

Union voices concerns over new gaming machine proposals

The CIU is urging its member clubs to have their say on the Gambling Commission's (GC's) proposed changes to gaming machine technical standards.

If implemented, these changes could have significant implications for the operation of gaming machines in clubs, namely an increase in costs, the need for additional training of staff and loss of revenue.

The changes could also see reel-based analogue machines – many of which remain popular in CIU clubs – being rendered obsolete.

This is because the rules would mean that all machines will need to be updated to enable players to set monetary limits and time-outs before commencing play on the machines, in order to combat potential problem gambling.

The proposals which are being considered by the GC include a raft of new rules including limit setting for all Category B machines, new rules on net position and elapsed time display meters on all Category B machines, safer gambling messaging, new rules on awards below the stake size and prohibiting player-led stop features all in relation to Category B machines.

Under the proposals, a player would have to input their financial limit ahead of playing and a message would flash up on the gaming machine screen when the player reaches that predetermined limit.

The same message would then have to be relayed to a member of staff via a link to the bar or club office to inform them that a player had reached their limit.



Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM

A staff member would then be obliged to interact with that player to satisfy themselves that problem gambling is not taking place.

Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM added: "Gaming machines have long provided a valuable income stream for clubs and enjoyment for our members.

"While the Union remains 100 per cent committed to promoting responsible gambling in our clubs, we are concerned that these proposed changes may prove to be unworkable in a members' club environment and could lead to a reduction in income and an increase in costs.

"We will be taking part in the Consultation and arguing that clubs should be exempt given that there is absolutely no evidence that problem gambling on gaming machines is a significant issue in the overwhelming majority of our member clubs."

The Consultation on the changes in technical standards runs until May 20.

● For more on this issue, read the feature on pages 8-9

All roads lead to Blackpool for Conference Weekend



The morning of Saturday, April 26 will see the 161st Annual Meeting of the CIU taking place at the Grand Hotel in Blackpool.

During the meeting, the Annual Report and Financial Report for 2024 will both be presented.

Delegates will also vote on several Motions up for debate during the proceedings.

The CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition is being held on Friday, April 25, at the Norcalympia Suite at Blackpool's Norbreck Castle Hotel.

The CIU Blackpool Showcase is being staged at the H&A Social Club in central Blackpool on the evening of Friday, April 26.

Entry costs £5 and there will be a host of top club acts performing.

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Welcome to the April edition of *Club Journal* as clubs prepare for Conference Weekend.

This year's Annual Meeting - the 161 st - will take place on the morning of Saturday, April 26 in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel in Blackpool with delegates from clubs from all over the country in attendance.

The venue is extremely easy to get to from central Blackpool on the tram with the Wilton Parade stop just a couple of minutes walk away.

There is also free parking available to delegates but please ensure that you enter your car registration at the hotel Reception desk to ensure you are not charged.

As well as considering the 2024 Annual Report and Financial Statement, delegates will also have the opportunity to vote on a number of Motions proposed by the NEC.

As usual, on the day before the Annual Meeting, delegates are invited to the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition at the Norbreck Castle Hotel.

Again, the venue is easy to reach by tram with its own stop directly opposite the front entrance. Parking is also available but please ensure you enter your car registration at the hotel Reception.

This is the UK's biggest trade show for private members' social clubs and

Welcome

there will be a wide range of suppliers ready to talk about the products and services they can offer, including the CIU's Preferred Suppliers BOC, Dransfields, Greene King, Higos and Pure Purchasing.

Then, on the Friday evening, the Union will be staging our Blackpool Showcase event at the H&A Social Club venue with a number of superb acts performing.

Entry is just £5- see pages 14-15 for more details.

The 'Club of the Month' for April is High Green Social Club in Sheffield which is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.

For the full profile of the club, please see pages 16-19.

Meanwhile, please read the article about the Gambling Commission's upcoming Consultation on gaming machines on pages 8-9 and consider making a submission on why clubs should be exempt from their proposals for the future way gaming machines are managed.

I hope you enjoy this month's issue and have a great Conference.

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City star Jack Grealish pops into North Biddick Social Club



England and Manchester City star Jack Grealish at North Biddick Social Club

North Biddick Social Club in Washington, County Durham welcomed a special guest at the start of March when England and Manchester City star Jack Grealish visited the club on a Sunday to share a couple of drinks with friends.

Grealish had played a major role in City's 3-1 FA Cup win over Plymouth Argyle the day before and looked extremely relaxed in the club, happily posing for pictures with locals, including a group of children.

The club has certainly enjoyed a busy start to 2025 with a full programme of activities taking place there, including live entertainment, sports and games and community events.

At the end of February, the club hosted a networking day for the Washington Heritage Partnership which connects heritage/culture organisations and individuals in the local area.



Members of the Washington Heritage Partnership

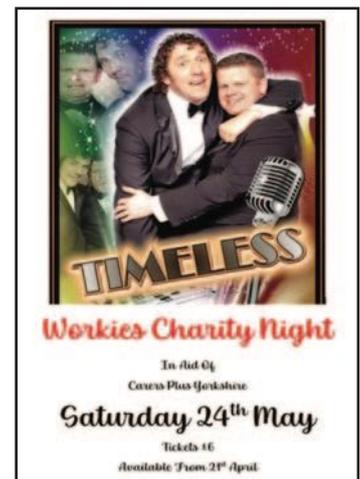
News in brief



Hereford Richmond Place Club donates cash to local bereavement charity Phoenix

The Richmond Place Club in Hereford recently presented a cheque for £630 to the Phoenix Bereavement charity.

The money was raised by the club's Open Darts tournament held in December as well as collections during the club's Country Music Nights.



Northallerton Working Men's Club to hold Charity Night in aid of Carers Plus Yorkshire

Northallerton Working Men's Club is staging a special Charity Night in aid of Carers Plus Yorkshire which supports unpaid carers in the community.

The live entertainment will be provided by musical comedy duo Timeless.

To buy tickets, call Shelly on: 01609 780872

CLUB NOTICES

Club name changes

From: Knott End Working Men's Club & Institute

To: Knott End Sports and Social Club Ltd

From: Milford Club

To: Milford Club Ltd.

News in brief



Willesden WMC to hold fancy dress Easter Children's Party on Saturday, April 19

Willesden Working Men's Club in London is gearing up for its annual Easter Children's Party.

The event on Saturday, April 19 will see sports events, an Easter Egg hunt and a fancy dress competition.



Middleton-in-Teesdale Sports & Social Club celebrate rising total to 'Raise The Roof'

Following a long campaign to raise money for badly needed repairs to its roof, Middleton-in-Teesdale Sports and Social Club is closing in on a £20,000 total.

The latest fundraising push took place on the weekend of the Carabao Cup Final in March between Liverpool and Newcastle United and saw the club raffle a shirt signed by none other than all-time great Kevin Keegan.

Therapy dog becomes Life Member of Hunwick WMC



Therapy dog Bob at the bar at Hunwick Working Men's Club with Stewardess Lisa Hawkins (left) and owner Nicky Morson (right) (Picture: Sarah Caldecott)

A therapy dog has captured the hearts of members of Hunwick Working Men's Club in Durham to such an extent that he has been given his own Life Member's Card.

The Alsatian, Border Collie and Labrador cross has been a familiar face at the club since he was young, getting used to crowds and social settings as part of his therapy dog training. Now a fully qualified therapy dog, Bob has been awarded a Lifetime Membership Card at the club.

When club memberships were up for renewal, a committee member pointed out that one of their most regular visitors wasn't yet a member—Bob. In recognition of his presence and impact, Bob – owned by Nicky Morson – was granted his own lifetime membership.

Bob has a special bond with Stewardess Lisa Hawkins, who always ensures he has fresh water and plenty of treats.

Lisa said: "Bob brings smiles into the club. The members adore him and give him loads of attention. He even has his own spot behind the bar and is always a talking point when people visit."

But Bob's achievements don't stop there. He is also England's first therapy dog specialising in work with homeless individuals.

