

2021 AGM will focus on Union's Annual Reports



The 2021 Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 11 in Blackpool

Due to COVID-19 restrictions over the last 16 months it has not been possible to plan for the usual Annual General Meeting this year.

Therefore in September the AGM will focus on discussing the Union's Annual Reports for the last two reporting years.

We will return to a normal format for the AGM in April 2022.

The Annual Meeting takes place on Saturday, September 11 in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel situated on Blackpool's North Promenade.

However, there is no change to the format of the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition which will take place in the Norcalympia Suite at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool on the afternoon of Friday, September 10.

The event is the UK's biggest trade show for private members' social clubs with an array of products and services

on display which are all targeted at helping clubs to boost trade, save money and help clubs bounce back from the pandemic, while allowing delegates to take part in some fun activities and engage in networking opportunities along the way.

Among the key club suppliers exhibiting at the show are Heineken UK, Dransfields, BT Sport, Club Control and Mr Scratchings.

Heineken UK will be showcasing their latest products at the bar with club delegates each receiving a set of complimentary tokens which they can exchange for drinks throughout the afternoon.

Dransfields, meanwhile, will have a major presence at the show and will be bringing along their full complement of club-focused gaming and entertainment machines on hand for delegates to try out.



Club of the Month: United Irish League Club

This month's 'Club of the Month' is the United Irish League Club in Annitsford, North Tyneside.

Known simply as 'The Irish Club' to its members, the club was established in 1899 by members of the Irish community who had come to work in the nearby coalfields.

The club continues to thrive and recently reopened to its members having completed an impressive top-to-bottom refurbishment that was completed during lockdown.

In addition to regular live entertainment, the club also provides a range of activities for its members.

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Welcome

Welcome to the August issue of *Club Journal* as CIU clubs in England continue to get back to normal following the removal of Coronavirus restrictions in hospitality settings last month.

While caution will still be uppermost in the minds of all club officials in the coming months, we hope that the terrible disruption to club life caused by COVID-19 is now firmly in the past and that we can look ahead with optimism.

Like me, I'm sure that you're looking forward to Conference Weekend in Blackpool next month.

The Annual Meeting will be on the morning of Saturday, September 11 at the Grand Hotel with the Trade Show taking place a day earlier at the Norbreck Castle Hotel.

The opportunity for CIU members to get together under the same roof is long overdue and, for my part, I can't wait to return to Lancashire for these key events in the Union calendar.

If you are coming to the Trade Show, please do come up and have a chat with the teams from Head Office and *Club Journal* on our stands.

Our 'Club of the Month' for August is the United Irish League Club in Annitsford.

The club was founded in 1899 by members of the Irish community who

came over to North Tyneside to work in the mining industry and has developed into an impressively modern club.

Like many other CIU venues, the club enjoyed a major boost from the recent European Championships and enjoyed some great nights of football, culminating in the final on July 11.

You can read the full profile of the club on pages 12-15.

Elsewhere in this issue we hear from Northallerton Working Mens Club in York about how they discovered during lockdown that the club had been paying to power a mobile phone mast for over a decade.

After bringing in an outside consultant to investigate, the club ended up receiving a repayment of £86,000 from the phone company concerned.

You can read the full story on page 16.

As ever, please keep your stories and pictures coming in so we can spread the positive news from around the Union in the pages of the magazine each month.

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Baddeley Green WMC hosts 'live' Dinosaur show



The Dino Safari Park Experience is coming to Baddeley Green WMC in August

Baddeley Green Working Mens Club in Staffordshire is hosting a 'live' dinosaur safari park show for children in August.

A safari park ranger will introduce the kids to a number of very realistic looking dinosaur species, including tyrannosaurus rex, brashisaurus, triceratops and velociraptor.

The show takes place at the club on August 7.

Meanwhile, last month saw the club stage its annual Ridgways Caterers Bowler-Non-Bowler competition.

Non-Bowlers Alison Clee and Andrea Clarke, assisted by John Rankin and Dave Perkin respectively, fought out a titanic and very high standard final which lasted for 70 minutes.

Alison and John (pictured, below left) finally triumphed 21-20 to lift the impressive trophy, overturning a 20-19 deficit with two chalks on the deciding end.

The tournament was organised by Mick Weaver, whose efforts were duly rewarded as several of the non-bowlers have opted to take up the sport regularly.



The Baddeley Green Bowler-Non-Bowler competition was won by Alison Clee (far left) and John Rankin (second left)

OBITUARY

Derek Wilson

It is with great sadness that Buttershaw Lane Working Mens Club announces the passing of Derek Wilson who died after a short illness.

Many members will remember Derek for his many years of loyal service to the club especially for organising bingo.

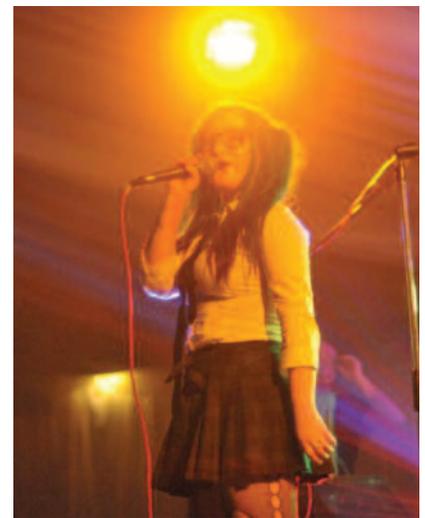
He was a long-serving member of the Committee and over the years held many different positions on the Committee.

The Committee passed a motion recently to apply to the CIU for the Distinguished Service Award to recognise Derek's many years of loyal service to the club.

The thoughts of the Committee, staff and members of the club are with his family at this sad time.

Rest in Peace.

News in brief



Local talent lined up for Bank Holiday concerts at the Tudhoe Victory Club

Tudhoe Victory Club in Spennymoor, County Durham, is showcasing local musical talent as part of its live August Bank Holiday Weekend line-up of entertainment.

On Friday, August 27, rock outfit The Rumoured (pictured, above) will be performing at the club while on Sunday, August 29, Razzle will take to the stage.

Both bands – who play a mix of modern and classic rock songs – are from the local area and entry will be free for the concerts.

News in brief



Ely Beet Sports & Social Club set for Pro Wrestling show in the Autumn

Ely Beet Sports & Social Club in Cambridgeshire has announced that it will be hosting a night of professional wrestling on Saturday, October 2.

