

## Bird & Howes LLP becomes CIU National Account Holder



Bird & Howes LLP has become a CIU National Account Holder after exhibiting at the 2022 Trade Show held in Blackpool in April. Pictured, left to right: Bird & Howes Client Account Executive Hayley Simms, Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM and Bird & Howes Client Account Executive Sue Eden

Bird & Howes LLP, the Chartered Surveyors and Commercial Property Advisors, has become a CIU National Account Holder.

The Leicester-based company was an exhibitor at the Union’s trade show held in Blackpool in April and represents hundreds of club sector sites regarding their business rates payments across England and Wales.

Sam Bird MRICS, Partner at Bird & Howes LLP, said:

“We are currently looking to urgently represent all CIU member clubs that are over £12,000 in rateable value.

“There is potentially a large financial claim that we can make for your club but we have approximately six months left to carry out the work or the window will close.

“We have submitted hundreds of appeals across the country to date and we believe that we can vastly reduce your club’s business rates assessment.

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“To give you peace of mind we are approved by the CIU National Executive but we also represent huge numbers of clubs within the British Legion, ACC clubs, Independent Social Clubs, Sports Clubs and many Masonic Halls.

“Times are particularly hard for the club sector at present and we believe that our work can help clubs significantly. In many cases, it may be the difference between clubs being able to keep their doors open or not.

“Typically, we expect to be able to save your club between £100-£1,500 a month going forward, where we are

successful, and that there are additional significant savings to be obtained, for example through reduced Sky TV charges where these charges are already in place.

“There is no cost to the service unless Bird and Howes LLP successfully recover a cash refund to your club’s bank account.

“If we do win your appeal we do not charge clubs for any of the savings achieved monthly going forward after our work is complete.

“We are paid once only in relation to the initial cash recovery. If we fail then there is nothing for your club to pay and Bird and Howes cover all expenses associated with our work.

“If you are a Club Treasurer, Secretary or Chairman please do contact us for a detailed breakdown of what is possible at your site with a view to taking the matter forward before the deadline passes.”

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Welcome to the August issue of *Club Journal* and I hope that your club is enjoying a busy summer.

As you'll see in our front page story, Bird & Howes LLP has become a CIU National Account Holder.

The firm represents hundreds of club sector sites regarding their business rates payments across England and Wales and specialises in reducing a club's business rates assessment.

Any CIU member clubs that are over £12,000 in rateable value could benefit from their help. There is potentially a large financial claim that can be made for your club but there is a deadline of around six months in which to carry out the work or the window will close.

If you would like to get in touch with Bird & Howes LLP, their contact details are on the front page.

This month we have a Q&A feature with Stephen Foster CMD ACM who represents Durham on the NEC.

Amongst other things, Stephen talks about his home club, Easington Colliery Club, why he believes the Government should be slashing the tax on alcohol and the pig who earlier this year popped into the club and made the national news.

You can read the full article on pages 15 and 16.

# Welcome

Meanwhile, our 'Club of the Month' for August is Herne Bay Ex-Servicemen's Club in Kent.

The club came within a whisker of shutting down in 2021 but thanks to the huge efforts of a group of motivated members has bounced back from near disaster and is positively thriving.

For the full profile of the club, see pages 10-13.

We have had a good initial response to the relaunch of the 'Club Outings' section but there is still time to ensure your club is included and can showcase your facilities to all CIU-affiliated clubs.

For more information on entering your club in the Club Outings section, please see pages 24-25.

Finally, don't forget that the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday at Wetherby will take place on Saturday, November 12 – further details will follow in next month's *Club Journal*.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

**Stephen Goulding**

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## Presentation held at Chapeltown WMC



A presentation was held at Chapeltown WMC (Sheffield) to honour four long-serving Committee Members. Pictured, left to right: Mark Fergusson CMD (South Yorkshire Branch President and NEC Member), Roy Somerset (Club Committee Member and recipient of 25-Year Long Service Award), Jason Grimes (Club Committee Member and recipient of 25-Year Long Service Award), Kerry Moxon (who received the 50-Year Distinguished Service Award on behalf of her recently departed father, Douglas Moxon, who was Treasurer of the club for 53 years), Bob Caswell (Secretary of Chapeltown WMC), Kenneth D Green CMD ACM (Union General Secretary and South Yorkshire Branch Secretary) and Graham Bonnington (Club Committee Member and recipient of the Certificate of Merit)

## OBITUARY

### Sid Hicks

The Northumberland Branch is sad to announce the passing of former Executive Member and National Executive Member Sid Hicks on Tuesday, May 24.



Sid was the long-serving Secretary at Byker St Peters Social Club in Newcastle upon Tyne and served on the Northumberland Branch for 18 years.

He was also a National Executive Member for 15 years until stepping down in July 2018.

Sid did a lot of charity work for the East End charities supporting the Saltburn Convalescent Home.

He will be much missed by all his friends.

We send our utmost sympathies to his son Tony and daughters Gill and Colette.

