

Chris Ravilious 1938 - 2016

Chris Ravilious was one of the chess world's scholars. He is perhaps best known as the joint author, with Ken Whyld, of a valuable bibliography of English-language chess texts published before 1850 (complementing the bibliographies of Betts, covering 1850-1968, and Lusi, covering 1969-1988), and he appears to have taken a particular interest in problems. I am not aware of any problem composed by him, but he wrote a book on the child prodigy Lilian Baird, he produced indexes covering sixty years of problems and endgame studies in the *BCM*, and he supplied the British Chess Problem Society with several archival items relating to the society's foundation and early years. He also wrote a paper "The Aesthetics of Chess and the Chess Problem" which appeared in *The British Journal of Aesthetics* in July 1994.

Chris visited the BCPS Library in search of material at least once during my custodianship, and he leaves a very pleasant memory.