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April 2018

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Three motions set for debate at the 2018 Union Annual Meeting

This year's CIU Annual Meeting will take place at the Globe Theatre, part of the Blackpool Pleasure Beach, the amusement park and conference centre.

The 900-capacity theatre will host the Annual Meeting on the morning of Saturday, April 14, which will include a welcome from The Worshipful the Deputy Mayor of Blackpool, Councillor Gary Coleman as well as an address from the keynote speaker Paul Maynard, the MP for Blackpool North & Cleveleys.

The Agenda for the Annual Meeting is shown below with three Motions set to be debated during the session.

The Beer & Trades Exhibition is the other key activity taking place during Blackpool 2018 and this year, the 27th edition of the

trade show, will be held on Friday, April 13 in the Norcalympia Room at the Norbreck Castle Hotel between 1pm and 5pm.

The show aims to give club members all the advice they need to boost their club's bottom line with expert advice available on all aspects of club business from a host of trusted suppliers.

The Union's Preferred Supplier of gaming machines, Dransfields, will be one of the main exhibitors at the show, alongside fellow Preferred Suppliers Heineken UK, Aon UK and BOC.

Each delegate will receive a set of complimentary drinks tokens on entry to the venue and there will be plenty of opportunities to win prizes throughout the afternoon.

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AGENDA FOR 2018 CIU ANNUAL MEETING

Session commences at 10am, Saturday, April 14 at The Globe Theatre, Blackpool

1. Minutes of the Council Meeting held April 8, 2017

2. Civic Welcome by The Worshipful the Deputy Mayor of Blackpool, Councillor Gary Coleman

3. Standing Orders Committee

4. President's Address by George Dawson CMD

5. Keynote address – Paul Maynard MP (Blackpool North & Cleveleys Constituency)

6. To consider the Annual Report 2017

7. To consider the Union's Financial Statement for the year ended September 30, 2017

8. To update the Union's Constitution by way of amendment as follows:

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION
Proposed by the National Executive 2018**

Motion 1; Rule 10

Reference to a club's representative membership fee to be increased from a fee of 50p per member to 70p per member.

(A vote of a simple majority required)

Motion 2; Rule 10

Reference to a minimum annual fee payable by clubs to the Union, to be increased from £75 per club to £100 per club.

(A vote of two-thirds majority required)

Motion 3; Rule 16

Reference to the cost of the Associate Card and Pass Card to be increased from £3.50 to £4.00 for each card.

(A vote of two-thirds majority required)

9. General Secretary's Address by Kenneth D Green CMD

EDITOR'S LETTER

Welcome to the April issue of *Club Journal* as our members gather in Blackpool for Conference Weekend 2018, the highlight of the Union calendar.

On Saturday, April 14, the Annual Meeting will take place at the Globe Theatre in Blackpool Pleasure Beach and we look forward to the usual high standard of debate by the assembled delegates as well as speeches by The Worshipful The Deputy Mayor of Blackpool, Councillor Gary Coleman and Paul Maynard, the Member of Parliament for the Blackpool North & Cleveleys constituency.

The full agenda for the AGM, including the three motions, is displayed on the front page of this issue.

The 27th Beer & Trades Exhibition will be staged on the afternoon of Friday, April 13 (from 1-5pm) at the Norbreck Castle Hotel – and will give visitors the chance to talk to club suppliers about ways of boosting their club finances as well as being able to network with members of other clubs.

You can also sample the latest drinks

offerings from Preferred Supplier Heineken UK and discover all the latest services and products from other suppliers which will help you drive future trade at your club.

In addition, the Trade Show will have plenty of fun activities which delegates can take part in.

Dransfields will be showcasing their latest gaming and entertainment machines and will also be running regular bingo sessions and other games throughout the afternoon with some fantastic prizes for the winners.

We also look forward to seeing you at the CIU stand where you can find out about the Union's services and products which we offer. Please come and say hello to us if you're attending!

And, of course, while they are in town, delegates will no doubt take the time to visit one of the many CIU affiliated clubs in Blackpool where they are assured of a warm welcome.

Meanwhile, this month's Q&A is with Les Hepworth CMD, the Branch Secretary of Heavy Woollen who joined the NEC at the



start of the year. Turn to page 14 to read this feature.

April's 'Club of the Month' is Elland WMC in West Yorkshire, another shining example of a well-run CIU club. You can read all about this outstanding club on page 11.

Enjoy the issue and I hope you have an enjoyable and informative weekend in Blackpool.

Stephen Goulding, Editor

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Barnby Dun SC pair complete 50 years of club service



Pictured, left to right: Dave Cannon (Treasurer, Barnby Dun Social Club), Dave Gravel CMD (Doncaster Branch Secretary and NEC Member), Raymond Scholes (retired Vice-President of Barnby Dun Social Club and recipient of 50-year Service Award) and Vic Bereford (Doncaster Branch Executive Member)



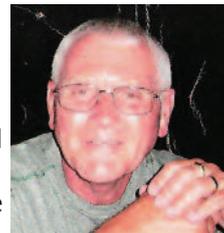
Pictured, left to right: Dave Cannon (Treasurer, Barnby Dun Social Club), Dave Gravel CMD (Doncaster Branch Secretary and NEC Member), John Bellamy (President, Barnby Dun Social Club and recipient of 50-year Service Award) and Vic Bereford (Doncaster Branch Executive Member)

OBITUARY

Allan Michael John

The Committee and Members of Meadowfield Social Club & Institute in County Durham are sad to announce that their long-serving Secretary, Allan Michael John, passed away in 2017 at the age of 70.