The event will have a Halloween theme and will feature a number of top wrestlers from the Pro Wrestling Ambush stable.

Tickets are available directly from the club or at the website:

<https://tickettailor.com/events/prowrestlingambush/542627>



Fury v Deontay heavyweight title fight rescheduled for October 9

Tyson Fury's world heavyweight title defence against Deontay Wilder in Las Vegas, originally scheduled for July 24, will now take place on Saturday, October 9.

The original fight was postponed in mid-July after Fury tested positive for COVID-19.

"Make no mistake, I will be back and better than ever," said Fury after the announcement.

"We will fight October 9 and I will knock him spark out."

Fury first met Wilder in December 2018 in Los Angeles as the fighters battled to a split decision draw.

The rematch, in February 22, 2020, saw Fury winning in Las Vegas to claim the title.

For more information, visit:

<https://btsportbusiness.com/>

Defibrillator installed at Towcester SSC



Left to right: Towcester SSC Chairman Frank Osbourne and Taylor Wimpey's Kevin Salisbury

Towcester Sports and Social Club now has a public access defibrillator (PAD).

The club was gifted this potentially life-saving equipment by Taylor Wimpey South Midlands in partnership with the British Heart Foundation.

Club chairman Frank Osbourne said: "This defibrillator will save precious time in the case of any life-threatening situations."

The need for PADs came back into the spotlight after Denmark midfielder Christian Eriksen suffered a cardiac arrest during the European Championships.

Kevin Salisbury, production director at Taylor Wimpey South Midlands, added: "We're proud to be working in partnership with the BHF in helping to ensure that more defibrillators are available for people who might need them."

Music is back in a big way at Otley Social Club

Otley Social Club took part in the Otley Live Music Festival at the end of July as one of eight venues in the town staging live music events.

Woolpack Music Studios promoted three breakthrough indie acts at the club on the Saturday night of the Festival with Hannah Ashcroft, Josephine Sillars and Dilettante all performing.

All the artists have been featured on the BBC Music Introducing programme and have a national following.

On the Sunday of the Festival, the club staged another event, this time featuring four bands who practise regularly at the Social Club.

The festival was organised by the Otley Music Alliance – a collaboration between venues and Otley Town Council.

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Barnard Castle WMC gives support to Abigail



Barnard Castle WMC is supporting local girl Abigail Ford in her fight against cancer

Barnard Castle Working Mens Club has put its weight behind a fundraising drive to support a local girl who is battling cancer.

Abigail Ford, 8, from the County Durham town, was diagnosed with an aggressive form of stage four neuroblastoma in May and faces lengthy treatment.

The club has organised a prize raffle with a number of prizes donated by businesses, individuals and committee members.

Tom Howe, Club Steward, said: "My girlfriend Katie is friends with Abby's mum, Helen, and when we heard the news we thought the best thing we could do is raise as much as we can for the family so they can do as much as they can to make memories and to have money for alternative treatment if needed."

He added: "We've been overwhelmed by the generosity of people and businesses and we've got a lot of prizes."

A fundraising page has also been set up by family friend, Rebecca Gatenby, who hopes the cash will help give Abby and her family "peace of mind and the chance to make memories as a family at this difficult time".

She added: "The money will help us to give Abigail the chance to still live the life that an eight-year-old girl should be able to live and allow us to create safer opportunities for her to enjoy her chosen wishes and experiences."

Anyone wishing to donate can visit:

www.gofundme.com/abbys-fight-against-neuroblastoma.

Life returns to normal at Sheerness East WMC

After six months at the frontline of the fight against COVID-19, the asymptomatic testing station in the Main Hall of Sheerness East Working Men's Club in Kent, has been stood down.

This vital facility operated from December 2020 until June 2021 with around 700 people a day undergoing testing for the Coronavirus at the busiest point.

The club's Committee offered their facilities to Kent County Council for free while the club was shut and just under 30,000 tests were conducted at the club by a rotating staff of around 50 people.

"It's been lovely to have them here," said the club's Manager Paula Smith who was on site throughout the six-month period to help things run smoothly.

"It was great seeing our members coming through the door to be tested so we could keep track of them. We've had lots of laughs, lots of giggles and lots of cake! We'll miss them."

News in brief

Sky Sports announces its live Football League schedule for first month

Sky Sports will kick off their coverage of the new Sky Bet EFL season with Bournemouth v West Bromwich on Friday, August 6.

Both teams are aiming for a swift return to the Premier League and the game will also mark the debuts of two managers - Scott Parker at Bournemouth and Valerien Ismael at West Bromwich.

The Baggies were relegated from the top-flight last term, while Bournemouth were beaten in the play-off semi-finals by the eventual winners, Brentford.

Another new entry into the Sky Bet Championship, Sheffield United, will also begin their season live on Sky Sports, as they host Lee Bowyer's Birmingham City on the night of Saturday, August 7.

United's city rivals Sheffield Wednesday will start life in Sky Bet League One in South London, facing promotion-chasing Charlton Athletic at The Valley, in an early evening kick-off on Saturday, August 7.

On Sunday, August 8, Fulham's opening game will be shown live on Sky Sports as they host Middlesbrough, before Coventry City and Nottingham Forest kick off their respective seasons later in the afternoon.

Key EFL Fixtures on Sky Sports

Friday August 6 - Bournemouth v West Bromwich, kick-off 7.45pm

Saturday August 7 - Charlton Athletic v Sheffield Wednesday, kick-off 5.30pm

Saturday August 7 - Sheffield United v Birmingham City, kick-off 8pm

Sunday August 8 - Fulham v Middlesbrough, kick-off 1.30pm

Sunday August 8 - Coventry City v Nottingham Forest, kick-off 4.30pm

Saturday August 14 - Peterborough United v Derby County, kick-off 12.30pm

Saturday August 14 - Swansea City v Sheffield United, kick-off 8pm

Tuesday August 17 - Millwall v Fulham, kick-off 7.45pm

OBITUARY

John Lawson

It is with great sadness that we at the Coronation Working Men's Club in Armthorpe, Doncaster, have to announce the passing of our former Club Treasurer and Club Steward John Lawson.



John was a very popular gentleman who served as Club Treasurer and then as Club Steward with his late wife Margaret, for over 20 years.

John will be sadly missed by the Committee, staff, friends and members.

Our heartfelt condolences go to his family at this sad time.

