

# Club Journal

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## 2025 Dransfields CIU Greyhounds Racenight set for September 26

Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium will be hosting the Dransfields CIU Racenight on Friday, September 26.

This great event is a fantastic opportunity to witness some top-class dog racing on one of the best tracks in the country and to have a good night out with club colleagues.

For the special discounted price of £22, 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.

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



Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium will host the Dransfields CIU Racenight on September 26

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).

To book dinner in the restaurant for the CIU-discounted price of £22 per person, please call the venue direct on 0114 2343074 and quote 'CIU Night'.

This offer is on a 'first-come, first-served' basis so do not delay.

## Win a cash prize with the CIU National Lottery Draw



Don't forget to buy your tickets for this month's CIU National Lottery 50/50 Draw which takes place at 7pm on September 1.

As well as the winner receiving a cash prize, there will also be a five per cent revenue share for the winning member's club.

Tickets cost £1 each and can be purchased online via your computer, tablet or smartphone at the website:

**ciu.praxisplay.online**

## Have your say on the CIU's future

Please have your say regarding the modernisation and restructuring of the Union by completing the survey which can be found on pages 15 and 16.

The survey is best completed online – the link can be found on both [ciu.org.uk](http://ciu.org.uk) and [clubjournal.co.uk](http://clubjournal.co.uk) – and is designed to get the views of CIU club members about the proposed changes to the Union's structure, most notably the consolidation of the current branches into five or six regional branches.

● For the survey, please see pages 15 and 16 or complete the online version of the survey



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Welcome to the August edition of *Club Journal*.

We lead this month's issue with the news that the 2025 Dransfield CIU Greyhounds Racenight will take place on Friday, September 26.

This annual event, at Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium, is always a fun occasion and there is a special offer available for CIU club members.

You can enjoy a three-course meal in the Grandstand Restaurant, with an unbeatable view of the racing action, for just £22 per person.

As usual, this offer is on a 'first-come, first-served' basis so please reserve your places early to ensure you can join in for this club night out at the dogs.

Many thanks to all of our readers who have taken the time to complete the survey on the future of the CIU which we launched in last month's issue.

For those who haven't yet had their say, the survey is still live and can be filled in online at the CIU's official website [ciu.org.uk](http://ciu.org.uk) and the *Club Journal* website [clubjournal.co.uk](http://clubjournal.co.uk).

Your feedback will help to ensure that our Union becomes more sustainable and efficient in its mission to support clubs across the UK.

The 'Club of the Month' for August is Snodland Working Men's Club in Kent which is celebrating its 150th

# Welcome

anniversary this month, making it one of the oldest social clubs in the country.

This traditional club continues to offer a home-from-home for its members with regular events and activities ensuring that it remains a key part of the local community.

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

As ever, please get in touch if your club is keen to host the Union's Award in Club Management (ACM) day courses.

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

Elsewhere in this issue, Preferred Supplier Greene King looks at how clubs can make the most of their white wine offering.

We also look ahead to the key live sporting fixtures coming up in August, including a special preview on pages 34-35 of the upcoming Women's Rugby World Cup which begins on August 22.

I hope you enjoy this month's issue.

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## Barnard Castle WMC members take part in 50k charity walk



The Clique charity was formed at Barnard Castle WMC in 1975

In mid-June a group of intrepid walkers set off on a 50k walk to raise money for a charity – the Clique – that was founded at Barnard Castle Working Men’s Club in County Durham some 50 years ago with 2p left over from a game of dominoes.

The charity is there to step in and help families and individuals when times are tough, funding wheelchairs, mobility aids and giving essential support to those in need.

The team set off at 4am, walking from Dufton in the Pennines and arriving several hours later back home in Barnard Castle.

To donate, visit: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rob-siswick-1](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rob-siswick-1)

## Alison Walker calls time at Richmond Place Club after 26 years

On July 12, the Richmond Place Club in Hereford said goodbye and a huge thank you to long-serving Club Steward Alison Walker.

A presentation, led by Club President Rachel Croker, was held to mark Alison’s 26 years of loyal service to the club with flowers presented by Bar Manager Angie Taylor and a cake made by Pat Wilson.

Alison gave a lovely speech about her time at the club, mentioning that she had been a member since she was 18, having been treated to a steak meal for her birthday upstairs in what used to be the club restaurant and being presented with her membership on the night.

Everyone at the club wishes Alison a happy retirement and a thank you for what she has achieved for the club.



Alison Walker of the Richmond Place Club

## News in brief



### Higham Village Club hosts Summer Open Day with live entertainment and stalls

The Higham Village Club in Kent will be holding a Summer Open Day on Sunday, August 24 during the Bank Holiday Weekend.

The day, which gets underway at midday, will see vocalist Chris Till performing in the afternoon while covers Contraband will be on stage in the evening.

There will also be a food van, cake stall and a children’s entertainer at the event which aims to showcase the club to local residents and prospective members.

## CLUB NOTICES

### Clubs admitted to the Union

Cowes Combined Services Club

Silksworth Comrades Club

Tooting & Balham United Services & Services Rendered Club

Sundon Park Social Club

### Clubs withdrawn from the Union

Willington Prospect Club and Institute (withdrawn)

Ryhope Working Men’s Club (closed)

## News in brief



**Mike Osman brings his Jethro tribute show to Chandler's Ford Central Club in November**  
Chandler's Ford Central Club in Hampshire will be welcoming Mike Osman and his Jethro tribute show on Friday, November 14.

Mike will be recreating some classic jokes in the style of the late, great Cornish comedian so expect lots of cheeky humour.

Mike was actually a close friend of Jethro until his untimely death in 2021 and has dedicated his act to keeping the spirit of Jethro and his tales of Denzil Penberthy and other Cornish characters alive through his performances.

Tickets for members cost £5 and £10 for non members.



### Charity Soul & Motown Music Night to take place at Sarisbury Green Social Club

Sarisbury Green Social Club in Hampshire is staging a Charity Music Evening on Saturday, August 16.

Performing on the night will be Madison Heights, the highly rated multi-instrumental Soul and Motown covers band.

There will plenty of big hits made famous by the likes of all-time great singers like Marvin Gaye, The Temptations, Smokey Robinson, Diana Ross and Stevie Wonder.

All proceeds from ticket sales, raffle, and donations will go to the Portsmouth Bowel Cancer Appeal.

## New Hesledon Social Club makes donation to Coastguard Association



Members of the Seaham Coastguard Rescue Team are presented with the donation

The New Hesledon Social Club in Seaham, County Durham recently made a donation to the Coastguard Association.

The club's bingo section organised a fundraising event and raised an outstanding £630.05 for the charity, which is dedicated to supporting Coastguard personnel and their families in times of need

Members of the Area 5 Seaham Coastguard Rescue Team accepted the donation on behalf of the Coastguard Association.

For more information on the charity, visit: [www.coastguardassociation.org.uk](http://www.coastguardassociation.org.uk)

## Elland WMC raises £1,000 for local children's hospice



Elland Working Men's Club in West Yorkshire recently donated £1,000 to the Forget Me Not Childrens Hospice. The money was raised by holding a series of raffles on Saturday nights at the club

## Ladybarn Social Club celebrates latest CAMRA award



Ladybarn Social Club is renowned for its selection of cask ales

Ladybarn Social Club in South Manchester is celebrating after winning its latest award from their local branch of the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA).