Allan, who was liked and respected by all, served as Secretary of the club for 35 years and will be greatly missed.



Frederick James Box

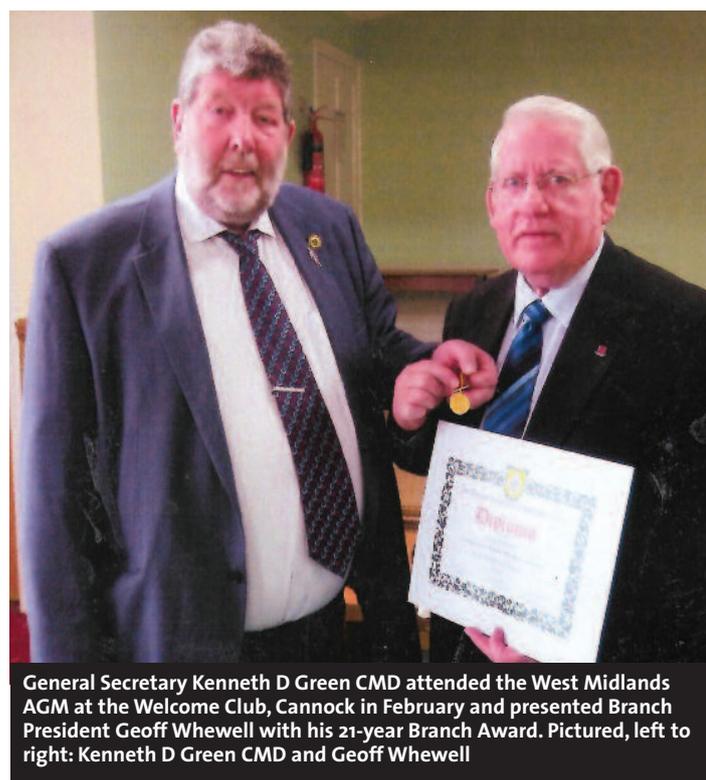
The Sofrydd Social Club in Gwent is sad to announce that our longest serving Chairman of 31 years, Frederic James Box – known as ‘Nipper’ – passed away on Monday, February 26.

Nipper served a brief spell as Vice-Chairman before taking over as Chairman in 1976 and served the club until 2007.

He was well known and worked tirelessly for the benefit of the club.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

West Midlands Branch welcomes the Union's General Secretary to AGM



General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD attended the West Midlands AGM at the Welcome Club, Cannock in February and presented Branch President Geoff Whewell with his 21-year Branch Award. Pictured, left to right: Kenneth D Green CMD and Geoff Whewell



Branch Secretary Jack Haughey CMD received his 10-year Branch Award from the Union's General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD. Pictured, left to right: Kenneth D Green CMD and West Midlands Branch Secretary Jack Haughey CMD

CLUB NOTICES

Clubs expelled from the Union

Ashington & Ellington Club (Northumberland)
 Attleborough Liberal Club (Warwickshire)
 Avonmouth Village Social Club (Western Counties)
 Aylesbury ex-Services Club (North West Metropolitan)
 Bentley Road Sports & Social Club (Warwickshire)
 Biggleswade United W.M.Club (South East Midlands)
 Bishops Waltham Social Club Ltd (Wessex)
 Burley Club (Wessex)
 Cobridge Coronation Club (Manchester)
 Coseley W.M.Club (West Midlands)
 Cwmsyflog & Dist Ex-Service Club (Monmouthshire)
 Foots Cray Social Club (Kent)
 Gilfach Goch Festival Club (South Wales)
 Goldstone (ex-Serv) Club Ltd (South East Metropolitan)
 Green Heath Progressive W.M.C. (West Midlands)
 Haslington Cosey Social Club (Manchester)
 Lowestoft Ex-Services Mens Club (North East Metropolitan)
 Ludgershall Sports W.M.C. (Western Counties)
 Milnrow W.M.Club (Manchester)
 New Herrington Sports & Social Club (Durham)
 Queenborough Social Club (Kent)
 Selly Oak Ex-Mens Memorial Institute (West Midlands)
 Smalley Common Ex-Services Club (Derbyshire)
 Standish Labour Club (Manchester)
 The Village Club R.A.O.B (South East Midlands)
 Thomastown Social Club (South Wales)
 Tickhill Institute (Doncaster)
 Twyn Y Ffald Constitutional Club (Monmouthshire)
 Ventnor R.B.L. Social Club (Wessex)
 Wellington Social Club (Wessex)
 Willows Social Club, Kirkham (Manchester)
 Wolverton Central Club (South East Midlands)

Clubs closed

Darlington Central Club (Durham)
 Queens Social Club (South Yorkshire)
 Erith Working Men's Club (Kent)
 Emmanuel Street Labour Club (Manchester)

Expulsions

Darren Flanagan (Skegness WMC)
 Dawn Flanagan (Skegness WMC)
 Terry Harris (Rushall Labour Club, Walsall)
 Mary Harris (Rushall Labour Club, Walsall)

Derek Chapman of Buffs Club presented with his COM



Newcastle RAOB Committee Member Derek Chapman received his Certificate of Merit at a ceremony held at the club on January 25. Pictured, left to right: Jimmy Murray (Club Chairman), Alan Hardy (Northumberland Branch President), Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary), Derek Chapman (Committee Member), Karen Chapman and John Jameson (Club Secretary)