## Certificate of Merit presentation held at Gosforth Empire Club



Gosforth Empire Club held a presentation on Friday, June 24 to award four Committee Members with their Certificates of Merit. Pictured, left to right: Alan Hardy (Northumberland Branch President), Raymond Keenan (Club Committee Member and COM recipient), Thomas Knaggs (Club Committee Member and COM recipient), Janice Paxton (Club Chairwoman, accepting COM on behalf of Club Treasurer Harry Knox), Eddie Fisher (Club Secretary and COM recipient) and Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary)

## CLUB NOTICES

### Club name changes

**From:** Dunstable United Services Club  
**To:** Dunstable United Services Club and Institute Ltd

**From:** Haslington Cosey Social Club  
**To:** Haslington Cosey Social Club and Institute Ltd

**From:** Brafield On The Green WM Club  
**To:** Brafield On The Green Community, Sport & Social Club Ltd

**From:** Leeds Jubilee Club  
**To:** Jubilee Social Club Ltd

**Club withdrawn**  
 Greenside Club (Durham Branch)

## Charity pigeon auction at Leigh Park WMC

The Leigh Park & District Trade Union and Working Mens Club in Havant recently staged a charity racing pigeon auction in aid of Ukraine.

The event saw members of the club's pigeon fanciers section donating baby pigeons which were then sold at auction.

The event raised a total of £1,500 with the money split between two charities, Nova Ukraine and Voices for Children, both organisations which continue to provide humanitarian aid to those affected by the war.

Organiser Terry Bernard thanked the donors, purchasers and the Leigh Park Working Men's Club for their support.

He added: "The boys all rallied round, I was happy with what we raised and so was everyone else. It's good for the soul.

"I hope that the £1,500 raised helps in some small way to ease the suffering in Ukraine."

Explaining why he organised the event, Terry said: "I thought this can't carry on. The Ukrainians didn't ask to be bombed and I thought we've got to do something.

"I was brought up after the Second World War – it was devastation in Portsmouth. They're just getting slaughtered out there."

Leigh Park WMC has a flourishing pigeon section which sees members releasing specially trained homing pigeons, who return to their homes over a particular distance.

The racing season usually spans from April until September



## Blyth Sports Club honours five long-serving Committee Members



A presentation night was held at Blyth Sports Club on Saturday, June 25 with five Certificates of Merit awarded to Club Committee Members. Pictured, left to right: Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary), Alan Hardy (Northumberland Branch President), John Moffat (Club Treasurer and COM recipient), George Adams (Club Committee Member and COM recipient), John Whiteman (Club Secretary and COM recipient) and Bill Stoker (No.4 Division Executive and NEC Member). Missing on the night were: Ivan Thompson (Club Committee Member and COM recipient) and Scott Young (Club Chairman and COM recipient)

## Jubilee Charity Day held at Knaphill WMC



Knaphill Working Mens Club's Jubilee Family Charity Day took place on June 4 and raised funds for the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance and Woking Hospice

Knaphill Working Mens Club in Surrey staged a Jubilee Family Charity Day on June 4 in the club car park with stalls, a barbecue, fun activities and music.

The event, in support of the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance, was very well attended by members and local people with a total of £1,161 raised.

In addition, a further £500 was raised for Woking Hospice.

## Emmerdale star drops in on Idle WMC



Chris Chittell (pictured, right), who played the character of Eric Pollard in the ITV rural soap *Emmerdale*, receives his Honorary Membership of Idle Working Men's Club

Idle Working Men's Club in West Yorkshire was recently visited by actor Chris Chittell who played the role of Eric Pollard in the long-running soap opera *Emmerdale*.

Chris was also given Honorary Membership of the club, following in the footsteps of such luminaries as Hollywood star Johnny Depp.

## OBITUARY

### Michael Elliott

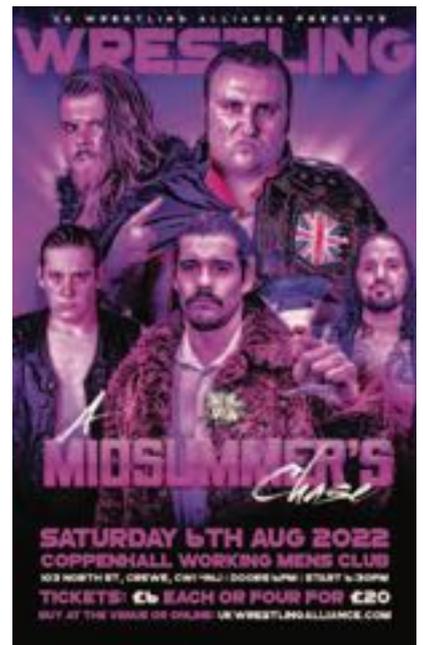
It is with great sadness that Stanley Empire Workingmens Club in County Durham must announce the passing of Michael Elliott.



Michael joined the Committee in the mid-1980s, taking on the role of Secretary in 1998, a position he held until his resignation due to ill health in 2019.

Michael will be deeply missed by family, friends and members of the club.

## News in brief



### Coppenhall WMC to stage 'A Midsummer's Chase' Championship Wrestling event

Coppenhall Working Men's Club in Crewe will be hosting a major wrestling event on August 6.

The event, staged by UKWA and entitled 'A Midsummer's Chase', will see Charles Kelsey defending the UKWA Championship against CJ Rawlings in the evening's main bout.

The show starts at 6.30pm and tickets can be bought on the door or in advance from:

<http://www.ukwrestlingalliance.com>

**OBITUARY**

**Gordon Winn**

Former Wakefield Branch Secretary and NEC Member Gordon Winn CMD has passed away.



Gordon had a distinguished career in the CIU and served on the NEC for 22 years before stepping down at the end of 2013.

Gordon joined Sacriston WMC in his native County Durham at the age of 18 and spent two years on the Committee.

In 1967 he moved to Kellingley Colliery in West Yorkshire and soon after became a founder member of the Scottish, Yorkshire and Durham Club at Knottingley.

