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After a year of negotiations between Carlsberg UK, the National Executive Committee and Head Office, Carlsberg UK has been appointed as joint Preferred Supplier of beers and ciders to the Union.

This new agreement with the Northampton-based brewer will run alongside the existing deal between the CIU and Heineken UK.

Union President George Dawson welcomed the new agreement: "We are delighted that Carlsberg UK has come on board as joint Preferred Supplier of beers and ciders to the Union," he said.

"This is great news for our clubs as it will give them a broader choice of drinks to offer their members as well as increase clubs' access to business-building support."

As part of the new agreement, Carlsberg UK is working with the CIU on a bespoke business training programme for clubs.

CIU Office Manager Stephen Goulding

explained: "We are working closely with Carlsberg UK and its partners, including cpl training, to create a comprehensive training programme designed very specifically for CIU clubs and taking in their needs.

"Not only will the training programme be fully accredited but importantly the intellectual property of the course will belong to the Union."

Given its new status as a Preferred Supplier to the Union, Carlsberg UK has confirmed its attendance at the 24th Beer & Trades Exhibition in Blackpool on Friday April 10.

Union General Secretary Ken Green said: "The Beer & Trades Show is a great opportunity for clubs to interact with suppliers and gain valuable insight into boosting business.

"I would urge all clubs to come along to this year's event on the Friday before Conference."

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CIU NATIONAL QUIZ

Quiz Grand Final set for April 10

The CIU National Quiz, sponsored by Dransfields, has a fantastic new format this year with the Grand Final set to be held at Blackpool within the Beer & Trades Exhibition on Friday April 10.

All entrants will be notified by letter in early February, but watch out for next month's *Club Journal* as all will be revealed.

If you haven't entered but are attending the Exhibition you can still get involved and win spot prizes, as well as witness one of the UK's most competitive quiz tournaments.

EDITOR'S LETTER

Welcome to the February edition of the *Club Journal*.

January saw another new member join the National Executive, with John Heggs of the Nottingham Oddfellows Club in Leicester, elected for the district of Derbyshire and Leicestershire. We talked to him about his new role – see page 14.

Elsewhere in this month's edition there is further information on the CIU National Quiz with the Final taking place in Blackpool.

The North Biddick Club in Durham Branch features as our latest 'Club of the Month' and what a fantastic advertisement for CIU clubs it is with a flourishing membership, fantastic modern facilities and an array of activities taking place seven days a week to suit all ages and interests. The club's committee and members are rightly proud of this shining example of great management.

If you would like to nominate your club to feature in future editions, please send details to me at Head Office.

The latest 'View from HQ' column comes from Union Vice President John Tobin who reflects on his near half century as a club man and explains why he's so passionate about clubs and their place at the centre of their communities, as well as looking ahead to this year's exciting Beer & Trades Exhibition in Blackpool – see page 15.

Also featured this month is background information on the Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, which is sure to be of interest to all our clubs.

We also issue a reminder that the deadline for applying for the CMD exams taking place in May is February 27 – to apply, just fill in the form on page 16 with the refundable deposit of £10 per exam.

Meanwhile, it's a busy time at Head Office with preparations for Blackpool in full swing; the Union's Annual Report has gone to print and will be distributed soon; and we're also in the process of organising a Parliamentary Reception at the House of Commons in September, post-General Election, in order to raise the Union's profile



and gain more members for the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs.

Lastly, a big thank you to those readers who have contacted me with suggestions for the *Club Journal*. We continue to strive to improve your monthly read and always appreciate your input.

Enjoy this edition!

Stephen Goulding, Editor

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KENT PAIR MARK A DECADE OF SERVICE



John Butler and Brian Gurney recently received their 10-year service certificates. Pictured left to right: Kent Branch Executive Bill Sibley, John Butler, Brian Gurney, Kent Branch Executive Clare Sayer and Kent Branch Officer Peter Sands.

Tanfield Lea raises over £1,000

A party staged at Tanfield Lea WMC in Durham has raised over £1,000 for charity.

The event – in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support – was organised by former breast cancer sufferer Bev Stalker who had a lump removed last year, has undergone radiotherapy and is on medication for five years.

Ms Stalker said: “I was so glad for the support I got from Macmillan that I wanted to give something back. It is such a great cause and anything I do for charity in the future will be for Macmillan.”

Another party night, a single ladies’ evening at the club, is being organised for February and demand for tickets is already high.