On June 6, the club was presented with the 'Club of the Year 2025' award by the Stockport and South Manchester Branch of CAMRA.

Such has been the success of selling cask ale, it had been named local CAMRA branch Club of the Year 2015, 2017 and 2022, before this latest award.

This club serves three changing beers (guest beers mostly from Cheshire and Greater Manchester microbreweries) and one regular beer with daily updates on the club's Facebook page.

The club took over the premises of a former pub – the White Swan – 12 years ago and has enjoyed a highly successful period in the new location.

## TV legend heads to Freckleton Sports & Social Club

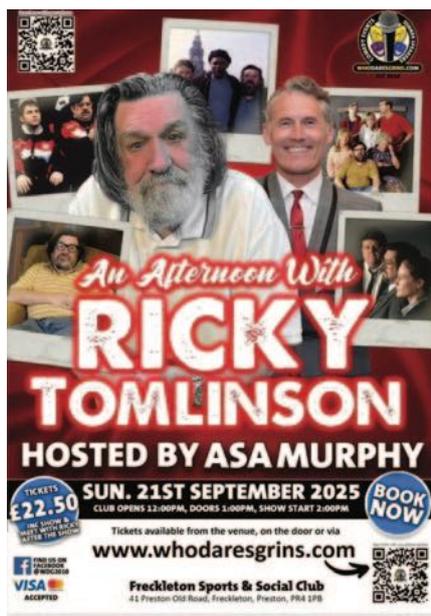
Members and guests of Freckleton Sports & Social Club in Preston are in for a treat in September when the lucky ticket holders sit down for 'An Afternoon With Ricky Tomlinson'.

The event, on Sunday, September 21 will see the legendary TV and film actor interviewed on stage by presenter Asa Murphy.

The evening promises laughter, heartfelt stories, and behind-the-scenes tales from Ricky's extraordinary career – including his iconic role as Jim Royle in *The Royle Family*.

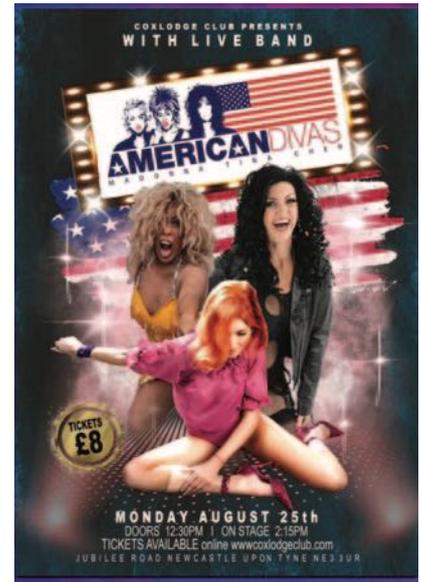
He also appeared as Bobby Grant in the soap opera *Brookside*, DCI Charlie Wise in *Cracker* and the titular character in the 2001 football mockumentary *Mike Bassett: England Manager*.

Tickets cost £22.50 and are available from: [www.whodaresgrins.com](http://www.whodaresgrins.com)



Ricky Tomlinson will be appearing at Freckleton Sports & Social Club on September 21

## News in brief



Newcastle's Coxlodge Club to host American Divas show on August Bank Holiday Monday

The Coxlodge Club in Newcastle will be staging an American Divas show on the afternoon of Monday, August 25 featuring tributes to Cher, Tina Turner and Madonna, plus live band and dancers.

Tickets cost £8. For more information, visit: [www.coxlodgedclub.co.uk](http://www.coxlodgedclub.co.uk)



George Michael Last Christmas tribute shows nearly sold out at Cullercoats Crescent Club

The Cullercoats Crescent Club in North Shields is reporting huge anticipation for the two special George Michael Last Christmas shows being held at the club on Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6.

The show will see top tribute act John Francis performing some of the best-loved tracks from George Michael's solo career as well as his time with Wham!

Tickets are £7 and can be purchased by calling: 07944 338 026.



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## Success at Cogan Coronation Club darts academy



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A weekly darts academy for Under-18s at Cogan Coronation Club in Penarth, South Wales is proving to be a massive success since it was launched in 2024.

Budding darts players between the ages of 10 and 17 are packing into the club each Monday to hone their skill on the oche, with all abilities welcome to get involved.

Dean Ford launched the Under 18 Darts Club at Cogan Coronation Club on Monday, January 15 last year and numbers have already doubled.

Mr Ford set up the club after his son was inspired by darts superstar Luke Littler, who won his first PDC senior title at the Bahrain Darts Masters at 16 years old after he beat number two in the world Michael Van Gerwyn.

And the club was given a massive publicity boost in its early days by 'The Nuke' himself after Littler retweeted one of their social media posts on X.

The number of children playing darts each week has continued to grow, meaning extremely busy Monday nights at the club with many parents enjoying refreshments at the club while their kids are in action.

The academy has become part of the Junior Darts Corporation (JDC) Academy which ensures that talented players will have increased opportunities to improve their game by playing competitively in regional and national tournaments.

Indeed, two players from the academy at Cogan Coronation Club will be playing at the Winmau Junior World Masters, which is exclusively for JDC Academy members only.

The final will be held in late January 2026 near Milton Keynes ahead of the Winmau World Masters.

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### National Cask Ale Week



### Clubs urged to get involved in this year's Cask Ale Week taking place in September

Cask Ale Week is an annual celebration of Britain's national drink – cask beer.

Taking place in September, it's an opportunity for clubs, pubs and breweries to get involved and encourage their customers to try and promote real ale by organising events and activities throughout the week.

Formed in the early 2000s by Cask Marque, Cask Ale Week is supported by the major trade organisations and brewers, as well as The Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

If your club would like to get involved, you can download resources and get a number of ideas from the Cask Ale Week website.

Why not link planned current events with Cask Ale Week and maximise publicity?

You don't have to be a Cask Marque member to take part.

For more information, visit: [caskaleweek.co.uk](http://caskaleweek.co.uk)



### Oldham's Coppenthal Club gets set for Billy Ocean tribute show on September 26

Dayton Grey will be bringing his Billy Ocean tribute show to the Coppenthal Club in Oldham on Friday, September 26.

Dayton will be performing his 'Ocean Devotion' set featuring all the big hits made famous by the Trinidad-born singer during the 1980s including 'Caribbean Queen', 'When The Going Gets Tough', 'Loverboy' and 'Suddenly'.

Tickets cost £6 each and can be purchased online from: [www.thecoppenthalclub.co.uk](http://www.thecoppenthalclub.co.uk) or can be bought in person from behind the bar at the club.

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## New outdoor seating area at Leicester's West End Club



West End Club members can enjoy a drink in the new area at the front of the club

The West End Club in Leicester has added a new seating area at the front of the club to allow members to take advantage of the recent excellent weather.