John will be fondly remembered by all who met him.

Canton Liberal Club ladies enjoy trip to the seaside



Members of Canton Liberal Club in Cardiff enjoyed their Ladies Trip to Weston-Super-Mare in July where they visited the town's famous pier

News in brief



Anthony Joshua to fight Oleksandr Usyk at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in September

Anthony Joshua will put his IBF, WBA and WBO heavyweight championships on the line against Oleksandr Usyk at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London on Saturday, September 25, live on Sky Sports Box Office.

"The date is set and we are fully locked in," said Joshua. "On September 25 I will put it all on the line again and it's time to defend my crown.

"We are two Olympic gold medallists who have fought our way to the top and never avoided challenges.

"The stadium is exceptional, the atmosphere will be electric, I'm honoured to be the first person to fight in such an awe-inspiring venue. The stage is set and I am ready to handle business."

To book the fight, visit: <https://skyforbusiness.sky.com>

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News in brief

Blackheath Newbridge Club hosts All-Dayer family event on Saturday, August 28

The Blackheath Newbridge Club in South East London is staging a family-friendly August Bank Holiday All-Dayer event on Saturday, August 28.

There will be a barbecue in the club's Garden, with a 'kids corner', raffles and a DJ playing music throughout the day in the Concert Hall.

The evening session will see live entertainment in the Upstairs Bar that evening.



Widcombe Social Club stages several events during 'Permission To Laugh' comedy festival

In July, Widcombe Social Club in Bath was involved in the Permission To Laugh event, a 16-day Comedy Festival held across the city.

The club was one of three venues hosting comedy gigs by some big names alongside solo shows from up-and-coming comics and a competition to find the stars of tomorrow.

One event, Aftermirth, was held in the daytime and was an adult comedy gig for new parents who were encouraged to bring their babies along to the club.

The club is the home of the Bath Comedy Club which showcases national and local comedians on a fortnightly basis.

The club also launched its monthly 'Friday Night At The Movies' event in June with a double bill of classic British films Billy Liar and Don't Look Now.

The evenings promise a 'full cinema experience complete with table service, Pearl & Dean ads, cartoons, intermission, ice-cream, and popcorn'.

At the same time, the club launched a new bar menu, available on Fridays.

The club offers free live music in the bar with food available from 6-8pm on Fridays, before ticketed shows start upstairs, including the Bath Comedy Club every fortnight, as well as regular performances by jazz and folk groups, in addition to the monthly film screenings.

For more information, visit the club's website at: <https://www.widcombesocialclub.co.uk>

Chair and Vice-Chair step down at Dunstable USC



Dunstable United Services Club has a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Two long-serving Committee members of Dunstable United Services Club have stepped down from their roles after many years of service to the club and its members.

A club statement read: "It is with regret that we announce the resignation of our Chairman and Social Secretary Mr Brian Twiddy after 30-plus years of service to the club and Mr Jon Powell, Vice-Chairman, after 16 years of service.

"Brian and Jon were both dedicated committee men who over the years and have tirelessly spent hours maintaining the club and making sure the social side of the club ran smoothly.

"Both will be missed but we would like to wish Brian and Jon all the best for the future and we hope to still see them in and around the club.

"In light of the two resignations we would like to inform you of our temporary Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson who will hold the positions until the elections can be held in March 2022.

"We welcome Mrs Joan Steel as Chairperson and Mrs Caroline Rayner as Vice-Chairperson. We wish them both well in their new positions."

Macmillan asks clubs to host coffee mornings

Macmillan Cancer Support is urging CIU clubs to get involved in the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' in September.

The event is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event and sees people and institutions hosting their own Coffee Mornings in aid of the charity.

Macmillan stresses that while the official date of the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' is Friday, September 24, clubs can host their event on a date and time that is convenient to their members and can be a gathering of any description with some venues opting for afternoon or evening garden parties, bingo nights, tombolas or prosecco parties, for example.

Registrations for 2021 are open so all you have to do is sign up at the charity's website to receive your free fundraising kit

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EURO 2020 provides a timely boost for CIU clubs

CIU clubs across England and Wales enjoyed a great summer boost to trade during the recent European Championships with members flocking through the doors to savour the on-screen action

The trophy may have ultimately gone to Italy but England's run to the Final of EURO 2020 was a massive boost to CIU clubs across the country as members flocked through the doors to share in the general sporting euphoria which accompanied the tournament.

Members of the many Welsh CIU clubs were also delighted to see their national team back in a major tournament for the first time in 58 years as the likes of Gareth Bale, Aaron Ramsey and Daniel James helped Wales reach the last 16 before being knocked out by Denmark.

And with the new football season getting underway this month, many clubs will be gearing up to further boost trade through live sport and build on the feelgood factor which surrounds football in the aftermath of a tournament which really captured the attention of the nation.

Indeed, a recent survey conducted by Budweiser Brewing Group revealed that licensed premises received a significant boost in footfall to bars during England's recent football matches.

A poll of 4,000 UK adults revealed half (50 per cent) visited a club or pub to watch at least one football match during England's opening matches.

Top-class football also proved to be a powerful sales driver for the On-Trade. The England v Germany quarter final on June 29 resulted in a 70 per cent growth of beer sales compared to a normal Tuesday, whilst the final between England and Italy on July 11 saw a staggering 131 per cent uplift in draught sales compared to a regular Sunday.

As might be expected, beer was the standout drink for those watching football in On-Trade venues, consumed by over two fifths (41 per cent) of drinkers.

Yet the Survey also showed that there is a clear shift among consumers towards moderation, with 63 per cent of On-Trade drinkers opting for a no



Members of Eccleshill WMC celebrate an England goal during the EURO 2020 campaign



England fans get ready for the action at Sandhurst Social Club

or low alcohol alternative at least once when watching football in a bar.

And it should be remembered that this boost to trade took place while clubs were labouring under Government COVID restrictions with table service only rules and strict regulations on social distancing in place throughout the tournament.

"The return of international football this summer has brought the nation

some excitement after a tough year, with half of us choosing to watch in the bar," says JD Thumelaire, On-Trade Sales Director at Budweiser Brewing Group.

"Setting the result aside, the real winners were the UK's clubs, as fans flocked in their droves back into venues to celebrate together."

Many clubs will doubtlessly already be looking to the 2022 World Cup.