Now almost four years old, he has been supporting the Cornerstone charity for nearly a year, working alongside Nicky, who serves as the organisation's communications and support lead.

"The club has always been a huge supporter of Cornerstone," said Nicky.



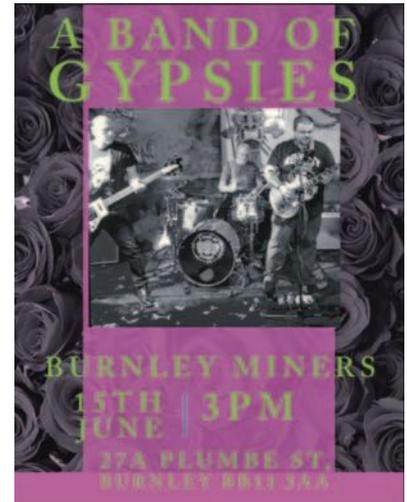
Bob with his Honorary Life Member's Card (Pic: Sarah Caldecott)

DSA for Chell Social Club Secretary Dan Capewell



Chell Social Club Secretary Dan Capewell CMD (left) receives his 40-Year Distinguished Service Award from West Midlands Branch Secretary Jack Haughey CMD (right)

News in brief



Top rock covers band book date at Burnley Miners Social Club on Sunday, June 15

Classic rock will be the order of the day on Sunday, June 15 at Burnley Miners Social Club when A Band of Gypsies will be performing an afternoon gig.

Named after an album by the Jimi Hendrix Experience, the band will be going through a repertoire of popular guitar-heavy tracks from the 1960s right up to some modern classics.

Groby Ex-Servicemen's Social Club celebrates twin pool league victories

Groby Ex-Servicemen's Social Club in Leicester is celebrating the achievements of their pool teams.

The 'A' team won the North Region Division 1 title in the Leicester District Pool League while the club's 'Dynamo' team won the League's North Region Division 4 title.

Club Secretary Nathan Clarke said: "The club is extremely proud of the success of our 'A' and 'Dynamo' teams, particularly given the overall high level of competition across the Leicester District Pool League which has some of the best players in the country taking part."

Away from the pool table, the club enjoyed a busy March with several events taking place, including live entertainment from Boyz Beyond, a tribute to the likes of Boyzone, Take That and One Direction and Abba tribute show Gimme, Gimme, Gimme.



The victorious 'A' team: Nigel Gregory, James Duffy, Mick Bradbury, Pete Clapham, Jules Gilbert, Rich Knight and Phil Layton

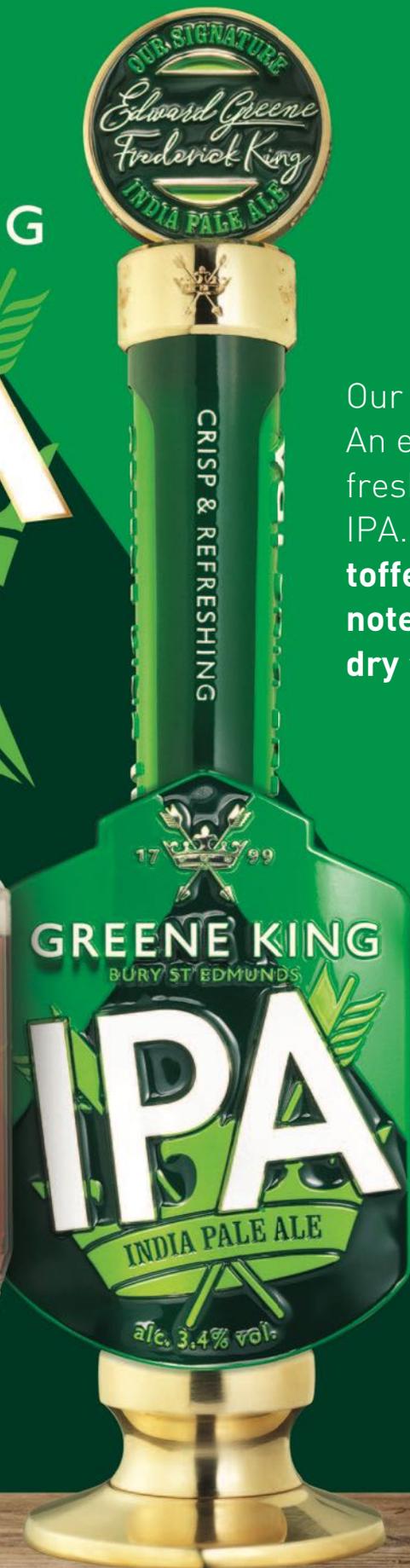


The Groby Ex-Servicemen Social Club's 'Dynamo' team: Dave O'Donovan, George Thorpe, Reece Knight, Craig Bishop, Simon Prince and Brad Gilbert



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Clubman Tom Jones celebrates his 107th birthday



Tom Jones (left) and The Mayor of Bexley, Councillor Sue Gower MBE JP (right)



Daniel Francis, MP for Bexleyheath & Crayford with Tom Jones (right)

Happy Birthday to Kent clubman Tom Jones who celebrated his 107th birthday in February at the Groveleand Park Care Home.

Still a member of Belvedere Social Club in Kent, Tom served on the Committee of the club for many years and was also a member of the Executive Committee of the Kent Branch of the CIU.

A party – complete with musical entertainment, a buffet and two cakes – was held at the care home with Tom's family and friends in attendance alongside Daniel Francis, the Member of Parliament for Bexleyheath & Crayford and The Mayor of Bexley, Councillor Sue Gower MBE JP.

News in brief



Newcastle CIU clubs enjoy a super Sunday as the Toon beat Reds to lift the Carabao Cup

Sunday, March 15 saw a massive day of celebrations for Newcastle clubs as the Toon enjoyed a 2-1 victory over Liverpool in the Carabao Cup Final at Wembley.

Fans across the city packed into their local clubs to witness the epic match live on Sky Sports while others topped and tailed their trip to Wembley with a visit to the club.

The Coxlodge Club (pictured, above) certainly saw a massive day of sales at the bar during a sporting occasion which will live long in the memories of those who attended.

Bishopthorpe Sports and Social Club is named as 'Club of the Year' by CAMRA's York branch

The York Branch of the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) has named Bishopthorpe Sports and Social Club as its 'Club of the Year' for 2025.

The club is renowned for its cask ale offering with a selection of beers available throughout the week.

Recently the club staged its annual three-day St Patrick's Beer Festival on the weekend of March 14, 15 and 16 with a selection of cask ales available as well as two craft ciders.

The Friday night of the Festival saw live entertainment from Motown singer Frankie Heart while the Saturday saw members enjoying the finale of the Six Nations Rugby Championship on the big screen.

CLUB NOTICES

Expulsion of club member

Paul Kelly, St. James WMC, Northampton (South East Midlands Branch) was expelled from the club on December 3, 2024.

Concerns over changes in gaming regulations

Chris Haley, Managing Director of Dransfields, recently gave a presentation to the Committee of Registered Clubs Associations (CORCA) about the Gambling Commission Consultation on gaming machine technical standards which could have major implications for clubs



The Gambling Commission has launched a consultation on the regulations governing the management of gambling machines

On March 19, Chris Haley, Managing Director of CIU Preferred Supplier Dransfields, attended a CORCA meeting in London to give an overview of the Gambling Commission's (GC's) Consultation on gaming machine technical standards.

The proposals which are being considered by the GC include a raft of new rules including limit setting for all Category B machines, new rules on net position and elapsed time display meters on all Category B machines, safer gambling messaging, new rules on awards below the stake size and prohibiting player-led stop features all in relation to Category B machines. Dransfields is the largest supplier of gaming and entertainment machines in the club market with 80 per cent of its turnover coming from clubs.

Dransfields supplies 15,000 machines of which 6,200 are gaming machines and is also a leading member of BACTA, the trade association for gaming and entertainment operators.