Quartet honoured at Intake Social Club in Doncaster



Four members of the Management Committee of Intake Social Club in Doncaster were presented with awards by Doncaster Branch Secretary Dave Gravel CMD. Pictured, left to right: Tom Forester (received Distinguished Service Award for 40-years service), Dave Gravel CMD (Doncaster Branch Secretary and NEC Member), Allen Jarrod (received Certificate of Merit), Shaun Whitaker (received Certificate of Merit) and John Glenton (received Certificate of Merit)

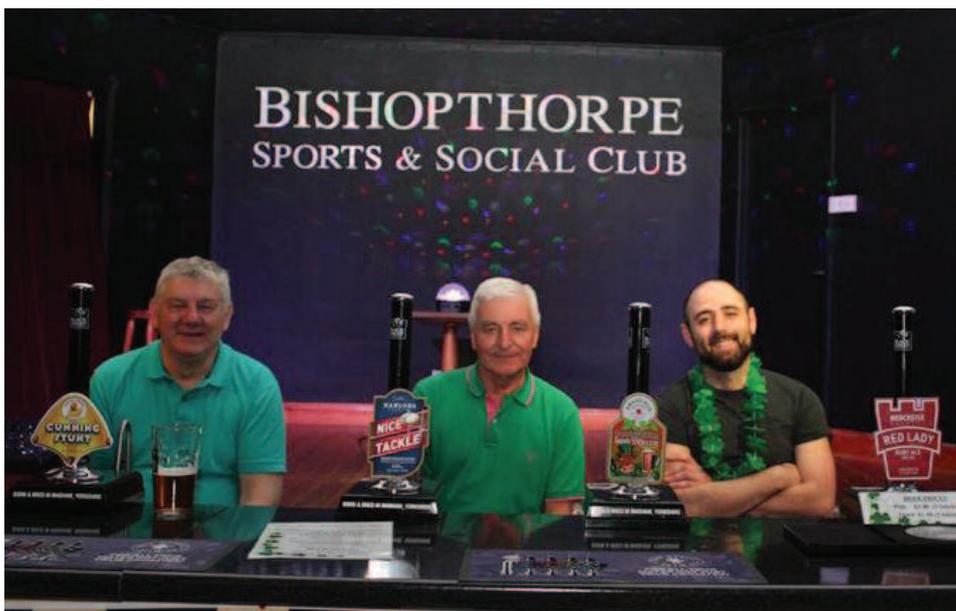
Hampshire club raises money for local British Legion

A charity event held at Bramshott & Liphook Social Club in Hampshire saw £430 raised for the local Royal British Legion branch

The money raised by the skittles evening, which saw nine teams of five competing, will go towards a memorial book and presentation stand to commemorate 35 members of the parish who had fallen in both world wars but whose names had not been included on the village memorial.

During the evening, District Councillor Angela Glass also pledged £1,000 towards the book of remembrance.

Bishopthorpe Club stages St Patrick's Beer Festival



Bishopthorpe Sports & Social Club held its seventh annual St Patrick's Weekend Beer Festival last month. The three-day event which ran from Friday, March 16 to Sunday, March 18 saw an array of cask ales available, as well as live music, DJ sets and action from the final day of the Six Nations rugby tournament shown on the club's big screen

Lower Bourne Social Club raise money for local hospice



Nigel Tidey, Secretary of the Lower Bourne Social Club, and John Morris, the Club Chairman, present a cheque for £688 to Charli Quay-Barnham, Community Fundraising Manager at Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care

Lower Bourne Social Club in Farnham, Surrey, recently presented a cheque for £688 to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care.

The money was raised by the club throughout 2017, after members decided that each year they should fundraise for a nominated charity.

Chairman John Morris said: "We are a local club with the majority of our members living and working in the Farnham area, so we think it right that we support local charities.

"We raised the money by way of raffles, which were held at the club on evenings when we provided entertainment for our members."

He added: "All of our members agree that this has been a successful project and long may it continue."



FOR SERVICE

Distinguished Service Award

Peter Redfearn Wilkinson, Chilton Community Sports & Society, Durham

James Edward Wilkinson, High Street Social Club, Northumberland

Neville Smith, High Street Social Club, Northumberland

Long Service Award

William Rankin, Killingworth Township Social Club, Northumberland

Certificate of Merit

Jeanette McGuigan CMD, Castleside Club Ltd, Durham

Harry Gair, Pelaw & District Social Club, Durham

Graham Morgan, High Street Social Club, Northumberland

Roy Bird, West Green WM Club Ltd, South Yorkshire

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tackle Prostate Cancer launches a new awareness campaign

Tackle Prostate Cancer, the voice of prostate cancer patients and their families in the UK, has announced their inaugural national cycling event 'Cycle to the Moon, Save a Dad'.