After 12 years as Trustee and Financial Officer, he left to succeed National Vice-President Brian Winters as Branch Secretary in 1989 and served in that role until 2013.

Gordon was elected to the NEC in 1992 and served as Chairman of the Legal and Advisory Committee.

**Chirton Social Club presents Certificates of Merit**



A presentation was held at Chirton Social Club in North Shields on July 7 to honour four long-serving officials with their Certificates of Merit.

Pictured, left to right: Alan Hardy (Northumberland Branch President), Ken Sayers (No.7 Division Executive), Ernie Craig (Chirton Social Club Committee Member and COM recipient), Ken Heron (Chirton Social Club Chairman), Paul Williams (Chirton Social Club Committee Member and COM recipient), Edward Eason (Chirton Social Club Committee Member and COM recipient), John Patterson (Chirton Social Club Secretary and COM recipient) and Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary)

**News in brief**

**Mill View Social Club raises £2,000 to install defibrillator for use of the local community**

Members of Mill View Social Club in Sunderland have raised £2,000 to install a defibrillator on the exterior of the club.

The club already has a defibrillator situated in the Steward's Office for use when the club is open but will now have another one which can be utilised outside of opening hours by members of the local community.

The club has teamed up with charity Red Sky Foundation to provide the new life-saving equipment.

A spokesman for the charity said: "We are proud to welcome Club Secretary Keith Seymour and his fellow members of the club in to the Red Sky Foundation family as they are the latest addition to our list of guardian angels taking a defibrillator from us to help give the local community the best chance of surviving a cardiac arrest."

The club will also be holding classes to instruct people how to use the equipment.

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The Festival of Clubs celebrates the achievements of members' clubs across the UK and many of our fantastic Union clubs have led the way in a number of categories during recent years... why not join them?

This year's Festival of Clubs takes place on Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Launched last November as the successor to the longstanding Club Awards, the Festival of Clubs is a series of events designed to celebrate Clubland in all its many guises and, as you'd expect, CIU clubs and officials will be very much to the fore at the event.

The CIU has its own category within the awards section of the event, the 'CIU Traditional Club of the Year' award which puts the spotlight on the outstanding work being done by Union clubs across the country.

### WHY ENTER?

Clubs use their success to:

- Raise the club's profile.
- Gain coverage in the local press and media.
- Encourage new members.



CIU clubs were honoured at the inaugural Festival of Clubs event held in Doncaster last year

- Thank your existing members
- Show that the club is spending members' money for their benefit.
- Celebrate the club sector.

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## Distinguished Service Award

**Anthony Ravenscroft – Fitzroy Social Club (Manchester)**

**Kevin Caddy – Rushall Labour Club (West Midlands)**

## Long Service Award

**Graham Chadwick – Fitzroy Social Club (Manchester)**

**John Paul Smith – Bedlington Station & District Social Club (Northumberland)**

**Raymond Needham – Bradgate WMC (South Yorkshire)**

## Certificate of Merit

**Ian Holder – Victory Club South Norwood (South East Met)**

**Keith Bullen – Victory Club, South Norwood (South East Met)**

**Arthur Thompson – Bedlington Station & District Social Club (Northumberland)**

**Kevin Hetherington – Ashington Comrades Club (Northumberland)**

**Cyril Foster – Wilby WMC (South East Midlands)**

**Michael Prankard – Wilby WMC (South East Midlands)**

## Branch Executive Award – 21 Years

**Alan Preston – York City Branch**



Some of the key Committee Members who were instrumental in saving the club. Pictured, left to right: Malcolm Davis, Robert Peck, Secretary Debbie Peck, Vice-Secretary Diane Morley and Club President Michael Ayton

# Herne Bay Ex-Servicemen's Club

Founded in 1921, Herne Bay Ex-Servicemen's Club in Kent nearly closed down in its centenary year but has bounced back thanks to the massive efforts of its Committee and members

Opening in 1921, Herne Bay Ex-Servicemen's Club in Herne Bay on the North coast of Kent has, for more than a century, been a much-loved meeting place for former members of the armed services and their families, as well as local people drawn by the friendly atmosphere and amenities.

But the club came dangerously close to being lost to the community altogether last year with the then Committee sending out a letter to members in June 2021 which stated that, given a variety of contributing factors, it would be best if the club shut down permanently.

This bombshell letter came following the COVID-19 lockdowns and set out a long list of repairs which needed to be carried out on the building which, coupled with what it



termed a “rapid decline in the club’s income”, led the authors of the letter to conclude that the club was not viable going forward and that they had decided to make all the bar staff redundant as precursor to shutting down.

“Many members did not agree with the conclusion of the letter and were determined that the club was worth fighting for,” says Vice-Secretary Diane Morley, who was one of the driving forces behind the campaign to keep the club open.

“Obviously the club had been shut in March 2020 due to COVID but we were all expecting it to re-open when the Government allowed it.

“Suddenly, my husband and I received that letter saying that it was set to close and we both said: ‘We’re not having that!’

“It’s a place that so many people enjoy visiting and we weren’t just going to roll over and let the closure happen. We at least wanted to put up a fight.”

And, aided by like-minded members, put up a fight they did, spreading the word via social media groups such as ‘Herne Bay Chatter’, as well as the local newspaper, to start a campaign to keep the club open.

“We asked for people to come down to the club to support the campaign and over 40 turned up which was great as it made it onto the front page of the local newspaper,” says Diane.

“At the subsequent AGM, around 200 people turned up and a new temporary Committee was put in place which was committed to saving the club.