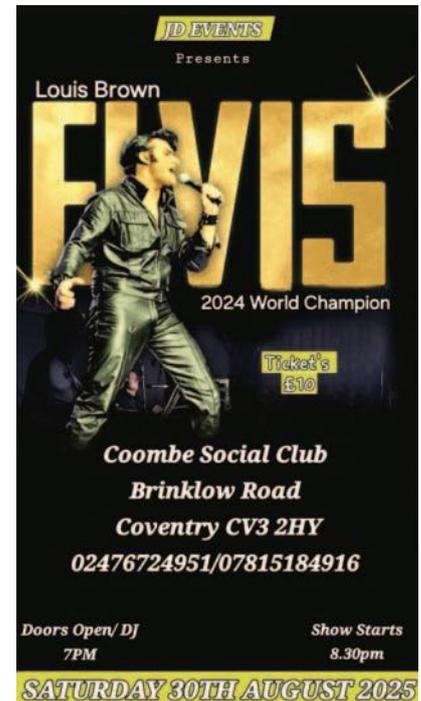
The interior of the club has enjoyed a series of rolling refurbishments in recent years with the result that the club is hugely in demand for private functions as well as being an extremely busy social hub for the local community.

## Lionesses fans pack into Mildmay Club for Euros Final



London's Mildmay Club was packed to the rafters for the England Lionesses European Championship Final win over Spain on July 27 with all the action showing on the club's big screen

## News in brief



### Coombe Social Club members get ready to be 'All Shook Up' by Elvis tribute act on August 30

Coventry's Coombe Social Club will be enjoying some fantastic rock 'n' roll during the upcoming Bank Holiday weekend when it welcomes a top Elvis Presley tribute act on Saturday, August 30.

Louis Brown is a young, internationally acclaimed Elvis tribute artist known for his performances across the UK, Europe, and the USA.

He has won the prestigious 'Images of the King' competition in Memphis and was runner-up in the 2024 Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Competition.

Louis' shows feature a wide range of Elvis' music, from the 1950s rock and roll to the Vegas years, including hits like Suspicious Mind and Can't Help Falling In Love.

Tickets are available directly from the club and cost £10 each or from JD Events on 0781 5184916.

Looking further ahead, the club will be hosting a Charity Music Night to raise money for the Clifford Bridge Residents Association on Friday, September 5.

Performing on the night will be 1960s covers band The High Tones,

Tickets cost £10 from the club or via website: [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk).

On Saturday, October 25 the club will be running the latest edition of the Coombe Comedy Club with five comics performing.

Again, the evening will raise funds for Clifford Bridge Residents Association.



Snodland Working Men's Club is celebrating its 150th anniversary this month

## Snodland Working Men's Club

Snodland Working Men's Club in Kent is celebrating its 150th anniversary later this month as its members gather to reflect on the club's continuing role at the heart of the local community

Snodland Working Men's Club, which is situated in Kent between Rochester and Maidstone, some 34 mile from central London, stands as a testament to community spirit and tradition.

The club is celebrating its 150th anniversary this month, allowing the 500-plus current members to reflect on how this important institution has served its local community since Benjamin Disraeli was Britain's Prime Minister back in 1875.

The club began life at the height of Britain's industrial expansion with Snodland at that time becoming a major centre for lime extraction with several quarries opening in the area in order to service the massive boom in



Pool is a popular activity at the club

building houses and infrastructure across London and the South East. Such was this area's importance to the building industry it was dubbed 'Cementopolis' by the newspapers of the time.

Snodland was also a centre for the paper making industry with the village trebling in size between 1861 and 1881, hence the need for a club for the many workers who had moved to the area.

A report from the time reads: "It is estimated that from £1,200 to £1,600 will be necessary to complete the undertaking of building the club, which sum has already been promised.

"The new building is to consist of reading, smoking, recreation and general conversation rooms.

"Also a large assembly room for concerts, lectures, and such other rational amusements, as the management committee may deem advisable".

Now, a century and a half later, the club is still very much a going concern although it has moved from that original building.

"It's a real achievement for the club to reach its 150th anniversary and an opportunity to think about the officials and members who have worked so hard over all those years to ensure that the club is still flourishing," says Club Secretary Julie Martin.

"We moved to our current building in 1974 and there are still plenty of old photographs on the walls to remind people of the club's history before that."

Having been unable to establish the exact date on which the club was founded in 1875, the Committee decided that their celebration would take place on Saturday, August 30.

"It's a good time of year to have a party and we're hoping that it will attract lots of members," says Julie.

"We worked out that back in the

very early days, beer cost about half a shilling.

"So we decided to do the modern equivalent – 2p pints for members on the day. Just one per member though but it's a great incentive to come along."

The anniversary day will include live entertainment from tribute act Dolly, a barbecue and a free jukebox. There will also be specially decorated cupcakes for members on the day.

Of course, what makes Snodland WMC truly special isn't just its longevity, but its ongoing relevance to local life.

With 500 members and counting, the club continues to be a vital social hub.

"We've seen lots of new housing developments in the area recently," says Julie, "and many new residents are discovering us for the first time.

"They walk past, see the club and think 'What's this place?' Then they come in and are amazed – many of



The club's Function Room

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them had no idea our kind of club still exist and are really happy when they see what we have to offer in terms of great facilities and cheaper drinks than in local pubs.”

The club’s ability to adapt while maintaining its core values is key to its success.

It is open seven days a week from 12pm to 11pm and has a real mix of ages with members who have been coming in for decades rubbing shoulders with newer members, including families who have moved to the area in recent years.

The club’s oldest member recently celebrated his 100th birthday with a pint at the club and pops in on a weekly basis for drink and a chat with friends.

At the other end of the age spectrum, the club holds children’s events throughout the year, including Christmas and Easter, to encourage families to become part of the club.

“It’s great that we can appeal to such a wide cross-section of local people,” says Julie.

“We very much position ourselves as a family-orientated club and that means that you can have people of all

ages coming in and socialising together, something which is not always the case in pubs.

Sports have always been at the core of many traditional social clubs, and Snodland WMC is no exception.

The club boasts competitive pool and darts teams which participate in local leagues.

“Our teams compete in the week which is great for boosting trade during what could be quiet midweek evenings,” says Julie.

“Obviously you also have members coming in at other times for friendly games.”

For live sports fans, the club is a home away from home with several screens throughout showing the key events, including those on Sky Sports and TNT Sports.

“The Premier League draws a good crowd across weekends so we’re looking forward to the season getting underway again in August,” says Julie.

“We have various screens so we can keep everyone happy when there’s a clash of fixtures - for example, when there’s cricket or racing on at the same time as a football match.

“For major events, like the Women’s

Euros Final in July, we put the games up on the big screen in the Function Room.

“The Lionesses’ triumph was a great night and everyone was celebrating as they slotted that final penalty to win the trophy.

“The atmosphere was really good, helped by the fact that we were selling beers for £3 a pint from an hour before the match to an hour after the final whistle.”

Regular entertainment nights are also popular, with various singers, bands and tribute acts performing on the club’s stage as well as themed discos.

“We had an incredible 1980s Disco Night recently,” says Julie.

“Everyone dressed up and there were prizes for the best costumes.”

The return of weekly quiz nights has also proven highly successful and has given members another reason to come through the doors.

One of the club’s most successful innovations has been ‘Friday Madness’.