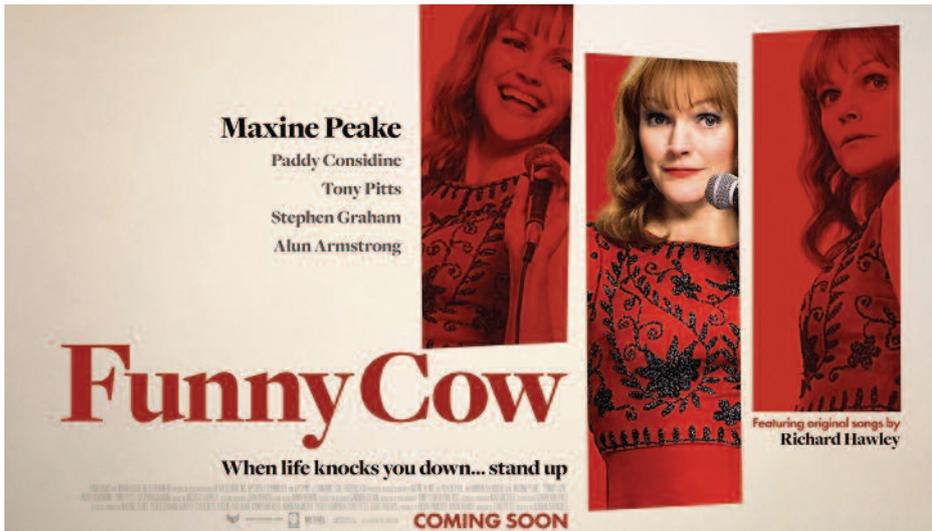
This is a major fundraising initiative that will encourage people of all ages to get on their bikes and raise awareness and money for the fight against prostate cancer.

Cycle to the Moon is a chance for members of the public to show their support through their cycling miles either on the roads, in the gym, at home or on outdoor trails throughout the month of May 2018.

If your club would like to get involved, you can download a fundraising pack at the official campaign website at:

<http://cycltothemoon.tackleprostate.org>

Movie filmed at Dewsbury club set for release



The film *Funny Cow*, starring Maxine Peake as a comedian working on the club circuit in the 1970s, is released on April 20

Members of Westborough Ratepayers Working Men’s Club (WRWMC) in Dewsbury will be able to see their club on the silver screen later this month with the release of the new film *Funny Cow*.

The 1970s/80s-set film stars Maxine Peake, Vic Reeves, John Bishop and Paddy Considine and charts the trials and tribulations of a female comedian working on the social club circuit during that time.

Filming took place in 2017 at the club and at other locations in and around Dewsbury, as well as in Leeds and Huddersfield and saw WRWMC given a 1970s makeover to create an authentic backdrop.

The production team was unstinting in its attention to detail, replacing many existing fixtures and fittings, including beer pumps, tills and bottles at the bar, with authentic period versions.

The film will be out in cinemas on April 20.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Southampton’s Hedge End Club holds charity Race Night

Hedge End Social Club in Southampton will be staging a charity Race Night in aid of the Breast Cancer Haven, Wessex on April 27.

The event will see proceeds going to the Titchfield based charity which supports people with breast cancer and their families.

Sharon Hill-Boulton, events fundraiser at Breast Cancer Haven, Wessex, said: “Since opening Breast Cancer Haven, Wessex in 2015, we have supported more than 800 women.

“It costs £1,000 for each individual programme of treatment and we hope that funds raised from our Race Night will enable us to help even more people locally”.

Tickets cost £5 per person and can be bought from Sharon Hill-Boulton on 01329 559303.



Hereford’s Richmond Place Club set for latest wrestling event

The Richmond Place Club in Hereford will be staging the latest in a series of wrestling events on Friday, April 20.

Ironfist Wrestling are putting on a ‘This is Tekken’ show which is themed around the popular Japanese video game.

Several top wrestlers from the European circuit, including Angelico, Icarus and Dover will be taking part in what promises to be a spectacular show.

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CHEPSTOW	Friday 4 May	£15	Spring Afternoon Flat Racing
DONCASTER	Saturday 5 May	£9 (Grandstand Enclosure)	Spring Evening Flat Racing
THIRSK	Tuesday 8 May	£14	Afternoon Racing
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 12 May	£12.50 (Grandstand & Paddock)	Flat & Jump Racing
CHEPSTOW	Tuesday 15 May	£15	Spring Evening Racing
HAYDOCK PARK	Friday 25 May	£10 (County)	Flat Racing
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 26 May	£12.50 (Grandstand & Paddock)	Flat Racing
DONCASTER	Saturday 2 June	£9 (Grandstand Enclosure)	Derby Day
HAYDOCK PARK	Thursday 7 June	£10 (County)	188BET Raceday
THIRSK	Tuesday 12 June	£14 (Paddock)	Afternoon Racing
HAYDOCK PARK	Wednesday 13 June	£10 (County)	188BET Construction Day
DONCASTER	Sunday 17 June	£9 (Grandstand Enclosure)	Summer Family Fun Day
THIRSK	Tuesday 19 June	£14 (Paddock)	Afternoon Racing
DONCASTER	Friday 29 June	£9 (Grandstand Enclosure)	Summer Afternoon Flat Racing
DONCASTER	Saturday 30 June	£9 (Grandstand Enclosure)	Construction Index Raceday
THIRSK	Wednesday 4 July	£14 (Paddock)	Afternoon Racing
THIRSK	Tuesday 17 July	£14 (Paddock)	Evening Racing
THIRSK	Friday 27 July	£14 (Paddock)	Go Racing in Yorkshire Summer Festival

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Elland WMC in West Yorkshire, as seen from the club's impressive bowling green



ELLAND WORKING MENS CLUB

Founded in 1912, Elland Working Mens Club in West Yorkshire is undoubtedly one of the region's premier social clubs with a growing membership, first-class facilities and a full programme of activities

Since 1912, Elland Working Mens Club has been one of West Yorkshire's leading social clubs and continues to play a central role in its local community.

With a growing membership that currently stands at around the 840 mark, Elland WMC strives to attract a wide cross section of people, throwing open its doors to a number of local groups and charities as well as providing a huge array of activities and entertainment for its members all through the week.

"We work really hard to appeal to different sections of the community with the result that pretty much everyone in the local area knows about the club," says Club Secretary Steve Graydon.

"The club is not on a main thoroughfare but we put out a lot of publicity about the club and our activities through social media. We promote our live entertainment heavily on Facebook and positive word of mouth also gets the club's name out there."

Central to the club's appeal are the fantastic facilities, including a renowned Bowling Green, spacious Concert Room and modern, comfortable Bar and Lounge.

"We work really hard to appeal to a wide cross section of people and we promote the club heavily through social media"

"We've spent a lot of money over the past few years to refurbish the club, including all the bars, the Concert Room, the Lounge, new toilets and the Foyer and it has really been worth the investment," says Steve.

"Providing this great environment undoubtedly attracts new members and we've increased turnover on a Saturday night by 20 per cent since we refurbished our Concert Room."

"We have various bodies who use the club's facilities – including a Probus Club, British Legion branch, a Pensioners Club and a historical society. These clubs bring people into the club on a regular basis and they'll often join as members of the club in their own right once they see what we have to offer."

And the club offers plenty, including a well-run and reasonably priced bar (the top seller, John Smith's, is currently priced at £2.40 a pint), live entertainment, bowls, snooker, Sky Sports and BT Sport, weekly raffles, bingo and regular children's fun days.

"We've been staging our 'Friday Night Live' tribute nights about once a month and they bring in a different crowd," says Steve.

"We found that we had a very loyal Saturday night following of people who would come to the club on a Saturday to enjoy live acts but not on other days, so we had to do something different to attract other people and these tribute events have done just that."

CLUB OF THE MONTH

“Recently we’ve had tributes to George Michael, Elton John, Robbie Williams, the Blues Brothers and Elvis, to name just a few, and they have been really successful. We sell tickets in advance for £4 or £5 on the night and it has been great for the club.

“You pay more for a decent quality tribute act but when you account for tickets sold and the increased bar takings, we make a bit of money on these nights over the year. More importantly, we’ve brought in a different crowd on Friday nights, many from outside Elland.

“Bowling is also very strong at the club. We run about a dozen teams throughout the week plus other teams use our green so it brings in a decent income over the summer, even when you take into account the large maintenance costs.

“Live sport is another benefit for members and the club has Sky Sports and BT Sport and we show the Premier League and Champions League games. We have quite a strong boxing fraternity here so we’ve paid extra to have the pay-per-view boxing and that has worked out really well.

“Sundays are very busy in the club and there’s a longstanding tradition which stretches back over many decades where we have a cash raffle on Sunday lunchtimes. We do three draws and sell about £1,000 worth of tickets.

“The club takes 10 per cent and then the rest is put towards the prize fund. Last week we paid out three draws of around £250. It makes the club around £5,000 a year.”



The club has undergone major refurbishments in the past three years

As a further revenue booster, the club recently held its first car boot sale in their large car park on a Sunday morning and plan to run four per year, the maximum number allowed by the local council.

All in all, it would seem that Elland WMC is in very good shape going forward.

“Things are going very well right across the board,” says Steve. “In 2016, we made a surplus of over £60,000 and we will have surpassed that for 2017.

“We have a very healthy bank balance and that enables us to invest the money back into the club for the benefit of the members.

“We’ve done as much as we can to cut our running costs – from negotiating better

deals with suppliers to installing LED lights and solar panels – so that all contributes.

“We have a very effective and hardworking Committee, headed by our President, my sister-in-law Karen Graydon and an excellent staff headed by Stewardess Nicki Longstaff.

“Everyone is pulling in the same direction and we’re delighted that the club continues to go from strength to strength.”

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Left to right: Club Secretary Steve Graydon, Ruth Bowers (Staff Member), Linda Griffiths (Staff Member), Lucy Skellington (Staff Member), Andrea Stevenson (Relief Stewardess), Nicki Longstaff (Stewardess) and Clive Harte (Club Treasurer)



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The CIU Contracts and Handbook have been updated and reprinted.

The documents available are:

Club Staff Handbook
 Club Steward Contract
 Bar Manager Contract
 Bar/Cleaning Staff Contract
 Bar/Cleaning Staff Terms and Conditions of Employment
 Bar/Cleaning Temporary Staff Terms and Conditions of Employment
 Club Staff Accommodation Contract

The club documents are priced as follows: £5 for each Handbook; £2.50 for each Contract (except the Club Staff Accommodation Contract which is priced at £1.30 as a special limited edition) and £1.50 for each Terms and Conditions document.

To buy any of these documents please contact your local Branch Office.

National Executive Committee dates for 2018

The dates for the 2018 meetings of the NEC are as follows:

May - 2nd/3rd
 June - 6th/7th
 July - 4th/5th
 August - 1st/2nd
 September - 5th/6th
 October - 3rd/4th
 November - 7th/8th
 December - 5th/6th

Annual Meeting 2018

Thursday, April 12

NEC Meeting/Executive Dinner

Friday, April 13

Beer & Trades Show – 1-5pm
 (Norcalympia, Norbreck Castle Hotel)

Saturday, April 14

AGM (The Globe Theatre, Blackpool Pleasure Beach) – 10am start

SPOTLIGHT: LES HEPWORTH CMD

NEC Member and Heavy Woollen Branch Secretary Les Hepworth CMD gives his views on the current state of the club sector and the key challenges facing CIU clubs

Q: How did you first become involved with club administration and the CIU?