Ferryhill Station Club in County Durham attracted big numbers throughout the European Championships



Scarborough WMC in Yorkshire



The Belmont Club in County Durham



The crowd reaches fever pitch at the Wyke Regis Club



The club was founded in 1899

United Irish League Club, Annitsford

The United Irish League Club in Annitsford has bounced back strongly from lockdown with members flocking back to the newly refurbished club to enjoy its wide range of activities

The Annitsford United Irish League Club – known simply as ‘The Irish Club’ to its members – was built in 1899 by members of the Irish community who had come to that part of North Tyneside in order to work in the mining industry that was thriving at the time.

Just as now, the club was a vital part of the local community and even had bathing facilities which members could use for a small fee – with use of a towel included!

Some 122 years after its formation, the club remains proud of its roots and hosts regular Irish-themed cultural and historical events while its Shamrock green front entrance also hints at the club’s origins.

But these days its members are drawn from right across the local community and are not united by their origins or heritage but by the enjoyment, kinship and fantastic



The club runs two pool teams which compete in the local league

facilities that the club provides all year round.

Indeed, the club has been doing extremely brisk trade since it reopened its doors in May, thanks in part to the impressive refurbishment which was carried out during lockdown by Secretary Ian Dawson and Chairman Mark Jenkins.

“The feedback we’ve received from members following the refurbishment has been really positive,” says Ian.

“When people come into the club for the first time after reopening, they always go out of their way to remark on the transformation, which is really pleasing.

“Mark and I did the majority of the work ourselves, including putting in a new bar and redecorating the club from top to bottom.

“We also brought in ACE Furniture to replace all the seating in the Function Room so the club is looking fantastic throughout.

“We want to create a first-class environment where everyone can feel comfortable whether they’re coming in for a drink, a game of pool or to watch the match.

“We have a really good pool table which gets resurfaced every six months and that attracts some very top-quality players, including county representatives.

“We run two pool teams and have won a number of titles in recent seasons.

“We’ve also put up a new sign outside the club as well as painting the exterior of the building to make it even more welcoming for members and guests.”

Last year, the club installed a new large screen and projector in the Concert Room for big sporting events, while there are further screens in the Bar and Lounge so that sports fans always have a good view of the on-screen action.

“The screens really came into their own during the recent European Championships and we got really good crowds in for the England games,” says Ian.

“We turned over £2,000 on the night of the Final which is really exceptional for a club of our size, especially when you consider that, like all clubs, we were still operating under

social distancing restrictions and with table service only at the time.

“Everyone enjoyed a fantastic occasion, even if the result didn’t go the right way!

“We have BT Sport and Sky Sports so we’ll be looking forward to the start of the Premier League season later this month as football is obviously a big draw in this part of the country, particularly when Newcastle United are playing.

“Plus, we’ll show all the other big live sporting events, such as the golf majors or England cricket matches.”

For his part, Ian has been a member of the club for three decades and became Secretary six years ago at a point when the club was struggling financially.

“It’s probably fair to say that the club was working on an outdated business model that had proven very successful in the old days when social clubs were at their peak and a lot of money was coming in over the bar.

“But that approach didn’t really work in the modern era where you have to be a lot more business-orientated,” says Ian.



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“You’ve got to be more savvy these days and keep a very tight control on costs while exploring every avenue to boost the club’s income.

“Every single time we think about spending money on something, we ask ourselves: ‘What’s the likely return going to be on this investment?’”

This approach paid dividends right from the very start of Ian’s tenure as Secretary as he began to sort through the paperwork he had inherited from his predecessor.

“I have a background running my own business, so my approach to taking over as Secretary was to look at all the agreements and deals the club had in place and go over them with a fine tooth-comb,” says Ian.

“I started chipping away at any historical debts we had in place and renegotiating terms with all our suppliers.”

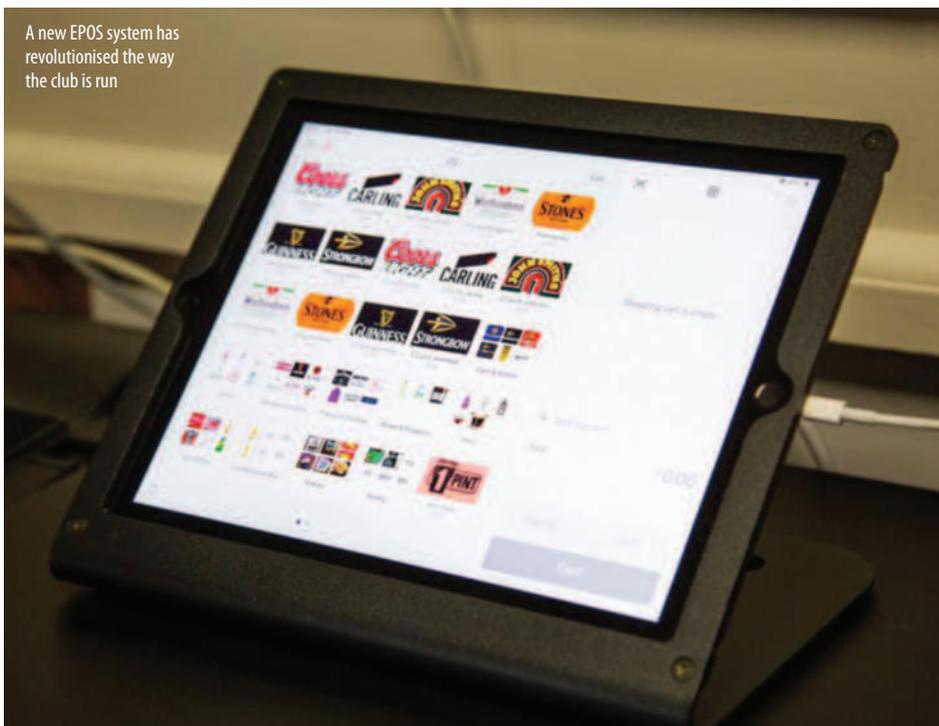
One such deal concerned a rented CCTV system which was costing well above the market rate and was swiftly curtailed by Ian.

“We bought out that contract so that the club now owns the system rather than paying over the odds to rent the system,” he says.

Another key to putting the club on an even financial keel concerned the freehold of the club itself.

“We approached an investor to buy

A new EPOS system has revolutionised the way the club is run



the club premises and then lease it back to us with the option of us being able to buy the club in the future when we’re in the financial position to do so,” explains Ian.