“Every Friday we do a different beer promotion with a certain beer just £3 a pint and selected shots for

The club hosts many community events, including this indoor car boot sale





Fred, the club's oldest member (pictured, left), celebrated his 100th birthday in July with a pint at the bar

£1 each," Julie explains.

The success of 'Friday Madness' demonstrates how the club balances tradition with innovation.

While maintaining its working men's club heritage, it's not afraid to try new things to attract and retain members.

Snodland WMC takes its community role seriously, regularly raising money through various initiatives, including Race Nights, raffles and special events.

"We nominate a main charity at the beginning of the year and then do various fundraising events throughout the year," says Julie. "This year's beneficiary has been the mental health charity MIND."

Any great institution relies on its staff, and in Bar Manager Debbie Elder, Snodland WMC has a great asset.

With 15 years at the club, Debbie's knowledge and passion are invaluable to the club's continuing success.

"Debbie's brilliant – she's full of ideas to boost trade," says Julie.

Meanwhile, the 10-strong committee represents the perfect mix of experience and fresh thinking.

"We have a really proactive committee who don't mind putting in the hard work to make the club a success," says Julie.

Notably, the committee now includes several women – a significant departure from 150 years ago – offering their own perspectives and skillsets to help the club move forward.

The club continues to be an important place for local people to celebrate milestones and family events with wedding receptions, wakes and parties regularly held in the Function Room.

And, having been appointed as Secretary around 12 months ago, Julie has set about modernising the club's administration functions and systems.

"I'm trying to get everything

digitised," she says.

"The old paper-based systems were so outdated and we are trying to make everything more efficient for the benefit of the club."

As Snodland WMC celebrates its 150th year, the focus is firmly on the future.

"The club is so important to the local community so we want to preserve everything that makes this club special," says Julie.

"We also want to stay relevant for future generations.

"That means balancing existing traditions with being a modern, vibrant venue."

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## News in brief

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

- 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

The remaining NEC meetings at Head Office for 2025 will take place on:

September 3&4; October 15&16 and  
December 3&4.

### CIU Conference 2026 dates

Friday, April 17 – CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition  
Saturday, April 18 – The 162nd Annual Meeting

### Find out if a club is a member of the CIU

To find other Union clubs, use the search facility on the official website: [ciu.org.uk](http://ciu.org.uk).

There are several areas that can be searched in order to find clubs, general information on the CIU and *Club Journal* articles going back to 2011.

There is also a map facility that is available which enables you to find a CIU club in a particular area of the country.

## CIU continues to lobby for clubs' interests

Over the past few months, the Union has been actively representing the interests of our member clubs in key regulatory and policy discussions.

Your membership ensures that clubs have a strong, collective voice – protecting your future and securing fair treatment in an ever-changing legislative landscape.

### Key Consultations

#### Gambling Commission – Gaming Machines Review

The Union responded to the Gambling Commission's consultation on gaming machines, ensuring that clubs' concerns were heard on issues such as stakes, prizes, and responsible gambling measures. Our input helps safeguard clubs' ability to offer gaming as a vital income stream without excessive restrictions.

#### Modernising the Friendly Societies Act

The Friendly Societies Act affects many of our member clubs, particularly those with mutual structures. We engaged with the Law Commission to push for sensible updates that reduce red tape while protecting clubs' traditional values and legal standing.

#### PPL – Fairer Music Licensing Fees

Musical entertainment is at the heart of club life, but excessive licensing costs can strain budgets. The CIU's response to PPL's consultation on fees and licensing argued for fairer terms for not-for-profit members' clubs, helping keep entertainment affordable.

These consultations are just one part of our wider work – lobbying government, fighting for tax relief and securing legal protections – so clubs can thrive. Without the CIU's influence, individual clubs would face these challenges alone.

### Your membership means:

- A powerful voice in Westminster and with regulators.
- Expert guidance on compliance, licensing and legislation.
- Strength in numbers – ensuring the interests of clubs aren't overlooked by giving one voice to our member clubs.

We'll keep you updated on these consultations and their outcomes. If your club has concerns about any upcoming legislation or needs support, contact your Branch Secretary.

# Club Journal

# Survey 2025

As you will know, the Union is looking at how our organisation can be restructured in order to make it more efficient and relevant for its member clubs.

Your input is crucial, so please spend a few minutes completing this important survey which will help us to reshape the Union and ensure that it will be able to continue to support its clubs.

We believe that now is the moment to reorganise, to modernise, and to become more cost-effective, while not only maintaining but improving the services we offer.

If the CIU were starting today, what would our business model look like? What would our priorities be?

The survey can be completed online or posted. We will then use the results to help build a new and improved organisation.

♦ **Online:** To complete the survey online, visit the Club Journal website ([clubjournal.co.uk](http://clubjournal.co.uk)) and the official CIU website ([ciu.org.uk](http://ciu.org.uk))

♦ **By Post:** Print out pages 15 and 16, complete the survey, and post to: **Alchemy Contract Publishing/Club Journal, Link Spaces, Botanica, Ditton Park, Riding Court Road, Slough, SL3 9LL**

## FUTURE OF THE UNION

(Please tick appropriate boxes.)

### GENERAL:

#### 1. How many members do you have?

Up to 1,000  1,000-1,999  2,000-2,999   
 3,000-3,900  4,000-4,999

Other (please specify) .....

2. Which branch does your club belong to? .....

#### 3. Do you agree that the Union must undergo a radical transformation in order to fulfill its mission to support its member clubs?

Yes  No   
 Don't Know



**4. Are you in favour of restructuring the branches into a regionalised format along the following lines? North East (Durham and Northumberland); Yorkshire (Heavy Woollen, Leeds, South Yorkshire, Wakefield and West Yorkshire); Manchester; Midlands (East Midlands, West Midlands, South East Midlands, Leicestershire and Warwickshire); South East (Kent, North East Metropolitan and South East Metropolitan) and South West (South Wales, Monmouthshire, Wessex and Western Counties).**

Yes  No  Don't Know

Your Comments

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**5. How do you think Branch Secretaries should be selected?**

Elected by clubs within each regional branch  Appointed by each regional branch committee   
 Appointed by National Executive Committee  Elected by vote at AGM   
 Don't know

Your Comments

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**6. How should the new regional branches be staffed?**

Your Comments

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**7. Do you think that there should be fewer members of the National Executive Committee (NEC)**

Yes  No  Don't Know

**8. Would you be in favour of an NEC comprising General Secretary, President, Vice-President plus one member each representing the six new regional branches?**

Yes  No  Don't Know

Your Comments

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**9. Would you like to see the Union's Award in Club Management available online?**

Yes  No  Don't Know

Your Comments

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**10. How important are the following CIU services/products/events/functions to your club?**

	Not important	important	Don't Know
Rules Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HR Documents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal Advice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education (ACM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Racing Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PRS For Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Branch Advice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trade Show	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Service Awards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lobbying	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annual Raceday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to Preferred Suppliers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**11. Do you have any further comments, observations or suggestions which you believe would help to ensure that the Union is fit for purpose in the modern age?**

Your Comments

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This survey can be completed online at the website [clubjournal.co.uk](http://clubjournal.co.uk) and [ciu.org.uk](http://ciu.org.uk) or you can download and print a copy.

