

CIU Raceday raises over £1,700 for the Education Programme



Pictured, left to right: Union President George Smith, Wetherby Racecourse General Manager Michelle Campbell, General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM with the cheque for £1,718

The 2023 Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday took place at Wetherby Racecourse on Saturday, November 18 with club members from all over the country enjoying some top-class sport and hospitality.

Union members had their dedicated CIU Marquee next to the Winners' Enclosure where they enjoyed 'Pie 'n' Peas' and refreshments, as well as access to the Grandstand.

With the racecourse and its caterers, CGC Events, donating £1 to the CIU

Education Programme for every Union member attending, a total of £1,718 was raised.

Union President George Smith, Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM accepted a cheque in the Winners Enclosure on behalf of the CIU from Michelle Campbell, General Manager of Wetherby Racecourse.

The winner of the Dransfields CIU Novices' Hurdle was 4-6 favourite Heltenham.

NEC Member Geoff Blakeley passes away



It is with great sadness that we announce that NEC Member and Manchester Branch Secretary Geoff Blakeley CMD ACM passed away in November.

Geoff joined Lamberhead Green Working Mens Club in Wigan at the age of 18 and was elected to the Club Committee in 1978 after being put forward by the President and Secretary.

In 1986, he became the Assistant Secretary of the club and was elected as Secretary in 1991.

He subsequently joined the Manchester Branch Committee in 1994 and became Branch Secretary in 2004.

He was elected to the National Executive Committee in 2007 where he served on the Education Committee and also lectured on the Award in Club Management (ACM) day courses.

The Union sends its sympathy to Geoff's family and friends.

Excellence of Union clubs recognised at this year's Club Awards

Union clubs won several categories at the 2023 Club Awards held in Leicester on Wednesday, November 22.

The top Award of the evening – 'King of Clubs' – was won by Walthamstow Trades Hall & Institute who also picked up silverware in the

'Diversity and Inclusion' category.

Meanwhile, the 'CIU Club of the Year' Award was won jointly by Sandhurst Social Club (South) and Wombwell WMC in Barnsley (North).

Other winners included New Eltham Social Club, Hereford Richmond Place

Club, Clacton Railway Social Club, Bellingham Ex-Servicemen's Club, Stanhill Social Club and Grangemoor WMC.

• For a full report on the 2023 Club Awards, see pages 12-15



Welcome to the December edition of *Club Journal*.

As you'll see from the front page, we received the sad news at Head Office last month that NEC Member and Manchester Branch Secretary Geoff Blakeley CMD ACM had passed away.

Geoff was a very dedicated and knowledgeable club official who will be much missed by everyone who knew him.

We send our warmest sympathy to his family and friends.

This month will see the 2023 Presidential and NEC elections conducted with the ballot count on Friday, December 8.

The results will be published on the Union's website and in next month's *Club Journal*.

Meanwhile, congratulations to all the CIU clubs who were recognised at the 2023 Club Awards which were held in Leicester in November.

The joint winners of the 'CIU Club of the Year' Award were Wombwell WMC in Barnsley and Sandhurst Social Club in Berkshire, while the 'King of Clubs' Award – the top award of the night – went to Walthamstow Trades Hall in East London.

Congratulations to all the clubs who were honoured for their hard work over the last 12 months – you can read the full list of winners on pages 12-15.

Last month the Dransfields CIU

Welcome

Charity Raceday took place on Saturday, November 18 with over 800 Union members having a great day out at Wetherby Racecourse in the CIU Marquee next to the Winners' Enclosure.

Many thanks to Preferred Supplier Dransfields for their support of this event which raised over £1,700 for the Union's Education Programme.

On page 10, we highlight the latest batch of members to receive the Award in Club Management (ACM) having attended the three recent day courses held at Brinsworth Social Club in South Yorkshire.

Don't forget that we can bring the ACM to your club – or a combination of clubs in your area – if you have a minimum of 10 candidates who want to take the course.

Please contact Cath Fitzpatrick at Head Office to arrange this.

This month's article from Preferred Supplier Greene King on pages 18-19 looks at how your club can make the most of the festive season through your drinks offering.

I hope you enjoy the issue and have a very busy December.

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Carcroft Village Social Club raises £3,000 for charity



Pictured, left to right: Allan Baker (Carcroft Village Club President), Tess Birkett (Club Committee), Alison & Mick Dobinson (Firefly)

The Carcroft Village Social Club in Doncaster held a special fundraising night in aid of Firefly Cancer Awareness and Support on September 9.

The evening was organised by Club President Allan Baker and enthusiastically supported by the Club Committee and members.

Four live acts performed on the night, ensuring that the members had a brilliant evening and their collective efforts raised a total of £3,000.

Firefly provides free transport to local cancer patients and their families in Doncaster to regional treatment hospitals.

Founded in 2006 by Denise Dunn and continued by her fiancé, Chewy Bachus, and friends after her passing in 2014, today they have a fleet of 12 minibuses all driven by their fantastic team of volunteer drivers.

Continuous fundraising in the Doncaster community keeps this invaluable operation going.

CLUB NOTICES

Club name changes

From: Palmerston Road Club and Institute
To: Palmerston Road Club and Institute Ltd (Kent Branch)

From: Locomotive Engineers Club and Institute
To: Locomotive Engineers Club and Institute Ltd (Wessex Branch)

From: Llanesco Social Club
To: Llanesco Social Club Ltd (South Wales Branch)

Club closed

Chessington Royal British Legion Club (South East Metropolitan Branch)

News in brief



Dudley Member of Parliament attends boxing event at the Parkes Hall Social Club

On Sunday, October 8 the Black Country Well-being Centre's Amateur Boxing Club hosted an event at Parkes Hall Social Club.

In attendance was Dudley MP Marco Longhi (pictured, above, third from left), who said: "The event celebrated the camaraderie and sportsmanship that define the amateur boxing community with many boxers from several clubs coming together from across the country to compete in an exemplary manner, highlighting the true spirit of the sport."



Barry West End Club to stage Ladies Night spectacular on Saturday, December 16

The Barry West End Club in South Wales will be hosting a Ladies Night on Saturday, December 16.

The Over-18 evening promises drag queens – Camille and Fanny's Festive Delights – a male stripper, live music, comedy, games and prize draws.

Tickets cost £10.

Meanwhile, on Boxing Day, the club will be staging an all-day live entertainment event starting at 2pm with comedy duo Flashback performing followed by drag act Josafeela, along with bingo sessions, a raffle and disco.

News in brief

Senhouse Street WMC in Workington raises £1,890 for Hospice at Home West Cumbria

A group of members at the Senhouse Street Working Men's Club in Workington have raised £1,893.90 for the charity Hospice at Home West Cumbria.