Another massive step towards regaining control over the club’s finances has been the installation of a new EPOS system. EPOS is Ian’s business so something he was well qualified to install.

“It’s a really good system which has transformed the way the club can

operate financially,” he says.

“The Back Office system means that you can drill down to all the key data you need.

“For example, you can see how many pints of a particular lager you sold on a nightly, weekly or monthly basis.

“It means you have an instant stock reporting system at your fingertips which makes planning ahead very easy. If a brand is not selling well over a particular period, you know about it



The club was refurbished throughout during the most recent lockdown

immediately and can get rid of it and try something which could prove more popular and boost sales.

“I also help other CIU clubs out by reducing the costs associated with card transaction costs and EPOS systems and will install the system with no contracts or any other fees, apart from the transaction fee, for £825 plus VAT and it comes with its own card reader.

“If a local club is interested in setting up the system, I invite them down to our club so they can see it work in a real situation.

“The pandemic has given a lot of impetus to clubs to take a leap forward in terms of technology, especially in moving away from cash transactions to the use of contactless card readers,” says Ian.

As for the Irish Club, Ian believes that the future is bright, particularly after the lifting of Government restrictions back in July.

“It’s great to be back to normal as it was always very difficult to operate under the previous restrictions with many members put off coming into the club because of having to wear

masks or having to social distance from their friends,” he says.

“It’s also fantastic to have live entertainment back on at the club as that’s something which people have really missed while they’ve been stuck at home.

“We’re also taking a lot of advance bookings for private parties in our refurbished Function Room and that’s something which is going to be a very valuable income for the club going forward.

“We want to keep moving the club forward and have lots of exciting things planned for the future including some themed events such as wine tasting, speciality gin and cocktail nights.

“We want to appeal to people of all ages so we make sure we keep up with all the latest products and trends in what we offer at the bar.

“Our current best seller is Coors Light but we’ve recently introduced a new premium lager, Madri, and that has gone down really well with our members.

“Being an integral part of the community is very important to us so

we also want to ensure that local groups can make more use of the club and we’ll be looking to work with local charities to hold various fundraising events here.

“As a club, we’re expecting to bounce back really strongly as it’s clear that our members really missed coming here during the lockdown and are really enthusiastic about getting back into club life.”

The Irish Club’s origins may date back to the Victorian era but it is now very much the epitome of a modern, 21st century venue.

If you’d like to catch up with Ian to discuss EPOS systems, call him on 07402957475 or email him at: i.dawson@cardindustryprofessionals.co.uk.

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Coors Light is one of the club's biggest sellers on the bar

Northallerton WMC receives £86,000 after energy investigation

After noticing extremely high electricity bills while the club was in lockdown, Northallerton Working Men's Club in York called in Nationwide Energy Consultants to investigate and discovered that the club had been paying for the power consumed by a phone mast installed on its roof and was due for a big repayment from the phone company



Northallerton WMC recouped £86,000 from Vodafone after discovering that they were paying to power the company's phone mast installed on the roof of the club

Nationwide Energy Consultants were recommended to Northallerton WMC by CIU York City Branch Secretary, Frank Healey, due to electricity usage which continued at around £1,000 per month when closed in COVID lockdown.

Dean O'Hara, Nationwide's Managing Director, visited in February 2021 to identify where the electricity was being used.

Club President Mick Herron and Secretary Jeff Lewis showed Dean that only essential equipment were running – CCTV, fire detection/alarm and intruder alarm etc.

When inspecting the electricity meter Dean found that rather than having a separate supply for the Vodafone mobile telephone mast it was in fact a sub-meter to the main supply the club was paying for.

The mast was installed back in 2009 and the club had been paying for it, unaware they should have been invoicing Vodafone.

No readings had been taken for the sub-meter which had been "round the clock" an unknown number of times.

Nationwide used a series of daily readings to calculate the phone masts consumption and taking the different contractual rates over the 12 years worked out that the club had paid over £86,000 rather than Vodafone. Nationwide liaised with Vodafone on the clubs behalf setting up a vendor agreement and submitting the invoices.

The club received the £86,000 from Vodafone on July 2 which, coming in a lump sum, has given the club financial security for the future and will allow them to invest in refurbishing the club.

Mick Herron said: "Nationwide Energy have helped us in ways you couldn't imagine. Not only would we never have found out about the Vodafone mast meter we wouldn't have known how to calculate how much we were due or who to contact at Vodafone to resolve the matter.

"Nationwide Energy took control of the issue and worked everything from start to finish until we received our money.

"Our electricity bill has always been

high but when we entered lockdown and it was still coming in at the same level, we thought something was up and decided to get in touch with the CIU and find out if anyone could help and Branch Secretary Frank Healey put us in contact with Nationwide Energy.

"They have been brilliant in getting to the bottom of this and getting us this lump sum that we were owed."

Jeff Lewis adds: "If we hadn't been locked down, we probably wouldn't have discovered this anomaly and might have carried on paying for the Vodafone mast for years to come.

"But being part of the CIU meant that we got the right support and advice to achieve what has been a positive outcome."

If any other clubs are experiencing unusually high bills, Nationwide can be contacted on 02476 328995 or www.nationwide-energy.co.uk



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News in brief

Contracts and Handbook available from Branch Offices

The CIU Contracts and Handbook have been updated and reprinted and are available to buy from your local Branch.

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 2021

The dates for the 2021 meetings of the NEC are as follows:

August - 4; September - 9; October - 6; November - 3; December - 1.

Annual Meeting 2021 dates

Thursday, September 9 – NEC Meeting
(The Grand Hotel, Blackpool)

Friday, September 10 – Beer & Trades Show
(Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool)

Saturday, September 11 – AGM
(The Grand Hotel, Blackpool)

New staff training video released



Voluntary organisation National Pubwatch, which counts many CIU clubs among its members, has created a training film called Supporting Vulnerable People, which takes frontline bar staff through a variety of scenarios on how to ensure the safety of customers.

This includes what actions should be taken when a female has been separated from her friends, to how to intervene when a woman who is drunk or drugged is being approached by an unknown male, to dealing with a domestic fight or helping a customer deal with unwanted attention.

National Pubwatch Chairman Steve Baker OBE, said: “Frontline staff need to be able to identify any potential incidents as well as recognise the unintended consequences of their own actions.

“The best way to manage vulnerability is to ensure you have equipped your team with the guidance and skills to effectively

deal with people before they become an issue.”