Michelle Muir, County Durham fundraising manager for Macmillan, said the money raised will help people cope during cancer treatment: “It costs £27 to fund a Macmillan nurse for an hour, helping patients and their families receive essential medical, practical and emotional support that prevents people feeling like they’re facing cancer alone.”

Radstock back Hope 4 Harmonie

Fundraisers at Radstock WMC in Somerset have taken part in a series of fundraising initiatives to raise over £1,000 for a one-year-old local girl who had her limbs amputated after suffering from a rare form of meningitis.

Club members held sponsored head shaves and teamed up with local traders to hold a raffle and a prize auction in order to raise the sum after seeing the plight of Harmonie-Rose Allen on local TV.

The baby contracted the disease in 2014 and was put on life support and given just a

10 per cent chance of survival by doctors before making a recovery.

The money will go to the Hope 4 Harmonie appeal which was launched to raise a target of £250,000 in order to support the baby and her family, helping to buy specialist equipment needed post-surgery to make Harmonie’s life more comfortable.

Eric Doughty, chairman of Radstock WMC, thanked local traders and Lilley’s Cider Company for their support of the initiative.

OBITUARIES

Jenna Sharp

Newfield WMC, County Durham, are saddened to announce the death of Jenna Sharp aged only 28.



Jenna was our youngest committee member and was very passionate about our club, full of ideas and plans to take the club forward. She is sadly missed by all at Newfield.



Harry Fowler & Billy Rowell

It is with deep regret that East Stanley WMC (Durham Branch) announce the passing of two of its much-cherished members – Harry Fowler and Billy Rowell.

NEWS IN BRIEF

‘Dryathlon campaign is ill-conceived and highly political,’ says cancer survivor

Barry Slasberg, President of the Union’s South East Midlands Branch, has criticised Cancer Research’s Dryathlon campaign which encourages people to give up alcohol for a month

The former cancer patient said: “I believe in supporting Cancer Research with all my heart but I must draw the line when it comes to the ill-conceived and highly political Dryathlon campaign.

“The simple fact is that social consumption of alcohol in safe, comfortable, regulated surroundings is beneficial for mental and physical health and the building of that sense of community that thrived back in the 1950s and 1960s.”

TRADE NEWS

Thatchers Old Rascal cider now available on draught

Somerset-based Thatchers Cider has given its Old Rascal brand a refresh with a new label design and an extended range of serve formats. From March, Old Rascal will be introduced in a 4x400ml can pack and single cans, as well as on draught for the on-trade.

Managing Director Martin Thatcher said: "Old Rascal has been part of our portfolio for many years, and in many respects has been a hidden secret for too long."

Carlsberg launches search for 'People's Pundit'

Carlsberg has launched a campaign to find the UK's most talented football fan to become the 'People's Pundit' for radio station TalkSPORT.

The campaign is fronted by Jeff Stelling and will run through to May when the winner will be announced on the final day of the Premier League season and given the chance to join in a Talksport broadcast alongside their regular pundits.

Budding pundits aged 18 and over can record their entry on a smart phone or webcam and upload to Facebook, YouTube or Vimeo before sharing their link on: www.thepeoplespundit.co.uk

Camerons Brewery creates 12 beers to mark anniversary

Hartlepool-based Camerons Brewery has unveiled a new selection of beers to mark the company's 150th anniversary.

Camerons head brewer Martin Dutoy said: "We've created a selection of 12 guest beers aimed at showcasing the brewery's skill and versatility with styles as varied as red rye beer, milk stout and American Pale Ale – all aimed at giving the modern drinker great choice and quality."

The brewery has two permanent beers for 2015 – Strongarm Ruby Red and Gold Bullion.

DUNTON GREEN SC STALWARTS HONoured FOR LONG SERVICE

CIU Vice-President John Tobin (centre) visited Dunton Green Social Club in Kent to present two 40-year Certificates to Ronald Edmeades (left) and Club President Roger Tingley (right).

South Hylton WMC up for award

South Hylton WMC is in the running for the second successive year for the title of 'Social Club of the Year' in Sunderland.

The club won the category last year in the awards run by the *Sunderland Echo* and since then has suffered a serious fire caused by a faulty ice machine. However, a subsequent £300,000 refurbishment has transformed the bar area.

The club's Assistant Secretary, Peter

Anderson, said: "We are over the moon and it is really wonderful that people have nominated us.