Chris is concerned about the implications of the changes including

the following proposals:

- A machine player must set a limit for how much they wish to spend (max £450) / how long they wish to play for (max 1 hour)

- If they don't set their own limits then the machine will default to 20 minutes and £150

- When the limit is reached the player will be alerted and presented with safer gambling messaging on the machine screen:

- (i) How long the player has played for, how much they have put into the machine and their net position (cash deposited minus winnings)

- (ii) Messages about potential sources of support

- When the limit is reached there will be an enforced break - suggestion is 30 seconds - during which the machine cannot be played

- The player may then continue

playing after setting another limit, or collect any winnings and end their play.

Chris said: "As part of these changes, a new 'back office' system will need to be installed to alert a staff member when a player reaches their limit when playing on a machine.

"This 'staff alert' must include: how long the player has played for and how much they have put into the machine and their net position – the cash deposited minus winnings.

"What is more, the club must ensure that staff alerts are acted upon 'appropriately and in a timely manner'.

"So, think about the logistics in a club. When the staff are alerted that a player has reached their limit, who will be the staff member to intervene and will club members feel comfortable with this information being shared?

"It is highly likely that there will be privacy concerns, especially as the information will also be displayed on the machine screen so anybody standing nearby will be able to see



Chris Haley, Managing Director of Dransfields, the Preferred Supplier of gaming and entertainment machines to the CIU

what is happening.

“Often the only staff members in a club are the bar staff and they will have to act in an ‘appropriate and timely manner’, no matter how busy the bar is at that time. Who maintains the bar whilst they leave it to engage with a player?”

“Also, will players get frustrated at enforced limits and react negatively with the machine or staff members talking to them about reaching their ‘limit’?”

“And there will also be a cost to the club in installing that back office system which will be developed by gaming suppliers like us.

“Then you’ve got the cost of staff training as well, which you might be able to do in-house, but will add to the workload undertaken by club staff and committee members.”

Chris also pointed out that older digital machines and analogue reel-based machines will become obsolete under the proposals.

“When it comes to analogue machines – which remain extremely

popular in the club market – they obviously cannot be updated to meet these new directives,” he said.

“Just in the Dransfields estate alone, that’s about 1000 machines which will need to be scrapped and any members who prefer those older, reel-based machines will not be able to play on them, a potential threat to a club’s income.

“In addition, there are many older digital machines being currently used in clubs that are also unable to be updated and will need to be replaced.

“There is clearly going to be a cost implication as gaming machine suppliers will have to pass these costs on.

“There will also be the fact that players who like the older-style reel based machines won’t necessarily want to play the new digital versions.

“Looking at the proposals, we believe that clubs should be exempt from these proposals, particularly as there is no evidence of significant problem gambling taking place in clubs.”

Have your say

Responses setting out your views on the proposals should be sent to:

**Mr Graham Burgin
Gambling Commission
Victoria Square House
Victoria Square
Birmingham
B2 4BP**

Send a copy of your response to the Minister for Gambling, Baroness Twycross and to your local MP – you can look them up at the website: members.parliament.uk.

This Consultation is the main opportunity that clubs will have to make their voices heard on these damaging proposals and the impact that they will have on clubs.

Make the point that pubs are exempt from these proposals, so clubs should be as well.

You can also respond online to the Gambling Commission (the direct link to the Consultation is on the CIU website).

Saturday, April 26 – The 161st Annual Meeting

The 161st Annual Meeting of the Union takes place in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel in Blackpool on Saturday, April 26 and will see delegates voting on a number of motions



The Annual Meeting will take place on the morning of Saturday, April 26

The Union's 2025 Conference Weekend takes place this month.

The key event for CIU delegates is the morning of Saturday, April 26 when the 2025 Annual Meeting – the 161st edition – takes place in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel in Blackpool.

Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM will chair the Annual Meeting and will be supported on the main stage by General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Vice-President Bob Russell CMD, as well as Members of the National Executive Committee.

During the meeting, the 2024 Annual Report will be considered by delegates while Union Accountant Uto Ekanem will present the Union's

Financial Report for 2024.

There will be several motions proposed by the NEC which will be debated and then voted upon by delegates.

These Motions are listed on the opposite page and can also be found on the Union's official website and have been posted to all affiliated clubs.

A full agenda for the Annual Meeting, which begins at 10am, is also listed on the opposite page.

The Meeting will include an address by the General Secretary as well as guest speakers.

The Grand Hotel has free parking for delegates (note: please key in your car registration at the Hotel Reception as soon as you arrive) and is also directly opposite a tram stop.



General Secretary Kenneth D Green ACM CMD will make an address at the AGM

Agenda – The 161st Annual Meeting 10am, Saturday, April 26

- 1. Minutes of the Council Meeting held April 20, 2024**
- 2. Civic Welcome by the Worshipful Mayor of Blackpool**
- 3. Standing Orders Committee**
- 4. President's address**
- 5. Guest Speaker**
- 6. To consider the Annual Report 2024**
- 7. To consider the Union's Financial Statement for the year ended 30th September 2024**
- 8. Proposed amendments to the Union's Constitution**
- 9. Future of the Union's Branches**
- 10. General Secretary's address**

The Motions Proposed by the NEC

MOTION 1

To remove Rule 20(m) from the Union Constitution

MOTION 2

To remove Rule 11(d) from the Union Constitution

PIOUS MOTION

Pious Motion on the restructure and future of Union Branches. To include A presentation by NEC member Mark Fergusson CMD ACM

Friday, April 25: Beer & Trades Exhibition

The 33rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will be staged at the Norbreck Castle Hotel on Friday, April 25 with a number of club-related suppliers showcasing their products and services

The 33rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition is set to be another unmissable event for Union club officials when it takes place on Friday, April 25, at Blackpool's Norbreck Castle Hotel.

As the UK's largest trade show for private members' social clubs, the Exhibition offers a wealth of products and services designed to help clubs save money and grow their business.

A wide range of key club suppliers from across the UK will be in attendance, including Preferred Suppliers such as BOC, Dransfields, Greene King, Brown & Brown Insurance and Pure Purchasing.

At the complimentary bar, Greene King will be showcasing its leading brands, creating the perfect setting for networking with fellow club officials.

Dransfields will also be going all out for this year's exhibition, giving delegates the chance to explore their latest club products firsthand, including the versatile Spotlight entertainment system, pool tables, gaming machines, and their new 'Dart Shark' system. Following their recent acquisition of Crystal & Son, Dransfields now also offer a selection of fundraising and printed products to help clubs engage members and generate revenue.

Throughout the afternoon, attendees can take part in bingo sessions hosted by Dransfields and other exhibitors, with plenty of opportunities to win fantastic prizes.

The 2025 trade show promises to be an engaging, valuable, and enjoyable event for



The Greene King and Belhaven bar will be providing drinks at the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition



NEC Member Glenn Doyle (middle) and Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM (far right) visit the stand of suppliers



Delegates will have plenty of chances to win prizes at the Dransfields stand



The Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) will run a cask ale bar at the 2025 trade fair



Dransfields exhibited their Lucky Dip club lottery machine at the 2024 event



Dransfields will be showcasing their new Dart Shark system



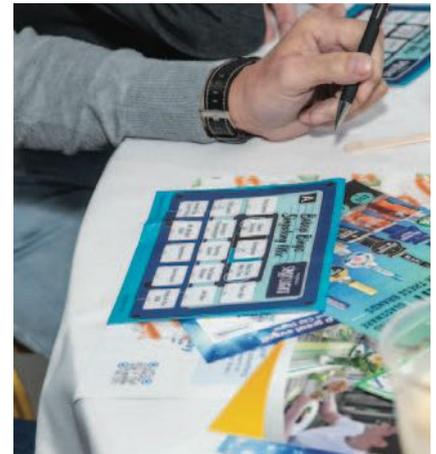
Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM at last year's event



A delegate tests his punching power at the TNT Sports stand



Delegates enjoy their drinks and a game of bingo during the 2024 event



Dransfields will be running several bingo sessions throughout the afternoon



The CIU will have its own stand at the show with members of staff from Head Office on hand to discuss the services offered by the Union to its clubs



The BOC stand where delegates were able to receive expert information on beer and drinks dispense gases



A selection of Pukka Pies were enjoyed by delegates at the 2024 show



Graeme Miller (pictured, right), Managing Director of ACE Furniture

Don't miss the CIU Blackpool Showcase

This CIU Blackpool Showcase will take place at the H&A Social Club on Friday, April 25. The event will feature a line-up of four top artistes providing superb vocals and comedy



Tickets for the 2025 CIU Blackpool Showcase cost £5 and can be purchased on the door or at the Beer & Trades Exhibition

This year's CIU Entertainment Showcase will take place on the evening of Friday, April 25 at the H&A Social Club in central Blackpool.