“The film has been designed to help generate team discussions on the issue of vulnerability and how staff can positively respond to protect them.”

National Pubwatch advises staff to consider the following when faced with any incidents:

- Evaluate the situation
- Identify any signs of danger, including aggression and drunkenness
- Assess who is the best person to help in the circumstances
- Work with the vulnerable person to find a solution
- Treat each person as an individual and do not make snap judgments

For more information and to view the training film, visit:

www.nationalpubwatch.org.uk

Ripped off? Then join the CIU's fightback



CIU Legal Consultant **Allyn Walton** issues a call out to clubs for information on their dealings with Minotaur, the debt-restructuring company which featured in a BBC Panorama investigation in 2018

It has been a long time since the Panorama programme 'Ripped Off? Join the Club' was broadcast in December 2018 but having issued the following Press Release at the time (see excerpt below) I assure you the Union hasn't merely stood back and watched:

"The CIU welcomes Panorama's investigation into so-called 'financial restructuring and debt management companies' none of which have ever been awarded National Approved Supplier status. ... The fundamental purpose of the CIU and its officers is to assist in the well-being of clubs across the UK.

"If there is an officer or anyone else acting within the CIU who seeks to gain personally from their positions, then rest assured we shall root them out of our organisation."

As everyone is aware the Union took swift action which was widely documented and concluded with a well-attended Special Meeting of the Council on March 2, 2019.

For its part, the Union took the view that the former President had betrayed the relationship of trust and confidence between it and any Officer, especially the President, in terms of his attitude to the plight of failing clubs, his obvious desire to keep important information

secret from the NEC, and as reported by Panorama, by personally benefiting from Minotaur's actions.

So why mention this all again now?

What's the purpose, you might ask, of raking up old news? The answer is quite simple, the chickens are coming home to roost for at least some of the people involved with Minotaur.

In addition to the Union's own legal manoeuvres, reports are drifting in from around the country that clubs are in the initial stages of taking legal action against Minotaur and the people that assisted them at every turn.

We can't comment on what the Union or these Clubs are doing at present but it seems inevitable that Writs will soon be landing, including from the CIU itself.

With that in mind I have been mandated by the Union to make a CALL OUT to all members and former members of CIU Clubs.

So, if you know or even might know of anyone previously involved with a Club that was 'ripped-off' by Minotaur, please reach out to them and urge them to contact the Union Head Office so we can potentially benefit from what they witnessed and the information they can provide, to help with these claims and possibly even expand the proceedings yet further.

Government issues advice on ventilation in hospitality

The Government has published advice on using ventilation to mitigate the risk of aerosol spread of the virus in hospitality settings:

Good ventilation brings fresh or cleaned air into indoor spaces.

The more fresh air that is brought inside, the more diluted any airborne virus will become.

In poorly ventilated spaces, residual virus can remain in the air after an infected person has left and increase the risk of COVID-19 spreading.

You should maximise the supply of fresh air in your premises. You can do this through:

- Fully or partially opening windows, air vents and doors to improve natural ventilation.
- If you use mechanical ventilation, ensuring that your systems are set to maximise fresh air and minimise air recirculation.
- Maximising the amount of fresh air your system draws in or

ensuring additional fresh air will help avoid COVID-19 spreading.

- Identifying any poorly ventilated spaces as part of your risk assessment, and taking steps to improve fresh air flow in these areas.
- You can also encourage the use of outside space where practical, in particular for higher risk activity such as exercise or when people are singing or raising their voices.

Identifying poorly ventilated spaces

The priority for your risk assessment is to identify areas of your workplace that are usually occupied, and poorly ventilated.

You should prioritise these areas for improvement to reduce the risk of aerosol transmission.

HSE provides guidance on how to identify a poorly ventilated space.

It also explains steps you can take to improve ventilation in these spaces.

There is further advice on air conditioning and ventilation on the HSE website: www.hse.gov.uk

The Union's Annual Meeting – Saturday, September 11

CIU club delegates from across England and Wales will be assembling next month at the Union's 2021 Annual Meeting in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel in Blackpool on Saturday, September 11

The Union's 2021 Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 11 in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel in Blackpool.

The venue, situated on Blackpool's North Promenade, is very close to the town centre and has a tram stop opposite its main entrance.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions over the last 16 months it has not been possible to plan for our usual Annual General Meeting this year.

Therefore in September the AGM will discuss the Union's Annual Reports for the last two reporting years. We will return to a normal format for the AGM next April.



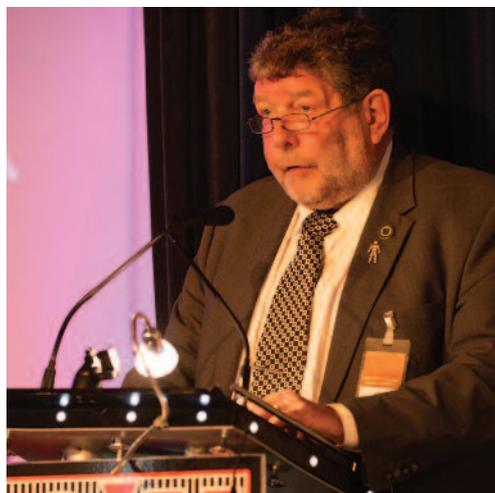
The 2021 Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 11 at Blackpool's Grand Hotel



Union President George Smith will chair the 2021 Annual Meeting



The Royal Suite at the Grand Hotel in Blackpool will be the venue for the 2021 Annual Meeting



Union Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM delivers his address at the 2019 AGM



Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM on the podium at the 2019 Annual Meeting



NEC Member Jack Haughey CMD ACM at the last AGM

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Don't miss out on the 2021 CIU Beer & Trades Show

The 29th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition, the UK's biggest trade show for private members' clubs, takes place on Friday, September 10 in the Norcalympia Suite at Blackpool's Norbreck Castle Hotel



The 2021 CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place on Friday, September 10

The Union's 29th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place on Friday, September 10 as part of the rescheduled Conference Weekend for 2021.

The event is the UK's biggest trade show for private members' social clubs with an array of products and services on display which are all targeted at helping clubs to boost trade, save money and help clubs bounce back from the pandemic, while taking part in some fun activities and networking along the way.

All the key club suppliers will all have a presence at the show, including Heineken UK, Dransfields and BT Sport, so make sure you join us next month.