“We eventually opened in November 2021, just ahead of Remembrance Weekend which is obviously a major occasion for an Ex-Servicemen’s Club.”

Secretary Debbie Peck, whose husband Rob is also a Committee Member, adds: “It was really positive from the start and immediately after that AGM, some of the new Committee came into the club to

update the interior and make sure it was fit for the 21st century.”

Debbie had actually worked at the club for 17 years as a member of staff before being made redundant ahead of the looming closure in the summer of 2021 but in the post-shutdown reshuffle found herself becoming a member of the club and its Secretary.

“Having that experience of working for so many years in the club has been an advantage but it has also been a steep learning curve to step in as Secretary, particularly as there was no real handover from the previous incumbents,” she says.

“We do have the services of an accountancy firm who have been very supportive and I’ve also had great support from the members of the Committee, particularly Diane who sorted out the various licences we required ahead of reopening last November.

“The club has a 10-strong Committee who are always willing to put the work in to make the club a



The club has been an important part of the local community for over a century and a focal point for veterans of the armed forces

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success, including undertaking maintenance or carrying out a task when I'm unavailable given that I also have a full-time job elsewhere."

As for the list of repairs which were used as a potential reason for closing the club, the Committee has already addressed the most serious problems.

"It's an ongoing process but we're working our way through everything that needs doing with the most urgent jobs done right at the start which enabled us to re-open and start getting an income again," says Debbie.

"Top of the list was a leaking roof and that was carried out with money that was donated by a member of the Committee.

"We also put in a new till system and card reader to replace the very old till we had before so it's a case of modernising as we go along."

This modernisation process has also been extended to the club's cellar where a new Heineken SmartDispense system has been installed.

"We did a deal with Heineken and the new system has been very impressive, with members remarking on the improved quality of the beer, while the energy costs are kept down



The club has recently upgraded its cellar equipment

as much as possible," says Debbie.

"The change to the new cellar system also means we don't have to do the line cleaning ourselves as someone comes in every six weeks to do it for us.

"We currently have 370 members and within that number there is a hardcore of people who come into the club on a regular basis.

"At the moment, we are open four

days a week – Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday – and the level of trade has been very encouraging so we'll be looking at extending our opening hours whenever it's sustainable to do so.

"We are definitely moving forward and putting on more and more events to get people through the doors, including bingo, karaoke, quizzes and live entertainment.



There are plenty of activities at the cub for members to enjoy including bingo, karaoke, quiz nights and live entertainment

“We’ve recently installed a coffee machine which has gone down very well with people coming in especially to have a couple of lattes or cappuccinos because they like them so much.

“We’re constantly thinking about what other things we can offer to members.

“A lot of work has been done on the upstairs Function Room and we are about to put in a pool table, a dartboard and a TV screen so that it can double as a Games Room when it’s not being used for functions.

“That’s something which we hope will encourage younger people to come into the club and become members.

“We already have two snooker tables downstairs in the club which are used a lot by members and the idea to add a pool table came from the Suggestion Box which we’ve set up in the club.

“With the imminent arrival of the pool table we have just taken an advance booking for a private function with a family wanting to hire the room for their own pool

tournament and functions are something we’re keen to push in the future.

“In June, we had a group visit from the Walderslade Club in Kent which was fantastic with two sessions of bingo, a raffle, buffet and music.

“If any other CIU clubs would like a day out on the coast, please get in touch as we’ve love to see you. We have a car/coach park just over the road from the club so it would be very convenient.”

The club has certainly gained in profile in its local area thanks to the coverage in the local press plus concerted efforts to publicise upcoming events and acts on its Facebook page.

“We’ve had some brilliant acts and events at the club in recent months,” says Diane, who has taken on the task of promoting the club via social media.

“We started doing a regular karaoke night on a Friday and that has really built up a good following.

“We’re trying to pack in a lot of things to ensure that people have a reason to come down to the club

more often and we’ve also had quiz nights, cribbage nights, charity events and discos which our members have loved. It’s all put up on our Facebook page so people know what’s coming up.

“They’ve also had the chance to enjoy some really good quality live singers on Saturday nights with songs from a variety of eras. It all creates a real buzz around the club.”

With the threat of closure now a distant memory, the club is looking forward to a bright future.

Fittingly, the last word goes to Diane, who put so much effort into securing that future for the club:

“We’re so pleased that our club is still here for the local community and that our members continue to support everything we do – long may it continue!”

### CONTACT DETAILS

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The club has two snooker tables and is in the process of installing a pool table and dartboard in the upstairs Function/Games Room

# HQ



## News in brief

### Updated CIU Contracts and Club Secretary's Handbook now available from branches

Updated versions of the CIU contracts are now available to buy from your Branch.

- Club Staff Accommodation Contract
- Contract of Employment – Bar Manager
- Club Staff Handbook
- Contract of Employment – Bar/Cleaning Staff
- Contract of Employment – Club Steward
- Club Secretary's Handbook
- Zero Hours Contract

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 for 2022

The remaining dates for the monthly NEC meetings at Head Office in 2022 are: August 3/4; September 7/8; October 5/6; November 2/3 and December 7/8.

### Annual Meeting 2023 dates confirmed

The dates for the 2023 Conference Weekend in Blackpool have been confirmed and are as follows:

*Thursday, April 13* – NEC Meeting (Blackpool)

*Friday, April 14*– 31st CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition (Blackpool)

*Saturday, April 15* – AGM (Blackpool)

## Government extends the Recovery Loan Scheme for a further two years

The Recovery Loan Scheme (RLS), originally launched in April 2021 to help businesses recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, has been extended for a further two years.