I've been a member of Ossett Central Club for around 30 years and served as Club Secretary for three years, during which time I took my CMD and passed with honours. I also spent around eight years as a Committee Member and Trustee of the Railway Club in Ossett and served as Treasurer of Ossett Trinity Rugby Club. I became Branch Secretary of Heavy Woollen and Huddersfield in July 2016 and then joined the National Executive Committee earlier this year.

Q: How are clubs in your area generally faring at the moment?

We have a few clubs which are doing very well, and some which are managing to keep their heads above water. In general the bigger clubs are doing well but the smaller clubs can often struggle.

Many clubs are struggling to get younger members involved but that's an ongoing problem for clubs nationwide.

It's really important that clubs which find themselves facing difficulties get in touch with their local branch for help and advice before it's too late. Once a club closes, it's gone forever.

Q: If the Prime Minister offered you three wishes on behalf of clubs, what would they be?

Allowing smoking in clubs would be one of them as the Smoking Ban has been the downfall of many Working Mens Clubs and pubs. I know people who won't come out now because of the ban and will drink at home where they can smoke to their heart's content.

They resent having to go out in the cold to have a cigarette because of the Smoking Ban. I'd like clubs to be able to have an indoor smoking room and given how efficient modern ventilation equipment is these days, smoking rooms would be a far cry from the clubs and pubs of old when you needed a knife to cut through the smoky atmosphere!

Secondly, I think the Government should take action to ensure that clubs are not paying so much to show live sport on Sky Sports and BT Sport. The amount clubs pay is calculated on the rateable value of the whole building and bears no relation to the size of the room where they're actually showing the sport.

In my view the subscription fee should be

Les Hepworth CMD



calculated on the capacity of the room or rooms where members are actually watching live sport.

Thirdly, the Government should reduce the tax on beer and level the playing field between the price of alcohol in pubs and clubs and what it costs in supermarkets.

Q: What are the most positive signs you've seen in the club sector in the past three years?

I think having a vibrant sports section in your club can really help to boost membership and bring younger members into the club. At my club, we started a football section three years ago and it has really revitalised the membership.

Not only do the players use the club following matches but they start using the club on other days and will often bring their friends with them. If you can get a football, rugby or cricket team going at your club it can have a really positive influence.

Q: Who has been the biggest influence in your club life?

It has to be the late Brian Haigh who was on the Committee of Ossett Central Club for over 40 years and got me involved in the club in the first place.

Brian was a real character and if a stranger walked into the club, he'd know their life history 15 minutes later. He held a number of positions at the club, including that of President, and was a great club man and friend.

Leicestershire Branch Secretary urges action on falling Pass Card sales

Leicestershire Branch Secretary Mick Challinor has urged clubs to enforce the rule regarding the sale of Pass Cards to their members in order to safeguard the future of the CIU.

In a letter to the Union President, Mr Challinor said: “It is with some concern that I write this letter regarding the losses some of the branches have been making over the last few years and are increasing each year. This cannot continue. For the year ending September 2017, the accounts show 18 of the 25 branches made a deficit. If clubs insisted that all their members purchased a Pass Card this would dramatically reverse the situation.

“Over the last few years a number of branches have closed and I do not want my branch to become one of them. I acknowledge there are fewer clubs in the branches now owing to the closure of clubs over recent years but this is not the main problem.

“Rule 8 of the CIU model rules (Membership of the Union) states: *‘A person on becoming a member of the club shall be supplied with an Associate and Pass Card at the prevailing rate charged by the Union for any period’.*

“Most clubs have this rule in their rule book and in my opinion the word SHALL does not mean that the person can please themselves but I am afraid this is happening in some of our clubs and if this continues more branches will inevitably have to close.

“The sale of Pass Cards contributes 97 per cent of the income that the branches receive so you can see how important this matter is not only for the branches but for the Club Union itself who also rely on the sale of Pass Cards.

“The Head Office in London does such a lot of work for our clubs. They have been successful in getting changes to legislation that the Government has tried to implement on many occasions, including the proposed Bingo Tax and the Maximum £25 jackpot on the gaming machines, both of which would have affected our clubs negatively if they had been brought in.

“Head Office also advises, free of charge, on legal matters, change of rules and many other matters.

“If, through lack of financial support, the Union no longer existed clubs would have to call on a solicitor to get these legal matters sorted and this could cost them hundreds of pounds.

“Without the Union, clubs would become independent and the Associate Card would become extinct, restricting movement from club to club. Clubs would become private members-only clubs and if the club allowed the public to enter, the club would have to change from a Premises Certificate to a Public Licence which would affect many things, including gaming machine income. Any surpluses would become profits affecting the way your club is taxed.

“The services which the CIU provides can only be achieved by all clubs insisting that every member purchases a Pass Card. I know the main reason that the member gives for not purchasing a Pass Card is that they do not go to other clubs, mainly because of the distance of other clubs to their home club.

“This should not be accepted as an excuse for a member not purchasing a Pass Card. It is their personal contribution to the upkeep of the Union. Also, I do not think it is fair that the member who does not purchase a Pass Card gets the same benefits from the Union as the member who does. So, don’t wait for the inevitable to happen because, as the saying goes ‘when it’s gone, it’s gone’.

“The price of the Pass Card has remained the same for a number of years – £3.50 for the year. At around a penny a day I think it is very good value and it might be possible to reduce this amount if all members purchased one.

“I hope that club officials will bring this matter to the attention of their committees in the near future. It would not serve any purpose just putting a letter on the noticeboard as this would still give members a choice of whether to purchase a Pass Card.”

Mr Challinor also noted that: “Rule 8 needs to be fully implemented by your Committee. If any of your members object to this, you already have the answer: ‘Because the rules say so.’”

Beer & Trades Exhibition to be staged at the Norbreck Castle Hotel

As you’ll see from the front page, the 27th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will be taking place at the Norcalympia at the Norbreck Castle Hotel on the afternoon of Friday, April 13 and not in the Paradise Room of the Blackpool Pleasure Beach as originally announced.

The show has returned to last year’s venue due to the increased number of companies wishing to exhibit and will follow a similar format to last year, with several bingo sessions taking place throughout the day and a number of great prizes, including television screens, up for grabs.

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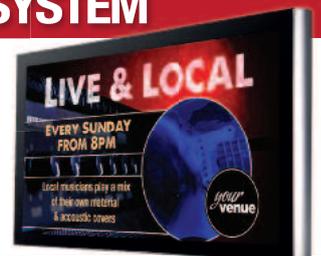
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MEMBERS' CORNER

Informative articles which affect our life

by Dione Mobley

Blackpool, the seaside resort on the Irish Sea Coast of England, continues to attract millions of visitors each year. It is also the town which plays host to the Union's Annual General Meeting.

Once a preferred destination for visitors from Glasgow, Blackpool is continually striving to improve its position within the tourist industry and for the many visitors to the town, there is always something to do.

In the summer, particularly, many are still drawn to this very unique destination on our coastal shores.

It is the home to the world's very first Electric Steel tramway which was built in 1885 and is the UK's only surviving first-generation tramway which is still in operation and part of the local transport system today.

Rare and interesting documents

discovered in archives from the past revealed that, during World War II, Hitler did not want to bomb Blackpool. He requested the town be preserved for his own personal use.

However, in September 1940, German bombs fell near the North railway station. Today the site is home to the Town Hall offices and a supermarket.

The town has worked hard in recent years to revive its image and has achieved a really good reputation for a thriving music and arts scene along with many other attractions for visitors to enjoy.

The Pleasure Beach theme park, Sandcastle Water Park, Blackpool Zoo, The Waxworks, several theatres, Sea Life Centre and the Illuminations are several such attractions.

Blackpool has many secret tunnels running underneath the surface from the famous tower all the way to the Winter Gardens once used by various performers. Some recent modern day famous stars to visit Blackpool have included George Clooney who was spotted eating fish & chips, while Lady Gaga was snapped drinking a pint there.

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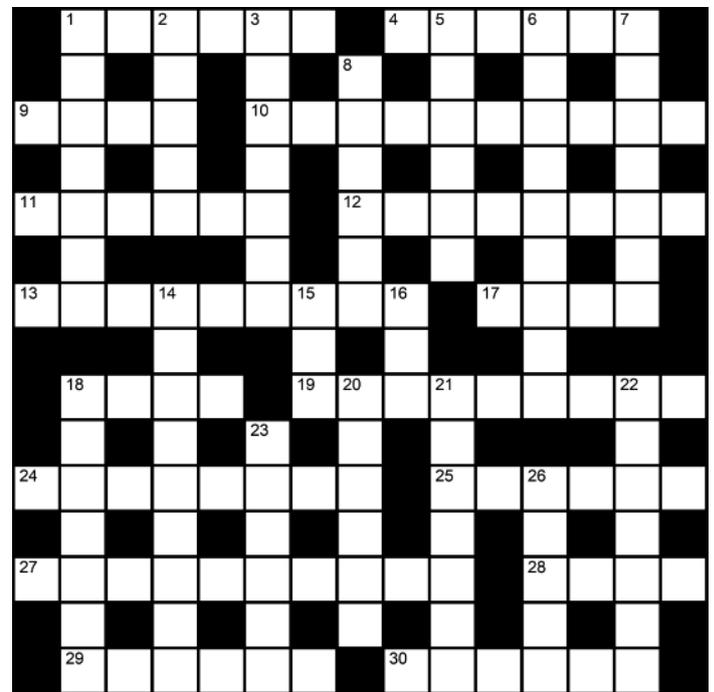
- 1 Code I knocked off its perch! (6)
- 4 Altogether? In a way, it's French... (2,4)
- 9 Jealousy sounds like new version, initially. (4)
- 10 Idleness - creates a cavity within it (10)
- 11 Expedition, as far as I can see. (6)
- 12 Thump Sir's pet - for victories? (8)
- 13 Widely bar outlaws from path to trot? (9)
- 17 Resting on one T-shirt. (4)
- 18 End of church, said to be on phone. (4)
- 19 Some other place to hear Adele swear, finally. (9)
- 24 Cub in peril taken to be democracy. (8)

- 26 Complain at nothing to Mr Marx? (6)
- 27 Quark? - can succeed in her efforts... (4,6)
- 28 Bluish-green area of sea-quake. (4)
- 29 Lightens, but is out of distance. (6)
- 30 Floating free - in a pile of snow! (6)