Naturally, *Club Journal* will have a stand (near the front entrance) so please feel free to come over for a chat at some point during the afternoon.



The Norcalympia at the Norbreck Castle Hotel is the venue for the CIU Trade Show

Exhibitors for the 2021 Trade Show

We hear from some of the suppliers who are looking forward to meeting CIU members at the show



“Fantastic opportunity to finally attend the CIU show in Blackpool. We have wanted to do this for years. As we have all just seen, sport brings so many of us together so the show will be a great opportunity to introduce our ‘Sports Cinema’ concept based on crowd dynamics, especially given next year’s World Cup. The concept is built around generating crowd atmosphere transforming events and revenue ... it will be a great chance to introduce this new approach.”

John Shreeve, Big Screen Online



“We’re very excited about the prospect of Blackpool later this year. We’ve been a keen supporter of the Trade Show for many years now and our calendar seemed that much poorer without it in 2020. We’re delighted it’s back and look forward to catching up with our club customers.”

Ed Cracknell, Head of Marketing, BT Sport



“We are excited to be attending the CIU Trade Show for the first time in 2021, we look forward to meeting everyone on the day!

“We were hoping to attend the CIU Trade show in 2020, so it’s great to finally have the show booked into our calendar and we look forward to meeting everyone in September.”

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“There’s no doubt it’s been a tough time for us all but it is great to see so many clubs continuing to support their members and local communities. Dransfields will continue to work with customers to assist them during these difficult times and I am therefore delighted to support the rescheduled CIU Trade Show and Exhibition once again.

“The positives of being able to get together once again and meet in a fun, safe and controlled manner are immense and will be a highlight of the 2021 calendar for many of us.”

Chris Haley, Managing Director, Dransfields



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The ideal candidate will have previous experience, good people skills and a pleasant manner.

Duties include ordering bar stocks, stock control, accepting deliveries, pipe cleaning, staff care, fire alarm and burglar alarm control.

Hours of work will cover the club opening times, plus any functions etc.
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For further information, or to apply, please contact:

**Keith Tinkler, Chairman, via email at keithtinkler12@gmail.com
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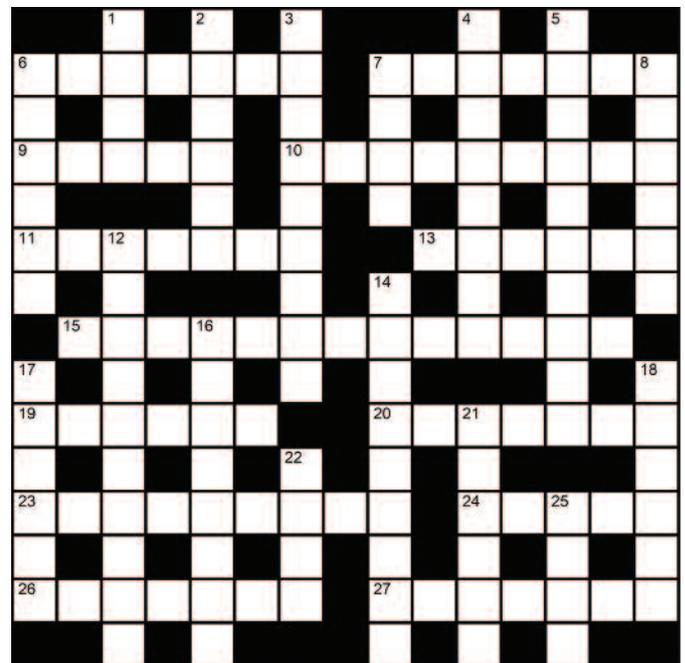
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Test Cricket: England v India - 1st Test

England's opening Test match against India continues at Trent Bridge. Earlier this year, India won the one-day international series 2-1 against England and will be tough opponents during what is sure to be an epic five-Test series across the summer. The most recent Test series between these nations ended in a 3-1 win for India.



Friday, August 13, 8pm – Sky Sports PL

Premier League: Brentford vs Arsenal

The new Premier League season gets underway with new boys Brentford taking on Arsenal. This is sure to be a massive step up for the Bees but one that all their faithful fans are greatly looking forward to. Predictably, Brentford are already being talked of as relegation candidates by some pundits but they will be aiming to prove their critics wrong.



Saturday, August 21, 12.30pm, BT Sport

Premier League: Liverpool v Burnley

Liverpool have been highly active in the transfer market during the summer as they attempt to get on track after their disappointing third-place finish last term. Burnley finished in 17th spot in the table but they will be contesting their sixth consecutive campaign in the Premier League, a major achievement for the club.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

This month will see the 2021/22 Premier League season get underway as reigning champions Manchester City begin their title defence against Tottenham. Meanwhile, in Test Cricket, England take on India

Friday, August 6, 7.45pm

Sky Sports

Championship: Bournemouth v West Bromwich Albion

Saturday, August 7, 10.15am

Sky Sports Cricket

Test Cricket: England v India – 1st Test

Saturday, August 7, 5pm

Sky Sports

Rugby Union: South Africa v British & Irish Lions – 3rd Test

Saturday, August 7, 7pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket – The 100: Southern Brave v Northern Superchargers

Saturday, August 7, 8pm

Sky Sports

Championship: Sheffield United v Birmingham City

Sunday, August 8, 1.30pm

Sky Sports

Championship: Fulham v Middlesbrough

Sunday, August 8, 4.30pm

Sky Sports

Championship: Coventry City v Nottingham Forest

Sunday, August 8, 6.30pm

Sky Sports

Super League: Leigh Centurions v Hull KR

Monday, August 9, 6.30pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket – The 100: Birmingham Phoenix v Welsh Fire

Tuesday, August 10, 6.30pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket – The 100: Manchester Originals v London Spirit

Tuesday, August 10, 7.45pm

Sky Sports Football

League Cup: Derby County v Salford City

Wednesday, August 11, 6.30pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket – The 100: Southern Brave v Welsh Fire