The Recovery Loan Scheme is aimed at supporting access to finance for UK businesses. It gives lenders a Government-backed guarantee against the outstanding balance of the facility.

Business Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng said: “The extension of the Recovery Loan Scheme will help ensure we continue to provide much-needed finance to thousands of small businesses across the country, while stimulating local communities, creating jobs and driving economic growth in the UK.”

For more information, visit: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

## House of Lords Committee Report finds major flaws in the Licensing system

A new report by the House of Lords Liaison Committee on the Licensing Act 2003 has found that significant issues remain between the licensing and planning systems and that little progress has been made in addressing the lack of coordination between the two systems.

The report calls for the Government to establish clear mechanisms for the licensing and planning systems to work together and communicate effectively.

It also recommends that a mandatory minimum standard of councillor training needs to be established for councillors who participate in licensing committee or

sub-committee proceedings to ensure consistent decisions across licensing committees.

The report further states that the lack of progress in improving access to licensed premises for disabled people is “unacceptable” and called for the law to be amended to require that an application for a premises licence should be accompanied by a disabled access and facilities statement.

The new report from the House of Lords Liaison Committee follows up the 2017 report by the Select Committee on the Licensing Act 2003 to which the CIU submitted evidence.

# Q&A with... NEC Member Stephen Foster CMD ACM

*Club Journal* puts the spotlight on the NEC Member for Durham, **Stephen Foster**, to get an insight into his club life as Secretary of Easington Colliery Club, his views on what the Government should be doing to help clubs and why the ACM is a must for CIU officials



**Q: When did you first get involved in club life?**

**Stephen Foster:** I became a member of Easington Colliery Club in Durham at the tender age of 17 in 1969. It is known as ‘The Big Club’ locally and I was so proud to hold those membership cards - like my brother and father who gave me his father’s wallet and affiliation card dated 1909.

As a occasionally wayward young man, I was very much aware of the management structure – especially the disciplinary procedure!

When I reached the ancient age of 24 with wife, child and mortgage, I tried to get myself elected on to the Committee but failed. In those days, there could be 12 candidates for four vacancies. However six months later I scraped on which I still think was an achievement considering the well-established opposition.

I did not seek any position until 2000 when my older brother retired as Secretary and I was elected by a General Meeting. I came out of that meeting somewhat shell-shocked as I wasn’t really expecting it. My brother had served 29 years in various positions and stayed on as delegate to show me the ropes.

Regardless of how clever you are or what experience you have, there is nothing like club rules and administration. The boss in a factory doesn’t have 1,500 members questioning management decisions! Apart from 18 months, when I stepped down and took time out, I have been Secretary ever since – over 20 years.

**Q: Could you give us an overview of your CIU career?**

**SF:** Myself and George Smith, the current Union President, were elected on to the NEC for a two-year stint starting January 2014.

I was also elected on to the Durham Branch Executive at the same time and remain a member of it now. I actually replaced George who became Branch Secretary.

Sadly, with closures, the number of Durham clubs dropped below 200 which meant we could only have one representative so I did not seek re-election.

When George became a candidate for Union President, I was unopposed as the Durham NEC member. We both started in January 2020 and are both still serving in our respective roles.

**Q: What actions would you like the Government to take to help clubs?**

**SF:** How can the Government help clubs? Reducing VAT and rates for clubs has been bandied about for years but that will never happen in my opinion. Pubs, wine bars, restaurants, etc. would claim unfair advantage. My big

bugbear is tax. We are one of the heaviest taxed nations in the world. VAT - a tax on people who work hard, save up for maybe a new telly, car or holiday and they take another 20%!

If you pay into a private pension, your contributions are taken from your net wages so you have already paid tax and insurance.

Then when you retire to enjoy the fruits of your labour, they add this income to you state pension and any other income and tax you again! So if you have enough left for a couple of pints at the club, lo and behold you pay tax on your drinks. And just in case you follow Government advice to imbibe less alcohol, there is a sugar tax on soft drinks!

I am sure you will have all experienced your members saying ‘I can get this for one and a half euros a pint in Spain’. The reason is very simple – their Government takes much less alcohol tax because they realise the importance of their hospitality sector.

To compare, 5% ABV lager here – 54p tax, Spain 6 cents. 70cl spirits @ 40% – £8.05 here, Spain 2.7 Euros. Wine up to 15% ABV here – about £3, Spain zero! Then, of course they add the dreaded VAT so we pay VAT on the alcohol tax!

I seem to have used a lot of exclamation marks but it is a pet hate of mine. I haven’t even mentioned road tax, gift tax, death duties, inheritance tax, stamp duty and council tax. I didn’t bother to google more taxes - it’s too depressing.

So, as you may have gathered, I would love to see a reduction in alcohol tax (which would also reduce VAT) in the hospitality sector which would help us compete a little better with supermarkets whose responsibility ends at the checkout.

They can sell spirits and high ABV drinks to 18 year olds and leave them to it. We can’t. We have to deal with them all night and have much more overheads in general than an off licence premises.

I think club members already get a good deal – they can watch satellite TV and entertainment, play pool, snooker, cards, darts, dominoes, join teams and sub-clubs.

They can also complain (it has been known!) or be involved in management with arbitration services, advice and education from the CIU.

**Q: What are the key issues facing clubs at the moment?**

**SF:** The main issues clubs have is primarily the reduction in footfall which reduces all incomes – bingo, raffles, cover charges, gaming machines and, of course, bar takings.

