0 - 1	M Maher	S Peddar	½ - ½	D Keates
J Varlone	0 - 1	D Abell	R Goggerty	1 - DEF	J Whitehead
Kidderminster	2 - 4	Stafford	Stourbridge	2½ - 3½	Kidderminster
J Wrench	½ - ½	M Armstrong	G Thomas	1 - 0	M Bissell
J Gittus	½ - ½	D Morris	I Howarth	0 - 1	J Wrench
M Riley	0 - 1	J Hayward	E Horwill	0 - 1	F Pickett
B Pugh	½ - ½	A Leadbetter	S Jukes	0 - 1	J Gittus
P Thomas	½ - ½	S Peddar	J Wilson	1 - 0	M Riley
J Varlone	0 - 1	J Carleton	R Branford	½ - ½	P Thomas
Lichfield	2½ - 3½	Bushbury	Stourbridge	5 - 1	Mercia
P Collins	½ - ½	L Grimsell	B Dudley	1 - 0	A P McCumiskey
R Allen	½ - ½	P Pinfold	G Thomas	1 - 0	M Share
J Smith	½ - ½	J Stanforth	I Howarth	0 - 1	K Francis
M Maher	½ - ½	P Staley	S Jukes	1 - 0	B Smith
R Farmery	0 - 1	R Parry	J Wilson	1 - 0	D Webb
B Milner	½ - ½	A Schroeder	C Caldwell	1 - 0	J Rich
Lichfield	3½ - 2½	Stourbridge	Telford & Shifnal	2 - 4	Lichfield
P Collins	½ - ½	I Howarth	N Rutter	½ - ½	P Collins
R Allen	0 - 1	E Horwill	D W Gostelow	0 - 1	R Allen
J Keaveney	½ - ½	S Jukes	W Peck	0 - 1	J Keaveney
J Smith	½ - ½	J Wilson	G Thompson	½ - ½	J Smith
M Maher	1 - 0	R Branford	IR Wilson	1 - 0	A Grant
B Milner	1 - 0	C Caldwell	S Tennant	0 - 1	S Wilson
Mercia	2½ - 3½	Shifnal & Telford	Walsall Kipping	1½ - 2½	Stafford
A McCumiskey	½ - ½	N Rutter	D Whitmore	0 - 0	M Armstrong
M Share	½ - ½	C Roberts	M Groombridge	1 - 0	J Hayward
K Francis	½ - ½	I Wilson	N Young	0 - 1	D Morris
B Smith	½ - ½	W Peck	I Payton	½ - ½	R Butters
D Perks	½ - ½	W Jenrick	S Beasley	0 - 1	A Leadbetter
R Price	0 - 1	M Flavell	P Gavin	0 - 0	S Peddar
Rugeley	3 - 3	Bushbury			
W Hulley	½ - ½	L Grimsell			
R Crellin	1 - 0	P Pinfold			
A Dobson	½ - ½	J Stanforth			
R Fell	0 - 1	P Staley			
J Montague	0 - 1	R Parry			
M Page	1 - 0	A Schroeder			

Division Two

Brewood	4½ - 1½	Stafford B	Rushall	2½ - 3½	Stafford
D Laight	1 - 0	C Hankey	N Sims	0 - 1	D Carter
P Crozet	1 - 0	S Bruce	S Wilcox	1 - 0	R T Gogerty
B Hall	0 - 1	G Valentine	S Colwell	½ - ½	P F Evans
C Buxton	1 - 0	D Carter	J Sadler	1 - 0	G H deVisme
J Fenby	½ - ½	R G Gogerty	N Parker	0 - 1	J Tuckley
P Allan	1 - 0	P F Evans	K Butler	0 - 1	I McTighe
Lichfield	4½ - 1½	Rushall	Walsall Kipping A	4 - 2	Wolverhampton C
A Grant	½ - ½	S R Wilcox	A Perry	½ - ½	M Olway
A Smith	1 - 0	S R Colwell	M Savin	1 - 0	S Wilson
D Able	0 - 1	N Parker	P Gavin	0 - 1	K Jones
A Mielniewski	1 - 0	K Booth	B Davies	1 - 0	P Hubbard
P Griffiths	1 - 0	P G Spencer	A Shrimpton	½ - ½	P Atkiss
J Lakin	1 - 0	DEFAULT	D McIntosh	1 - 0	R Whittingham
Mercia	1½ - 3½	Lucas BS	Wolverhampton C	4 - 2	Mercia
R Price	½ - ½	R Gough	P Atkiss	0 - 1	R Price
C Lane	1 - 0	L Johnson	M Olway	1 - 0	C Lane
B Carrier**	0 - 1	H Hughes	S Wilson	0 - 1	R Carrier
J Rich	0 - 1	G Clyde	J Wakelam	1 - 0	J Rich
C Bateson	0 - 1	M Rees	P Hubbard	1 - 0	C Bateson
A Brownsword	1 - 0	DEFAULT	K Jones	1 - 0	R Jancis

