



Check your Mate at the Slow Festival

We know that chess existed in India at the beginning of the 7th century. A form of chess existed in central Asia in the 1st century. Some claim the game dates back as far as the 15th century BC. This game then travelled from India to Persia and Arabia. Chess first came to Europe when the Moors conquered Spain in the 8th Century where it was played by people in religious orders and royal courts. There is an anonymous saying "*Chess, like love, like music, has the power to make men happy*". It is for this reason that the organisers decided that Chess should be part of Sedgefield's Slow Festival (3-5 April)!

Slow Festival Chess Tournament organiser Terry Quick said "We hope that players from all over the country will join us and all levels are welcome. All players should enjoy themselves whilst giving at least some the opportunity to improve their playing strength."

The Slow Festival Chess Tournament takes place on Sat 4th April from 08h30 to 15h00 in the Smutsville Town Hall in Sedgefield. To pre-register, email Terry on quirkterry@gmail.com or contact him on 083 276 3875.

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