The COVID-19 lockdown changed people’s social

habits – permanently for some – and there are still some who are in fear of catching the virus. The latest figures are scary.

Attracting younger people is challenging. In a survey I read recently, a third of 18 - 25 year olds don't drink alcohol so its hard to replace older members who are ill or have passed away. I named off the top of my head 10 good members who have died who spent £100 each a week – that's £50,000 a year in lost takings.

Out of the remaining two-thirds of 18-25 year olds, half are so called binge drinkers, so having a good range of trending drinks and a non-alcoholic section is essential.

I consult our younger members of staff and patrons and ask our stocktaker what is trending.

There is no easy solution but committees need to consider diversifying. Members need to help out by maybe coming out another night and supporting their committees. As we all know there are some members who only criticise without solutions.

To paraphrase JFK, 'ask not what your club can do for you but what you can do for your club'. Yes, I know it sounds corny.

### **Q: How are clubs doing in the Durham Branch at the moment?**

**SF:** The Durham clubs are following the national trend with, sadly, closures. When I was a young man all you had to do to fill the club was open the doors. There are still some good ones and others are struggling.

### **Q: As part of the CIU's Education Committee and a course lecturer, could you tell our readers a bit about the ACM course?**

**SF:** The ACM has three modules which can be taken in any order and at any venue. They cover all aspects of club management. The fonts and format make it easy to read. Our lecturers have a wealth of experience and have anecdotal examples of most club situations. The logistics of organising courses have been challenging but the Education Committee are working to get them up and running soon.

### **Q: Which CIU figure has influenced you the most over the years?**

**SF:** The person who has influenced me most has to be George Smith, the Union President. When I started out as a Club Secretary in 2000, he was involved with the Branch and helped me.

When we were candidates for election to the NEC in late 2013 we sent our campaign letters to the Durham clubs in the same envelope. He has spent a lifetime being dedicated to clubs and works tirelessly in Durham.

Indeed, he has persuaded clubs to stay in the CIU who were thinking of leaving. Although we have become firm friends over the years, I don't always agree with him!

### **Q: Do you have any favourite clubland stories?**

**SF:** Club stories? I have a few amusing tales but a more serious and hopefully interesting one first.

Although we are not a political club, many of our



The pig which wandered into Easington Colliery Club earlier this year (see below for full story)

members were miners and were involved in the 1984-85 strike, from March to March, a full year without pay. We had a soup kitchen five days a week with a hot meal cooked by miners' wives, the food being donated by local shops.

The Committee also decided to give every member two pint tokens on Sundays. To a man, all of the non-miners gave up their tokens to their miner friends. At Christmas the club became a sorting office for toy donations – many from Russian miners.

In total we gave away 30,000 tokens and the club still made a profit! I will be eternally proud of how the club and community acted. It's what our organisation is all about.

On a lighter note there are many funny stories everywhere in clubland.

For example, I got a phone call some five years ago purporting to be from the local council. She said they had had reports of a dead zebra on the club field! I hung up thinking it was a prank.

However she called back and repeated it. Myself and our Stewardess, Kayleigh walked around the field and found a dead horse. The poor thing had accidentally strangled itself and someone had covered it with a zebra patterned throw over so passing schoolchildren would not see it!

Another quick animal related tale – a piebald pig came wandering into the bar this year. I sent pictures which the *Journal* published.

We were inundated with reporters. I told the *Sun* it illustrated our inclusion and diversity policy. They, of course, added their own quips such as it was fed bacon crisps and pork scratchings.

It had come from a nearby allotment and a Facebook post soon found the owner.

I'll stop there for now. Maybe the *Journal* should have 'A Funny Thing Happened At The Club...' section?

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# Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday set for Saturday, November 12

The 2022 edition of the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday will take place on Saturday, November 12 at Wetherby Racecourse.

This is one of the highlights of the CIU's annual sporting calendar and sees clubs from all over the country heading to Yorkshire to enjoy a day in the Union's exclusive marquee adjacent to the racetrack.

It is always a bumper day for charity with the event raising over £40,000 for the CIU's chosen charities since it started at Wetherby in 2006, with both Wetherby Racecourse and their catering partner CGC Events Ltd donating £1 from every CIU package sold.

Nearly 1,000 CIU members came

along to the 2021 event and witnessed seven excellent races over the well-regarded jumps course, as well as some great food and drink.

Jonjo Sanderson, Chief Executive and Clerk of the Course at Wetherby Racecourse, is certainly looking forward to welcoming Union members to the venue in 2022.

"We really look forward to welcoming CIU members to Wetherby each November and giving them some fantastic Yorkshire hospitality while they enjoy top-class sporting action," he said.

"There will be seven National Hunt races on the day with some of the best horses and jockeys in the country competing."



There will be seven National Hunt races to enjoy at Wetherby on Saturday, November 12, 2022

We will be publishing details of the special CIU ticket packages in future issues of *Club Journal*.



Pictured, left to right: Wetherby Racecourse Chief Executive Jonjo Sanderson presents a cheque for £1354 to Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM, Union President George Smith and Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM at the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday held in November 2021



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# ACM day courses set for a return later this year

The Award in Club Management (ACM) day sessions will be making a return in 2022 and aim to give club officials the basic knowledge required to run their clubs. *Club Journal* gives an overview of the three-stage ACM qualification which covers such key areas such as Club Law, Finance and Administration

Since the earliest days of the CIU, education has been an important part of what the Union can offer to its member clubs.