The events are organised by Janice Bond and Doreen Bulman who first started fundraising for the charity 12 years ago, holding regular events each year.

The club have hosted two afternoon teas during 2023 with live entertainment from local singers Janette Fearon and Just Steve.

The group also hosted a special Charity Evening in memory of a popular Workington singer – Keith Ray – who was well known at the club.

Janice told the *Express & Star*: "It's been harder this year than any year because I think everybody is struggling themselves but we have had some great donations from people with vouchers and things like that.

"All of the money stays in West Cumbria through Hospice at Home so it's a good cause and just nice for us to do our bit."

The organisers wished to thank all of those who have donated, attended and worked to help out in making the events happen.



Pop singer Yungblud plays surprise concert at Norton Coronation Club in Doncaster

Hundreds of fans packed into Norton Coronation Club in October as Doncaster-born pop singer – and former *Emmerdale* actor – Yungblud performed a live gig in the club's Concert Hall.

The concert in his home town followed hot on the heels of a performance in Doncaster for BBC Radio 1's *Live Lounge*.

Ahead of the show, Yungblud, whose real name is Dominic Harrison, said: "This is mental, I actually haven't slept. I think when you come home it almost means more. I played my Nan's 60th birthday party here. The whole city has been going mental."

The fans enjoyed a full set of hits from the singer, including his most popular songs *I Think I'm OK*, *Parents* and *Original Me*.

Dave Turner presented with Long Service Award



Dave Turner, the Vice-President of Nottingham Oddfellows Club in Leicester, was presented with his 25-year Long Service Award by NEC Member Nathan Clarke. Pictured, left to right: Dave Turner and Nathan Clarke

New Lodge WMC receives sustainability award



New Lodge Working Men's Club in Barnsley has received the British Institute of Innkeeping (BII) Sustainability Award. Barnsley MP Dan Jarvis presented the Award to Club Secretary Frank Poulton and Stewardess Amanda Tedford. Local councillors, David Leach, Neil Wright and Sarah Tattersall also attended this presentation to give support to a local business and provide help and support whenever they can.

Frank said: "The Committee have made it their priority to help the environment as best as we can, and this Award was gratefully received which justified the steps we are taking. It is a long road but we are improving our venue for the benefit of the members, guests and local community."

Pictured, left to right: Councillor David Leach, Club Secretary Frank Poulton, Stewardess Amanda Tedford, Dan Jarvis MP, Councillor Sarah Tattersall and Councillor Neil Wright.

The club has installed energy efficient air-conditioning, installed 99 solar panels on the roof plus upgraded its two cellars with a new cooling system which pulls in cold air from outside to reduce energy consumption

Washington Gardeners Club holds presentations



Usworth & Washington Gardeners Club & Institute held ceremonies earlier this year which saw Union President George Smith present two club stalwarts with their Distinguished Service Awards. Pictured, above, left to right: David Makepeace (Usworth & Washington Gardeners Club Secretary), Union President George Smith, Patrick Merrigan (Club Vice-President and recipient of the Distinguished Service Award) and John Dodd (Durham Branch Executive Officer)



The second Committee Member honoured with the Distinguished Service Award at Usworth & Washington Gardeners Club was Treasurer Gordon Wallace. Pictured, left to right: John Dodd (Durham Branch Executive Officer), Gordon Wallace (Usworth & Washington Gardeners Club Treasurer and recipient of Distinguished Service Award) and Union President George Smith

News in brief



Higham Ferrers WMC makes further charity contributions following fundraising event

Higham Ferrers Working Men's Club have continued their commitment to raising charitable funds and supporting local communities.

After losing a Life Member to cancer and another of the club's members seriously ill with bowel cancer, the club decided to have a fundraising evening and split the funds raised for the evening to two charities linked to cancer.

The club held a party night with local band Out of Order which saw a large raffle taking place.

The result was a total of £2,750 raised with £1,400 donated to Cynthia Spencer Hospice and the remaining £1,350 going to Bowel Cancer UK.



Bolton's Little Lever WMC stages BeYou Disco Night for adults with additional needs

A BeYou Disco Night took place at Little Lever Working Mens Club in Bolton in October for those with additional needs.

The event provided a safe, non-judgemental environment for adults with autism, learning challenges, and who have physical disabilities who are looking to meet people and have fun.

The attendees were able to dance, socialise and have fun in the safe environment provided by the club.

Run by local community group The Life Support Group, BeYou aims to run a party/disco evening for adults with additional needs each month.

Attendees need to have a parent or carer with them to provide support.

News in brief



Richmond Place Club in Hereford calls in local 'Ghostbusters' for Halloween investigation

There were strange goings-on of the spooky variety on the most haunted night of the year – October 31 – at Hereford's Richmond Place Club.

A team of ghosthunters hired out the club overnight after closing time in order to monitor the 102-year-old building for nocturnal paranormal activity using an Electromotive Force (EMF) Meter.

While there were no conclusive results during the investigations, Craig Stephens, head of Ghostway Paranormal, said: "We always look for reasons why we hear noises and sometimes there are reasons which are logical.

"But there are also moments where you can't really explain things and I think this was the case at times during our investigation of the club where we encountered certain 'cold spots', strange noises and readings which suggested ghostly presences."

The investigators picked up particularly strong signals in the Lounge/Bar area where they believe they encountered the spirit of a deceased ex-member.

Club Secretary Les Walker said: "It was fascinating and certainly a bit out of the ordinary to see them go about their investigations around the club, including the Cellar, Skittle alley and Bar, and they certainly seemed to enjoy searching for spirits – and I'm not talking about the alcoholic variety!

"We would certainly encourage them to return at some point in the future in order to collect more evidence of any supernatural activity in our club."

Back in the world of the living, the club is expecting an extremely busy end to 2023 with plenty of events in prospect.

Following a 'Christmas Showdown' wrestling event on Saturday, December 2, the club will be hosting its Charity Open Darts Singles tournament on Sunday, December 18.

Then, on Friday, December 22 the club will be hosting an evening of Drag Bingo with artistes Paris Grande, Tiana Biscuit and Tequila Thirst.

Walton WMC stages Ladies Day for charity



The recent Ladies Day at Walton Working Men's Club raised £520 for Cancer Research UK

Walton Working Men's Club in Surrey held a successful Ladies Day on September 30 to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

The event began at 4pm with a Drinks Reception followed by an Afternoon Tea (including 'bottomless' Prosecco or soft drinks) with entertainment from drag act Bitches Coven from 5pm-7pm.

This was followed by a DJ set until late, as well as the charity raffle in aid of Cancer Research UK.

This raised a total of £520 for the charity.