"It has been a difficult year but we have got great members who have been brilliant and really rallied around. They have supported us through a difficult time."

The name of the winner in this category and a host of others will be revealed at a gala awards evening on February 26.

SAM'S CLOSE SHAVE RAISES £2,000

Before

After

The Macmillan Cancer Support charity has benefited by £2,000 thanks to Sam Barrett, a member of the bar staff at Dartford WMC.

After her mum was diagnosed with cancer last year, Sam decided to have her head shaved in order to raise money for Macmillan, who had supported her mum and family through the illness, with the winner of a club-wide auction doing the honours with the clippers.

The winner of last month's competition was M Armstrong of Haltwhistle, Northumberland, who correctly answered that Man United last won the Champions League in 2008. He receives a signed copy of Rio Ferdinand's autobiography.

Carcroft event marks Allan's 40 years of service

On December 10, Carcroft Village WMC held a special evening to celebrate Allan Baker's 40-year service award. As well as being Club President, Allan is also President of Doncaster Branch CIU and a well-known figure in clubland.

Many of Allan's friends attended, along with committee members, brewery reps and guests from the Doncaster CIU executive, including Dave Gravel, the Branch Secretary.

In total, around 100 people attended the event and were entertained by singer/comedian duo 2 Real.

Allan, known as 'Butch' to his friends, is a keen shooter and received a Browning shotgun on the night with thanks from all his friends.

Carcroft Village WMC is over 100 years old and still going strong, thanks, in a large part, to Allan's massive contribution.



Left to right: Derek Wallace (Club Treasurer), Dave Gravel (Doncaster CIU Branch Secretary), Jim Hutchinson (Club Secretary) and Allan Baker (Club and Doncaster Branch CIU President)

Win 'A Man Walks on to a Pitch'

Club Journal is giving you the chance to win *A Man Walks On To A Pitch: Stories From A Life In Football* by QPR manager Harry Redknapp.

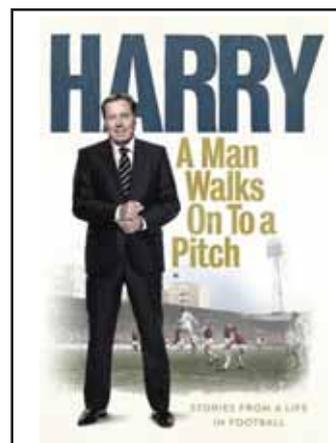
In this entertaining book, Redknapp shares a lifetime's experience of obsessing over football and relays stories of some of the colourful characters he has come across during his time in the game.

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The North Biddick Club in Fatfield, County Durham has a membership of over 2,000 and is billed as 'probably the best club in the North East' on the club's website

NORTH BIDDICK IS BLOOMING

With a glorious position on the banks of the River Wear, the North Biddick Club in County Durham offers first-class facilities and a dazzling array of activities and entertainment seven days a week

Few venues can boast as picturesque surroundings as the North Biddick Club, situated as it is on the North bank of the Wear river in the village of Fatfield in Washington, County Durham. But the club is not content to rely on a picture-postcard location in order to recruit and retain members.

Instead, regular investment has ensured that the club – which has been on this site since 1955 but was first established in the 1900s – has first-class facilities throughout, not least the Bar and Games Room which are at the heart of the club and offer snooker, pool and darts as well as regular live sport on the big screen.

The tranquil Lounge is just as modern and welcoming as the Bar and popular with members seeking a quieter experience, while the Concert Room – which has a capacity of 200 – is put to good use with live entertainment on Sundays, Wednesdays as well as most Friday nights.

As if that wasn't enough to make North Biddick a standout club, there is also a

restaurant attached to the club which can seat a further 50 people as well as an outdoor, covered decking area with tables and chairs to cater for smokers or just those who fancy enjoying a drink or two in the fresh air.

“We continually invest to ensure the club’s facilities are at a high standard and this makes the club a real destination venue”

Just in case you were left in any doubt that this is a club which prides itself on going the extra mile in creating a welcoming atmosphere for its members, as you walk through the front entrance you pass by a stunning floral display which has earned the club the ‘Sunderland in Bloom’ trophy – their 12th title win in a row in the annual competition.

No wonder then that the club is thriving

with a 2,000-strong membership and business booming throughout the year as members head through the club’s front doors into what is billed as ‘probably the best club in the North East’ on the club’s impressive website.