The event will see a number of top club acts, in a variety of musical genres from across the various eras, performing in the club's Concert Room on the night before the Union's Annual Meeting.

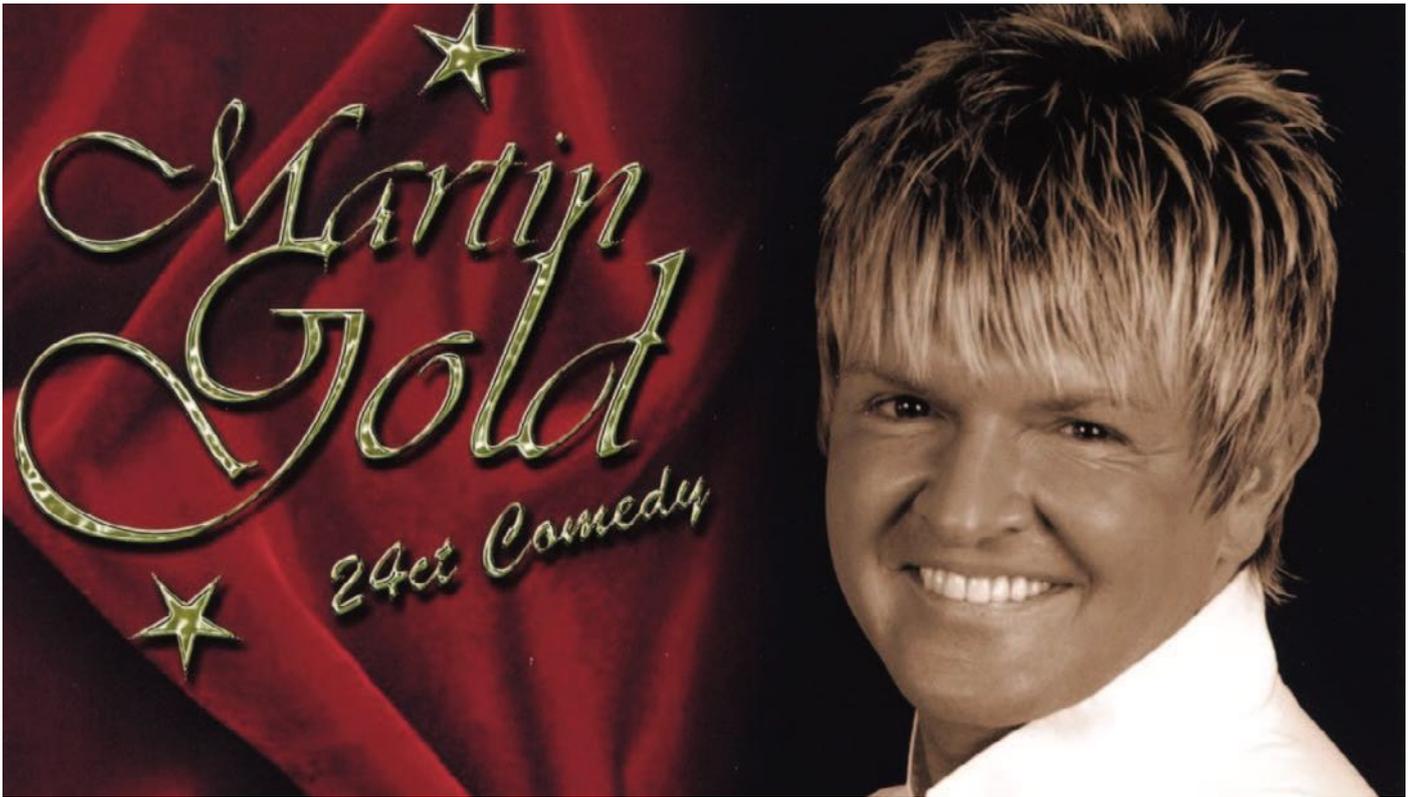
Entry costs just £5 on the door – or can be purchased in advance at the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition which will be held on the Friday afternoon preceding the Showcase.

There will be four exceptional acts on the night – Natalie Jax, Bad Ska Madness, Martin Gold and Chris Quammie.

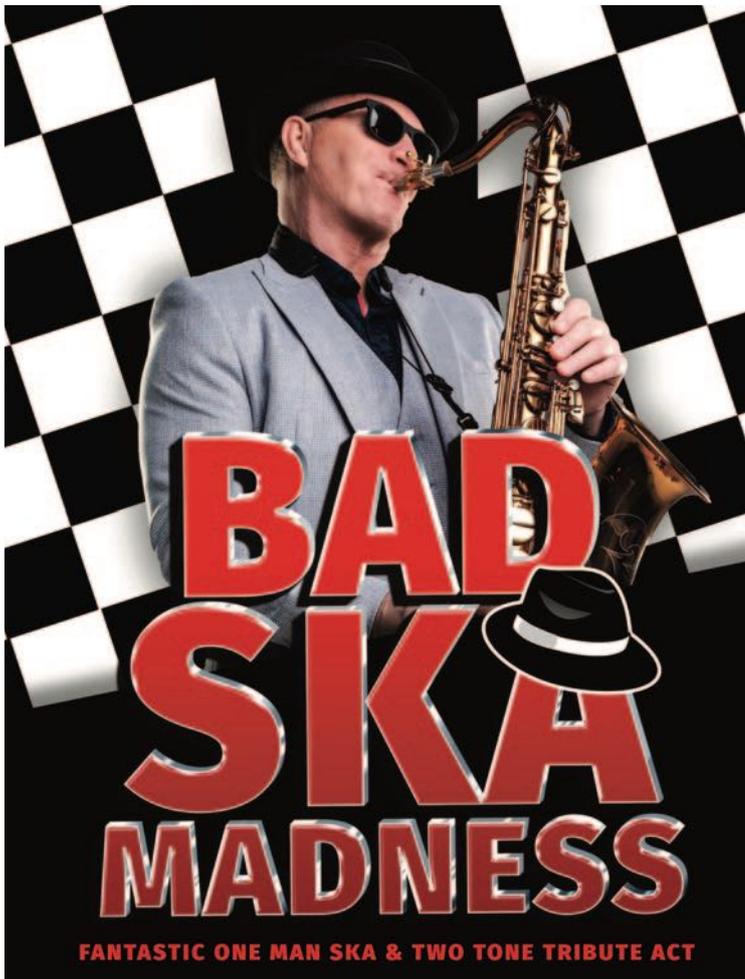
The H&A Social Club is renowned for its fantastic atmosphere and hot food will be available on the night.



The H&A Club is a fantastic CIU venue in the heart of Blackpool



Comedian Martin Gold will be on the bill at the H&A Social Club on Friday, April 26



Bad Ska Madness will perform some of the greatest hits of ska and Two Tone



Vocalist and compere Natalie Jax



Soul and Motown vocalist Chris Quammie



High Green Club is situated in High Green, the northernmost suburb of Sheffield

High Green Club, Sheffield

Founded in 1900, High Green Club in Sheffield is planning a three-day party in October to mark the 125th anniversary of a venue which has always been at the heart of the local community

Nestled on the outskirts of Sheffield, High Green Club – in the village which gives it its name – has been a cornerstone of its community for generations.