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## Boost your expertise with the Union's Award in Club Management

The Award in Club Management (ACM) enables CIU club officials to gain a thorough grounding in the skills associated with running a club. If you would like to host future ACM sessions at your club, or share sessions with clubs in your area, please get in touch with Catherine Fitzpatrick at Head Office



The ACM course is taught by experienced club administrators and covers key aspects of club administration and finance

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

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

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

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

The course is primarily aimed at

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# CIU clubs urged to enter the 2025 Club Awards

## Deadline for entries – 31 August

Could you be the 2025 CIU Club of the Year? Or Community Club of the Year? What about Secretary or Manager of the Year? Or is it time to recognise the Club's Committee? The Volunteers? Long Serving members? Read on...



The Club Awards, now in their 33rd year, recognise CIU clubs of all shapes and sizes, from Working Men's Clubs to Sports Clubs, Community Clubs, Social Clubs and everything in between.

They're free to enter via a quick and easy entry form – visit [www.clubawards.co.uk](http://www.clubawards.co.uk) – and all finalists received two complimentary tickets to join the NEC and fellow clubs

for a night of fun and celebration.

So whether you'd like to enter chosen categories or prefer to let the judges decide which categories your club is best suited for, CIU clubs across the board are encouraged to enter the Awards to receive the recognition they so richly deserve.

• Categories are many and various, and you'll find them on the Club Awards

website – [clubawards.co.uk](http://clubawards.co.uk). The form is there too and is quick and easy to complete with a closing date is 31 August, 2025.

Alternatively, to have an Entry Form emailed directly to your inbox, contact [sean@clubmirror.com](mailto:sean@clubmirror.com)

• **Any questions? Just email the Club Awards team via [info@clubmirror.com](mailto:info@clubmirror.com)**



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Broseley Social Club

## CIU Hall of Fame 2024

CIU Clubs have a great record of success at the Club Awards and deservedly so. Take a look at this long list of praise-worthy clubs from last year's event. Will you be standing shoulder to shoulder with them this year?

**CIU Club of the Year (Joint winners)**  
Broseley Social Club & Lindley Liberal Club

**Bar Manager/Steward of the Year**  
David Bellamy, Midland Band Social Club

**CAMRA Super Round Winner**  
Midland Band Social Club

**Charity Club of the Year**  
Skegness Ex-Servicemens Club

**Club Initiative of the Year**  
Grangemoor Working Mens Club

**Committee of the Year**  
New Eltham Social Club

**Community Club of the Year**  
Coombs Wood Sports & Social Club

**Darts Club of the Year**  
Bellingham Ex-Servicemen's Club

**Manager/Secretary of the Year**  
Lucy Hague, Oatlands

**Marketing Club of the Year**  
Walthamstow Trades Hall & Institute

**Refurbishment Club of the Year**  
Leigh Park WMC

**Entertainment Clubs of the Year**  
*From the South* - Stansted Mountfitchet Social Club

*From the North* - Beechwood Easterside & District Social Club



New Eltham Social Club



Midland Band Social Club



Grangemoor Working Mens Club



Bellingham Ex-Servicemen's Club



Beechwood Easterside & District Social Club

# New report shows importance of hot snacks to the On-Trade

Britain's favourite hot snacks are driving longer visits, higher spend, and fresh opportunities in bars, according to data from CGA by NIQ's Food Insights Series



Over half of all bar visitors typically order a hot snack during their visit and this could help clubs to unlock extra drink sales

The Hot Snacks report from CGA by NIQ's Food Insights Series uses pubs as its sample, with key findings relevant to clubs, which include:

**On Premise penetration** – Over half of all bar visitors typically order a hot snack during their visit, and one in five do so on every or almost every occasion.

**Rising frequency** – Consumers purchasing hot snacks while visiting the On-Trade channel more often than they did 12 months ago signal sustained momentum despite ongoing cost-of-living challenges.

**Increased revenue opportunities** – Consumers tend to extend their stay in-venue after ordering a hot snack, resultantly converting kitchen

occasions into bar revenue.

**Gen Z in pole position** – Gen Z make up 25% of the global population and are expected to have the highest spending growth yet. Understanding this cohort is vital as they move into their peak spending years.

**Loaded potential** – While chips are the favourite, more than a third now choose loaded fries, often trading up to premium toppings and, in turn, boosting operator margins.

The report states that the soaring popularity of hot snacks sits at the intersection of two acute market pressures:

**Cost squeeze** – Rising wages, energy, and ingredient costs are forcing pubs

to look for low-waste, labour-light menu items – preferably ones that also unlock extra drink sales.

**Consumer value equation** – Headline inflation has eased for some, yet discretionary spend remains under scrutiny. Hot snacks deliver a value-perceived treat without the ticket price of a full meal.

Andrew Hodgson of CGA by NIQ's Foodservice, said: "We might think of chips as a pretty humble affair, yet the opportunities hot snacks represent are anything but.

"The new Spotlight Report proves how a well curated hot snack range can extend dwell time, raise drink velocity, and shield menus against shifting tastes, especially among Gen Z and premium seeking guests."



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# Get involved with the CIU National Lottery

The CIU National Lottery is a great way to support your club and your Union as well as give yourself the chance to win some fantastic cash prizes, as well as regular opportunities to win beer and other prizes

The CIU National Lottery gives Union members the opportunity to win significant cash prizes or prizes each month with tickets available to buy online via their computers or smartphones.

The next Draw takes place at 7pm on **Monday, September 1** and will be a 50/50 Draw which will also see 5% of the total revenue raised going to the winner's club.

**Q: How do I buy tickets?**

**A:** It's a very simple process:

- Create an account at [ciu.praxis-play.online](http://ciu.praxis-play.online)
- Add funds to your account
- Receive email confirming you have added money to your account.
- Buy tickets by selecting PLAY on the raffle you wish to purchase tickets
- Receive an email confirming your tickets purchase, including ticket numbers. This will be sent by email in a PDF attachment and you can also see tickets in your account.

**Q: What happens if I forget my password?**

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

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

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

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

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

**Q: What happens to my personal data?**

**A:** Praxis is ICO registered and has full GDPR statement in the T&C's & log-in/sign up process.

**Q: I don't own a smartphone. Can I still play the CIU Raffle?**

**A:** Yes. Please go online to [ciu.praxisplay.online](http://ciu.praxisplay.online) and sign up to create an online account and play the CIU Raffle.

**Q: How will I receive my winnings?**

**A:** The Winners receive an email and

text confirming their win, along with payment into the client's CIU draw app account. The user can then withdraw the funds via the app account to another bank account.

**Q: I have a technical issue with the App. Who do I contact?**

**A:** In-app users can create a support ticket to resolve a query or call the CIU Head Office on 0207 226 0221 for help with any problems they encounter when buying a ticket.



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# Great deals on tickets at 16 racecourses

The CIU has teamed up with Arena Racing Company (ARC) to give club members discounted tickets to 16 racecourses across the UK – visit: [arenaracingcompany.co.uk/offers/ciu](http://arenaracingcompany.co.uk/offers/ciu)

The CIU has teamed up with Arena Racing Company (ARC) to give CIU club members fantastic, great-value offers to enjoy a brilliant day out at the races this year!

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- Offers can only be booked online and in advance.
- Advance sales close 24 hours before each fixture.
- All bookings are subject to our Ticket Purchase Terms and Conditions and Conditions of Entry.
- Booking fee applies.
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# All white on the night!

White wine accounts for 43% of all wine sales, making it an extremely important category in your club. Greene King is here to help you make the most from your white wine offering



Wine accounts for 11% of all sales in the GB On-Trade and is worth £3.2 billion

It's been a hard few years for the wine category, with year-on-year declines of 4% by value.

But that doesn't mean wine isn't a critically important category for your venue.

Wine still accounts for 11% of all sales in the GB on trade, according to the latest CGA data and is worth a whopping £3.2 billion.

And while many trends come and go, the fact remains that white wine is by far and away the most popular wine of all.

It accounts for some 43% of total wine sales, far ahead of red (25%) and rosé (8%).

White wine remains a massive opportunity for all clubs and it's one that comes into its own during the warmer summer months.

But how exactly should you approach wine to make the most of this perennially popular category?

## Follow the consumer

Dig a little deeper into the data and it becomes obvious that there are clear directions of travel when it comes to consumer preferences.

In 2025, Italian wine is most favoured by consumers (53% consumption), closely followed by France, which is the

only country in the top 10 in growth according to year-on-year CGA Brand Track data from February 2025.

Australia (40%), Spain (39%) and New Zealand (37%) make up the top five, with South Africa and Chile also being consumed by over 30% of consumers.

British wine has seen the biggest growth of consumers as more brands become available, whilst Romania also sees growth in terms of grape varieties.

Sauvignon Blanc is the most popular varietal and retains its popularity against last year (44%), with Pinot Grigio close behind at 42% and also flat.



White wine accounts for 43% of total wine sales, ahead of red (25%) and rosé (8%)

Chardonnay sees consumption at 30%.

It's important to note that wine is the category that most consumers say they are willing to upgrade in.

Some 24% stated they would upgrade in wine compared to cocktails in second place at 19%.

Key driving factors for choosing wine include the availability of a favourite wine brand type, varietal or country of origin, the general quality of wine as well as a wide range of brands on offer.

Price is the key factor, but only 16% say they choose the cheapest or second cheapest wine available.

### Exclusive opportunity

With all that in mind, Greene King is now unveiling its latest wine guide for 2025 which combines all of that market information, trend data and more to help its free trade customers get ahead of the competition and grab more than their fair share of the category in the drive to grow footfall sales and profits over the next 12 months.

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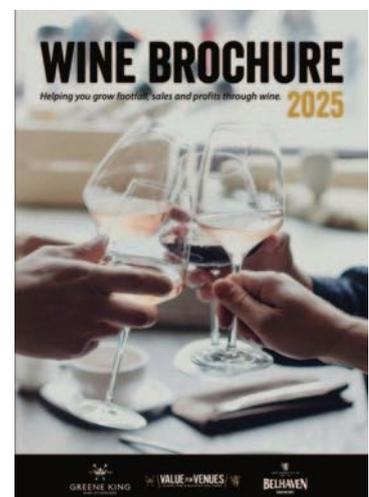
### Conclusion

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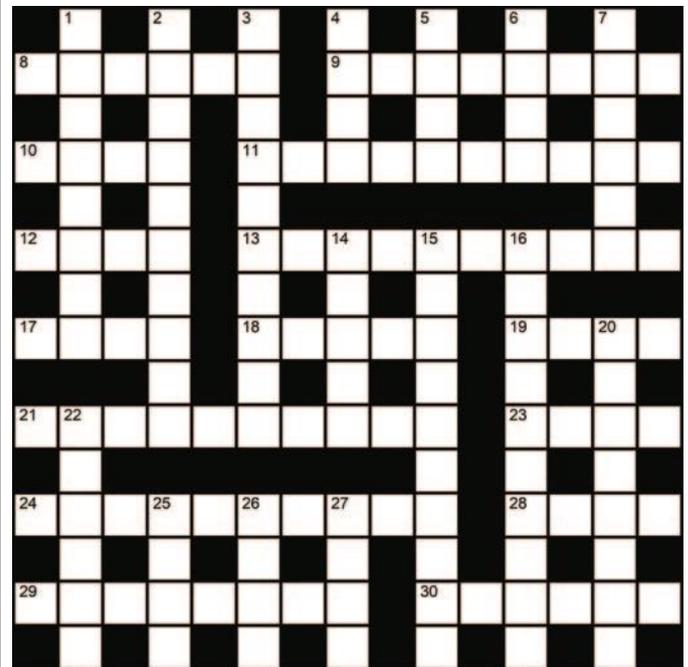
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- 11 Cheerio to art, alas, for the old driver (10)
- 12 Earn through increased volume? (4)
- 13 Going beyond a glutton is an outrage (10)
- 17 A particle of your anatomy? (4)
- 18 Consumed with a taupe pattern (3,2)
- 19 Club for greens? (4)
- 21 Full musical drama, or a pranged structure? (5,5)

- 23 They'll go out with you, see it on a palm! (4)
- 24 Gaul who daren't refine the sugar? (10)
- 28 Opposed to a gigantic reduction (4)
- 29 Betroth with outlandish affectation that's not OTT (8)
- 30 Twin about to take it, the fool! (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Jab until bewildered but elated (8)
- 2 Grafter who's marking his own work (7,3)
- 3 Serious devotee of a coin minted with a Fido impression (10)
- 4 Have the fizz taken taken back out of a vacuum cleaner (4)
- 5 Soundly faithful, this system! (2-2)
- 6 Jog a bit? What rot! (4)
- 7 One maybe follows the porker to get the bird (6)
- 14 He set about making the ones over here (5)
- 15 Roughly align pad up by showing approval (10)
- 16 Last of a trio of bashes for insurance cover? (5,5)
- 20 Surpass Proust, it would seem! (8)
- 22 A fryer recipe to make it less dense (6)
- 25 Finger feature that's lain derelict? (4)
- 26 Polo-neck that's a bit on its own (4)
- 27 Those people, as yet, back in hospital (4)



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# Women's Rugby World Cup kicks off

The 2025 Women's Rugby World Cup gets underway on August 22 and England's Red Roses are among the red-hot favourites to lift the trophy at Twickenham's Allianz Stadium



The form of key players like Ellie Kildunne will be crucial to England's chances of winning their first World Cup since 2014

Following the excitement of the recent Women's European Championship in Switzerland, it's now the turn of the England women's rugby team – the Red Roses – to take centre stage as they participate in the 2025 Women's Rugby World Cup on home soil, beginning on August 22.

BBC Sport will have exclusive rights to broadcast every game of the tournament with select matches showing on the BBC's main channels, while every game will be available to watch live on BBC iPlayer.

Brighton & Hove Albion Stadium, Ashton Gate in Bristol, Exeter's Sandy Park, Salford Community Stadium, Franklins Gardens in Northampton,

the Stadium of Light in Sunderland and York Community Stadium will all host games in a tournament which is sure to propel women's rugby to another level, both in the UK and worldwide.

