

Oakdale Residents Community Association

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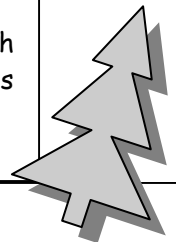
2010. Is this the beginning of a new decade?

Well, a lot of people seem to think so, but it is a matter of perspective. If we take the year number 1, is this the start of the year, or the number of the completed year? If year number 1 started on 1st January, then we have completed 2009 years, so yes, 2010 is the beginning of a new decade. If year number 1 was completed on 31st December, then we have another year to go, and 2011 is the beginning of a new decade. There again, are we using the Gregorian Calendar, or the Julian Calendar to calculate year 1 - Very confusing.

Some Interesting Facts (taken from Wikipedia):-

The Gregorian calendar is the internationally accepted civil calendar of today, and it was introduced by Pope Gregory XIII, after whom the calendar was named, by a decree signed on 24 February 1582. However, Britain adopted the new calendar in 1752, by which time it was necessary to correct the calendar by 11 days. So, Wednesday 2nd September was followed by Thursday 14th September. This accounted for 29th February 1700 (Julian). After 1753, the British tax year in Britain continued to operate on the Julian calendar and began on 5 April, which was the "Old Style" new tax year of 25 March. A 12th skipped Julian leap day in 1800 changed its start to 6 April. It was not changed when a 13th Julian leap day was skipped in 1900, so the tax year in the United Kingdom still begins on 6 April.

What do you call a group of grandmasters of chess bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?
Answer at the bottom of this newsletter.

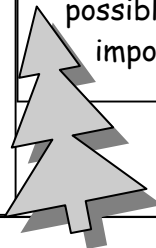


Christmas 2009 Prize Crossword

You should find enclosed the Christmas 2009 Prize Crossword. At the end of January 2010 a draw will take place, and the first three correct solutions out of the bag will win £5 each. The winners will be mentioned in the next newsletter or flyer along with the complete solution. Additional copies available in the Pop-In.

Membership Renewals

For those members who have not already renewed their membership, please fill in the forms enclosed and return to ORCA as soon as possible. Your continued membership is important to us.



POP-IN VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

We are in desperate need for 2 volunteers to help in the Pop-In on Wednesday mornings 9.30am to 1pm starting on 6th January 2010. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Carole on 01202 258619 and have a chat. If there are no volunteers, we will have to close on Wednesdays.

Christmas gift suggestions

To your enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, your heart.
To a customer, service.
To all, charity.
To every child, a good example.
To yourself, respect.

Oren Arnold

ORCA Trips

Please see the current Oakdale Flyer for all trips. If you haven't received a flyer, please let Carole know on 258619. Suggestions for trips are always welcome.

Newsletter / Flyer Editor Needed - Please Ring Carole on 01202 258619

Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer!