

# Club Journal

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## Date announced for Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday



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This is one of the highlights of the CIU's sporting calendar with clubs from all over the country heading to Yorkshire.

It's 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.

Union President George Smith is

urging clubs to support this year's event.

"The Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday is always a great day out and we would love to see as many Union members as possible coming along on November 18 to enjoy an afternoon of hospitality and jump racing action," he said.

Details of ticket package prices for CIU members, as well as booking information, will be published in next month's edition of *Club Journal*.

## Club of the Month: Hanging Heaton Working Mens Club

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• See pages 14-17 for the article



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Union members will be able to enjoy a three-course meal in the glass-fronted restaurant in the Grandstand for just £15 per person.

• For more information on the event, see page 12

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Welcome to the August edition of *Club Journal*.

As you will see on the front page, the dates for the Dransfields CIU Greyhounds Racenight and Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday have been announced.

Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium will be hosting the greyhound racing event on Tuesday, September 12.

For the special discounted price of £15, Union members can enjoy a three-course meal in the glass-fronted Panorama Restaurant where you can watch the racing from the comfort of your seat.

To book a place, please call Owlerton direct on 0114 2343074 and quote 'CIU Night'.

Later in the year, our horse racing event, hosted by Wetherby Racecourse, is being held on Saturday, November 18.

We will have full details of the special CIU ticket packages and how to book your place in future issues but please make a note of the date in your diary.

If any clubs are keen to host the Union's Award in Club Management (ACM) day courses, please get in touch.

You will need a minimum of 10 candidates eager to complete the ACM, then the course will come to you and the three self-contained units will be delivered

# Welcome

by Union lecturers over three Saturdays of your choice, at your club.

You could also team up with clubs in your branch area to share the hosting.

For further information, contact Senior Head Office Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick at: [Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org](mailto:Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org).

This month's 'Club of the Month' is Hanging Heaton WMC in Dewsbury.

The club traces its origins back to 1907, moved to its current site in 1915 and is the epitome of a well-run members' club with a dedicated Committee.

For the full club profile, see pages 14-17.

Following on from last month's claim that Ovington (population 530) is the smallest village in England to still have a CIU club, we have a new counter-claim.

Kevin Roddam, Secretary of Rookhope WMC, has pointed out that Rookhope in County Durham has an official population of just 267.

I would think that settles the matter but we are open to any new claims from other clubs.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

**Stephen Goulding**

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# Tanfield Lea WMC celebrates its centenary



From left to right: Dougie Macdonald (Durham Division 7 CIU Representative), George Smith (Union President and Durham Branch Secretary), Ralph Stalker (longest-serving Club Member), Tom Kennedy (newest Club Member), Aidan Hinson (Tanfield Lea WMC Committee Member), John Robson (Tanfield Lea WMC Secretary) and John Brown, (Tanfield Lea WMC Treasurer)

Union President George Smith visited Tanfield Lea Working Men's Club last month in order to mark the club's centenary.

Tanfield Club was founded in May 1923 as a hub for the local mining community, which was the backbone of the village during that time. Over the years, the club has evolved to include a range of facilities, from darts and pool to live music and entertainment.

Chairman Paul Waite said: "It is an honour and a privilege to be the Chairman of Tanfield Lea Club in its Centennial year and to do it with such a great, newly formed Committee."

## Monthly dance nights raise money for charity

Monthly social dances at Huntington Working Mens Club in York are helping to raise money for the Guide Dogs Association.

Ballroom dance teachers Nicola and Andy Gant hold a raffle at each event for their nominated charities.

Nicola said: "The events start at 7pm with a half hour dance lesson and then from 7.30pm we play Latin and ballroom music.

"Anyone can come along - the dance lessons mean that people who have little or no dance experience can get up and have a dance throughout the evening.

"After the dance we hold a raffle and tea and cake sale that to raise additional funds for the charity."

For more information, visit: [facebook.com/groups/purelyballroom](https://www.facebook.com/groups/purelyballroom)



Dance teachers Nicola and Andy Gant

## News in brief



**Greetland Social Club awarded accolade by Halifax & Calderdale branch of CAMRA**  
Greetland Social Club in West Yorkshire has been awarded the 2023 CAMRA Club of the Year award by the Halifax & Calderdale branch of the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA).

The presentation of the award was made on Wednesday, June 21 with around 70 people in attendance, all enjoying a complimentary chilli con carne supper to accompany the good quality real ale on offer.

In his speech, Geoff Eagle, Halifax and Calderdale CAMRA's Club's Officer, stated that the Club of the Year award was the highest award presented to clubs by the branch.

He explained that of the 47 clubs in the branch area, Greetland Social Club had received consistently high scores throughout the year and that this, in addition to many of other factors, had led to the club receiving this highly prestigious award.



**Cullercoats Crescent Club announces Summer Beer Festival on August 19-20**  
Cullercoats Crescent Club will be staging its Summer Beer Festival on Saturday, August 19 to Sunday, August 20.

The event will take place in the club's Concert Room and will include a fantastic range of beers as well as live entertainment.

Entry is £10 which includes a festival glass and beer tokens.

Looking further ahead, the club will be hosting a convention devoted to the 1970s rock band Free on November 17 and 18.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the band who had a string of huge hits, including *Alright Now*, and will see hundreds of fans from across the globe assembling to celebrate the band.

There will be three live bands performing during the weekend.

## News in brief



**Sheerness East WMC sets date for pairs darts tournament in aid of Great Ormond Street**  
Sheerness East Working Mens Club in Sheppey, Kent will be hosting a doubles Darts tournament on Saturday, November 11.

This is the tenth year of the event which raises money for the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital and will see the pairs competing for the Ella Elderfield Trophy.

Players of all abilities are encouraged to attend and there will be cash prizes for the winners, runners-up and highest checkout score.

For more information, get in touch with Sheerness East WMC on 01795 662049.



**CIU clubs urged to get involved in Stand Up To Cancer Day on Thursday, September 8**

Organised by Cancer Research UK and Channel 4, Stand Up To Cancer is a fundraising campaign that brings the UK together to speed up progress in life-saving cancer research.

Clubs can sign up at the charity's website and will receive a free fundraising pack which includes a handy step-by-step guide, plenty of fundraising ideas and a totaliser poster to display in the club.