- 8 Saying about ATM that ran out... (6)
- 14 Underbids craftily to take a load off. (9)
- 15 Grief said to stop one in one's tracks. (3)
- 16 Eyeshadow - partly affirmative... (3)
- 18 Axle, from USA, is gender neutral? (7)
- 20 Compare, say, to Nature's pollution indicator. (6)
- 21 Boffin - does he look like he's been laid on top? (7)
- 22 Enlist soldier? - that's new! (7)
- 23 Last year's Top Gear? How passé. (3-3)
- 26 Book a piece of a little giraffe... (5)

DOWN

- 1 Can't rue becoming a mythical being... (7)
- 2 'Aposhly' is not the way to group plants! (5)
- 3 De-ice (if possible) the building. (7)
- 5 Twin about to take it, the fool! (6)
- 6 Romantic nil-nil game? (4,5)
- 7 Get the news - by walking faster? (5,2)



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Friday, April 13, 7.45pm – Sky Sports Arena HD
Super League: Leeds Rhinos v Wigan Warriors
 One of the keenest rivalries in the sport, this game should be another humdinger of a clash between two proud sides. The Warriors will be favourites to win after a bright start to their campaign with the likes of Joe Burgess and Tom Gilmore in fine form but Leeds Rhinos will be eager to kickstart their season with a home victory.

Saturday, April 14, 1pm – ITV
Horse Racing: The Grand National Festival
 One of the sporting highlights of the year as the 171st running of the Grand National takes place at Aintree at around 5.15pm. Last year saw 14/1 shot One For Arthur, ridden by Derek Fox and trained by Lucinda Russell take the trophy. Many punters have already put their money on Nigel Twiston-Davies trained horse Blaklion.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

The Grand National takes centre stage in April but there is plenty of other great live sport on offer, including the semi-finals of the UEFA Champions League and several Premier League encounters

Sunday April 8
 2.15pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Arsenal v Southampton

Thursday April 12
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports Football HD
League One: Bradford City v Shrewsbury Town

Thursday April 12
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Europa League - Quarter-Final, 2nd Leg

Friday April 13
 1pm
 ITV
Horse Racing: The Grand National Meeting - Day 2

Friday April 13
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
Aviva Premiership Rugby: Newcastle Falcons v Sale Sharks



Premier League Darts, Thursday, April 19, 7pm, Sky Sports Action HD

Friday April 13
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports Football HD
Championship: Aston Villa v Leeds United

Friday April 13
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports Arena HD
Super League: Leeds Rhinos v Wigan Warriors

Saturday April 14
 12.30pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Southampton v Chelsea

Saturday April 14
 3pm
 BT Sport HD
Leicester Tigers v Northampton Saints

Saturday April 14
 1pm
 ITV
Horse Racing: The Grand National Meeting - Day 3

Saturday April 14
 5.30pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Premier League: Liverpool v Bournemouth



Tuesday, April 24, 7.45pm – BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: Semi-Final, 2nd Leg -
 The Champions League reaches a crucial stage and there are high hopes that an English team will go all the way to the final. Manchester City have been exceptional on the European stage during their campaign and look to have the all-round game to challenge the best of the best of European club football.



Sunday, April 29, 4.30pm – Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Manchester United v Arsenal
 This Premier League season has been a crushing disappointment for Gunners fans with little chance of their team finishing in a top four position. When they faced United back in January, they were comprehensively outplayed at the Emirates with Antonio Valencia, Jesse Lingard and Paul Pogba setting up a 3-1 United victory.

Saturday April 14
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester City

Sunday April 15
 12 noon
 Sky Sports Football HD
Championship: Wolverhampton Wanderers v Birmingham City

Sunday April 15
 1.30pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Newcastle United v Arsenal

Sunday April 15
 4pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Manchester United v West Bromwich Albion

Monday April 16
 8pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: West Ham United v Stoke City

Thursday April 19
 7pm
 Sky Sports Action HD
Premier League Darts

Thursday April 19
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports Arena HD
Super League: Hull FC v Leeds Rhinos

Friday April 20
 8pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Brighton & Hove Albion v Tottenham Hotspur

Saturday April 21
 1pm
 ITV
Horse Racing: Ayr & Newbury

Saturday April 21
 5.30pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Premier League: Bournemouth v Manchester United

Sunday April 22
 2.15pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: West Bromwich Albion v Liverpool

Sunday April 22
 4.30pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Manchester City v Swansea City

Monday April 23
 8pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Arsenal v West Ham United

Tuesday April 24
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League - Semi-Final, 1st Leg

Wednesday April 25
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League - Semi-Final, 1st Leg

Thursday April 26
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Europa League - Semi-Final, 1st Leg

Friday April 27
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
Aviva Premiership Rugby: Leicester Tigers v Newcastle Falcons

Saturday April 28
 12.30pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Liverpool v Stoke City

Saturday April 28
 1pm
 ITV
Horse Racing: Sandown Park, Haydock Park and Leicester

Saturday April 28
 5pm
 Sky Sports Arena HD
Super League: Catalans Dragons v Hull FC

Saturday April 28
 5.30pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Premier League: Swansea City v Chelsea

Sunday April 29
 2.15pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: West Ham United v Manchester City

Sunday April 29
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Premier League: Manchester United v Arsenal

Monday April 30
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