

**October 2022**



On Wednesday 5th October we were delighted to FINALLY(!) welcome back the Voluntary Services department from West Suffolk Hospital in order to recognise and celebrate their fantastic volunteers! The annual tea party has been cancelled for the past few years due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation so we were thrilled to be opening our doors to them again – we hope a wonderful time was had by all! More information about volunteering can be found here:

<https://www.wsh.nhs.uk/Join-our-team/Volunteering.aspx>

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Our Centre is the regular meeting place for Moreton Hall WI and at the start of October they celebrated their 25th Anniversary! Congratulations from all of us here! If you'd like to know more about them, click the link below.



<https://suffolk-west.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/moreton-hall/about-us>

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### **Chess Congress**

The weekend of 15th & 16th October saw the return of the Bury Chess Congress Tournament. There were 118 entrants, and a prize fund of just over £2,000! The furthest travelled player was John Eddershaw from Sheffield, and he attends almost every year. We also had players from Brighton, Hastings and of course from all across East Anglia and neighbouring counties.

The top section of the event, the Open, was won by International Master Alan Merry from Great Barton who is a product of the Bury Knights Junior Chess Club, run by Bob Jones (which meets at MHCC). Also in the top section was Jaden Jermy. He's 17 years old and with a win in the final round would have tied for second place but losing meant he finished in sixth.

In the Major, the middle section of the event, Richard Dickinson, who lives on Moreton Hall and was the joint winner in Minor section last year, gave himself the challenge of playing a section higher. After a creditable draw in the first round, he rather struggled for the remainder of the tournament, but having been comfortably the lowest seed in the section, should still be proud of his performance.

In the Minor section, several of our club members did well. Oliver Ferris, a member of the Bury Knights was fighting for first place in the last round, but lost to Danny Hardman of Clacton. Across the three sections of the event, Danny was the only person to win in all five rounds. Oliver finished with three-and-a-half-points from the five games, his draw was against Peter Newton (also from our club), who finished joint third with four points. There were also three Bury St Edmunds players who finished on three points: Craig Bradbury, Mark Webb and George Robinson.

The tournament website is here: [www.bsecongress.org](http://www.bsecongress.org)

The chess club website is here: [www.bsechess.org.uk](http://www.bsechess.org.uk)

**Huge congratulations to all of our local players!**

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### **Halloween Party**





This year's Halloween party was a brilliant night, loads of games for the kids to join in and music with Lee until late. It was great to see our Club Room busy with so many local families, we hope to see you all again very soon!

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### World Cup Preparations!

We take football tournaments pretty seriously here! The upcoming World Cup is no exception, we have invested heavily in improving our customer experience – a brand new projector, new 133" screen and the installation of a marquee to provide extra shelter for those popping out for some food from [Meat & Greet](#), who are booked to attend all of England's World Cup games!