Channel 4 has been publicising the event with several in-programme, including the recent Great Celebrity Bake Off involving a number of top personalities.

For more information on Stand Up To Cancer, visit the official website:  
<https://www.standuptocancer.org.uk>

## Recognition for SEMidlands Branch officials



Kenneth Tilbury was awarded the MJB Shield (an award which is given in memory of the late Mr Mick Bott, previous President of the SEMidlands Branch) for his outstanding service, commitment and loyalty as an official for the South East Midlands Branch of CIU over more than 50 years, while Steve McGrane was awarded the Haddon Rose Bowl for his outstanding commitment and service as an official for the SEMidlands Division with over 20 years service. Pictured, left to right: Angela Hudson (SEMidlands Branch Secretary), John Hudson (SEMidlands Branch President), Kenneth Tilbury (SEMidlands Branch Vice-President and recipient of the MJB Shield), Steve McGrane (South East Midlands Executive Committee Member, Newport Pagnell WMC and recipient of the Haddon Rose Bowl) and Geoffrey Fisher (NEC Member)



The presentation of the MJB Shield to Ken Tilbury was held at a Division Meeting at Monks Park WMC on May 20, 2023. Pictured, left to right: Dave Birch (President of the SEMidlands Division), Stuart McHarg, Angela Hudson (SEMidlands Branch Secretary), John Hudson (SEMidlands Branch President) and Kenneth Tilbury (South East Midlands Division Secretary)

## Chandlers Ford Central Club toasts chess success



Chandlers Ford Chess Club, which is based at Chandlers Ford Central Club, started a Junior Section in 2022, with massive success

The Chandlers Ford Chess Club was welcomed to its new home at the Chandlers Ford Central Club in 2015 and membership has grown ever since the move.

During the past season, the club has been running four teams which play in the Southampton Chess League against teams from Fareham, Hamble, Basingstoke, Andover, Salisbury and Southampton itself.

During the pandemic of course, chess play was suspended but since January 2022, when life began to get back to normal, the club has gained many new players.

Among these people was 15-year-old Iwan Cave, who not only proved so good that he was playing top board for the club's 'A' team but he also became the Hampshire Chess Champion in November 2022.

Since September 2022, a Junior Chess Club, with about 25 players ranging from five to 14, run by Maha Chandar, has been based at the Central Club, having moved from a local sports centre.

The Junior section meets on a Wednesday evening and caters for new players as well as more proficient youngsters who have been playing for several years. The players are offered appropriate level training from basic moves and tactics to chess openings and endgames as well as the possibility of entering national and local tournaments.

If the Chess Club continues to grow, the club may be fielding five teams in next year's Southampton League, an unprecedented situation and one which attests to the huge success of the club's move to the Central Club.



Iwan Cave of Chandlers Ford Chess Club (pictured, left) became Hampshire's youngest ever champion to win the prestigious Silver Rook



Chandlers Ford Chess Club has been based at Chandlers Ford Central Club since 2015

### News in brief

**Bishops Waltham Social Club staging big comedy night on Saturday, August 19**

Bishops Waltham Social Club in Hampshire is hosting the 'Smashing The Bishop' stand-up comedy night on Saturday, August 19.

Headlining an impressive line-up of comics is former Radio 1 and Capital presenter Tom Deacon with support from another five performers.

Tickets are £5 and are available from the club.

Looking further ahead in 2023, the club has announced more live entertainment events.

On Saturday, September 30, the club welcomes Too Much Two Tone, a covers band specialising in ska hits from the likes of The Specials, Madness and The Beat.

Then on Saturday October 28, four-piece band Magenta Bling will be playing popular tunes from a variety of 1980s artists.

News in brief



**Anthony Joshua announces Dillian Whyte rematch at The O2 in London on August 12**  
 The heavyweight boxing rematch between Anthony Joshua and Dillian Whyte will take place at The O2 in London on Saturday, August 12.  
 Joshua has a long-running rivalry with Whyte, who defeated him in the amateur ranks, before Joshua went on to win an Olympic gold medal at London 2012.  
 The fight will be shown live as a Pay-Per-View event on DAZN.



**Harworth Comrades Social Club to host family fun event for local cancer centre**  
 Harworth Comrades Social Club in Doncaster will be hosting a charity event in August to raise money for the Weston Park Cancer Centre.  
 The family fun day will see live music, kids entertainment and food, including performances from the Wilson Ellis band.  
 The event will get underway at 11am on August 27 and, instead of selling tickets, the club will be asking for donations to be made on entry which will go towards the Cancer Centre.

Cribbage players compete for Ray Knight trophy



On Tuesday, June 20 St. James Working Men's Club in Northampton hosted the Ray Knight Trophy Cribbage Pairs competition which features teams from the Licenced Trades Cribbage League of Northampton. A total of 60 players from all over the town and surrounding villages took part. Ken McMurdie and Dennis Rawlings, both from St. James WMC, were the eventual winners with a flawless performance on their home turf, winning seven out of seven matches. Pictured, left to right: Maurice Simmons (Cribbage Committee Member), Ken McMurdie and Dennis Rawlings

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# Defibrillator installed at Sedgley ESC



Club members Graeme Lewis, Jackie Blakeway and Wendy Williams with the new defibrillator which has been installed at the club

Sedgley Ex-Servicemen's Club recently unveiled a defibrillator in honour of a former member who died after suffering a cardiac arrest.

The staff and members at the club raised the money for the new life-machine in Bill Farmer's honour.

Bill Farmer sadly died in 2021 and since, there have been race nights arranged and other fundraisers to get the money to fund the defibrillator which has been installed outside the club by the charity London Hearts.

Ian Dallaway, from the club, said: "We always thought if there had been a defibrillator in the club at the time then something could have been done for Bill.

"Although the air ambulance and ambulances came perhaps if we had a defibrillator on site it could have made a difference."

London Hearts is a national charity aiming to help and support communities with the provision of heart defibrillators and teaching CPR/defibrillator skills.

For more information, call them on 02070432493 or email: [info@londonhearts.org](mailto:info@londonhearts.org)



The plaque next to the defibrillator celebrates the life of club member of Bill Farmer who passed away from a cardiac arrest in 2021

## News in brief



### Classic Bike Show draws a big crowd for Wilnecote Working Men's Club

Wilnecote Working Men's Club in Staffordshire staged a Classic Bike Show on Saturday, July 8.

This annual event, held in the club's enclosed garden, is a major family friendly occasion and sees bike enthusiasts from near and far showing off their two-wheeled machines from a variety of eras.

The club laid on kids entertainment throughout the afternoon, as well as a BBQ.

Those who remained at the club during the evening were treated to some rousing live entertainment by four-piece rock band The Faithful.

### Blackpool's H&A Social Club stages two dart exhibitions in one week

The Hotel & Apartments Social Club in Blackpool recently staged two separate high-profile darts exhibition events within the space of three days.

On Tuesday, July 18, Kevin 'The Artist' Painter took to the stage for an afternoon event, hosted by MC John Fowler.

Painter, who famously finished as runner-up to Phil Taylor in the 2004 PDC World Championship, was in fine form as he played a number of legs against club members and posed for selfies.

Then, on Thursday, July 20 it was the turn of former top-ranking BDO player Tony 'Silverback' O'Shea to show off his skills and mingle with the assembled H&A members.

## CLUB NOTICES

### Club admitted into the Union

Wensun Social Club (North East Metropolitan Branch)

### Club re-affiliated to the Union

Kings Own OCA (Manchester Branch)

West Moor & District Social Club (Northumberland Branch)

Middlesbrough RAOB Club (Durham Branch)

Blackheath Newbridge Social Club (Kent Branch)

Chequers Social Club (Manchester Branch)

Burnt Mill Snooker & Social Club (North East Metropolitan Branch)

## News in brief



### Liam Smith vs Chris Eubank Jr rematch set for Sky Sports Box Office on September 2

Liam Smith will take on Chris Eubank Jr at the AO Arena in Manchester on September 2, live on Sky Sports Box Office.

The date and venue has been set for the highly anticipated second fight between middleweight rivals Smith and Eubank Jr.

Live and exclusive on Sky Sports Box Office, the blockbuster event will bring their heated rivalry to a fiery conclusion, nine months after their first encounter in Manchester.

Smith and Eubank Jr were scheduled to fight earlier this year but their showdown had to be postponed after Smith suffered a minor injury during his pre-match training camp and needed time to let it recover.

## Young NE darts players ready to take on the world



Pictured, left to right: Oliver Haughan, James Tate, Daniel Stephenson and Ryan Branley.

Four young darts players from the North East have qualified for this year's Junior Darts Corporation (JDC) World Youth Darts Championship which will be held in Gibraltar at the end of November.

Ryan Branley, 15, from Blyth; James Tate, 16, from Blyth; Oliver Haughan, 14, from Killingworth and Daniel Stephenson, 15, from Whitley Bay, all came through a gruelling 24-week qualifying period to book themselves a place at the Championship.

All the players are students at Darts Academy North East. The Academy meets every Monday night at CIU venue Blyth Sports & Social Club.

For children aged seven to 18, the Academy aims to provide a supportive and accessible option for the young people of the North East to get involved in the sport of darts.

The Academy is a Target Darts Elite 1 Affiliated Academy which allows its players the use of the best equipment, facilities and new innovations.

It is also a JDC Affiliated Academy. This enables it to network with Academies globally and give its players additional opportunities to further their game.

Academy Director Simon Tate said: "To have these four lads qualify for such a prestigious international event, with the very best Under-18s players in World Darts will be in attendance is a massive achievement.

"It's a reward for all the hard work and dedication they've put into the sport. This experience will be invaluable for their development.

"It's also a feather in the cap for the Academy and for the North East darts scene as a whole."

Fundraising to assist the players with the travel and accommodation will now start in earnest.

Any further assistance to help send these young men to the tournament would be greatly appreciated.

For more information, visit the website: [dartsacademynortheast.co.uk](http://dartsacademynortheast.co.uk).

The Holiday Inn Express Junior World Darts Championship will take place at the Europa Point Sports complex in Gibraltar.

This year will see the JDC's events included as part of a festival of darts across seven days of action on 'The Rock'.

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George Walker – Killingworth Social Club (Northumberland Branch)

## Distinguished Service Award – 40 Years

Tony Jones – Thornhill Edge WMC (Heavy Woollen Branch)  
Dennis Liney – Braunstone Victoria WMC (Leicestershire Branch)

## Long Service Award – 25 Years

Robert Warwick – Citizens Club (Leicestershire Branch)  
Andrew Williams – Cwmfelinfach WMC (Monmouthshire Branch)  
Roy Woodruff – Acregate Labour Club (Manchester Branch)  
Albert Wynne – Cogenhoe Sports & Social Club (South East Midlands Branch)

## Certificate of Merit – 10 Years

Ian Blakeley – Soothill WMC (Heavy Woollen Branch)  
Chris Hopson – Soothill WMC (Heavy Woollen Branch)  
Brian Dolman – Hartshead Social Club (Heavy Woollen Branch)  
Clive Rumble – Cwmfelinfach WMC (Monmouthshire Branch)  
Vivian Wells – Cwmfelinfach WMC (Monmouthshire Branch)  
Stephen Herbert – Wootton WMC (South East Midlands Branch)  
Mavis Lord – Cronkeyshaw Social Club (Manchester Branch)  
Florence Burgess – Cronkeyshaw Social Club (Manchester Branch)  
Ian Chadwick – Elton Fold WMC (Manchester Branch)

## Centenary Award

Soothill WMC (Heavy Woollen Branch)

## Branch Award – 31 Years

Malcolm Slater (Monmouthshire)

# Bookup now for a great night out at the Dogs

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As in previous editions of this annual event, a total of 14 races will take place throughout the evening, making for a fast-paced night of action.

Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and other members of the NEC will be attending the event, along with representatives of many of the Union's Preferred Suppliers, including racenight title sponsors Dransfields.

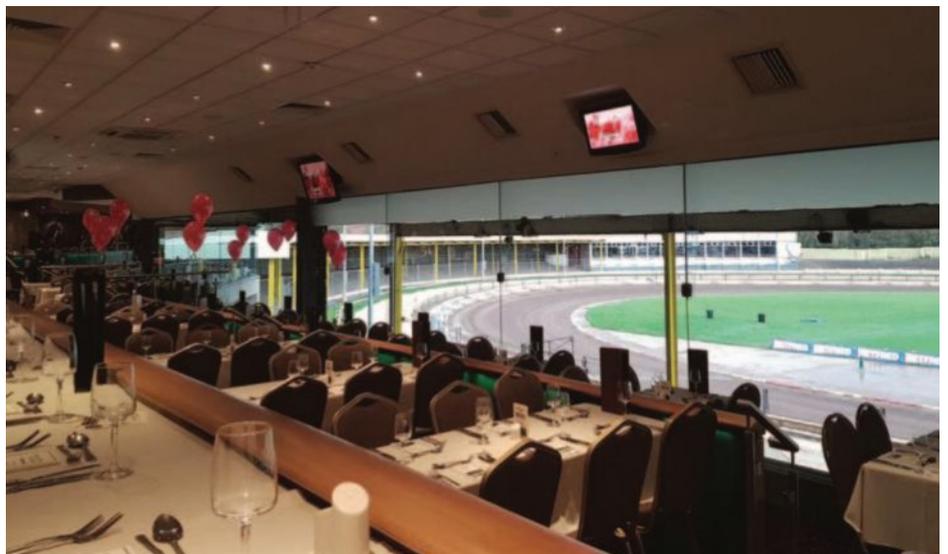
Even if members of your club can't make it to Sheffield on the night, you

can still get involved by taking part in the CIU Greyhound Sweepstake by picking the winning dog in the Dransfields CIU sponsored race – a letter will be sent to your club from Head Office.

Owlerton Stadium itself is very easy to travel to, being just five minutes away from Sheffield's City Centre.

To book dinner in the restaurant for the CIU-discounted price of £15 per person, please call the venue direct on 0114 234 3074 and quote 'CIU Night'.

This offer is on a 'first-come, first-served' basis so be sure to book as soon as possible so that you do not miss out on a great night.



CIU members can enjoy a three-course meal in the Grandstand restaurant for £15



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Colin North, President of Hanging Heaton Working Mens Club, recently received the 50-Year Distinguished Service Award



# Hanging Heaton WMC

Hanging Heaton Working Mens Club in Dewsbury has been serving its local community for well over a hundred years and continues to be a thriving social hub at the centre of village life

Situated on the village High Street, Hanging Heaton Working Mens Club in West Yorkshire has been serving its members and the local community on this site since 1915.

The club was actually founded in 1907 by a group of men who used to meet at Shaw Cross Co-op Reading Room, and was described in the local paper as 'a circle of men in search of more congenial relaxation and more varied entertainment'.

That circle has certainly got a lot larger since those early days, not least with women now being an integral part of the club, but the basic description still stands true with the club providing a home-from-home and an array of

The club opened its doors on the High Street in 1915 but traces its roots back to 1907



regular activities for its 370-plus members.

The club has a long association with the CIU and the certificate from the Union marking its one hundred years of affiliation takes pride of place on the club's wall alongside other official certificates, historical photos of the club and items of sporting memorabilia.

"We're currently doing really well," says Club President Colin North.

"We are now two years past the end of the last Covid lockdowns and it probably took us six to nine months after reopening to really get back to normal.

"Of course, there are a few members who just never came back to club life after the lockdowns.

"For example, I bumped into someone the other day in the village who used to be a member and came in with his wife every three days or so and he told me that they had just got out of the habit of coming to the club during Covid and it had stuck!

"Thankfully, that wasn't the case for the majority of our members who were

really keen to come back, having missed the club so much when we were shut.

"In fact, we have managed to increase our membership over the past couple of years and a lot of that success is down to the fact that we reopened as soon as we could and made sure we were consistent in terms of opening hours right from the start.

"There is a cricket club in the village which has a lot of social members who drink there but after Covid they were very haphazard about when they opened and didn't have any consistency with their hours.

"When people came to our club they knew we'd be open and we have definitely picked up some members who have switched to us. We have added around 40 new members which is really pleasing.

"The cost of living crisis might also have helped us to attract new people as we are very reasonably priced compared to the cricket club and the pub which is about half a mile down the road.

"Our top seller is Carling which is

priced at £3 a pint to members and the quality of our beer across the board is excellent."

But, of course, the club has plenty more to offer alongside its well-priced bar and boasts excellent facilities, including snooker and pool tables and a dartboard.

"The sports facilities are really popular, particularly with the younger members who come into the club on a regular basis and fancy a game of pool, snooker, darts or dominoes with their mates," says Colin.

"We run two snooker teams who compete in the local leagues so we generally have a home fixture once a week which is great for midweek trade.

"We also have a Fishing section who have their own lake just down the road but are based at the club and hold all their meetings here.

"Once a week, we have the Slimming World club meeting here and we're very happy to encourage other local groups and charities to use the club for their meetings."

The club has a large Function Room which provides a significant year-round



Pictured, left to right: members Chris Stakes and Andy Wadsworth with Vice-President John Fenton and Club Steward John Brier



The club's Function Rooms booked up for many months in advance and provides a vital revenue stream for the club

boost to the club's financial bottom line.

"We took the decision several years ago to move away from paying for weekly live entertainment every week and trying to make that money back over the bar," says Colin.

"Instead we have publicised the Function Room to members and the local community as a venue for private parties on Friday and Saturday nights and this has proven extremely successful.

"It's a great room for celebratory events like wedding receptions, anniversary and birthday parties and it really helps to boost trade at the club with people coming in and spending over the bar.

"It also brings new people into the club for the first time and they'll often want to sign up as a member when they see what a great environment we have here.

"We've got bookings for many months in advance so it really is an important source of income for the

club and the feedback we get from people is always positive.

"Venues in the area where people can hold their own events are pretty far and few between so we're providing a really valuable service for people to come together and enjoy themselves in our club."

The club has forged strong links with the Dewsbury Rams RLFC Supporters Club, with the Rams' home ground around half a mile from the club.

"We do really well out of the Rugby League," says Colin. "Whenever the Rams have a home game we'll have a good crowd of supporters who come in for a couple of drinks on their way to the game and on their way back after the final whistle.

"I've also written to the supporters clubs of all the teams who play in the same league as the Rams – basically the third tier – and told them they're assured of a warm welcome at our club on matchdays.

"We recently hosted a coachload of 52 supporters who were heading to

Batley Bulldogs – another nearby Rugby League side – ahead of a game and they stayed for two hours.

"We put on sandwiches for them and they absolutely loved it. We're very happy to host large groups if they let us know in advance.

"Likewise, we have a number of football supporters who pop in on their way to watch Leeds United at Elland Road which is only 15 minutes away.

"Indeed, if any Club Journal readers are in the area to watch Leeds, the Rams or the Bulldogs, we would love to see you in the club.

"We have the full Sky Sports package so we show all the Premier League, Football League and Super League matches in the club, as well as racing.

"One of our members has shares in several racehorses so there's always a bit of excitement when one of them is running – especially if he's given us the nod and some members have bet a few quid!"

The club is blessed with a dedicated Committee willing to put in the hours

for the good of the club, not least Colin himself who recently received the 50-Year Distinguished Service Award (DSA) alongside fellow Committee Member Billy Calvert who received the 40-Year DSA.

“We have some very loyal servants on the Committee and it was very pleasing to see Billy receive his award as he been a brilliant servant for the club,” says Colin.

“But we are also delighted to have some younger members on the Committee who have been eager to learn the ropes and take the club forward.

“For the good of the club it’s important to be able to hand over to the next generation when the time comes.”

The Committee is ably assisted by Club Steward John Brier who has been in the role for the past 10 years.

“John is a great asset to the club and works really well with the Committee having worked alongside the previous

Steward before taking over the reins himself,” says Colin.

The club has raised money for a number of charitable causes over the years with its most recent initiative in aid of the Kirkwood Hospice.

“Earlier this year, one of our members, John Longbottom, set a target to raise £5,000 for the hospice, who had cared for his late wife, by selling homemade jars of pickles to members,” says Colin.

“It was so successful that he upped the target to £6,000. Sadly, he passed away a month or so ago before reaching that total but club members carried on the fundraising in his memory to reach the goal.”

With lots of new homes currently being built in and around Hanging Heaton, Colin believes that the club is in a good position to benefit from the new construction boom.

“There are 50 houses going up in the field directly behind the club as well as a further 280 being built half a mile

down the road,” he says.

“Once they are completed and the new residents move in, we’ll be doing a leaflet drop letting everyone in the community know about what the club has to offer.

“We have already picked up some new members who have just moved into the first phase of completed houses so hopefully many more will be coming through our doors in the near future.”

It would appear that Hanging Heaton WMC, in addition to its illustrious past, has a very bright future at the centre of its local community.

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Left to right: Committee Member Billy Calvert with his 40-Year Distinguished Service Award, President Colin North with his 50-Year Distinguished Service Award and Heavy Woolen Branch Secretary Les Hepworth CMDAC with the Certificate marking the club's centenary aspect of the CIU

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## News in brief

Updated CIU Contracts and Club Secretary's Handbook are available to buy from branches. Updated versions of the CIU contracts are available to buy from your Branch.

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

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

### National Executive Committee dates for 2023

The dates for the remaining monthly NEC meetings at Head Office in 2023 are: August 2&3; September 6&7; October 4&5; November 1&2 and December 6&7. Selected meetings will be held via Zoom in order to save on costs.

### Annual Meeting 2024 dates

The dates for the 2024 Conference Weekend in Blackpool have been confirmed and are as follows:

Thursday, April 18—NEC Meeting

Friday, April 19—32nd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition

Friday, April 19—CIU Blackpool Showcase (Viva)

Saturday, April 20—The 160th Annual Meeting

## Head Office will bring the Award in Club Management (ACM) day courses to you



Specifically designed for Committee Members and Officials at CIU clubs, the ACM qualification offers 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 and costing £30 per unit.

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.

If your club is interested in hosting the course, please get in touch.

If you can get a minimum of 10 participants, the ACM course will come to you and the three self-contained units will be delivered by Union lecturers over three Saturdays of your choice, at your club.

You could also team up with clubs in your branch area and each host a day course.

For further information on hosting the ACM day courses at your club, please contact Senior Head Office Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick on 020 7226 0221 or email her at: [Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org](mailto:Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org)

# New Alcohol Duty system comes into force this month



The Government has introduced a new Alcohol Duty system which sees duty paid according to a drink's alcohol by volume (ABV)

A new alcohol duty system was introduced on August 1 which sees duty paid by reference to the product's final alcohol by volume (ABV), harmonising the tax rates for different types of beverages and reducing the number of rates.

The new system also introduces a new draught relief which will allow for a reduced duty rate for qualifying draught products.

## The new rates for each type of product are outlined below:

I The rate on all alcoholic products less than 3.5 per cent ABV is £9.27 per litre of alcohol in the product. The reduced rate is £8.42 per litre of alcohol in the product.

I The rate on beer (with a strength between 3.5 and 8.5 per cent ABV) is £21.01 per litre of alcohol in the product. The reduced rate is £19.08 per litre of alcohol in the product.

I The rate on still cider (with a strength between 3.5 and 8.5 per cent ABV) is

£9.67 per litre of alcohol in the product. The reduced rate is £8.78 per litre of alcohol in the product.

I The rate on sparkling cider (with a strength between 3.5 and 5.5 per cent ABV) is £9.67 per litre of alcohol in the product. The reduced rate is £8.78 per litre of alcohol in the product.

I The rate on sparkling cider (with a strength between 5.5 and 8.5 per cent ABV) is £24.77 per litre of alcohol in the product.

The reduced rate is £19.08 per litre of alcohol in the product.

I The rate on spirits, wines and other fermented products (with a strength between 3.5 and 8.5 per cent ABV) is £24.77 per litre of alcohol in the product.

The reduced rate is £19.08 per litre of alcohol in the product.

I The rate on all alcoholic products (with a strength between 8.5 and 22 per cent ABV) is £28.50 per litre of alcohol in product.

I The rate on all alcoholic products (with a strength exceeding 22 per cent ABV) is £31.64 per litre of alcohol in the product.

I The rate on wine (with a strength between 11.5 and 14.5 per cent ABV) will be treated as if it is 12.5 per cent ABV for the purposes of calculating the charge to alcohol duty from 1 August 2023 until 1 February 2025.