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Ashford Road Social Club wins CAMRA Award



Having been named as the Swindon & North Wiltshire 'Club of the Year' by the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) earlier this year, the Ashford Road Social Club in Swindon has achieved further recognition from the organisation and was recently presented with a 'Highly Commended' award by the South West Regional Branch of CAMRA

DJ Fatboy Slim makes appearance at 'The 'Stow'



Internationally renowned DJ Fatboy Slim spun the decks at Walthamstow Trades Hall in September

Ahead of their twin triumphs in the Club Awards 2023, Walthamstow Trades Hall hosted a charity fundraiser fronted by internationally renowned DJ Fatboy Slim in September.

The music event was put on by club night Stow-Ho House in support of the charity Eat or Heat which provides hundreds of thousands of meals every year to residents in the local area who are dealing with food poverty and financial hardships.

Fatboy Slim's appearance was kept quiet until the last minute with event organisers only saying in advance that a "globally recognised" headliner would be involved.

Stow-Ho House is the brainchild of neighbours Juliet Cromwell and Samuel Potts who met while queuing to pick up their kids at nursery. They decided to create a party that they could walk to and that finished at a reasonable time.

The event raised over £5,000 for Eat or Heat, adding to the many thousands of pounds already donated by earlier events.

For full details on the club and its success in this year's Club Awards, turn to page 15.

News in brief



Figheldean Working Mens Club hosts Oktoberfest event featuring Oompah band

Members of Figheldean WMC in Salisbury enjoyed a night of Bavarian entertainment recently as the club staged an Oktoberfest event.

Members were treated to live German-style music from the Shrewton Silver Oompah Band while there was plenty of traditional German beer and food available



Consett Station Club hosts German darts team for friendly singles fixtures

Consett Station Club welcomed a touring darts team from the Ally Polly Darts Club in Hamminkeln, Germany in September for an international friendly fixture on the oche.

The teams took part in 12 singles matches across the evening with some fantastic darts on display from both sides as well as plenty of post-match hospitality.

For those supporters who couldn't make the evening, the club streamed the matches live on *YouTube*.

Hermann Terhorst of Hamminkeln Darts, said: "A big thank you to our new friends at Consett Station Club for your hospitality and a great evening of darts.

"We had a lot of fun and were able to gain a lot of sporting experience. See you again in Germany!"

Hamminkeln is a town in the district of Wesel, in North Rhine-Westphalia and is twinned with Sedgfield.



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Queens Park WMC honours the fallen during November



As well as selling poppies for the RBL, Queens Park Working Men's Club in Northampton fully embraced the build-up to Remembrance Day with Stewardess Julie Bodsworth and Committee Members Val Bouher, Ange and Lynn Walters crocheting poppy displays which were placed all over the club in the first half of November



This soldier figure (pictured above) was made by club member John Gookey and placed in a prominent area of the club

News in brief



Swardcliffe WMC set for Christmas Drag Show in December featuring four artistes

Members of Swardcliffe Working Men's Club in Leeds will be treated to a spectacular Christmas Drag Show on Friday, December 15.

There will be four entertainers performing on the night – Ruby, Sue Pertrouper, Deville and Thistle Thing – as well as several fun bingo sessions.

Tickets cost £6 and are available directly from the club (see poster above for contact details).



Bettws Social Club hosts sellout boxing event as 250 spectators watch night of top action

Bettws Social Club in Newport, South Wales hosted a major local boxing event in October featuring some of the best fighters in the area. The show was jointly promoted by Somerton ABC and Goodes Amateur Boxing Academy and saw a sellout audience of 250 packing into the club.

With athletes from Pembroke, Grange and Heads of the Valleys all in attendance, as well as representation from across the border, the show saw 14 closely contested bouts taking place and some quality boxing skills on display.



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Walthamstow Trades Hall wins top honour



The 2023 Club Awards took place in Leicester on November 22 and saw many CIU clubs honoured for their hard work, including Walthamstow Trades Hall which landed the prestigious 'King of Clubs' title



Several CIU clubs, including 'King of Clubs' Walthamstow Trades Hall, were honoured at the 2023 Club Awards

The 2023 Club Awards, held on November 22 in Leicester, showcased the best of clubland with CIU clubs winning in a number of categories, including **Walthamstow Trades Hall** who were crowned as this year's 'King of Clubs', the top award on offer at the ceremony.

As in 2022, the venue for the Club Awards was the art deco former cinema, the Athena, and the entertainment theme of the evening was 'Broadway'.

The arriving guests were ushered into the drinks reception where representatives of clubs and organisations were able to mingle over drinks, including a selection of beers from CIU Preferred Supplier Greene King.

Once seated at their tables, the guests were treated to some musical entertainment with a team of West End singers performing some famous showtunes, including a spectacular rendition of Cabaret by 'Liza Minelli'.

But the main part of the evening was, of course, the Awards and

competition was fierce throughout, not least in the prestigious CIU Club of the Year category, presented by President George Smith, Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM and General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM.

This year saw two winners – **Wombwell WMC** for the North and **Sandhurst Social Club** in the South.

For the past 124 years, **Wombwell WMC** in Barnsley, South Yorkshire has been a key part of the local community and is the epitome of the close-knit members' club where families and the community alike can meet, socialise and enjoy a range of activities and entertainment.

Once a favoured watering hole for miners from the two collieries which once provided the bulk of employment in the area before their closure, the club has modernised and reinvented itself as a modern, forward-looking venue fit for the 21st century.

A rolling programme of

refurbishments has transformed the club and given the membership a major boost as well as helping to attract a younger demographic alongside long-standing members.

Sandhurst Social Club, Berkshire prides itself on providing a very safe and friendly atmosphere for all members and guests.

Pool, snooker and darts are played regularly with teams competing in local leagues. Regular charity events and live entertainment are right at the top of the club's agenda.

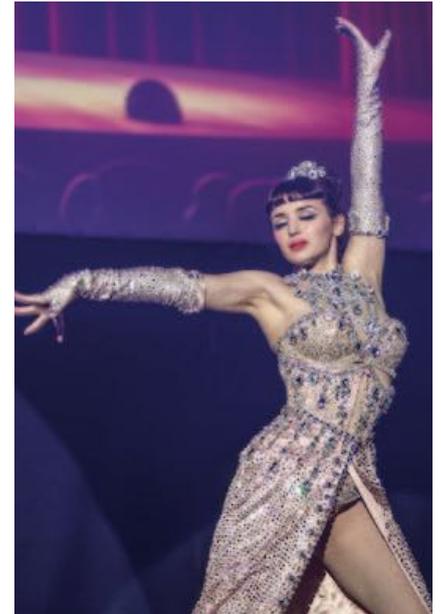
Membership has grown by 100 in the past two years with lots of people in their 20s joining the club.

Sky Sports and TNT Sports are available to members with football, rugby, cricket and racing shown regularly.

Fridays have become one of the busiest nights of the week with a meat raffle followed by 'Chase the Joker' which rolls over each week on occasions when there's no winner. A recent winner scooped £10,000 after a series of rollovers.



Union President George Smith, General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM award the 'CIU Club of the Year' trophies to joint winners Sandhurst Social Club (South; pictured left) and Wombwell WMC (North; pictured right)



Guests enjoyed 1920s-themed entertainment ahead of the Awards



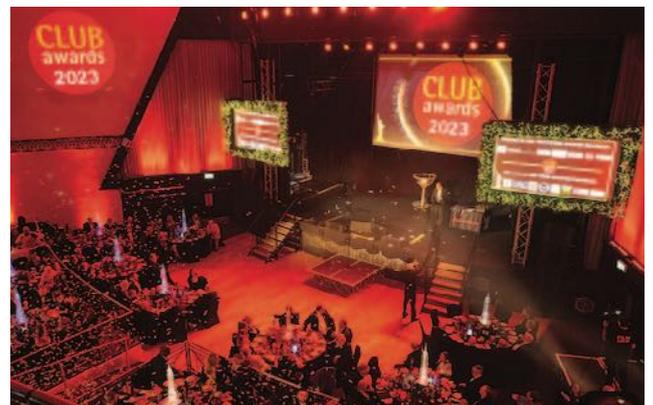
Left to right: Sandhurst Social Club Secretary Sherri Watson and Bar Manager Carl Farrell



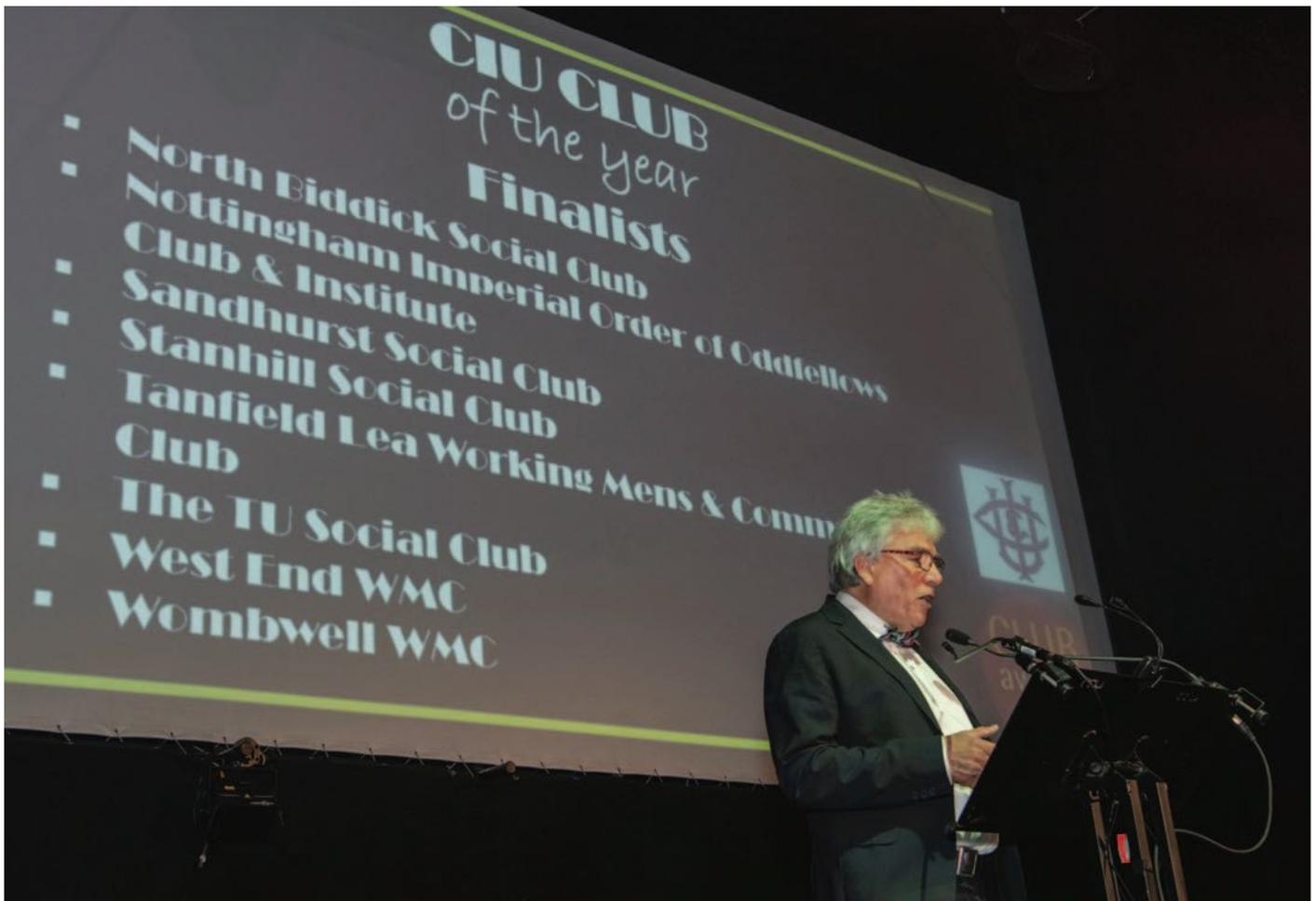
Left to right: Hereford Richmond Place Bar Manager Alison Walker and Club Secretary Les Walker



Left to right: Club Awards Presenter John Inverdale talks on stage to former England goalkeeper Peter Shilton



The 2023 Club Awards were held at Athena, Leicester on Wednesday, November 22



Club Awards Host John Inverdale announces the shortlist for the 'CIU Club of the Year' Award

There were many other CIU winners on the night.

Clacton Railway Social Club in Essex was the 'Community Club of the Year' having demonstrated just how important it is to the local area by providing a venue for all sorts of activities 365 days a year.

Indeed, the club has featured in a BBC documentary about social clubs and their relationships with their members.

New Eltham Social Club in London won two categories – 'Business Initiative of the Year' and 'Entertainment Club of the Year' (joint winner).

Live acts perform at the club three times a week with a mix of eras and genres covered throughout the year.

Stansted Mountfitchet Social Club in Essex was the other joint winner in the 'Entertainment Club of the Year' category.

The club is renowned in its local area for its fantastic entertainment offering with bands, singers and

comedy acts all regularly playing to sellout audiences.

The 'Bar Manager/Steward of the Year' title went to David Bellamy from the **Midland Band Social Club** in Kettering.