This October, the traditional social club will mark a major milestone – its 125th anniversary – with a weekend of live entertainment, reflecting the vibrant spirit that has kept it thriving for over a century.

For Club Treasurer Alan Hawksworth, a member since he was 18, the club is more than just a venue – it’s a labour of love.

Now 71, Alan has witnessed decades of change but is proud that



Bygone days: The club in the early 20th century

the club is going strong with over 1,000 members and a major role as the social hub of the local area.

“For the club to be doing so well when many venues are struggling is a major testament to all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes,” says Alan.

“We recently held our AGM and reported a very healthy surplus across the financial year so we’re delighted to be in such a strong position to be able to continue to invest in the club and its facilities.

“The club has continued to evolve right from its earliest days and the current Committee is always looking at ways to improve what we offer to our members.

“When I joined 53 years ago, membership was a tradition which was passed from father to son but these days you don’t have people just joining automatically so we have to work harder as a club to ensure we’re fit for the 21st century.

“Being an old building, maintenance is a big issue as it seems there is always something which needs doing, but as a builder by trade my entire working life, I’m always happy to come in and do any jobs which need doing in order to save money for the club.”

Indeed, during the pandemic lockdown five years ago, Alan and a team of fellow Committee members opted to roll their sleeves up and refurbish the club while it was shut.

It meant that the club was ready to hit the ground running when it reopened with members flocking back and trading levels soaring almost immediately.

“That was a worrying time for all clubs,” says Alan. “But we were determined to get the club in the best possible shape for when the pandemic ended.

“We really feel that the club is just such a vital part of the local community that we will do anything

to ensure we continue to flourish.

“Like a lot of clubs we have many older members and the club is their social life, the place where they feel safe and comfortable and they know that the staff and fellow members will look after them whenever they come in for a game of bingo or dominoes, or just for a drink.

“People keep saying, ‘If this place ever shut, we’d be lost,’ and I think that is probably the case with many, many CIU clubs across the country.”

As well as first-class facilities, the club is also mindful of the cost-of-living crisis and always drives a hard bargain with suppliers in order to keep bar prices as low as possible.

“We don’t have an exclusive deal with any breweries so that means we can negotiate prices more effectively,” says Alan.

“So, for example, our premium lager Cruzcampo is very popular with our members at the moment. We sell it for £3.50 a pint compared to £5.50



Covers band Eton Rifles played a gig at the club in March



The club's impressive Snooker Room

at the pub down the road.

“Carling and John Smith’s are also very popular at our bar and very competitively priced.”

Traditional sports and games are another attraction at the club with snooker, darts, cribbage and dominoes played regularly.

“We have a snooker team which plays every Wednesday night in the local league,” say Alan.

“Then when it’s the off-season, the lads come in and have knockabout games between themselves and get ready for the next season.

“On Monday evening it’s Games Night in the club, with members playing darts, dominoes and cribbage.

“It’s a good way to get a bit of club spirit going and gives people a reason to come in on a traditionally quieter time of the week.”

The club also invests in Sky Sports with several screens around the club showing live sport.

“As you can imagine, we have a lot of football fans at the club who will want to watch Premier League and

England matches and the Championship is also a big draw, particularly when Sheffield Wednesday and Sheffield United are in action.

“Racing is also popular and there are some very knowledgeable members who will place their bets and then

come into the club to watch the afternoon racing, have a drink and see if they’ve backed any winners.”

Alongside the day-to-day activities for members, the club’s Function Room is much in demand for parties with birthday and anniversary parties taking place most Saturday nights.



The club's Concert Room

The Main Bar is the hub of the club



“We’ve put a big emphasis on the private function side of things and it has become a key income stream,” says Alan.

“It’s great for bar sales as it brings a lot of people in through the doors and they realise what a brilliant venue it is.

“Then they will often become members in order to host their own parties and celebrations here in the future. It’s a really positive thing for the club.

“In terms of staging our own events, we have acts on Friday and Sunday nights.

“We try and mix up the type of turns with solo singers, duos and bands all regularly appearing on the stage and performing songs from across a variety of eras.

“To mark the 125th anniversary in October, we are having three nights of live entertainment on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday – featuring a mix of artists and bands – so that will be a great chance for the members to come together and celebrate this fantastic milestone.”

Meanwhile, one of the most celebrated English rock bands of the past two decades – the Arctic

Monkeys – has a direct link with the club, key band members having grown up in Hall Green and performing in the club’s Concert Hall as teenagers.

Alongside entertainment, the club plays a vital role in local charity efforts.

A recent event in aid of dementia charities raised a stunning £3,500, with other charity nights planned for later in the year.

As the anniversary weekend approaches, High Green Club stands as a testament to community resilience, smart management on the part of its dedicated Committee, and old-fashioned camaraderie, not to mention sheer hard work – it really is a true Sheffield institution.

Members of the club enjoy a fine array of well-priced drinks



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News in brief

Updated CIU Contracts and Club Secretary's Handbook are available to buy from branches

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They are each priced as follows - £5 per Handbook; £3 per contract.

Due to increased production and postage costs the price list will be reviewed over the coming months.

National Executive Committee dates

The NEC meetings at Head Office for 2025 will take place on: April 24 (Conference Weekend, Blackpool); June 4&5; July 16&17; September 3&4; October 15&16 and December 3&4.

CIU Conference 2025 dates

The dates for the 2025 Conference Weekend are as follows:

Thursday, April 24 – NEC Meeting

Friday, April 25 – 33rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition (Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool)

CIU Entertainment Showcase (The H&A Social Club, Blackpool)

Saturday, April 26 – The 161st Annual Meeting

CIU Head of Rules Vera Palazova takes part in Financial Conduct Authority roundtable event

On March 4, Vera Palazova, CIU Head of Rules and Affiliations, was invited to represent the CIU at a roundtable event on social clubs organised by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) at their Headquarters in Stratford, London.

The aim of the event was to explore trends and challenges currently affecting the sector, as well as to discuss opportunities to support and help with the growth of mutual societies.

From the discussions and statistics provided by the FCA and other organisations, it is evident that the struggles our clubs may have with compliance, meeting deadlines for submissions of annual returns and accounts, very old registered rules with partial amendments, etc. are quite common across the whole sector.

Also, the findings of the research 'What Support do Social Clubs Need?' carried out by Jonathan Gordon-Farleigh from the Centre for Democratic Business were also presented at this meeting.

The results from the national survey – 58% of survey respondents were CIU member clubs – are available here:

www.democraticbusiness.org/publications/reports/social-clubs-survey-jan-25

In her speech, Ms Palazova stated that the CIU is committed to inform, educate and train the Union member



CIU Head of Rules and Affiliations Vera Palazova outside the FCA headquarters

clubs and their officials and that a holistic approach is required in order to revitalise the clubs and make them reassert themselves at the heart of their communities across the whole country.

She also pointed out that without compliance, this would be an almost impossible task.

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The ACM course is taught by experienced club administrators, including Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM

The Union's Award in Club Management (ACM) course is specifically designed for people running CIU clubs and aims to give club officials a thorough grounding in the key aspects of managing a club with maximum efficiency.

The qualification consists of three self-contained units, each taking one day of classroom-based study to complete.

Unit 1 of the course covers Law & Regulations, Licensing, Unit 2 covers Law and Regulations (Part 2) and Unit 3 covers Management, Finance and Administration.

Once a candidate has completed the course and been examined in all three units through a multiple choice examination at the end of each unit, they receive the ACM.

The course is primarily aimed at

people who are going to be sitting on club committees and occupying positions of authority within clubs for the first time.

It has been developed to ensure that candidates gain a thorough understanding of licensing laws and regulations relating to members' clubs, as well as a whole host of other laws and regulations that govern the running of a club, including entertainment, the various copyright permissions required and the rules and regulations surrounding gaming machines in clubs.