I VAT is applied after alcohol duty, so, for example, the price of a one litre bottle of spirits (with a strength of 40 per cent) currently reflects the pre-tax price plus £11.50 of duty plus 20 per cent VAT on both the pre-tax price and the duty.

Jonathan Athow, Director General of Customer Strategy & Tax Design, HMRC, said:

“After listening to feedback, the new Alcohol Duty system will be based on the founding principle of taxing alcoholic products by strength, ensuring consistency across the board for the first time.”

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# TNT Sports launches ahead of new football season



TNT Sports – the new name for BT Sport – launched on July 18

TNT Sports – the new name for BT Sport – launched on July 18 and will be broadcasting all the events previously shown by BT Sport, including the Premier League, UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Europa Conference League, Gallagher Premiership Rugby, Heineken Champions Cup, EPCR Challenge Cup, MotoGP, cricket, UFC, boxing and WWE.

Along with the new name and branding, the broadcaster has announced a refreshed line-up of presenters and pundits who will be fronting up its coverage across a variety of sports and competitions.

Laura Woods will host TNT Sports' exclusive coverage of the UEFA Champions League, as well as major live boxing fight nights.

Reshmin Chowdhury will anchor the UEFA Champions League matches, building on her previous role presenting the UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League.

Lynsey Hipgrave will continue to host live coverage of the Premier League in a

role she began at the start of the 2022/23 season, while Jules Breach will take on a broader role presenting the UEFA Europa League, reporting on key matches across the Premier League and UEFA Champions League and will front a new-look show to start Saturday's Premier League coverage on TNT Sports.

Rio Ferdinand, Peter Crouch and Joe Cole will share their insights and opinions with TNT Sports viewers as part of the broadcaster's line-up of football experts that will include Rachel Brown-Finnis, Owen Hargreaves, Steve McManaman, Joleon Lescott, Michael Owen, Paul Scholes and Robbie Savage.

The commentary team and voices of TNT Sports will include Darren Fletcher, Adam Summerton and Lucy Ward while Ally McCoist joins as a co-commentator and pundit for Premier League and UEFA Champions League matches.

Orla Chennaoui will join TNT Sports' rugby coverage and present a selection of live Gallagher Premiership

matches in addition to her role as Eurosport's lead cycling presenter.

New rugby pundits include Stuart Hogg, who has recently retired after a professional career that included 100 international caps and a domestic and European double with the Exeter Chiefs in 2020, and Emily Scarratt, Women's Rugby World Cup 2014 winner and top point-scorer and Team GB captain at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Suzi Perry will continue to lead coverage of MotoGP on TNT Sports, joined by 2003 Superbike World Champion, Neil Hodgson, set to deliver expert analysis throughout the season.

Carl Frampton will be a lead boxing analyst on TNT Sports alongside new host Laura Woods.

The broadcaster will announce further content and programming information ahead of the new football and rugby seasons.

For more information on showing TNT Sports in your venue, visit: [tntsportsbusiness.co.uk/](https://www.tntsportsbusiness.co.uk/)

# How live sport can be a real winner

GreeneKing explains how live sport is a fantastic way to drive footfall to your club and the start of the new football season offers plenty of opportunities to grow sales and profits



GreeneKing showcased their Value For Venues strategy at the CIU's Beer & Trades Exhibition in April in Blackpool

With the new football season kicking off this month and the Rugby World Cup taking place in September and October there will be plenty of upcoming opportunities to use live sport to boost footfall, sales and profits in clubs.

According to research, depending on what you pay for your sports TV subscriptions, venues can see an average return on investment of somewhere between x4 and x8.

That said, sports channel subscriptions are more expensive than ever – but there's good news here as, through the Money Maker initiative, Greene King and Belhaven are able to offer their customers discounts of up to 50% on their subscriptions.

With a veritable feast of top-class sport on the cards over the next few months, now is the perfect time to consider how you could cash in on the British love of competitive sport to drive increased footfall and help grow your bottom line.

## Thirst quenchers

Leveraging the allure of sport, however, is only part of the solution. The key challenge – and major opportunity – lies in turning that extra footfall into increased sales in your venue.

Fortunately, Greene King and Belhaven's long-standing and very deep links with a range of sports offers you the perfect platform to build on.

Top-quality ale has long enjoyed a

harmonious and mutually beneficial relationship with quintessentially British sports like rugby and cricket.

Greene King IPA is the perfect example, having been the Official Beer of England Rugby for eight consecutive years and title sponsor of the English Rugby Championship for eight years.

Greene King IPA also supports grassroots rugby through its groundbreaking Proud To Pitch In initiative, as well as counting over 100 rugby clubs as Free Trade customers.

At 3.6% ABV, it's the perfect session beer for your customers to enjoy during big rugby occasions – so make sure you keep it prominent in-venue in the coming months.

Similarly, the recently refreshed Belhaven Best has enjoyed a lengthy involvement with rugby and is a firm favourite of many drinkers when it comes to spending a few hours in the club watching the match.

## Packed programme

It seems that there are more live sporting fixtures than ever these days and this summer in particular is packed to the rafters with top notch matches and tournaments across all key sports including both codes of rugby, cricket, football, golf, tennis and F1 to name but a few.

On Friday, August 11, the new Premier League season gets underway with Burnley hosting reigning champions Manchester City and there will be plenty more live games across the season on Sky Sports, Prime Video and TNT Sports.

## Work it hard

According to the experts, however, the key to turning live sports into sales and profits lies in working your sports TV subscriptions hard.

The biggest battle clubs face isn't other venues showing live sports, it's getting sports fans off their sofa in the first place.

Key to this is communicating the fixtures you are showing in your venue as widely as possible, to both existing and potential members.

A chalkboard outside your club or a fixtures list on the wall might help drive more business among existing members but to reach new people, social media is vital.

It's also recommended that venues maximise the value of their subscriptions by experimenting with sports other than just football, rugby and cricket.

You wouldn't pay for a keg of beer and throw half of it away, so why pay for a subscription and only show a fraction of the matches?

## Fresh profit

It's worth remembering that you're already paying for your subscriptions, so every single new member you can sign up by showing live sport is helping increase a return on investment.