David is a major asset to the club, as well as Bar Manager selecting a varied range of guest ales, he also organises the majority of the entertainment.

He is also the club's resident chef for Saturday lunches and Sunday roasts, bingo caller, quiz master and karaoke king.

The 'Secretary of the Year' was Mandi Edwards from **Grangemoor WMC** in Burntwood, Staffordshire with the Judging Panel impressed by her dedication to driving the club forward and fostering of relations with local groups and sports teams.

Hereford Richmond Place Club was a winner in the 'Charity Club of the Year' category after a year of magnificent support of a number of good causes by its members including

the Opengate Club which provides social events for disabled adults.

The 'Committee of the Year' category was jointly won by **Bellingham Ex-Servicemens Club** in South London and **Stanhill Social Club** in Oswaldtwistle.

Both clubs have highly efficient and hardworking committees which ensure that their clubs are looking to the future with huge confidence.

Phil Cowtan of **Ladybarn Social Club** and Kay Drummond of **Tanfield Lea Working Men's & Community Club** received recognition certificates in the CAMRA club of the Year in Association with *Club Mirror* for their high-quality cask ale offering.

Harole Binney, Linda Mann, Ellen Lockey and Derek Vamplew of **Wombwell WMC** were recognised for their long service to the club while Marlene Kelly of **Lindley Liberal Club** in Huddersfield received recognition for her contribution as a volunteer to the club.



Left to right: Walthamstow Trades Hall & Institute President Claire O'Shea, Vice-President Tony Barnes and Secretary Michelle Fisher

The final Award of the evening was 'King of Clubs' which is handed to the outstanding club of the year.

This singular honour went to **Walthamstow Trades Hall & Institute** which had earlier scooped silverware as the 'Diversity & Inclusion Club of the Year'.

The East London club has seen significant increases in turnover and membership over the last couple of years.

Their commitment to ensuring the club is accessible to everyone in the community through a variety of events and initiatives has given the club a new lease of life.

The club is recognised as an LGBTQIA+ welcoming venue and works hard to ensure club culture is relevant to a modern audience.

In December 2022, the club was awarded £5,000 by the local authority to open as a 'Community Living Room' over the winter months.

This funding allowed the club to open and provide free hot drinks, soup and biscuits to anyone in the borough who wanted a safe and welcoming space to go.

"We are privileged to have been able to further demonstrate our commitment to our community and cement our club in the hearts and minds of those around us," says Club President Claire O'Shea.

"In October 2022, we were thrilled to be chosen as a host venue for the first ever Silver Pride, delivered in partnership with Opening Doors London, a charity providing support to elderly and isolated LGBTQIA+ people, and Lloyds Banking Group.

"Following decades of neglect, we were excited to begin to deliver a planned programme of repairs and maintenance, which is a significant undertaking, ensuring the lifespan of our club for decades to come.

"Throughout 2022 and 2023, we are proud to have supported numerous fundraisers for charities, including £1,260 for the DEC Ukrainian Appeal from Eurovision 2023."

In September 2023, the club hosted a surprise performance by world-renowned DJ and producer Fatboy Slim for the charity Eat or Heat which helps to feed local people through

food banks and similar initiatives, raising over £5,000 in a single night.

The club – which earlier this year hosted a CIU Award in Club Management (ACM) day course – has improved a number of its core business operations, including finance operations and reporting, ensuring efficiency and operational excellence.

"We are keen to ensure our space supports families and programme a range of events for children and recently hosted Disco Dazzle, a DJ night for families to attend," says Claire.

"Through our 'Community Living Room' project, we have become a safe and comfortable space for a local Imam's wife after her days volunteering with sick and elderly members of the community.

"We are deeply proud to be a place of refuge for her and she regularly comments on how at home our staff and members make her feel."

She adds: "Thank you to every single member of our staff and committee for making our club what it is and thank you especially to every member of the Trades for supporting us!"

Win cash prizes with the CIU National Raffle

The CIU National Raffle offers guaranteed prizes of one 1st prize of £3,000, a 2nd prize of £1,500 and a 3rd prize of £500. Plus, if one of your members wins 1st Prize the club will also receive £300

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

The initial raffle will have guaranteed winner prizes of one 1st prize of £3,000; a 2nd prize of £1,500 and a 3rd prize of £500. Plus, if one of your members wins 1st prize, the club will also receive £300 – please encourage your members to have a go!

Q: How do I create an account?

A: Please go to ciu.praxisplay.online or follow the QR code on the poster image to create an account to buy raffle tickets.

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 (£40).

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

A: Yes, one ticket (£2).

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 and sign up to create an online account and play the CIU Raffle.

Q: How will I receive my winnings?

A: The Winners will receive an email and text confirming their win, along with the payment into the client's

account which is held in the CIU National Raffle account.

The user can then withdraw the funds via the raffle account to another bank account by going to...

Phone users go to Menu – Redeem Funds, select the amount to withdraw, add your bank details (Bank Name, account number, sort code) and the monies will be transferred.

Online user go to Main Menu, Redeem Funds, select the amount to withdraw, add your bank details (Bank Name, account number, sort code) and the monies will be transferred.

Q: How often will the draw take place?

A: The number of draws is controlled by the CIU Head office.



MONTHLY CASH PRIZES

To be won on the CIU
National Raffle

Purchase a ticket at £2.00 each.
Best of luck!

1st PRIZE

£3000

2nd PRIZE

£1500

3rd PRIZE

£500

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Only gamble responsibly.

Boosting sales with Festive Ales

The festive season presents a unique opportunity to draw members out to enjoy the freshness and complexity of cask ale, an experience that can't be replicated at home



Greene King and Belhaven's seasonal range of cask ales can help to boost sales during the festive period

We all know that cask ale drinkers are a loyal group! Some 7 in 10 know they are going to choose cask before they even arrive at your venue, according to CGA data.

And while they are loyal to the category, CGA data also tells us that these very same drinkers like to try different beers when out – in fact, three in five cask drinkers will choose at least two different cask brands in one visit.

That's why Greene King and Belhaven's seasonal range is so important and why you should consider stocking some seasonals alongside your permanent cask line-up.

There's nothing quite like the festive season to get people off their sofas and out to the club for a few drinks with friends, family and work colleagues.

It's a once-a-year unique opportunity and while the festive periods post-Covid have been a little more challenging than we are used to, it's still a season full of opportunity.

One of the biggest opportunities of all lies in cask ale, a drink that is literally like no other.

Beer has a proud place at the heart of British culture and when it comes to finding the freshest beer or ale, you can't do better than cask ale.