The lectures are carried out by highly experienced lecturers from within the CIU – including Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM – who lead the day sessions and can draw from

their knowledge of the club scene to illustrate the key points and explore real-life scenarios and problems which can crop up at members' clubs.

If you have a minimum of 10 participants from your club or a combination from clubs in your surrounding area, the ACM course will come to you.

The three self-contained units will be delivered by Union lecturers over three Saturdays of your choice at your club – or a combination of clubs in your area if that is a more practical arrangement.

Please contact Senior Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick at the CIU Head Office on 020 7226 0221 or email: Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcIU.org to discuss hosting a future series of day sessions at your club or with fellow CIU clubs.



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Q: How do I buy tickets?

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Q: What happens if I forget my password?

A: You can reset your password at any time by clicking in the reset password link on the screen.

Q: Is there a cap on the amount I can spend?

A: Yes – the maximum number of tickets you can buy is 20 tickets.

Q: Is there a minimum or maximum amount that I have to keep on my account?

A: You only need credit in your account to buy tickets for the draws. Tickets are just £1 each.

Q: What happens to my personal data?

The graphic is a dark blue banner with a white CIU logo at the top center. Below the logo, the text 'CIU National Lottery' is written in white, followed by 'SCAN HERE' in large, bold white letters. A white rounded rectangle contains the text '£1.00 PER TICKET' in blue. Below this is a large QR code. Underneath the QR code, it says 'Please gamble Responsibly' in white. At the bottom, a white rounded rectangle contains 'ciu.praxisplay.online' in blue. Below that, '5% Revenue Share with the Winning Members Club' is written in white, with a small globe icon. At the very bottom, in small white text, it says 'T&C's apply Lotter Licence Number LN/000023921'.

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CAMRA continues to support clubs

The Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) will be running their complimentary bar at this year's Beer & Trades Exhibition. Here, Phil Gregg, CAMRA National Club Coordinator, explains the history of the organisation, its mission, and how it continues to forge links with CIU clubs



Egham United Services Club in Surrey is just one CIU venue which has forged links with CAMRA

The bar run by the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) has long been a welcome attraction at the annual CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition in Blackpool, with delegates stopping by to sample a selection of cask ales.

But how much do you know about the origins and continuing mission of CAMRA?

Well, it was founded in 1971 with the mission to promote and protect real ale, real cider, and the traditional British bar.

Over the past five decades, CAMRA has played a pivotal role in reshaping the British beer landscape, advocating for quality, diversity, and consumer choice in the brewing industry.

Its history is a testament to the power of grassroots activism, and its ongoing efforts continue to influence the drinking culture in the UK today in both clubs and pubs.

CAMRA was born out of concern for the declining quality and diversity

of beer in Britain during the mid-20th century. In the post-World War II era, the brewing industry underwent significant consolidation, with large breweries dominating the market.

These breweries increasingly focused on mass-produced, pasteurised, and kegged beers, which were easier to store and transport but often lacked the flavour and character of traditional cask-conditioned ales.

Real ale, defined as beer that undergoes secondary fermentation in the cask and is served without additional nitrogen or carbon dioxide pressure, was at risk of disappearing.

Early days of CAMRA

In 1971, four friends—Michael Hardman, Graham Lees, Jim Makin, and Bill Mellor—voiced their concerns about the state of British beer in a letter to a national newspaper.

Their letter sparked a national

conversation and led to the formation of CAMRA.

The organisation quickly gained traction, attracting beer enthusiasts and advocates for traditional brewing methods.

By the mid-1970s, CAMRA had established itself as a formidable force in the beer industry, with a growing membership and a clear mission: to save real ale from extinction.

Successful campaigns

By the 1980s and 1990s, CAMRA's efforts had begun to bear fruit.

The decline of real ale was reversed, and a new generation of breweries emerged, committed to producing traditional cask-conditioned beers.

The organisation's advocacy also contributed to a broader appreciation of beer as a craft product, akin to wine or artisanal food.

This period saw the rise of microbreweries and a renewed interest



CAMRA will be offering cask ale at their own bar at this year's CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition on April 25

in regional and historical beer styles.

CAMRA's influence extended beyond beer itself. The organisation championed British clubs and pubs as a vital community institution, campaigning against venue closures and promoting the social and cultural value of these spaces.

In common with the CIU, CAMRA has long contended that clubs and pubs are not just places to drink but hubs of community life, and CAMRA worked tirelessly to protect them from the pressures of modern life.

Legacy

CAMRA's legacy is evident in the vibrant beer culture that exists in the UK today.

Real ale is no longer an endangered species but a thriving category, with thousands of breweries producing a diverse range of cask-conditioned beers.

The organisation's efforts have also contributed to the global appreciation of craft beer, inspiring brewers and

drinkers around the world to value quality, flavour, and tradition.

Beer Festivals

CAMRA's beer festivals, including the Great British Beer Festival – the 2025 edition will take place in Birmingham in August – and numerous local events, remain popular.

These festivals provide a platform for breweries to showcase their products and for consumers to explore new flavours and styles.

They also serve as a reminder of CAMRA's enduring mission: to promote great beer and protect the places where it is enjoyed.

Indeed, many CIU club, including Egham United Services Club in Surrey and Ovington Social Club in Northumberland have run beer festivals with help from CAMRA and brought new people into their clubs, many of whom will have come for the real ale and stayed for the camaraderie and atmosphere provided by Union clubs.

The modern club and CAMRA's support

Recognising the cultural and social importance of clubs, CAMRA introduced the Club of the Year competition, celebrating venues that excel in offering quality real ale, community spirit, and a welcoming atmosphere.

CAMRA has also partnered with the CIU and *Club Mirror* to support the club industry through events like the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition and the Club Mirror Awards.

These events provide clubs with resources, networking opportunities, and recognition, helping them navigate modern challenges and continue serving their communities.

We are looking forward to once again running our bar at this year's Beer & Trades Exhibition.

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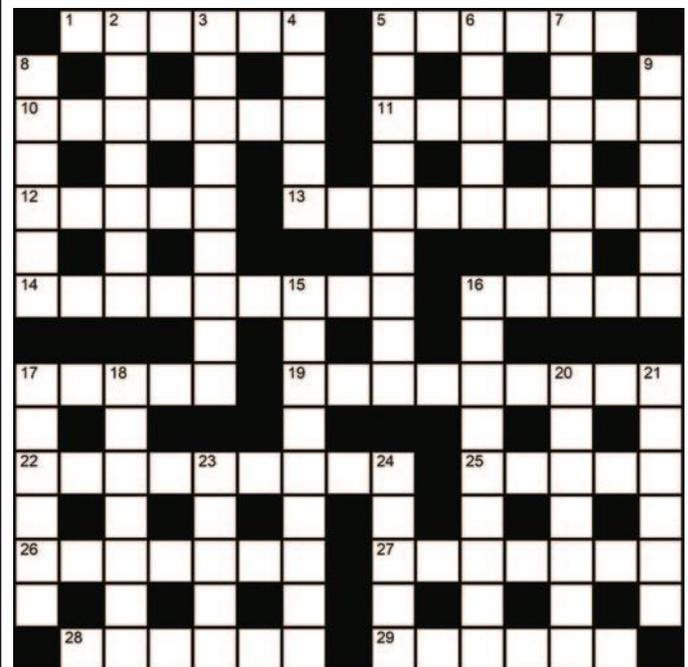
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- 1 Tree so modified as to be two-channelled (6)
- 5 Mollify strong notes, badly played (6)
- 10 Just going to take the boat out in a storm (5,2)
- 11 Window dressing that could be dramatically final? (7)
- 12 A stern word at sea? (5)
- 13 Irate chum put out at being arthritic (9)
- 14 Yeast fermented in kegs for levels of education (3,6)
- 16 Position of soul, roundabout (5)
- 17 Seats could be a useful thing! (5)
- 19 Shockingly, friars lie about their pellet guns (3,6)
- 22 How to act in the spirit of early church writings (9)