The Award in Club Management (ACM) course is specifically designed for CIU clubs and aims to give club officials a thorough grounding in the key aspects of running a modern and efficient club.

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, they receive the ACM.

The course is aimed at people who are going to be sitting on club committees and occupying positions of authority within clubs.

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 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.

Head Office will be rearranging new dates for the ACM day courses at various clubs across the country for the second half of 2022, so look out for further information in upcoming issues of *Club Journal*.



Each unit of the ACM is completed in a one-day session held at a club



The lecturers on the course include Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM



Candidates are given a workbook for each unit which they can take back to their clubs with them to act as a reference

### Unit 1

#### Law & Regulations

Includes:

- Laws and regulations under which social clubs run by volunteers operate
- Main official bodies and categories involved in the licensing process
- The licensing objectives

### Unit 2

#### Law & Regulations (Part 2)

Includes:

- Resolving club disputes
- Procedures for conducting meetings
- Suspensions and expulsions
- Betting, gaming and lotteries

### Unit 3

#### Management, Finance & Administration

Includes:

- Financial control
- Club banking
- Brewery loans and discounts
- Stock taking

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**“The ACM is an excellent course and I would thoroughly recommend it to anyone who is involved in running a members’ club.”**

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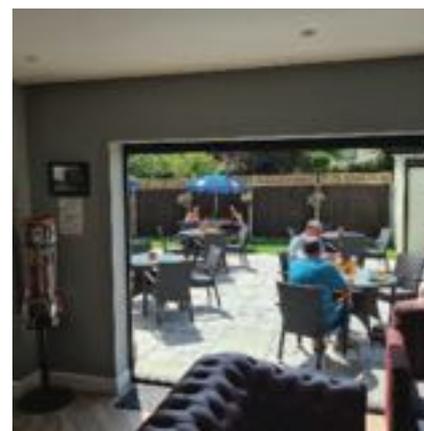
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- 4 Emphasis on the tension? (6)
- 9 Mop up and down and left to sailor (4)
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- 11 Plant I modified a little to be changeable (6)
- 12 Name of a mint that could be absolutely everywhere (8)
- 13 Particularly troublesome in clay piles (9)
- 15 Lose out on the gin! (4)
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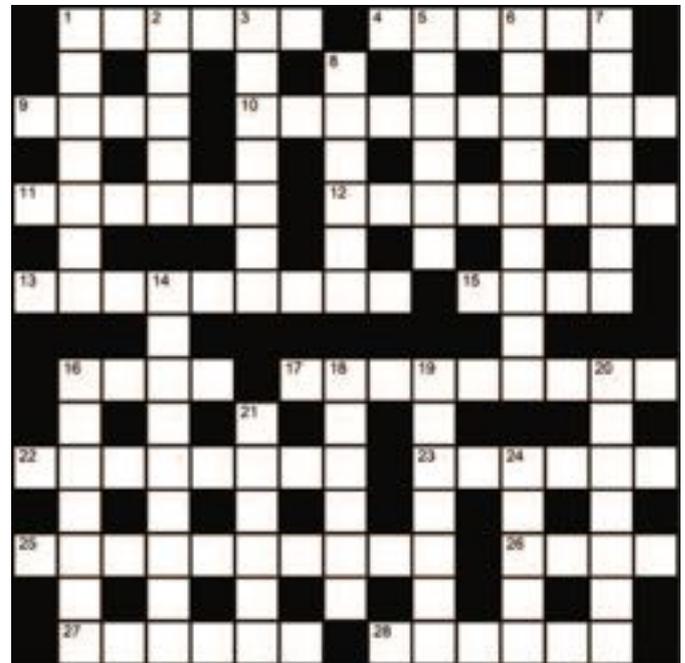
- 23 Freezers at zero, in substitute (6)

- 25 Milk ingredient in cacti I clad in protective wrapping (6,4)
- 26 A sob, breaking out of order (4)
- 27 Dash that's partly a mis-print (6)
- 28 Playboys who are not so upset by side-drama (2-4)

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- 1 Wild flower, mistakenly bovine? (7)
- 2 A shade on the numb, random side (5)
- 3 Complain at meal that makes a meat drink (4,3)
- 5 Heat units that can upset the Mrs? (6)
- 6 Caught up in a tanned leg being injured (9)

- 7 Scenic route by way of school subjects (7)
- 8 So shall we talk about a get-together? (6)
- 14 Morecroft design has its own sympathiser (9)
- 16 Shoe-ends (with space to move) (7)
- 18 Grip tight in clinchers? No Sir! Not likely! (6)
- 19 Any dope could have this viewing time (4,3)
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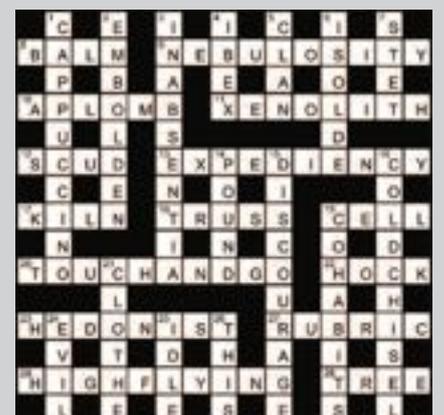
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Saturday, August 20, 12.30pm – ITV  
**Horse Racing: Ebor Festival**

The final day of the prestigious four-day Ebor Festival at York. Contested since 1843, the Ebor is the richest flat handicap in Europe. Last year's event saw the Irish-trained, 10-1 shot Sonnyboyliston romping home in heavy rain, getting the better of Quickthorn by a head. This year's renewal should be another exciting spectacle for flat racing fans.