It's an experience that simply cannot be enjoyed at home – so cask offers a brilliant opportunity like no other to drive footfall to venues.

WILLING AUDIENCE

As many venue operators will know, cask ale drinkers are a loyal bunch, with 70% of them saying they know they'll

choose cask even before they leave the house to head to your venue.

Yet while they are remarkably loyal to the category, they also like to try different beers when they're out.

In fact, 60% of cask drinkers will try at least two different cask products per visit.

That's why it's critical to stock some favourites – like those you'll find on Greene King and Belhaven's permanent range – as well as adding some variety and choice by stocking some cask ales from our seasonal Fresh Cask Releases range.

An absolute must-stock at this time of year is Rocking Rudolph, the best-selling festive cask ale for eight consecutive years.

But there are a couple of other fantastic options to consider:



ABBOT RESERVE

Back by popular demand once again, Abbot Reserve has become a staple in the seasonal calendar and has done a remarkable job over the years of driving footfall, sales and profits for venues stocking it every December.

At 6.5% ABV, it's a full-flavoured dark copper premium ale that many drinkers consider to be a natural festive trade-up on the much-loved Abbot Ale.

This December marks the first time that Abbot Reserve is available in the smaller 4.5-gallon Pins format, making it easier than ever to cash in on the popularity of the Abbot brand and offer your members a true Christmas treat. In other words, you can trade up with minimum risk.

FIRESIDE WINTER ALE

Fireside is another winter classic, a full-bodied ruby winter ale with a mellow fruity finish. It features zingy grapefruit and lemon notes while black malt adds a nice level of refreshment.

At 4.5% ABV, it's an easy-to-drink ale and is another fantastic option to offer on those cold, dark winter nights.

Made available in November and throughout December, this year Fireside features a new pump clip to help catch the member's eye.

PINS MAKE LIFE EASY

It's no secret that meeting the needs of your cask drinkers for a variety of styles can sometimes be challenging.

There is always a balance to be had between offering choice and keeping waste to a minimum. This is where Pins come in – and our seasonal ales are now available in Pins format!

Containing 4.5 gallons of ale, Pins are half the size of a traditional nine-gallon firkin which means you only need to sell 12 pints a day to maintain the quality that is vital for keeping your ale drinkers happy.

Pins can help you:

1. Broaden your range of ales
2. Add cask ales to your line-up
3. Offer cask during quieter times in the week

PERMANENT CASK RANGE

The Seasonal Range is fantastic for

adding choice and excitement, especially when offered alongside some of our classic favourites including:

- Greene King IPA
- Abbot Ale
- Ruddles Best
- Hardy & Hanson's
- Yardbird Pale Ale
- Old Speckled Hen
- Old Golden Hen
- London Glory
- Belhaven 80
- Shilling
- Deuchars IP

In conclusion, loyalty is a defining trait of cask ale enthusiasts. The festive season presents a unique opportunity to draw patrons out to enjoy the incomparable freshness and complexity of cask ale, an experience that can't be replicated at home.

● To discuss supply with Greene King and Belhaven, call 0345 850 4545 and quote 'Club23'.

● Already trade with us? Contact your SDM for more information on our wine offering.

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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.

- 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 dates for the NEC meetings at Head Office in 2024 are: January 10&11, February 21&22, March 27&28, April 18 (Blackpool), May 29&30, July 10&11, September 4&5, October 16&17 and December 4&5. Please note that selected meetings will be held via Zoom in order to save on travel costs.

Annual Meeting 2024 dates

The dates for the 2024 Conference Weekend are as follows:

Thursday, April 18 – NEC Meeting

Friday, April 19 – 32nd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition (Norbreck Castle Hotel)

Friday, April 19 – CIU Showcase (Viva)

Saturday, April 20 – The 160th Annual Meeting

'Undisputed' heavyweight showdown set for February 17 on TNT Sports Box Office



The fight between Tyson Fury and Oleksandr Usyk will be broadcast on TNT Sports Box Office on Saturday, February 17

The much-anticipated heavyweight showdown between Britain's Tyson Fury and Ukraine's Oleksandr Usyk – both undefeated – will take place in Saudi Arabia on Saturday, February 17 with the WBC, WBA, WBO and IBF championship belts on the line.

Fury was last seen in action when he beat former Mixed Martial Arts fighter and UFC heavyweight champion Francis Ngannou in a split decision, while Usyk beat Daniel Dubois in August.

Fury had been expected to cruise past boxing debutant Ngannou in the non-title fight, also held in Saudi

Arabia, but only narrowly edged the contest.

Indeed, the 'Gypsy King' suffered a knockdown in the third round after a Ngannou left hook but the fight went the full 10 rounds.

The last undisputed heavyweight champion was Britain's Lennox Lewis, who beat Evander Holyfield in Las Vegas to defend the WBA, WBC and IBF titles.

The fight – billed as 'Undisputed' – will be shown live on TNT Sports Box Office with details of how to show the event in your club, including the price, set to be finalised next month.

Ethical Business Group signs CIU agreement

The CIU National Executive has announced a new agreement with The Ethical Business Group



The Ethical Business Group has agreed a new partnership with the Union. One of its services is through Ethical Claims

The CIU has signed a new agreement with The Ethical Business Group (EBG).

One of the services provided by EBG is through Ethical Claims, who process no-win, no-fee business energy claims through their partnered solicitors.

They have an exclusive offer for all CIU clubs, capping fees of a successful claim at 25% (excluding VAT).

When an organisation uses third-party services for energy, the broker gets prices from a supplier on behalf of your club and adds their own margin – known as an uplift.

A third-party is required by law to declare any fees they make from a consumer – if not, any contracts are deemed as mis-sold and any commissions are able to be reclaimed.

Ethical Claims finds on average a broker's commission makes up 20% of a business's bill.

The average claim value is currently estimated at over £25,000.

Ethical Claims offers assessments

on any gas or electricity contract set up by a third-party, to identify areas of mis-sale.

By comparing the rates your club was given against the market rates of that time, it can estimate how much money was made by a broker and when applicable, claim it back.

Q: How does Ethical operate when it comes to energy claims?

A: Ethical receives a set amount from the referred solicitors for every claim that meets their criteria.

Regardless of whether the claim is worth £10,000 or £10,000,000, Ethical are paid the same amount for introduction, meaning every organisation receives the same high level of customer care.

Q: How long does the process take?

A: Ethical has seen cases settled as quickly as three months however generally it advises the process can take 12-18 months.

Q: What information does my

club need to provide?

A: All that is required to process your claim is a signed retainer, contact information, contractual detail, and evidence of a third-party.

Q: How likely is my claim to be successful?

A: Claim success depends on a variety of factors, however Ethical's solicitors will only take on claims deemed likely to succeed.

Regardless of the outcome, with full obligation to the case, you will not be charged any fees outside of a successful settlement.

Q: Who is the money claimed back from?

A: The claims are made against both the broker and the supplier. If both are still trading then the liability is shared.

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Date for the 2024 CIU Blackpool Showcase is confirmed

The 2024 CIU Blackpool Showcase will take place at the Viva venue on Friday, April 19 during Conference Weekend and will feature a number of bands, tribute acts and singers performing



The 2024 CIU Blackpool Showcase will be staged at Viva on the evening of Friday, April 19 during Conference Weekend

The 2024 Blackpool Showcase event will take place at the Viva venue in Blackpool on the evening of Friday, April 19 following the 32nd Beer & Trades Exhibition and the night before the Union's AGM on Saturday, April 20.

Following on from last year's smash hit edition, the Showcase promises a great mix of original acts, tribute acts, bands, drag and comedy.

Among the tribute acts to feature in 2023 were Destiny Michelle presenting a set of songs from Whitney Houston's Forever Whitney show; Cherie Pearce as Dolly Parton; William Rawlings as Dean Martin and Liam Halewood as Boy George.

NEC Member Nathan Clarke, who is organising the event, said: "The 2023 CIU Showcase was a great success with hundreds of Union members enjoying a fantastic night of entertainment from some top club acts.

"We are aiming to make the 2024 event even bigger and better so I would urge you to put the date in your diary and book your tickets for the CIU Showcase as early as you can."



Last year's performance saw a number of top tribute acts taking to the stage

Your opportunity to gain the Award in Club Management

Several Award in Club Management (ACM) day sessions have taken place throughout 2023 enabling many more CIU club officials to gain a good working knowledge of the skills associated with running a club. If you would like to host future ACM sessions at your club, please get in touch with Head Office



Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM was one of the lecturers at the recent ACM day sessions held at Brinsworth Social Club

It is no secret that having a well-run operation is absolutely crucial to the continuing financial health of members' clubs.

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

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

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

Once a candidate has completed the course and been examined in all three units through a multiple choice

examination, they receive the ACM.

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

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

The lectures are carried out by highly experienced lecturers from within the CIU – including Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Union Vice-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.

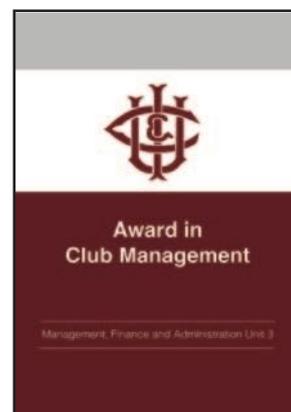
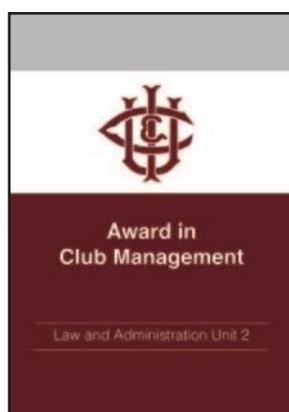
The three self-contained units will be delivered by Union lecturers over three Saturdays of your choice at your club – or a combination of clubs in your area if that is a more practical arrangement.

Please contact Cath Fitzpatrick at the CIU Head Office on 020 7226 0221 or email:

Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org to discuss hosting a future course.



Candidates complete a multiple-choice test at the end of each unit and, having passed, receive their Award in Club Management (ACM)



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

Unit 1

Law & Regulations

Includes:

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

Unit 2

Law & Regulations (Part 2)

Includes:

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

Unit 3

Management, Finance & Administration

Includes:

- Financial control
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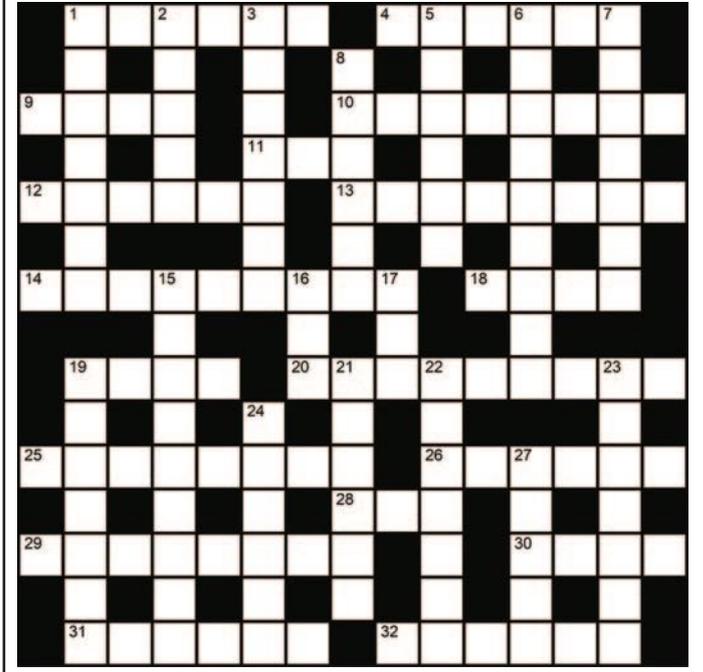
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- Boat needs carefully hydrating, but artlessly! (6)
 - To the side, so not on stage? (6)
 - Baldish edges for the do (4)
 - Re-lit our plans for a motive (8)
 - Bit of a Northerner, is that lady! (3)
 - Cash caught us out, intrinsically (2,4)
 - Thoroughly beaten in court proceedings in the end (8)
 - Fair, say, to ask for the cabbie? (4,1,4)
 - Swerve round veneer from beginning to end (4)
 - Report of old villain in church centre (4)
 - Broken ice axes with a kilometre of pre-bake packets (4,5)
 - Unusually successful time for outdoor athletics event (5,3)
 - Rhetoric or not, it could be a denial frequency (6)
 - Mineral discovered in a borehole (3)
 - Tiptoe, in posture of prayer (8)
 - Complain to a man about nothing (4)
 - Dairy product to go back into the yurt (6)
 - Mighty Lion takes the junction at an angle (6)
- DOWN**
- Ad, eased off in Salt Lake (4,3)
 - He could run with Gandhi (5)
 - Symbol, say, for a toff? (4,3)
 - Work out the depth? (6)
 - Randomly tie greens together for the National park (9)
 - Over close to having one scheduled on the rota (3,4)
 - Rogue alien missing from neutral axis of extra levy (6)
 - Crossing heather and smoothing out? (9)
 - Some grand larceny on the Circle Line! (3)
 - Irritate by being a bit quirky (3)
 - Showing little awareness of any evil, perhaps? (7)
 - Badly annoy middlemen for indefinite person (6)
 - It gets longer once nested by proxy (7)
 - Two ways to sing 'Bewitch' (7)
 - Nervier sort of dirge in the East (6)
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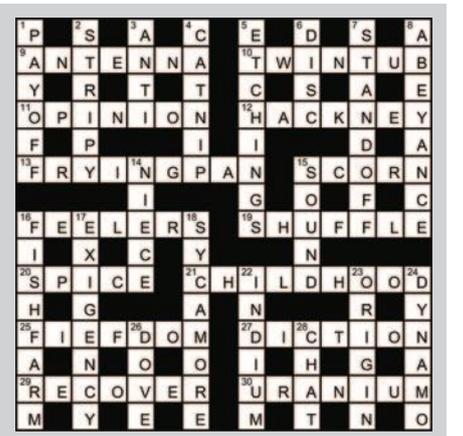
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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Congratulations to the five winners of our £10 Prize Crossword for November.