DOWN

- 2 Over the limit mayo, not well prepared (3,4)
- 3 Vermin in three positions? Someone at the door? (9)
- 4 A stink, as we do our plotting! (5)
- 5 Re-planting crocuses in the South for the one who follows (9)
- 6 Meeting place for umpires to sit in? (5)
- 7 Scale it out and make it stretchy (7)
- 8 Adam's about to have a kilo of material (6)
- 9 Carsickness cries out to be made into nibbles (6)
- 15 Rudely staring at a heavenly body (but it's huge!) (5,4)
- 16 It's odd to limit a vote to a recurrent theme (9)
- 17 Clap at a performance of wool (6)
- 18 Chalets designed to carry schoolbooks (7)
- 20 Having extra long retirement when clocks go back? (5,2)
- 21 Perversely insist they are protests (3-3)
- 23 Set securely in, but be dim about it! (5)
- 24 Chafe at the bit like little Victor (5)



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History beckons at Aintree

The world's most famous horse race takes place on Saturday, April 5 and Union clubs across the UK are sure to be packed with members eager to see the 2025 Grand National unfold



The Grand National is the most famous horse race in the world

Few sporting events capture the imagination quite like the Grand National. It is a race steeped in history, drama, and unpredictability, forming the centrepiece of Aintree's annual three-day festival.

The Randox 2025 Grand National Meeting (April 3-5) is set to deliver another thrilling spectacle, blending elite racing, equine stars, and the enduring romance of jump racing's most iconic challenge.

Day 1

The festival begins on Thursday, April 3, with Opening Day, a stage for

champions to showcase their talent.

The feature race, the Aintree Bowl Chase (3m 1f), traditionally attracts leading contenders from the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

The race often proves a defining moment for staying chasers, making it a crucial contest for next season's big targets and last year's agonisingly close finish saw Impaire Et Passe winning by the smallest of margins.

Over hurdles, the Aintree Hurdle (2m 4f) offers an alternative test to the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham, providing middle-distance hurdlers a prime opportunity.

Additionally, novice races such as the Manifesto Novices' Chase (2m 4f) and the 4-Y-O Juvenile Hurdle introduce emerging stars, with potential clashes between Triumph Hurdle and Arkle contenders.

Day 2

Fashion, flair, and fierce competition will define Ladies' Day on Friday, April 4, where the Melling Chase (2m 4f) serves as the centrepiece.

Nine-time Grade 1 winner Jonbon is set to feature in this race after coming up short in the Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham,



Many CIU clubs across the land will be showing the TV coverage throughout the three days of the Grand National Meeting

The race has a rich history of producing legendary winners, and this year's edition promises to be no different.

Day 3

Saturday is all about one race. The 2025 Grand National is set to captivate the world once again, as the huge field of runners embark on four miles, two and a half furlongs of Aintree's most testing terrain.

The 30 obstacles, including Becher's Brook, The Canal Turn, and The Chair, demand bravery, stamina, and a touch of luck.

Racing aficionados were disappointed in late March at the news that Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Inothewayurthinkin will not run in the Great National.

The Gavin Cromwell-trained superstar was the favourite for the Aintree feature even before winning the main race at Cheltenham and there was immediate conjecture about whether he could become the first horse in 91 years since Golden Miller to achieve the double.

The bookies' favourite at the time of going to press was Irish Grand National winner Intense Raffles in light of his impressive performance in

the Grade 3 Bobbyjo Chase when finishing less than a length behind Nick Rockett.

Last year's winner, I Am Maximus, has also been heavily backed and will be among the favourites for the 2025 edition.

As we approach the Grand National Festival, the narratives are still unfolding.

Will a Cheltenham star confirm their dominance, or will Aintree provide a platform for redemption? Can a longshot defy the odds and etch their name into Grand National folklore?

What is certain is that, come April, all eyes will be on Aintree with CIU club members up and down the land watching the action unfold on their club's television screens.

The magic of the Grand National Meeting lies in its unpredictability, its drama, and its ability to produce moments that live long in racing history.

ITV Racing's Grand National Meeting coverage (ITV1)

Thursday, April 3

- 1.45pm: EBC Group Manifesto Novices' Chase (Grade 1)
- 2.20pm: Boodles Anniversary 4-Y-O

Juvenile Hurdle (Grade 1)

- 2.55pm: Aintree Bowl (Grade 1)
- 3.30pm: William Hill Aintree Hurdle (Grade 1)
- 4.05pm: Radox Foxhunters' Open Hunters' Chase
- 4.40pm: Close Brothers Red Rum Handicap Chase

Friday, April 4

- 1.45pm: Huyton Asphalt Franny Blennerhassett Memorial Mildmay Novices' Chase (Grade 1)
- 2.20pm: William Hill Handicap Hurdle
- 2.40pm: TrustATrader Top Novices' Hurdle (Grade 1)
- 3.30pm: Mypensionexpert Melling Chase (Grade 1)
- 4.05pm: Radox Supporting Prostate Cancer UK Topham Handicap Chase
- 4.40pm: Sefton Novices' Hurdle (Grade 1)

Saturday, April 5

- 1.20pm: William Hill Top Price Guarantee Handicap Hurdle
- 1.55pm: Turners Mersey Novices' Hurdle (Grade 1)
- 2.30pm: William Hill Handicap Chase
- 3.05pm: Liverpool Hurdle (Grade 1)
- 4pm: Radox 2025 Grand National Handicap Chase



Saturday, April 5, 4pm, ITV

Horse Racing: The Grand National

The Grand National is undoubtedly the most famous steeplechase on the planet and the 2025 edition of the Aintree meeting is set to deliver another compelling race. I Am Maximus will hope for a repeat after a dominant victory in 2024 but horse racing fans will be disappointed that Inotherwayurthinkin will not be competing at Aintree this year after being withdrawn from the race.



Thursday, April 10, 2pm, Sky Sports Golf

Golf: The Masters

The first golf major of the year gets underway at Augusta with world's best players coming together for the honour of wearing the famous green jacket given to the victor each year. In 2025, Scottie Scheffler won his second Masters and major, four strokes ahead of runner-up Ludvig Åberg, becoming the fourth-youngest two-time winner of the tournament and the second player, after Tiger Woods.



Tuesday, April 15, 8pm, TNT Sports

UEFA Champions League: Aston Villa v PSG

Aston Villa coasted into the quarter-finals of the Champions League with victory over Club Brugge in the semis and now face a two-leg contest against PSG. If such an epic contest needed more spice, these matches will see PSG Manager Unai Emery facing his former club and Villa star Asensio playing against the team from which he's on currently on loan.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

A huge month of live sport is in prospect in April with Aston Villa and Arsenal battling for places in the semi-finals of the UEFA Champions League, some big Premier League ties and the Grand National

Wednesday, April 2, 8pm, Sky Sports
Premier League

Premier League: Liverpool v Everton

Thursday, April 3, 7pm, Sky Sports
Darts Premier League: Berlin

Thursday, April 3, 8pm, Sky Sports
Premier League

Premier League: Chelsea v Tottenham Hotspur

Saturday, April 5, 12.30pm, TNT Sports
Premier League: Everton v Arsenal

Saturday, April 5, 12.30pm, Sky Sports
Football

Championship Football: Luton Town v Leeds United

Saturday, April 5, 12.30pm, Sky Sports
Football

Championship Football: West Bromwich Albion v Sunderland

Saturday, April 5, 1pm, ITV
Horse Racing: The Grand National Meeting

Saturday, April 5, 5.30pm, Sky Sports
Premier League

Premier League: Aston Villa v Nottingham Forest

Sunday, April 6, 6am, Sky Sports F1
Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix

Sunday, April 6, 2pm, Sky Sports
Premier League

Premier League: Fulham v Liverpool

Sunday, April 6, 4.30pm, Sky Sports
Premier League

Premier League: Manchester United v Manchester City

Monday, April 7, 8pm, Sky Sports
Premier League

Premier League: Leicester City v Newcastle United

Tuesday, April 8, 8pm, Sky Sports
Football

Championship Football: Middlesbrough v Leeds United

Tuesday, April 8, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League – Quarter-Final, 1st Leg: Arsenal v Real Madrid