As you might expect, it will be Twickenham's Allianz Stadium – the home of English rugby – which will be the stage for the showpiece final.

England are one of the strongest sides in women's rugby but will face fierce competition, particularly from the likes of Canada and New Zealand.

Indeed, New Zealand's Black Ferns have beaten England in the past two Rugby World Cup finals.

This World Cup comes at a time

when women's rugby is growing like never before.

With more media attention, investment, and grassroots initiatives, the sport is reaching new heights.

Hosting the tournament in England gives women's rugby a massive platform and will hopefully follow in the footsteps of women's football, inspiring future generations and attracting even more fans.

Many England players are also likely to enjoy a major lift in profile, not least stars such as England skipper Zoe Aldcroft, Marlie Packer, Ellie Kildunne, Abby Dow and Holly Aitchison.

Meanwhile, arguably England's



The actions gets underway on August 22 at the Stadium of Light in Sunderland as England take on the USA

greatest-ever player, Emily Scarratt MBE, is returning to play a role in her fifth World Cup and is sure to have a major influence.

Of course, there will be plenty of support for the other home nations taking part with Ireland, Scotland and Wales all facing quality opposition in the pool stages but all realistically focused on reaching the tournament's knockout stages.

The pools were drawn back in October, with England, Canada, New Zealand and France the four top-seeded teams.

**THE POOLS ARE:**

**Pool A England, Australia, USA, Samoa**

**Pool B Canada, Scotland, Wales, Fiji**

**Pool C New Zealand, Ireland, Japan, Spain**

**Pool D France, Italy, South Africa, Brazil**

England haven't won the World Cup since 2014, when they beat Canada in the final.

Since then they have made it to the

final in 2017 and 2022 but lost on both occasions to New Zealand.

The Rugby World Cup is the Black Ferns' speciality and they seem to have perfected the knack of reaching their peak at just the right time every four years.

Of the nine editions of the women's competition, New Zealand have won six of them, a remarkable run of victories.

The Red Roses have been dominant, aside from the 2022 RWC final, in recent years. Between November 2019 and the 2022 RWC final, they won 30 games on the bounce, setting a new world record.

Since the 2022 final, they have not lost a game, including matches against New Zealand in 2023 and 2024.

They will hope that form follows into the 2025 World Cup and that cries of 'Rugby's coming home' will ring out across various stadiums in August and September, as well as in club bars.

**KEY RUGBY WORLD CUP 2025 FIXTURES (all BBC)**

**Friday, August 22, 7.30pm**  
England v USA

**Saturday, August 23, 2.45pm**  
Scotland v Wales

**Saturday, August 30, 12 midday**  
Canada v Wales

**Saturday, August 30, 12 midday**  
England v Samoa

**Saturday, September 6, 2.45pm**  
Wales v Fiji

**Saturday, September 6, 5pm**  
England v Australia

**Saturday, September 13, 12.30pm**  
Quarter-Final 1

**Saturday, September 13, 12.30pm**  
Quarter-Final 2

**Sunday, September 14, 12.30pm**  
Quarter-Final 3

**Sunday, September 14, 4pm**  
Quarter-Final 4

**Friday, September 19, 7pm**  
Semi-Final 1

**Saturday, September 20, 3.30pm**  
Semi-Final 2

**Saturday, September 27, 4pm**  
Final



Wednesday, August 6, 6pm, Sky Sports Cricket  
**The Hundred: London Spirit v Oval Invincibles**  
 The Hundred season will be the fifth season of the competition, a professional franchise 100-ball cricket tournament involving eight men's and women's teams. The teams are all franchises, operating separately from the existing county cricket clubs, with each representing large areas of England and Wales and all committed to playing entertaining cricket.



Friday, August 15, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Liverpool v Bournemouth**  
 A new Premier League season begins and the Anfield faithful will be in full voice as their team embarks on the defence of the title. Bournemouth finished in ninth place last term and have been boosted during the off-season by key man Antoine Semenyo, the Ghana international, signing a new long-term contract with the club, which runs until the summer of 2030.



Sunday, August 17, 4.30pm – Sky Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Manchester United v Arsenal**  
 Arguably the key match of the opening weekend of the new Premier League season as the Gunners travel north to Old Trafford to take on Manchester United. The home team have had some well-documented struggles in recent seasons and will be desperate to get off to a winning start here.

# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

The Premier League gets underway this month with Liverpool opening the defence of their title on August 15. There is plenty of other sporting action coming up, including key Super League and cricket fixtures

Saturday, August 2, 10.15am, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Test Cricket: England v India, 5th Test – Day 3**

Saturday, August 2, 11am, Sky Sports  
**Rugby Union: Australia v British and Irish Lions – 3rd Test**

Saturday, August 2, 1.30pm, Sky Sports  
**League 1 Football: Cardiff City v Peterborough United**

Saturday, August 2, 2pm, ITV  
**Horse Racing: Glorious Goodwood**

Saturday, August 2, 5.30pm, Sky Sports  
**Scottish Premier Football: Motherwell v Rangers**

Sunday, August 3, 10.15am, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Test Cricket: England v India, 5th Test – Day 4**

Sunday, August 3, 12 noon, Sky Sports Football  
**League 1 Football: Stockport County v Bolton Wanderers**

Sunday, August 3, 1pm, Sky Sports F1  
**Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix**

Sunday, August 3, 7pm, Sky Sports Premier League  
**Premier League Summer Series: Bournemouth v West Ham United**

Sunday, August 3, 10pm, Sky Sports Premier League  
**Premier League Summer Series: Manchester United v Everton**

Monday, August 4, 10.15am, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Test Cricket: England v India, 5th Test – Day 5**

Monday, August 4, 8pm, Sky Sports Football  
**Scottish Premier Football: Hearts v Aberdeen**

Tuesday, August 5, 6pm, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket: The Hundred – London Spirit v Oval Invincibles**

Wednesday, August 6, 6pm, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket: The Hundred – Manchester Originals vs Southern Brave**

Thursday, August 7, 6pm, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket: The Hundred – Northern Superchargers vs Welsh Fire**

Thursday, August 7, 8pm, Sky Sports Football  
**League 1 Football: Port Vale v Cardiff City**

Thursday, August 7, 8pm, Sky Sports  
**Super League: Leigh Leopards v Leeds Rhinos**

Friday, August 8, 6pm, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket: The Hundred – Birmingham Phoenix v Trent Rockets**

Friday, August 8, 8pm, Sky Sports Football  
**Championship Football: Birmingham City v Ipswich Town**

Friday, August 8, 8pm, Sky Sports  
**Super League: Wakefield Trinity v St Helens**



Championship Football: Southampton v Wrexham, Saturday, August 9, 12.30pm, Sky Sports Football

Friday, August 8, 8pm, Sky Sports  
**Super League: Warrington Wolves v Wigan Warriors**

Saturday, August 9, 12.30pm, Sky Sports Football  
**Championship Football: Southampton v Wrexham**

Saturday, August 9, 2pm, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket: Oval Invincibles v Manchester Originals**

