

# Dear Othello Player

We would like to invite you to two Othello events in Cambridge:

February 9th: Cambridge Regional 09:30 start.

The event is part of the British Grand Prix and is a great introduction to this much loved strategy game, if you have never played, used to play or if more experienced, you are most welcome!

June 29th-30th: British Championships.

The top two players from this event will qualify for the forthcoming World Championships in Hong Kong. But please don't let this put you off as all British players (and overseas players that have been living in the UK since December 28th 2018) regardless of their level of play are welcome, especially those who are new or returning to the game. The event starts at 13.00 (with the AGM) and a group meal out locally on the Saturday evening is planned. Play on the Sunday starts at 09.00, i.e. clocks will be started.

For first time players entry to both events is free and for those who have played in tournaments before it is £10 (£5 unwaged).

Both events will be held at: Junior Parlour, Trinity College, Cambridge

Please contact the organiser (Imre Leader - [I.Leader@dpmms.cam.ac.uk](mailto:I.Leader@dpmms.cam.ac.uk)) if you intend to take part so that there is enough equipment (i.e. boards and clocks).

## HOW TO GET THERE:

### By Satellite:

The postcode for the venue is CB2 1TQ. For transfer between accommodation and venue there is walkit.com (foot) and Google Maps. The venue train station postcode is CB1 2JW.

### Finding the room:

To reach the Junior Parlour, turn east into Whewell's Court (pronounced "hew-el's") from Trinity Street (down on the above plan). Turn right immediately after the first arch. Climb the open-air stairs until you are just short of the top, and then turn right into T staircase. The Junior Parlour is at the end of the passageway through the door. Wheelchair users should contact the tournament organiser for further advice.

## GETTING TO CAMBRIDGE:

NOTE: Three-letter station codes are those used by the UK railway network (most websites and mobile apps will accept these codes). Other countries may use different codes. Cambridge station is not to be confused with Cambridge Heath (CBH), which is somewhere else entirely or Cambridge North (CMB) though the latter may be closer to some hotel accommodation.

## By Car:

You are strongly advised to use Park and Ride facilities or hotel car parks (see ACCOMMODATION) as city centre parking is limited and likely to be more expensive. The Park & Ride sites offering bus connections closest to venue are:

- Madingley Road (best for M11 - J13 no southbound access - proceed to junction 12 and turn round). Alight Bridge Street just after the bus gate (it is that thing with rising bollards in the road).
- Newmarket Road (A14 West) Alight Bridge Street just after bus gate.
- St Ives (A1(M)) - Busway Route B.
- Longstanton - Busway Route B.
- Milton Keynes (M1 J14) - X5. Alight Magdalene Street (or Madingley Road P&R for connections).

The nearest car park to the venue is Park Street which offers Blue Badge and Streetcar spaces.

## By Rail:

The nearest station to the venue is Cambridge (CBG) which is served by.

- Govia Thameslink Railway ([thameslinkrailway.com](http://thameslinkrailway.com)) services from London King's Cross (via Stevenage) and King's Lynn, King's Cross offers interchange with other Thameslink services and Southeastern services via High Speed 1..
- Greater Anglia ([greateranglia.co.uk](http://greateranglia.co.uk)) services from King's Lynn, London Liverpool Street (via Bishops Stortford), Ipswich, Peterborough and Norwich.
- CrossCountry ([crosscountrytrains.co.uk](http://crosscountrytrains.co.uk)) services from Peterborough (connections London North Eastern Railway and East Midlands Trains services), Birmingham New Street (connections Virgin Trains West Coast, other CrossCountry and West Midlands Trains services) and Stansted Airport.

A high frequency bus service runs between the railway station and the city centre - PLUSBUS tickets are available.

Rail travel to Bicester North (BCS), Milton Keynes Central (MKC), Bedford (BDM) or St Neots (SNO) rail stations then using the connecting X5 coach or Huntingdon (HUN) (connections via Busway B) may be a better alternative than rail to Cambridge. An X5 timetable can be found here: [stagecoachx5.com](http://stagecoachx5.com), and Busway here: [thebusway.info](http://thebusway.info).

## By Coach (National Express):

National Express (NX) ([nationalexpress.com](http://nationalexpress.com)) coach services operate to and from Norwich, London Victoria Coach Station, Luton, Stansted, Heathrow and Gatwick Airports and Brighton. Infrequent direct NX services are also available to Birmingham, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Nottingham and Sheffield - travel to/from these and other places via Milton Keynes Coachway and using X5 (through ticketing is available from National Express agents) may be a better option - see below. All coaches call at Parkside and some also call at Madingley Road (interchange with P&R for shorter walk) or Trumpington Park and Ride sites.

## By Coach (Stagecoach Cross County X5):

This service is to and from Oxford and calls at Milton Keynes Coachway. A timetable can be found here: [stagecoachx5.com](http://stagecoachx5.com). [megabus.com](http://megabus.com) fares are available on X5 route, but from Oxford only. All coaches call at Parkside. The X5 additionally calls at Magdalene Street, its closest stop to the venue, at 1/2 mile to the northwest. For a shorter walk the X5 calls at Madingley Road Park and Ride (this is a request stop on X5 services to Cambridge) for transfer to P&R bus services. The English National Concession pass is valid for free off-peak travel on both the X5 and P&R services.

## By local bus:

Details of service buses in the Cambridge area can be found here: [stagecoachbus.com](http://stagecoachbus.com). The main local buses passing closest to the venue are:

- (citi) 1 - Fulbourn/Cherry Hinton - Arbury via Addenbrooke's (hospital) and rail station. Alight Bridge Street near bus gate.
- (citi) 2 - Addenbrooke's - Science Park. Alight Bridge Street near bus gate.
- Madingley Road P&R - Newmarket Road P&R (some timetables give this as route 77). Alight Bridge Street near bus gate.
- Busway B - Huntingdon Rail Station - St Ives - Cambridge. Alight Round Church Street (first stop after bus gate).

Other buses tend to use Drummer Street Bus Station, St Andrew's Street, Emmanuel Street and Downing Street.

## By taxi:

The two main taxi companies for Cambridge are Panther Taxis ([pantertaxi.co.uk](http://pantertaxi.co.uk)) and Camtax Taxis ([camtax.co.uk](http://camtax.co.uk)). This option may prove to be better for transfer to venue from accommodation on Sundays than public transport as this on early Sunday mornings is very limited.

## ACCOMMODATION:

If you want to stay overnight in Cambridge, we recommend searching and booking via Visit Cambridge ([visitcambridge.org](http://visitcambridge.org)) or Late Rooms ([laterooms.com](http://laterooms.com)). Alternatively - players have previously stayed at:

- Warkworth House (close to Parkside coach terminal) - [warkworthhouse.co.uk](http://warkworthhouse.co.uk)
- Travelodge Newmarket Road (close to train station), Cambridge Central (close to Cambridge train station) and Orchard Park - [travelodge.co.uk](http://travelodge.co.uk)
- Cambridge University colleges ([cambridgerooms.co.uk](http://cambridgerooms.co.uk)) offer overnight B&B accommodation.
- Travelodge Bedford Goldington Road - [travelodge.co.uk](http://travelodge.co.uk). X5 bus route stop is 0.1 miles away in the direction of town centre (turn left out of hotel and adjacent to green space - second stop towards town).

A number of B&B options in Tenison Road (first right off Cambridge station approach) including a Hostelling International/YHA youth hostel - [yha.org.uk](http://yha.org.uk)