Wednesday, April 9, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League – Quarter-Final, 1st Leg: PSG v Aston Villa

Wednesday, April 9, 8pm, Sky Sports
Football

Championship Football: Coventry City v Portsmouth

Thursday, April 10, 2pm, Sky Sports
Golf

Golf: The Masters – Day 1

Thursday, April 10, 7pm, Sky Sports
Darts Premier League: Manchester

Thursday, April 10, 8pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Salford Red Devils v Leeds Rhinos

Friday, April 11, 2pm, Sky Sports Golf
Golf: The Masters – Day 2

Saturday, April 12, 12.30pm, TNT Sports

Premier League: Manchester City v Crystal Palace

Saturday, April 12, 3pm, Sky Sports
Golf

Golf: The Masters – Day 3



UEFA Champions League – Real Madrid v Arsenal, Wednesday, April 16, 8pm, TNT Sports

Saturday, April 12, 5.30pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Warrington Wolves v Hull FC

Saturday, April 12, 5.30pm, Sky Sports
Premier League
Premier League: Arsenal v Brentford

Saturday, April 12, 8pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Castleford Tigers v Leigh Leopards

Sunday, April 13, 2pm, Sky Sports
Premier League
Premier League: Liverpool v West Ham United

Sunday, April 13, 3pm, Sky Sports Golf
Golf: The Masters – Day 4

Sunday, April 13, 3pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Huddersfield Giants v Catalans Dragons

Sunday, April 13, 4pm, Sky Sports F1
Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix

Sunday, April 13, 4.30pm, Sky Sports
Premier League
Premier League: Newcastle United v Manchester United

Monday, April 14, 8pm, Sky Sports
Premier League
Premier League: AFC Bournemouth v Fulham

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UEFA Champions League – Quarter-Final, 2nd Leg: Aston Villa v PSG

Wednesday, April 16, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League – Quarter-Final, 2nd Leg: Real Madrid v Arsenal

Thursday, April 17, 7pm, Sky Sports
Darts Premier League: Rotterdam

Thursday, April 17, 8pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Wakefield Trinity v Castleford Tigers

Friday, April 18, 12.30pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Hull FC v Hull KR

Friday, April 18, 3pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Wigan Warriors v St Helens

Friday, April 18, 5.30pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Leeds Rhinos v Huddersfield Giants

Friday, April 18, 7.45pm, TNT Sports
Premiership Rugby Union: Newcastle Falcons v Northampton Saints

Saturday, April 19, 1.30pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Leigh Leopards v Warrington Wolves

Saturday, April 19, 3pm, TNT Sports
Premiership Rugby Union: Exeter Chiefs v Bath

Saturday, April 19, 3.05pm, TNT Sports
Premiership Rugby Union: Harlequins v Sale Sharks

Saturday, April 19, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Aston Villa v Newcastle United

Saturday, April 19, 6pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Catalans Dragons v Salford Red Devils

Sunday, April 20, 2pm, Sky Sports
Premier League
Premier League: Ipswich Town v Arsenal

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Super League: Hull FC v Wigan Warriors,
Sunday, April 27, 3pm, Sky Sports



Sunday, April 20, 3pm, TNT Sports
Premiership Rugby Union:
Bristol Bears v Leicester Tigers

Sunday, April 20, 4.30pm, Sky Sports
Premier League
Premier League: Leicester City v Liverpool

Monday, April 21, 8pm, Sky Sports
Premier League
Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Nottingham Forest

Thursday, April 24, 7pm, Sky Sports
Premier League Darts: Liverpool

Thursday, April 24, 8pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Warrington Wolves v St Helens

Friday, April 25, 7.45pm, TNT Sports
Premiership Rugby Union: Sale Sharks v Saracens

Friday, April 25, 8pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Leeds Rhinos v Hull KR

Friday, April 25, 8pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Salford Red Devils v Leigh Leopards

Saturday, April 26, 12.30pm, TNT Sports
Premier League: Chelsea v Everton

Saturday, April 26, 3pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Huddersfield Giants v Castleford Tigers

Saturday, April 26, 3pm, TNT Sports
Premiership Rugby Union: Bath v Newcastle Falcons

Saturday, April 26, 3.05pm, TNT Sports
Premiership Rugby Union: Leicester Tigers v Harlequins

Saturday, April 26, 5.30pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Catalans Dragons v Wakefield Trinity

Saturday, April 26, 5.30pm, Sky Sports
Premier League
Premier League: Arsenal v Crystal Palace

Saturday, April 26, 6pm, Sky Sports
Boxing: Chris Eubank Jr v Conor Benn

Sunday, April 27, 2pm, Sky Sports
Premier League
Premier League: AFC Bournemouth v Manchester United

Sunday, April 27, 3pm, Sky Sports
Premier League
Super League: Hull FC v Wigan Warriors

Sunday, April 27, 4.30pm, Sky Sports
Premier League
Premier League: Liverpool v Tottenham Hotspur

Monday, April 28, 8pm, Sky Sports
Premier League
Premier League: Manchester City v Aston Villa

Tuesday, April 29, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League – Semi-Final, 1st Leg



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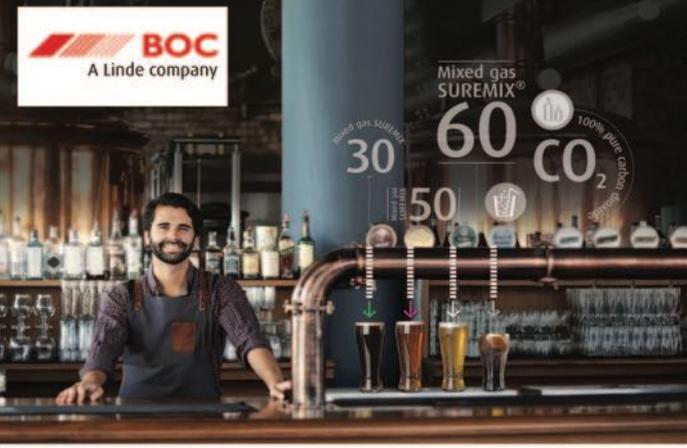
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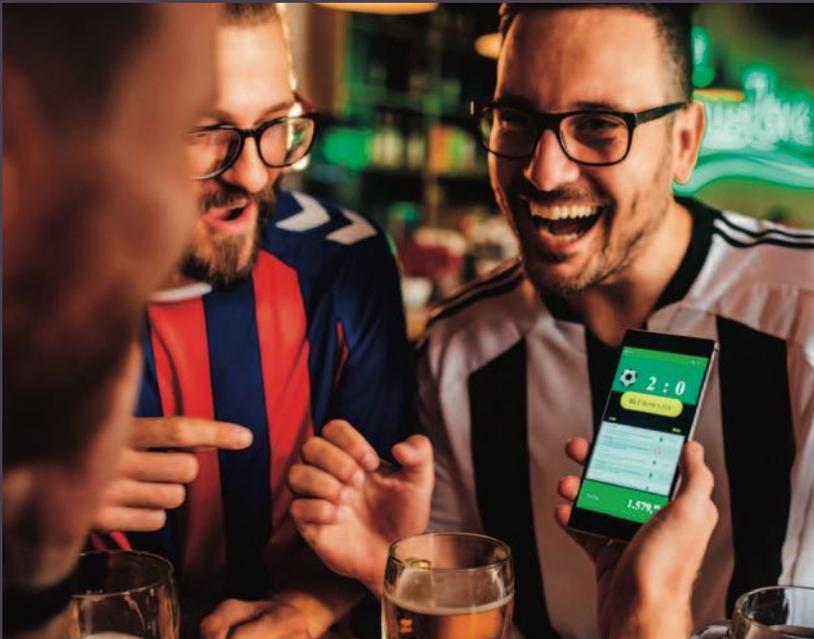
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