And, if you don't currently show live sports but are considering it and would like to take advantage of the discounted deals available through Greene King and Belhaven, speak to your Sales Development Manager now to find out how to win with sport this summer.

## Making the most of live sports

When it comes to making the very most out of your sports TV subscriptions, the key is to avoid simply sticking a TV on in the corner and hoping people come in, according to Fanzo, the app that helps fans find venues showing live sports in their local area.

## Their top tips are:

### 1 Maximise the range of sports you show

It's a big mistake to only show the Premier League. Yes, Premier League and Champions League ties will always reign supreme, and football is critical: it accounts for 53% of all online searches for clubs showing sport.

That other 47%, however, represents a massive opportunity to experiment, set yourself apart from other venues and maximise your profits.

Consider sports, such as NFL, that are experiencing huge growth each year and experiment with new sports to target specific groups.

Is there a South Asian or Australasian community in your town? Advertising live cricket could be a great way to get new people through the door.

The best thing about diversifying what you show is that most of these events happen outside of the traditional football slots.

Indian Premier League cricket takes place on weekday afternoons, whilst the NFL and Serie A (Italian football) are great opportunities to get sports fans into your venue on potentially quiet nights.

### 1 Find out what's on

Not sure what to show? There are lots of ways to check out every sporting event that's scheduled, including a free TV guide for sport at Fanzo ([fanzo.com/en/tvguide](http://fanzo.com/en/tvguide)). And, of

course, all the key sporting events of the month are printed in *Club Journal* on pages 30-31 each month.

### 1 Reach members online

With an exciting range of sport in your venue each week, it's vital you tell people about it, both existing and potential customers. In the past, you might have placed a chalkboard listing the games outside your bar but these days you're far more likely to drive new footfall by reaching customers on their mobile phone. So, it makes sense to list your fixtures on social media.

### 1 Deliver a high-quality experience

Flatscreen TVs and dropdown projectors are more affordable than ever so it's cheaper now to offer the sort of high-quality experience that will get customers off the sofa, away from their own TV and their cans of beer, to come to the club for great quality pint and an immersive, social experience.

The key to winning this battle is to offer a superior experience to the one that customers can get at home.

### Sport means spend...

According to Ipsos data from June 2022, 57% of club-going sport viewers spend more when watching sport than when not.

Sport delivers unmatched drama, which is proven to bring in more customers, who stay for longer, spend more – and keep coming back.

Greene King and Belhaven have a range of discounts to help you save on your bill, and free marketing support tools so you maximise your return on investment.

Another thing to bear in mind when planning activity around live matches is that sports fans love a challenge, whether that's quizzes, prediction games or raffles.

Running these in your pub is a brilliant way to engage customers before and after big games whilst rewarding them for their loyalty.

So, with a feast of sport on the way, be sure to speak to your Greene King Sales Development Manager about how we can help.

# CIU ready to shine at the Club Awards



Does your club deserve to be crowned 'CIU Club of the Year' at the 2023 Club Awards in November? Or how about King of Clubs? Should your Committee be nominated for Committee of the Year? Read on...

Now in their 31st year, the annual Club Awards throw a spotlight on the vital role that clubs play in their communities and the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to keep clubs running smoothly and efficiently.

As you'd expect, CIU clubs will be to the fore, demonstrating their outstanding service to their members and to their local communities as they compete for honours in several categories, including the prestigious 'CIU Club of the Year' Award.

The winners in this category will receive their award from the three officers of the CIU – President George Smith, Vice-President Ken Roberts ACM CMD and General Secretary Kenneth D Green ACM CMD.

All finalists receive two free tickets to the Awards, set in Leicester's prestigious Athena venue, where they will enjoy a spectacular night of entertainment and five-star food and drink.

Many clubs use the Awards as an opportunity to thank their committees and members, coming along in numbers to celebrate success and make some noise in this annual celebration of Clubland.

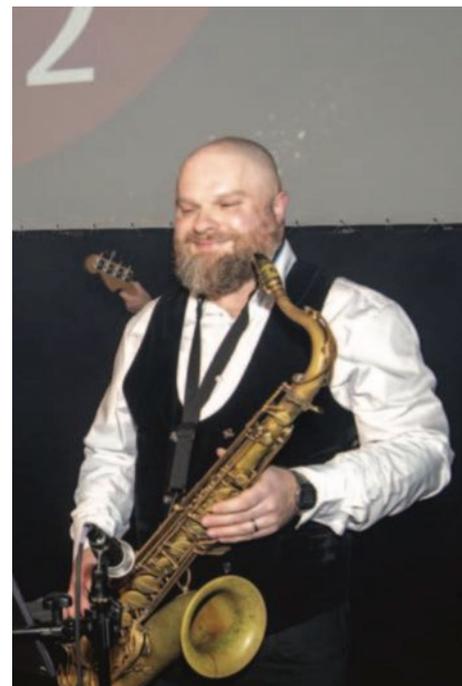
In addition to the 'CIU Club of the Year' award there are a whole range of categories including Community, Charity, Family, Social Media and Turnaround, as well as people categories from Community Heroes and Long Service Awards to Young Ambassadors and Volunteers.

All clubs reaching their centenaries are also invited to come up on stage to be inducted into 'The 100 Club'.

Ahead of what is always a memorable evening, a local CIU club, will be hosting a fun afternoon of pre-Awards activities, including live entertainment, raffles and games.

So what are you waiting for? It couldn't be simpler to enter – just fill in the form opposite or complete an entry form online at website [www.clubmirror.com](http://www.clubmirror.com) and you could be celebrating in November.