“There are no houses anywhere near the club so anyone who comes here has to drive or take the bus,” says Club Treasurer Eric Wilkinson. “That’s why we’ve traditionally invested in the facilities, keeping them at a very high standard in order to make this a real destination venue.

“We have a plan whereby we do one room one year and then move to another room the next year and so on until it’s time for that first room to be refurbished again,” he explains.

“It’s crucial to keep the facilities up to a high standard because close by there’s an Italian restaurant with a drinking area and a couple of pubs and we want to ensure our members have the best possible experience when they come into their club.

“We actually lease the restaurant out to a >

chap who's been running it for over ten years and he's obviously doing something right as he's really busy throughout the week, particularly on Sundays when their traditional roast dinners are very popular with our members.

"The restaurant is a great asset to the club – another string to our bow if you like – as it means people don't have to go elsewhere for food and adds to what the club has to offer."

And the list of what the club has to offer is certainly a very lengthy one with an array of activities going on throughout the week, not least on the sporting front. There are two snooker teams, three pool teams, two darts teams – ensuring that the club's games room is extremely busy throughout the week – as well as two fishing clubs based at the club.

A glance at the club timetable demonstrates just how much there is going on at North Biddick on a weekly basis.

Monday is predominantly darts and dominoes night; Tuesday is quiz night in the bar; Wednesday is Country & Western night and pool; Thursday is bingo night; Friday usually sees one of the rooms let out for private functions; Saturday night is entertainment night (no extra charge for members). On Sundays, traditionally the busiest day of the week, live entertainment is also laid on by the club.

On top of that are various groups which use the club premises throughout the week and ensure there really is something for everyone at North Biddick Club, whatever their age or area of interest.

"We have a variety of what we call sub-clubs – special interest groups who use our facilities for meetings – but everyone who is a member of those must also have membership of the club," says Eric.

"Any CIU members heading to the North East to attend a football match would be very welcome at North Biddick Club"

"It all really adds to what we offer as a club. For example, we run an Under-16 football club with the players and their parents coming back to the club on Sundays after their matches and hopefully they will be taking the club forward in a few years."

Something which has taken off in recent years at the club is the University of the Third Age (U3A) which largely caters for retired people looking to expand their knowledge.

"A member of the club began organising U3A events a few years back and it's become

extremely popular with talks, various activities and ongoing projects very well supported," says Eric.

"One of their projects, researching the names of local people killed in World War I, actually resulted in a book being published and a film being commissioned with Heritage Lottery funding.

"The film – *Washington Men in the Great War: Wad Thou Gan? Aye, Aa Wad* – had its premiere here at the club last year to tie in with the commemoration of the start of World War I."

The club is also keen to welcome visitors from other CIU clubs: "One thing we're keen to promote to other clubs across the country is our proximity to St James' Park and the Stadium of Light which is why we have a notice in the 'Club Outings' section of the *Club Journal*," says Eric.

"We have a big party of football fans from a club in Manchester who come up whenever Man United are away to Newcastle United or Sunderland and they enjoy a few drinks and a buffet here before going onto the games.

"It's a 20-minute drive to either stadium and we have ample coach and car parking facilities so it's worth bearing in mind if anyone is heading to the North East for the football – you'll be assured of a warm welcome!"



The North Biddick Club has been at its present site since 1955 but was first established back in 1902

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MEMBERS' CORNER

Informative articles which affect our life
by **Dione Mobley**

Hello Club Members

I recently heard this funny story and hope it will bring a smile for you as you read the journal this month.

There was an elderly lady one day who came to the local church. As she entered a young man stepped forward to greet the guest and asked her where she would like to sit.

The visitor replied she would like to have a seat on the very front row. The usher responded with a sigh 'Oh no... you do not want to sit in the front...our new vicar is really boring, he will put you to sleep. At this the visitor insisted

she be escorted to the front where she turned and asked the young man if he knew who she was? He shook his head.

I am the vicar's mother. The usher was embarrassed and looked down at his feet –then he said do you know who I am? To which the visitor replied No... The usher smiled, looked up and said Thank God!

Now, anyone fancy a "WILD TRUFFLE"?

If you ever take a trip into Richmond Park, the largest of the capitals eight Royal Parks and a National Nature Reserve, please be sure not to get caught stealing the Queen's Fungus (Truffles) or wild mushrooms as they are commonly known.