** Result amended - breach of Rule 5(h)

Mercia - Board 3

Division Three

Brewood	¼ - 4½	Stourbridge	St Mary's	3 - 2	Brewood
D Buckley	½ - ½	K Durnell	R Lewis	0 - 1	D Buckley
R Fletcher	0 - 1	M Podlesak	R Westwood	1 - 0	R Fletcher
P Allan	0 - 1	C Caldwell	M Zubacz	½ - ½	P Allen
J Grugulis	0 - 1	A Moore	B Lynam	½ - ½	J Grugulis
S Wagg	0 - 1	M Wood	L Greaves	1 - 0	S Wagg
Bushbury	2 - 3	St Marys	Stourbridge	3½ - 1½	Bushbury
R Brodie	0 - 1	R Lewis	M Podlesak	½ - ½	R Brodie
J Whitehead	0 - 1	R Westwood	C Caldwell	1 - 0	T Whitehead
K Booth	1 - 0	B Lynam	M Wood	0 - 1	K Booth
S Jones	½ - ½	M Zubacz	P Lamont	1 - 0	S Jones
D Keates	½ - ½	L Greaves	D Scriven	1 - 0	P Woodhall
Kidderminster	3¼ - 1½	Stafford	Walsall Kipping	3 - 2	Rugeley
C Billenge	½ - ½	J Tuckley	Mrs D McIntosh	0 - 1	A Meakin
J Varilone	1 - 0	D Nesbitt	Mrs J Evans	0 - 1	S Heath
C Poutney	0 - 1	I McTighe	P Nixon	1 - 0	J Westwood
P Kitchen	1 - 0	K Dwight	L Hayes	1 - 0	F Falkingham
K Brant	1 - 0	DEFAULT	W Gordon	1 - 0	DEFAULT
Kidderminster	4 - 1	Wolverhampton D	Wolverhampton	1 - 4	Bushbury
C Billenge	1 - 0	C Holdcroft	B Lewis	0 - 1	R Brodie
J Varilone	1 - 0	B Lewis	J C Holdcroft	½ - ½	K Booth
T Pountney	0 - 1	L G Hesbrook	L Hesbrook	½ - ½	D Keates
K Brant	1 - 0	M Steed	M Steed	0 - 1	S Jones
M Kitchen	1 - 0	D Cooper	D Cooper	0 - 1	P Woodall
Rugeley	3¼ - 1½	Stafford			
A Dobson	0 - 1	J Tuckley			
A Meakin	1 - 0	D Nesbitt			
S Heath	½ - ½	I McTighe			
D Tindley	1 - 0	K Dwight			
F Falkingham	1 - 0	DEFAULT			

Division Four

<p>Brewood G Hancock A Davies C Spencer J Irons</p>	<p>1 - 3 1 - DEF 0 - 1 0 - 1 0 - 1</p>	<p>Hotels A Rickhuss D Fullwood M Baker L Price</p>	<p>Hotels J Fox R Ryan B Dandy M Woodley</p>	<p>1 - 3 0 - 1 1 - 0 DEF - 1 DEF - 1</p>	<p>Lichfield I Smitton C Brown S Smitton C Ricketts</p>
<p>Cosford R O'Harney P Denner P Tosney C Murray</p>	<p>2 - 2 0 - 1 0 - 1 1 - Def 1 - 0</p>	<p>Hotels A Ruffle G Barron L Price A Walkedon</p>	<p>Lichfield B Homewood I Smitton C Brown S Smitton</p>	<p>3 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 - 0 1 - 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$</p>	<p>Brewood G Hancock C Spencer I Irons A Davies</p>
<p>Cosford R O'Harney P Denner P Tosney C Murray</p>	<p>3 - 1 1 - 0 1 - 0 0 - 1 1 - 0</p>	<p>Mercia A Janic S Heathcock S Pallant P W Nicholls</p>	<p>Mercia A Janis C Heathcock S Pallant B Fletcher</p>	<p>$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ 0 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 - 1 1 - 0</p>	<p>Brewood S Bird G Hancock C Spencer J W Irons</p>
<p>Cosford R O'Harney P Denner P Tosney C Murray</p>	<p>2 - 2 0 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 - 0</p>	<p>Rushall P Turner S Cooksey C Perrygrove J Hennion</p>	<p>Rushall S Cooksey G Sanders C Perrygrove J Hennion</p>	<p>$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 - 1 1 - 0 0 - 1</p>	<p>Hotels C Dent G Barron D Fullwood K Larkin</p>
<p>Hotels J Fox G Barron J Greenfield E Lloyd</p>	<p>$\frac{1}{4}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 - 1 0 - 1 0 - 1</p>	<p>Cosford R O'Harney P Denner P Tosney P Mundon</p>			