Wednesday, August 31, 7.30pm – BT Sport  
**Premier League: Liverpool v Newcastle United**

A big night of Premier League action on BT Sport with several live games showing across the network. The showdown between last season's runners-up, Liverpool, and Newcastle United, should be one of the highlights of the evening and will give the Magpies an early insight into their prospects of challenging for silverware this season.

# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

The Premier League season gets underway this month with some unmissable fixtures to savour. Other sporting highlights include test cricket, York's Ebor Festival and the big Usyk v Joshua II showdown

Friday, August 5, 8pm  
*Sky Sports Premier League*  
**Premier League: Crystal Palace v Arsenal**

Saturday, August 6, 12.30pm  
*BT Sport*  
**Premier League: Fulham v Liverpool**

Saturday, August 6, 5.30pm  
*Sky Sports Premier League*  
**Premier League: Everton v Chelsea**

Sunday, August 7, 2pm  
*Sky Sports Premier League*  
**Premier League: Manchester United v Brighton & Hove Albion**

Sunday, August 7, 4.30pm  
*Sky Sports Premier League*  
**Premier League: West Ham United v Manchester City**

Friday, August 12, 8pm  
*Sky Sports Football*  
**Championship Football: Watford v Burnley**

Saturday, August 13, 12.30pm  
*Sky Sports Football*  
**Championship Football: Cardiff City v Birmingham City**

Saturday, August 13, 12.30pm  
*BT Sport*  
**Premier League: Aston Villa v Everton**

Saturday, August 13, 5.30pm  
*Sky Sports Premier League*  
**Premier League: Brentford v Manchester United**

Sunday, August 14, 2pm  
*Sky Sports Premier League*  
**Premier League: Nottingham Forest v West Ham United**

Sunday, August 14, 4.30pm  
*Sky Sports Premier League*  
**Premier League: Chelsea v Tottenham Hotspur**

Monday, August 15, 8pm  
*Sky Sports Premier League*  
**Premier League: Liverpool v Crystal Palace**

Wednesday, August 17, 10am  
*Sky Sports Cricket*  
**Test Cricket: England v South Africa – Day 1**

Wednesday, August 17, 8pm  
*Sky Sports Football*  
**Championship Football: Sheffield United v Sunderland**

Thursday, August 18, 10am  
*Sky Sports Cricket*  
**Test Cricket: England v South Africa – Day 2**

Friday, August 19, 8pm  
*Sky Sports Football*  
**Championship Football: Norwich City v Millwall**

Saturday, August 20, 12.30pm  
*BT Sport*  
**Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Wolves**

Saturday, August 20, 12.30pm  
*ITV*  
**Horse Racing: Ebor Festival, York**

Saturday, August 20, 5.30pm  
*Sky Sports Premier League*  
**Premier League: AFC Bournemouth v Arsenal**

Saturday, August 20, 8pm  
*Sky Sports Box Office*  
**Boxing: WBA, IBF & WBO Heavyweight Titles: Oleksandr Usyk v Anthony Joshua**

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**USYK**  
 vs  
**JOSHUA**  
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Boxing: Usyk v Joshua II – Saturday, August 20, 9pm, Sky Sports Box Office

*Sunday, August 21, 12 noon*  
 BT Sport

**MotoGP: Austrian Grand Prix**

*Sunday, August 21, 2pm*  
 Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Leeds United v Chelsea**

*Sunday, August 21, 4.30pm*  
 Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Newcastle United v Manchester City**

*Monday, August 22, 8pm*  
 Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Manchester United v Liverpool**

*Friday, August 26, 8pm*  
 Sky Sports Football

**Championship Football: Luton Town v Sheffield United**

*Saturday, August 27, 12.30pm*  
 BT Sport

**Premier League: Southampton v Manchester United**

*Saturday, August 27, 5.30pm*  
 Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Arsenal v Fulham**

*Sunday, August 28, 1pm*  
 Sky Sports F1

**Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix**

*Sunday, August 28, 2pm*  
 Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Wolves v Newcastle United**

*Sunday, August 28, 4.30pm*  
 Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Nottingham Forest v Tottenham Hotspur**

*Tuesday, August 30, 4.30pm*  
 BT Sport 3

**Premier League: Crystal Palace v Brentford**

*Tuesday, August 30, 7.30pm*  
 BT Sport

**Premier League: Fulham v Brighton & Hove Albion**

*Tuesday, August 30, 7.45pm*  
 BT Sport 2

**Premier League: Southampton v Chelsea**

*Tuesday, August 30, 8pm*  
 BT Sport 1

**Premier League: Leeds United v Everton**

*Wednesday, August 31, 7.30pm*  
 BT Sport Extra 2

**Premier League: AFC Bournemouth v Wolves**

*Wednesday, August 31, 7.30pm*  
 BT Sport

**Premier League: Arsenal v Aston Villa**

*Wednesday, August 31, 7.30pm*  
 BT Sport 4

**Premier League: Manchester City v Nottingham Forest**

*Wednesday, August 31, 7.30pm*  
 BT Sport 3

**Premier League: West Ham United v Tottenham Hotspur**

*Wednesday, August 31, 7.30pm*  
 BT Sport 1

**Premier League: Liverpool v Newcastle United**

*Wednesday, August 31, 8pm*  
 Sky Sports Football

**Championship Football: Blackpool v Blackburn Rovers**



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