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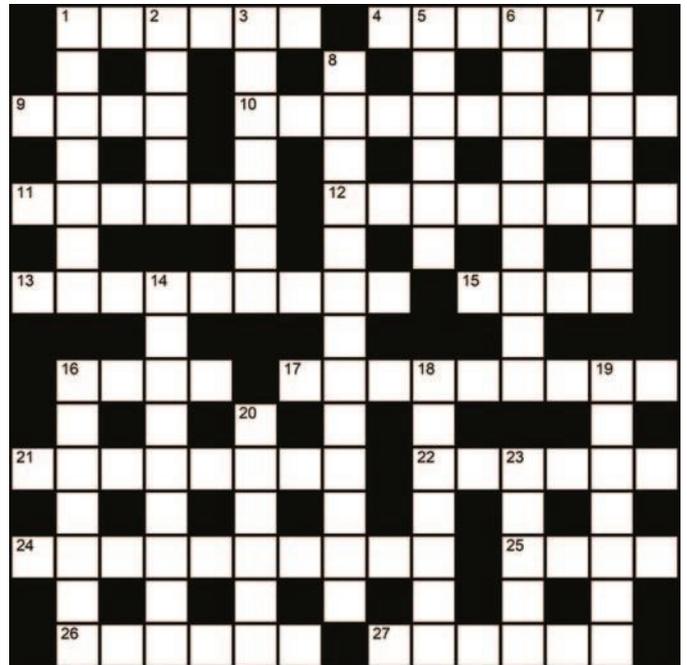
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Friday, August 11, 8pm—Sky Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Burnley v Manchester City**  
 The 2023/24 Premier League season gets underway as newly promoted Burnley face a mammoth task on their return to the top flight, hosting the reigning champions fresh from their all-conquering season last term. This match will certainly give the Claret an early indication of their relative strengths and weaknesses at this level.



Sunday, August 20, 11am—BBC/ITV  
**FIFA Women's World Cup: Final**  
 Sydney's Olympic Stadium will provide the backdrop for this showpiece global event. Following their unforgettable victory in the Euro two years ago, England are firmly among the favourites to lift the trophy in this tournament. The Lionesses reached the semi-finals in 2019, losing to eventual trophy winners USA and will be desperate to be in the mix for football's ultimate prize.



Wednesday, August 30, 6pm—Sky Sports Cricket  
**International Twenty20 Cricket: England v New Zealand**  
 England and New Zealand begin their four-match Twenty20 series at the Emirates Riverside in Durham. The home side will be favourites to win the series given their current status as Twenty20 World Champions but are likely to be pushed all the way by the Black Caps.

# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

The football season gets underway this month with big Premier League, Football League and Carabao Cup ties taking place. There is also plenty of cricket, rugby and horse racing action in prospect

Wednesday, August 9, 8pm  
 Sky Sports Football  
**Football - Carabao Cup, 1st Round: Burton Albion v Leicester City**

Thursday, August 10, 3pm  
 Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket - The 100: Birmingham Phoenix Women v Welsh Fire Women**

Wednesday, August 9, 6.30pm  
 Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket - The 100: Birmingham Phoenix v Welsh Fire**

Friday, August 11, 8pm  
 Sky Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Burnley v Manchester City**

Saturday, August 12, 12.30pm  
 Sky Sports Football  
**Championship: Coventry City v Middlesbrough**

Saturday, August 12, 12.30pm  
 TNT Sports  
**Premier League: Arsenal v Nottingham Forest**

Saturday, August 12, 2.30pm  
 Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket - The 100: London Spirit v Trent Rockets**

Saturday, August 12, 3pm  
 BBC  
**Rugby League: Challenge Cup Final**

Saturday, August 12, 5.30pm  
 Prime Video  
**International Rugby Union: England v Wales**

Saturday, August 12, 5.30pm  
 Sky Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Newcastle United v Aston Villa**

Saturday, August 12, 7pm  
 DAZN PPV  
**Boxing: Anthony Joseph v Dillian Whyte**

Sunday, August 13, 2pm  
 Sky Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Brentford v Tottenham Hotspur**

Sunday, August 13, 4.30pm  
 Sky Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Chelsea v Liverpool**

Monday, August 14, 8pm  
 Sky Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Manchester United v Wolves**

Tuesday, August 15, 6.30pm  
 Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket - The 100: Oval Invincibles v London Spirit**

Tuesday, August 15, 8pm  
 Sky Sports Football  
**League One: Portsmouth v Exeter City**

Wednesday, August 16, 8pm  
 TNT Sports  
**UEFA Super Cup: Manchester City v Sevilla**

Friday, August 18, 8pm  
 Sky Sports Football  
**Championship: Leeds United v West Brom**

Saturday, August 19, 3.15pm  
 Prime Video  
**International Rugby Union: Wales v South Africa**

Horse Racing, Ebor  
Festival, Wednesday,  
August 23, 1pm, ITV



*Saturday, August 19, 3.15pm*  
*PrimeVideo*

**International Rugby Union:  
Ireland v England**

*Saturday, August 19, 5.30pm*  
*Sky Sports Premier League*

**Premier League: Tottenham v  
Manchester United**

*Saturday, August 19, 8pm*  
*TNT Sports*

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

*Sunday, August 20, 11am*  
*BBC/ITV*

**FIFA Women's World Cup 2023  
Final**

*Sunday, August 20, 2pm*  
*Sky Sports Premier League*

**Premier League: Aston Villa v  
Everton**

*Sunday, August 20, 4.30pm*  
*Sky Sports Premier League*

**Premier League: West Ham  
United v Chelsea**

*Sunday, August 20, 1pm*  
*TNT Sports*

**MotoGP: Austrian Grand Prix**

*Monday, August 21, 8pm*  
*Sky Sports Premier League*

**Premier League: Crystal Palace v  
Arsenal**

*Wednesday, August 23, 1pm*  
*ITV*

**Horse Racing: Ebor Festival -  
Day 1**

*Friday, August 25, 8pm*  
*Sky Sports Premier League*

**Premier League: Chelsea v Luton  
Town**

*Saturday, August 26, 12.30pm*  
*TNT Sport*

**Premier League: Chelsea v Luton  
Town**

*Saturday, August 26, 5.30pm*  
*Sky Sports Premier League*

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

*Saturday, August 26, 6pm*  
*Sky Sports Action*

**Catalans Dragons v Wigan  
Warriors**

*Sunday, August 27, 2pm*  
*Sky Sports F1*

**F1: Dutch Grand Prix**

*Sunday, August 27, 2pm*  
*Sky Sports Premier League*

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

*Sunday, August 27, 4.30pm*  
*Sky Sports Premier League*

**Premier League: Newcastle  
United v Liverpool**

*Sunday, August 27, 6pm*  
*Sky Sports Cricket*

**Cricket -The Hundred: Final**

*Wednesday, August 30, 6pm*  
*Sky Sports Cricket*

**International Twenty20 Cricket:  
England v New Zealand**



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