

# The Wey Valley Reunion

## The Smartest Club in the Galaxy

Parents, down the years, whose children played for Wey Valley, have remarked that involvement in chess was often a significant factor in successful applications for school and university places. I can remember back in the 60s and 70s, all the members of the English chess team (bar me) went to either Oxford or Cambridge Universities, and this link is still important today.

So the FIRST WEY VALLEY REUNION of former and current team members was an historic event. It was held in the excellent conditions of Chessington Secondary School, on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2019, with the following results:-

### OPEN RESULTS

#### Wey Valley Chess 1st Reunion

##### Open

NO	First Name	Last Name	Age	Sex	Grade	Score	Pos.	
1	Tom	Usharovsky		M	136	13	1st	£100
2	Ananth	Vijayakumar		M	143	12	2nd	£60
3	Michael	Banh		M	50	11	3rd	
4	Ron	Usharovsky		M	154	10	4th	
5	Cheuk Nam	Wong		M	134	9	5th	
6	Olivia	Smithies		F	98	5	Top Female	£40

The surprise winner of the Open section was also the youngest player, Tom Usharovsky. He played in a focused and concentrated way throughout, and deserved his first place and the prize of £100. Second prize went to Ananth Vijayakumar and the Female (reciprocal) prize was won by Wey Valley Chess Organiser and teacher, Olivia Smithies.

### AMATEUR RESULTS

NO	First Name	Last Name	Age	Sex	Grade	Score	Pos.	
1	Augustas	Jonikas	13	M	104	15	1st	£80
2	James	Guo	10	M	94	12	2nd	£40
3	YangZi	Tjoe	13	M	117	11	3rd	
4	Diya	Dhawan	16	F	77	10	Top Female	£30
5	Stephen	Banh	18	M	50	10	4th	
6	Marley	Robinson		M	110	10	6th	
7	YangXi	Tjoe	14	F	64	9	7th	
8	Arlo	Weedon	10	M	73	8	8th	
9	Oscar	Weedon	10	M	62	8	9th	
10	Natalie	Weaver	11	F	43	7	10th	

In the Amateur Section the deserved winner was Augustas Jonikas, now at Sutton Grammar and still taking a strong interest in the game. Another young player did well – 10 year old James Guo, who took second prize.

The competition for the top female (reciprocal) prize was fierce, but victory went to Diya Dhawan who just got herself over the line, despite a loss to Natalie Weaver in the last round.

Looking forward to next year!

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