It seems to be a very interesting culinary delight with some of the famous TV celebrity chefs we see on various cooking shows, who have encouraged people to go out and forage in the undergrowth, in search of these

delicacies free of charge.

Unfortunately, for one eager mushroom hunter hoping to pick up a culinary delight, Gregory Szumielewicz from Poland soon found himself in trouble. He appeared before a magistrate, who gave him a six month conditional discharge and asked him to pay £30 in costs and a victim surcharge by The Wimbledon Crown court after he was caught helping himself to what he thought was Free Fungi from the royal park in the borough of Richmond.

A forest keeper for the park quoted: It has almost become the "in" thing to do these days but it is considered illegal to help yourself when out and about in the Royal neighbourhoods.

So now you know. Her Majesty will not be amused, if you are tempted to grab a funny looking brown snack from her woods or parklands, while out walking the dog.

ANY QUESTIONS?



Club Journal's panel of experts is ready to answer any of your queries regarding running your club

Q Does my club need its own website and, if so, how do we go about getting one?

Steve Bridger, Managing Director of Galatai Ltd, which runs the CIU's official website, responds:

Over the last few years the use of the Internet has grown exponentially with people looking to see what is on and where on the night while not having to go to a club to find out. Mobile sites are more prevalent now than ever before and a club's presence is more important now than ever before.

I hope that this quick guide will assist clubs that are interested in going down this route. The average cost of putting a site up is approximately £80 per year which is excellent value for money – your shop window displayed across the world!

First steps

The first thing is to decide a name for your site that can be easily remembered by members and relates to the name of your club which assists in Google searches.

Do not make it too long as there is the chance of spelling mistakes and people not remembering the name at all. The final part is what extension should you use? – .com .co.uk .org etc.

Remember, .com was originally for the American market and .co.uk for the British

market of registered companies, while .org and .org.uk are for non-profit-making organisations.

This has mainly been forgotten now as people choose extensions that they think sounds good and are easily remembered. (The maximum length of a name allowed is 32 characters excluding the extension and cannot contain spaces).

Once you have established a suitable name this has to be registered (the usual cost is about £10-12 for two years) as your domain but you must check that the name is available and as a precaution for yourself is not too similar to a company which could lead to confusion.

“Too much information and the site can lose its appeal – too little and the site becomes vague. Start off small as you can always add information at a later date”

Use a site such as www.whois.com to see the available names. The next step is to choose a reliable hosting company and there are plenty of these out there offering varying packages and benefits, but you have to decide what you need out of your site before taking the plunge. (Prices vary from £1.50 to £6 per month for an annual contract).

Beware of the 'free' hosting sites as they rely on advertising on your site with the effect that it is no longer your site but the advertisers'.

It is imperative that you do not sign up immediately to the first registration and hosting company that you see advertised until you are ready with all your information and have decided who will be the registered name for the site and how the

payments will be made.

Most hosting companies only accept credit card or Paypal payments or direct debits – so who will be responsible in the club for this? It is also important that there are several people involved in the setting-up and agreement on passwords and who has access to the information and who will keep the site updated.

I have the name – now what?

Decide what you want to put on the site – Easy? NO! Too much information and the site can lose its appeal – too little and the site becomes vague. Start off small as information can always be added later. Headings such as 'Home', 'About', 'Contact', 'Events' etc. are plenty to start with and leave the site ready for expansion.

Make your site 'clean' and easy to see and navigate with good links to other sites and possibly clubs.

The website

How do you design a site? There are plenty of free software packages out there to use along with packages that the hosting companies supply that come with free templates.

The main thing to remember is that nothing is really free as the more you want to put on your site, the more you will be charged for packages to add specific items to the site.

Find someone in your club who has some experience and would be willing to assist you with the layout and page design.

Beware of large pictures that take time to load (these can be altered with software to speed download times). Do not put gimmicks on that 'look good' such as hit counters as these can be very counterproductive.

If you have a lot of hits then it looks good but only a few over a year and people will wonder why!



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What next?

You have your site registered, hosting company lined up and site designed with designated person(s) to keep the site updated and a payment process in place. Look for some local firms to advertise on your site to offset costs and possibly make the site pay.

Look for places to advertise your site for free. Let your members know what the club's address is as if the members do not know about the site then they will not look at it with your hard work going to waste.

There is an area on the CIU site for 'Linked Clubs'. Just complete the form and your site will be with the other clubs – your free advertising has already started!

