

Location: Morton (near Bourne in the South of Lincolnshire)

Personal: Aged 34 (looks like I'm about 54 but still think I'm about 24), married to the lovely Zoey, three kids (Lauren 13, Jake 10, Josh 4).

Chess Info: Occasional Rapidplay or County Player but haven't played serious Club Chess for nearly 10 years due to family and work commitments. Seem to play at my strongest when fresh. Formerly represented England Junior Squad at home and abroad, captained Northamptonshire for many years and was their County Champion on several occasions before moving to Lincs.

Chess High: Any win that results in prize money or helping a team to triumph. Most satisfying result was a hard-fought draw with Jonathan Rowson several years back as he was coming into his prime and I had been away from the circuit for a while.

Chess Low: Anytime I lose, especially when I've missed countless chances along the way. A particular low was openly putting down the chances of my opponent about 20 years ago in a junior tournament at Bedworth. I'd previously beaten him on several occasions and didn't feel he should ever be gracing the same chess board as me. A slow, painful execution ensued and I learned my lesson!!

Hobbies: Spending time my family, attempting to get away with doing as many jobs at the weekend as possible and horse-racing.

Music: Have very "Middle of the Road" tastes. Last album bought was the Arctic Monkeys (trying to get down with the kids!!) However in the past few years have been to see (or been dragged to see – I'll let you decide which artiste!) concerts by Meat Loaf, Robbie Williams, Cher(!), Billy Joel. Was one of the fortunate ones to be at Live8.

Character: Easy-going, tolerant, very competitive (except when playing anything with my 4 year old who I have to let win to avoid tantrums!)

Ambition: To stay healthy and become more wealthy!

Quotes: "England WILL win the World Cup", Jason Dilley, June 2006.

Why PBCC: In a county covering such a wide geographical area there needs to be a focal point for players old and new. PBCC can do this and although I can only invest limited time to the cause, I want to be part of it.