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES SEASON 2000-2001

Division One	P	W	D	L	Pts
Lichfield A	10	8	0	2	16
Stafford A	10	7	1	2	15
West Bromwich	10	6	1	3	13
Shifnal & Telford	10	6	1	3	13
Kidderminster A	10	6	0	4	12
Stourbridge A	10	5	1	4	11
Bushbury A	10	4	2	2	10
Mercia A	10	3	2	5	8
Walsall Kipping A	10	4	0	6	8
Walsall Kipping B	10	1	1	8	3
Rugeley A	10	0	1	9	1

Division Two	P	W	D	L	Pts
Lichfield B	9	8	0	1	16
Wolverhampton A	9	7	0	2	12
Rushall A	9	5	1	3	11
Brewood A	9	4	2	3	10
Stafford A	9	6	0	3	8
Wolverhampton B	9	3	2	4	8
Lucas BS	9	4	0	5	8
Wolverhampton C	9	3	0	6	6
Mercia B	9	1	1	7	3
Walsall Kipping C	9	1	0	8	2

Wolverhampton A and Stafford both lose points for breaches of rule 5E(1)

Division Three	P	W	D	L	Pts
Stourbridge B	9	9	0	0	18
Rushall B	9	5	3	1	13
Kidderminster B	9	6	1	2	13
Brewood B	9	3	3	3	9
St Mary's	9	5	0	4	9
Walsall Kipping D	9	3	1	5	7
Bushbury B	9	2	1	6	5
Wolverhampton D	9	2	1	6	5
Rugeley B	9	2	1	6	5
Stafford C	9	0	3	6	3

St Mary's lose 1 point for breach of rule 6F

Division Four	P	W	D	L	Pts
Lichfield C	10	7	3	0	17
Rushall C	10	5	3	2	13
Cosford	10	3	6	1	12
Brewood C	10	4	1	5	9
Hotels	10	3	2	5	8
Mercia C	10	0	1	9	1

Rule 10 (B) has been applied to teams with the same points

STAFFORDSHIRE KNOCK-OUT CUPS: 2000-2001

Hickman Cup (Open)

Lichfield	4 - 2	Stafford	Final	
P Wallace	½ - ½	L Cooper	Lichfield	x
P Collins	½ - ½	M Armstrong		Walsall Kipping
R Allen	½ - ½	D Morris		
J Keaveney	1 - 0	J Hayward		
C Tayar	1 - 0	R Butters		
J Smith	½ - ½	A Leadbetter		

Gothard Cup

Rushall	3½ - 1½	Lichfield	Stafford	2 - 3	Walsall Kipping
J Staniforth	½ - ½	A Wilson	R Butters	1 - 0	D Pritchard
K Hadley	0 - 1	J Lakin	A Leadbetter	0 - 1	D Whitmore
S Wilcox	1 - 0	B Homewood	S Peddar	0 - 1	W Rea
R Parker	1 - 0	M Cooper	S Perez	1 - 0	C Pohribnyj
J Sadler	1 - 0	C Ricketts	M Wells	0 - 1	M Groombridge
			Final		
		Rushall	x		Walsall Kipping

Jackson Cup (Max 120)

		Round Two		
Creda	2½ - 2½	Lichfield	Rushall	3 - 2
J Donaldson	0 - 1	B Homewood	S Colwell	1 - 0
I Fancourt	½ - ½	M Cooper	J Sadler	0 - 1
C Bradbury	1 - 0	J Lakin	D Bell	0 - 1
P Woodward	0 - 1	I Smitton	R Hancox	1 - 0
M Andrews	1 - 0	C Brown	N Parker	1 - 0
	Lichfield win on Board Count		Final	
			Rushall	x
				Lichfield

Withnall Cup (Max 100)

	Round Two		Round Three	
Stafford	1 - 4	Cheddleton & Leek	Cheddleton & Leek	4½ - ½
G deVisme	0 - 1	P Sheeley	P Shelley	1 - 0
J Tuckley	½ - ½	C Abell	C Abell	1 - 0
D Nesbitt	0 - 1	C Burns	C Burns	1 - 0
G Argent	0 - 1	Yang Shi Yu	A Westmorland	½ - ½
I McTighe	½ - ½	Yang Shan Yu	Yang Shi Yu	1 - 0
	Round Three		Final	
St Marys	3 - 2	Walsall Kipping	Cheddleton & Leek	x
R Westwood	1 - 0	C Billings		St Marys
B Lynam	1 - 0	P Nixon		
I Greaves	½ - ½	D McIntosh		
M Zubacz	½ - ½	S Jones		
G Rhodes	0 - 1	I Hayes		

Rock Cup - Round Three			Bidgood Cup - Round Two		
M Groombridge	½-0-½:1	L Collier	K Moore	1 - 0	P Hubb
W Hulley	1 - 0	R Lewis	R Westwood	1 - 0	S II
K Francis	1 - 0	J Montague	J Fenby	1 - 0	S II
G Rosser	0 - 1	F Wood	D Buckley	1 - 0	P N
Rock Cup - Semi-Final			Bidgood Cup - Semi Final		
L Collier	1 - 0	F Wood	R Westwood	1 - 0	J Fe
W Hulley	1 - 0	K A J Francis	K Moore	1 - 0	D Buc
Rock Cup - Final			Bidgood Cup - Final		
L Collier	v	W Hulley	R Westwood	1 - 0	K M

Adjudications - Season 2000-2001

J Wilkinson (Shifnal & Telford)	0 - 1	G Wesson (West Bromwich)
<u>M Riley (Kidderminster)</u>	½ - ½	D Backhouse (West Bromwich)
A Smith (Lichfield)	1 - 0	G Wesson (West Bromwich)
<u>A McCumiskey (Mercia)</u>	½ - ½	N Walker (West Bromwich)
I Mc Tighe (Mercia)	0 - 1	R Turner (Rushall)
G Link (Kidderminster)	1 - 0	S Beasley (Walsall Kipping)
M Maher (Lichfield)	½ - ½	<u>P Staley (Bushbury)</u>
S Wilcox (Rushall)	1 - 0	R Gogerty (Stafford)
J Sadler (Rushall)	1 - 0	G de Visme (Stafford)
J Gittus (Kidderminster)	0 - 1	J Smith (Lichfield)

Losing claimant underlined in drawn results

FEE DUE FOR PAYMENT IN RESPECT OF LOST ADJUDICATIONS

£4.00 per lost appeal

Bushbury	1	£4.00	Shifnal & Telford	1	£4
Kidderminster	2	£8.00	Walsall Kipping	1	£4
Mercia	1	£4.00	West Bromwich	1	£4
Stafford	3	£12.00			

DEFAULTS

Division One		Division Three	
Mercia	6 - 0	Stafford	Bushbury 5 - 0
			Rushall 5 - 0
			Stourbridge 5 - 0
			Stourbridge 5 - 0
			Stafford 0 - 0
			Bushb
Division Two		Division Four	
Stafford	6 - 0	Lucas B S	Brewood 4 - 0
Lichfield	6 - 0	Lucas BS	
Wolverhampton C	6 - 0	Stafford	

KEN PITTAWAY

Ken Pittaway is well known in the Staffordshire chess world for his untiring efforts in administration and organisation. In 1955 he was elected secretary of John Thompson's Chess Club, a position he held until the club disbanded in 1999. In 1960 he was elected Secretary of the Wolverhampton League, a position he held until 1984, during which time he diligently performed his secretarial duties. He has played an active part on many other local committees including National Chess Week Committee (incorporating Beatties Lightning Chess Tournament) and the Staffordshire Chess Congress Committee.

Ken first became interested in chess in 1949 when John Thompson's first entered a team in Division Two of the Wolverhampton and District Chess League. Thomson's were promoted to Division One after only one season and were encouraged to enter a further team in Division Two. As a result of this expansion of the club Ken was one of the new recruits enlisted for the second team. He won his first league match against Brinsford Lodge on 6 October 1950. At the end of the season it was obvious that Thompson's had found a useful player for his match results consisted of eight wins, one draw, and only two losses. The last league game he played was against Goodyear's, in March 1999.

Ken played county chess from his first season as a chess player and has successfully represented both Staffordshire and Worcestershire. In 1965 he was the losing finalist in the Worcestershire Intermediate Cup, in 1967 he lost in the final of the Bidgood Cup, and lost in the final of the Rock Cup in 1970.

Amongst Ken's other interests are philately, cricket, and gardening. He was a keen member of the Dudley Philatelic Society and his collection of British and USA stamps have been exhibited to several local societies. His cricket interest found him at first playing for John Thompson's and then later umpiring matches in the Wolverhampton area during summer weekends. Following him attaining his cricket umpiring examination in 1962 he became an official umpire of the Midlands Club Cricket Conference.

The Chess World will be hard pressed to find another person so willing and competent as Ken to contribute so much time and energy to chess over the past 51 years.

KEN PITTAWAY
(photo taken 1958)