Saturday, August 9, 3pm, Sky Sports  
**Super League: Hull KR v Castleford Tigers**

Saturday, August 9, 5.30pm, Sky Sports  
**Super League: Huddersfield Giants v Catalans Dragons**

Saturday, August 9, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Football  
**Championship Football: Sheffield United v Bristol City**

Sunday, August 10, 12.30pm, Sky Sports Football  
**Scottish Premier Football: Aberdeen v Celtic**

Sunday, August 10, 3pm, TNT Sports  
**FA Community Shield: Liverpool v Crystal Palace**

Sunday, August 10, 3pm, Sky Sports  
**Super League: Hull FC v Salford Red Devils**

Sunday, August 10, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Football  
**Championship Football: Leicester City v Sheffield Wednesday**

Monday, August 11, 6pm, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket: The Hundred – Manchester Originals v London Spirit**

Tuesday, August 12, 6pm, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket: The Hundred – Birmingham Phoenix v Oval Invincibles**

Tuesday, August 12, 8pm, Sky Sports Football  
**Football: Carabao Cup, Round 1 – Bromley v Ipswich Town**

Wednesday, August 13, 8pm, Sky Sports Football  
**Football: Carabao Cup, Round 1 – Birmingham City v Sheffield United**

Wednesday, August 13, 2.30pm, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket: The Hundred – Southern Brave v Northern Superchargers**

Wednesday, August 13, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket: The Hundred – Welsh Fire v Manchester Originals**

Thursday, August 14, 6pm, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket: The Hundred – London Spirit vs Trent Rockets**

Thursday, August 14, 8pm, Sky Sports  
**Super League: Warrington Wolves v Catalans Dragons**

Friday, August 15, 6pm, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket: The Hundred – Northern Superchargers v Birmingham Phoenix**

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Horse Racing: Ebor Festival, York, starts  
Wednesday, August 20, 1pm, ITV

Friday, August 15, 8pm, Sky Sports  
**Liverpool v AFC Bournemouth**

Friday, August 15, 8pm, Sky Sports  
**Super League: St Helens v Huddersfield Giants**

Friday, August 15, 8pm, Sky Sports  
**Super League: Wigan Warriors v Hull KR**

Saturday, August 16, 12.30pm, TNT Sports  
**Aston Villa v Newcastle United**

Saturday, August 16, 12.30pm, Sky Sports Football  
**Championship Football: Wrexham v West Bromwich Albion**

Saturday, August 16, 2pm, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket: The Hundred – Trent Rockets vs Southern Brave**

Saturday, August 16, 3pm, Sky Sports  
**Super League: Castleford Tigers v Leeds Rhinos**

Saturday, August 16, 5.30pm, Sky Sports  
**Wolves v Manchester City**

Saturday, August 16, 5.30pm, Sky Sports  
**Super League: Hull FC v Leigh Leopards**

Saturday, August 16, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket: The Hundred – Oval Invincibles vs Welsh Fire**

Sunday, August 17, 1pm, TNT Sports  
**MotoGP: Austrian Grand Prix**

Sunday, August 17, 2pm, Sky Sports  
**Chelsea v Crystal Palace**

Sunday, August 17, 2pm, Sky Sports  
**Nottingham Forest v Brentford**

Sunday, August 17, 4.30pm, Sky Sports  
**Manchester United v Arsenal**

Monday, August 18, 8pm, Sky Sports  
**Leeds United v Everton**

Wednesday, August 20, 1pm, ITV  
**Horse Racing: Ebor Festival, York**

Thursday, August 21, 8pm, Sky Sports  
**Super League: Leeds Rhinos v Hull KR**

Friday, August 22, 8pm, Sky Sports  
**Super League: Leigh Leopards v Salford Red Devils**

Friday, August 22, 8pm, Sky Sports  
**Super League: St Helens v Hull FC**

Saturday, August 23, 12.30pm, Sky Sports Football  
**Championship Football: Charlton Athletic v Leicester City**

Saturday, August 23, 3pm, Sky Sports Football  
**Super League: Huddersfield Giants v Warrington Wolves**

Sunday, August 24, 1pm, TNT Sports  
**MotoGP: Hungarian Grand Prix**

Wednesday, August 27, 6pm, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket: The Hundred – Trent Rockets vs Birmingham Phoenix**

Thursday, August 28, 8pm, Sky Sports  
**Super League: Leigh Leopards v Castleford Tigers**

Friday, August 29, 8pm, Sky Sports  
**Super League: Hull KR v St Helens**

Saturday, August 30, 12.30pm, Sky Sports Football  
**Championship Football: Middlesbrough v Sheffield United**

Sunday, August 31, 1pm, Sky Sports F1  
**Formula 1: Dutch Grand Prix**

Sunday, August 31, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket: The Hundred – Final**

# The CIU continues to serve the needs of clubs

For over 160 years, the Club & Institute Union has been ensuring that its members have all the tools they need to survive and flourish as well as giving its clubs a unified voice at the highest level of Government



Education is just one of the functions undertaken by the CIU in its continuing mission to support its member clubs

It's clear that, 163 years after it was founded, the CIU continues to be an organisation which fulfils a vital function for its member clubs and in turn for the local communities which they serve.

As the largest non-profit making social entertainment and leisure organisation in the UK, the CIU is able to give our clubs a voice at national level and ensure that the concerns of our many millions of members are being communicated effectively and regularly to those at the highest levels of Government.

We also provide a full range of services to our member clubs, not least in the vitally important area of education.

The cornerstone of the CIU's education programme is the Award in Club Management (ACM) qualification which gives a thorough grounding in the key skills required to run a modern club efficiently and in line with current licensing regulations.

This course helps to make our education programme even more accessible to our members as they strive

to run their clubs with maximum efficiency.

If you would like to receive more information on the ACM, please contact Head Office for details.

We also provide a framework which recognises the hard work and dedication that goes on in clubs and our official online magazine, *Club Journal*, is filled with those who are celebrating milestones in service to their clubs or branches and have earned Certificates of Merit and Long Service Awards.

And the benefits of being a CIU affiliated club do not end there, with clubs able to draw on the Union's full resources whenever help is needed when dealing with a regulatory, licensing or HR issue.

Your local Branch Secretary is the first port of call for any such queries and, if needs be, these can be referred on to Head Office for further help.

Head Office also has a dedicated Rules Department which deals with all matters relating to rules on behalf of clubs, branches and the Union.

It will prepare all rule changes for the approval of club members, the

registration with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and arrange the printing.

All this work is carried out by the department free of charge.

Head Office also deals with clubs' affiliation to the Union. Incidentally, we have also recently produced a generic Rules Book for unaffiliated clubs and hope that this will help any such clubs who do not currently belong to our Union or other club associations.

Our clubs are also hotbeds of traditional sports and games and many professional darts, snooker and pool players have honed their skills in the games rooms of our clubs.

There are also many events throughout the year which members of CIU clubs can attend, including the Beer & Trades Exhibition which takes place during our Annual Conference weekend in Blackpool, the annual CIU Charity Raceday and our greyhound event in Sheffield.

It's clear that being part of the CIU has many advantages and we are constantly striving to add to the benefits of affiliation to our organisation.

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