- Wendy Cook of Eme WMC
- S. Evans of Cardiff West End Social
- Liz Hempstead of Monks Park WMC Northampton
- Gavin Chapman of Garforth Country Club
- Rosemary Davies of Cwmcam WMC

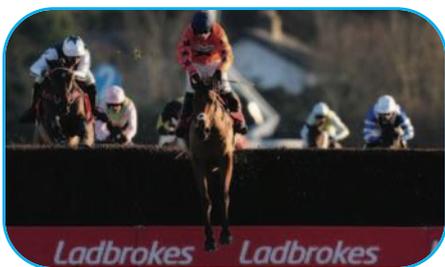




Wednesday, December 6, 8.15pm – Prime Video
Premier League: Aston Villa v Manchester City
 Midweek Premier League action on Prime Video as Aston Villa host Manchester City. Villa have been in fine form this season and will have high hopes of a home victory over the defending champions. Douglas Luiz has been their key man this season, the midfielder showcasing his tremendous creative skills during the first half of the competition.



Sunday, December 17, 4.30pm – Sky Sports PL
Premier League: Liverpool v Manchester United
 Liverpool's form has been impressive in recent months with the Reds firmly focused on challenging for the title in the latter half of the season. Dominik Szoboszlai has proven himself a highly successful addition to the squad while Diogo Jota, Darwin Nunez and Mohamed Salah are all looking dangerous and will be eager to make an impact against a struggling United side.



Tuesday, December 26, 12.30pm – ITV
Horse Racing: King George VI Chase Day
 Ladbrokes King George VI Chase Day stages some of the most important races in the Jump calendar, including the Grade 1 Boxing Day showpiece, the Ladbrokes King George VI Chase, as well as the Christmas Hurdle and Kauto Star Chase. In 2022 Bravemansgame won the showpiece event for trainer Paul Nicholls.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

There is a veritable feast of Premier League football this month across Amazon Prime Video, Sky Sports and TNT Sports plus the start of the PDC World Darts Championship from London's Alexandra Palace

Tuesday, December 5, 7.30pm

Prime Video

Premier League: Wolves v Burnley

Tuesday, December 5, 8pm

Prime Video

Premier League: Luton Town v Arsenal

Wednesday, December 6, 7.30pm

Prime Video

Premier League: Brighton & Hove Albion v Brentford

Wednesday, December 6, 7.30pm

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Premier League: Crystal Palace v AFC Bournemouth

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Premier League: Fulham v Nottingham Forest

Wednesday, December 6, 7.30pm

Prime Video

Premier League: Sheffield United v Liverpool

Wednesday, December 6, 8.15pm

Prime Video

Premier League: Aston Villa v Manchester City

Wednesday, December 6, 8.15pm

Prime Video

Premier League: Manchester United v Chelsea

Thursday, December 7, 7.30pm

Prime Video

Premier League: Everton v Newcastle United

Thursday, December 7, 8.15pm

Prime Video

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v West Ham United

Saturday, December 9, 12.30pm

TNT Sports 1

Premier League: Crystal Palace v Liverpool

Saturday, December 9, 5.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Aston Villa v Arsenal

Sunday, December 10, 2pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Luton Town v Manchester City

Sunday, December 10, 4.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Newcastle United

Friday, December 15, 7pm

Sky Sports

Darts: World Darts Championship – Day 1

Friday, December 15, 8pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Nottingham Forest v Tottenham Hotspur

Saturday, December 16, 5.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Burnley v Everton

Sunday, December 17, 2pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: West Ham United v Wolves

Sunday, December 17, 4.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Liverpool v Manchester United

Thursday, December 21, 8pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Crystal Palace v Brighton & Hove Albion

PDC World Darts
Championship, Friday,
December 15, 7pm, Sky Sports



Friday, December 22, 8pm
Sky Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Aston Villa v
Sheffield United**

Saturday, December 23, 12.30pm
TNT Sports 1
**Premier League: West Ham
United v Manchester United**

Saturday, December 23, 5.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Liverpool v
Arsenal**

Sunday, December 24, 1pm
Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Wolves v Chelsea

Tuesday, December 26, 12.30pm
Prime Video
**Premier League: Newcastle
United v Nottingham Forest**

Tuesday, December 26, 3pm
Prime Video
**Premier League: AFC
Bournemouth v Fulham**

Tuesday, December 26, 12.30pm
Prime Video
**Premier League: Sheffield United
v Luton Town**

Tuesday, December 26, 12.30pm
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Horse Racing: Kempton Park

Tuesday, December 26, 5.30pm
Prime Video
**Premier League: Burnley v
Liverpool**

Tuesday, December 26, 8pm
Prime Video
**Premier League: Manchester
United v Aston Villa**

Wednesday, December 27, 7.30pm
Prime Video
**Premier League: Brentford v
Wolves**

Wednesday, December 27, 7.30pm
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**Premier League: Chelsea v
Crystal Palace**

Wednesday, December 27, 8.15pm
Prime Video
**Premier League: Everton v
Manchester City**

Thursday, December 28, 7.30pm
Prime Video
**Premier League: Brighton & Hove
Albion v Tottenham Hotspur**

Thursday, December 28, 8.15pm
Prime Video
**Premier League: Arsenal v West
Ham United**

Saturday, December 30, 12.30pm
TNT Sports 1
**Premier League: Luton Town v
Chelsea**

Saturday, December 30, 2pm
Sky Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Fulham v
Arsenal**

Saturday, December 30, 3pm
TNT Sports
**Premiership Rugby:
Northampton Saints v Sale
Sharks**

Monday, January 1, 8pm
Sky Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Liverpool v
Newcastle United**

Tuesday, January 2, 7.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League
**Premier League: West Ham
United v Brighton & Hove
Albion**



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