Wednesday, August 11, 8pm

BT Sport

European Super Cup: Chelsea v Villarreal

Thursday, August 12, 10am

Sky Sports Cricket

Test Cricket: England v India – 2nd Test

Friday, August 13, 8pm

Sky Sports

Premier League: Brentford v Arsenal

Saturday 14 August, 12.30pm

BT Sport

Premier League: Manchester United v Leeds United

Saturday, August 14, 5.30pm

Sky Sports

Premier League: Norwich v Liverpool

Sunday, August 15, 2pm

Sky Sports

Premier League: Newcastle v West Ham

Sunday, August 15, 4.30pm

Sky Sports

Premier League: Tottenham v Manchester City

Monday, August 16, 7pm

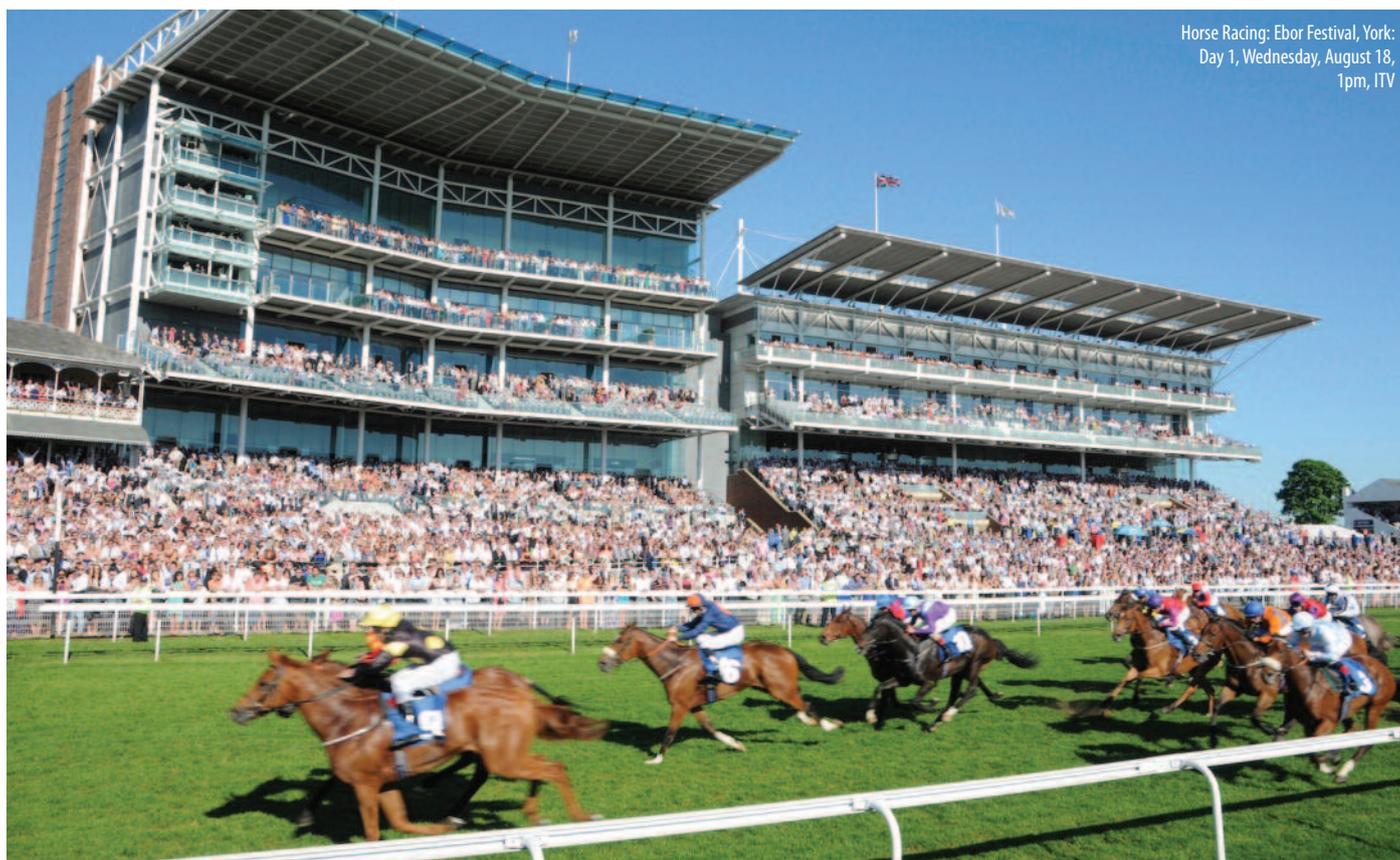
Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket – The 100: Southern Brave v Oval Invincibles

Tuesday, August 17, 7.45pm

Sky Sports Football

Championship: Swansea City v Stoke City



Horse Racing: Ebor Festival, York:
Day 1, Wednesday, August 18,
1pm, ITV

Wednesday, August 18, 1pm

ITV

Horse Racing: Ebor Festival, York

Wednesday, August 18, 6.30pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket- The 100: Welsh Fire v London Spirit

Wednesday, August 18, 7.45pm

Sky Sports Football

Championship: Birmingham City v Bournemouth

Thursday, August 19, 1pm

Sky Sports Golf

Golf: Czech Masters

Friday, August 20, 7.45pm

Sky Sports Football

Championship: Bristol City v Swansea City

Saturday, August 21, 12.30pm

BT Sport

Premier League: Liverpool v Burnley

Saturday, August 21, 1pm

ITV

Horse Racing: Ebor Festival, York

Saturday, August 21, 5.30pm

BT Sport

Premier League: Brighton v Watford

Sunday, August 22, 1.30pm

Sky Sports PL

Premier League: Southampton v Manchester United

Sunday, August 22, 4.30pm

Sky Sports

Premier League: Arsenal v Chelsea

Monday, August 23, 8pm

Sky Sports

Premier League: West Ham v Leicester City

Wednesday, August 25, 10.15am

Sky Sports Cricket

Test Cricket: England v India - 3rd Test

Thursday, August 26, 12 noon

Sky Sports Golf

Golf: European Masters

Friday, August 27, 7.45pm

Sky Sports Football

Championship: Peterborough United v West Bromwich Albion

Saturday, August 28, 12.30pm

BT Sport

Premier League: Manchester City v Arsenal

Saturday, August 28, 12.30pm

Sky Sports Football

Championship: Derby County v Nottingham Forest

Saturday, August 28, 5.30pm

Sky Sports

Premier League: Liverpool v Chelsea

Sunday, August 29, 12 noon

Sky Sports Football

Scottish Premiership: Rangers v Celtic

Sunday, August 29, 12.30pm

Sky Sports F1

Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix

Sunday, August 29, 2pm

Sky Sports

Premier League: Burnley v Leeds

Sunday, August 29, 4.30pm

Sky Sports

Wolves v Manchester United



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