If all the above seems a little daunting, the CIU has teamed up with Galatai Ltd which produces the CIU site. For a special price, clubs can have their own site designed for them. An example of this can be found at www.ecc.ciu.org.uk.

Further details of this offer can be found at: www.galatai.com/ciu

Q My question is this: in the event of a tied vote at a management committee meeting and given that a number of committee members have abstained, what is the role and voting rights/duties of the President/Vice President who is chairing the meeting? Our

understanding is that the President/Vice President has the casting vote but could you please clarify this scenario for us?

Nick Walton LLM, Senior Solicitor at law firm Poppleston Allen, responds:

Whilst the statutory requirements relating to general meetings generally do not apply to committee meetings, good practice demands that every member of the committee is entitled to cast a vote whenever a decision has to be made.

The person chairing the meeting may be given the casting vote to ensure that there is not a stalemate and to better ensure the progression of discussions and motions proposed by the meeting.

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The committee, as the body responsible for ensuring the operation of the club, should look to the rule book and ensure that such facilities are enshrined somewhere within the rules.

The committee cannot propose a motion which states that the Chair in this case the President or Vice President may cast a deciding vote on matters which effect the club and its membership in the case of a tie or stalemate.

The decision is for the membership and in certain circumstances the rule book may expressly provide that the President or Vice President shall not have a vote.

If the rule book does not expressly provide for a casting vote by the Chair of the committee or the President/Vice President, a proposal should be made to the membership at large by means of an EGM where the normal requirements are followed and the membership should be asked to support the motion enabling such an eventuality. The rules can then be amended accordingly.

Care, however, must be taken to ensure that such a proposal can be made to the membership by way of an EGM.

Some constitutions require that the rules may only be changed or amended at the AGM.

Do you have a club-related problem that you think the Club Journal expert panel can help you with? If so, please send your question or query to justin@clubjournal.co.uk and we'll help you get the advice you need.

NEWS IN BRIEF



The countdown to the 2015 Annual Conference begins

Preparations are well underway at Head Office for this year’s Annual Conference which will take place on Saturday April 11 at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool.

Conference will see the publication of the CIU Annual Report which has gone to print and will include everything a member club needs to know about the Union, including information on legislation affecting clubs, the Union’s Long Service Awards and its varied sports competition.

The Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place in the hotel’s adjoining Norcalympia venue on Friday April 10, the day before Conference, with attendees able to receive advice on boosting business and saving money from the Union’s preferred suppliers – including Carlsberg UK, Heineken UK, AON, BOC, Dransfields and Smart Energy – as well as network and pick up ideas from other clubs.

Closing date for CMD exam entry is February 27

Anyone wishing to take the Club Management Diploma Examination on May 9 (Club Law) and May 16 (Club Accountancy) should apply by the closing date of February 27.

The cost is £10 refundable deposit or £20 for both sections. To apply, simply fill in and return the form on page 16 with the appropriate examination deposit or visit www.wmciu.org.uk to download an application form.

For more information on the CMD exams, contact Cath Fitzpatrick in the Leisure Department at Head Office.

JOHN HEGGS ELECTED TO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

John Heggs of Nottingham Oddfellows Club in Leicester has been elected to the National Executive seat for Leicestershire & Derbyshire.

John takes over the role from his club colleague John Harris who stepped down from the NEC last November due to mobility issues caused by ill health.

John Heggs is Secretary Elect of Nottingham Oddfellows and also serves on the Education Committee of the Leicestershire Branch, a position he has held for several years.

“John (Harris) has been a very dedicated member of the NEC for many years and after he stepped down, he suggested I put myself forward for the role,” said John.

“Education has been one of my key focuses, particularly in organising courses through the Leicestershire Secretaries Association on Health & Safety, Food Hygiene, Fire Marshalling, First Aid and other key areas for those running clubs.

“This sort of training is so important for club staff these days as when the local council come around to inspect – and they can come

around any time they want – one of the very first things they ask to see is your various certificates to ensure you’re bang up to date with all the latest rules and regulations.

“As way of example, our club was inspected twice last year by the Council – in March for Food Hygiene when we received a five-star rating and again in December for Health & Safety – and the inspectors looked at everything from top to bottom.

“It’s important that you can present them with all the up-to-date certificates as legislation changes a lot and you need to be up to speed with those changes as a club.

“From my experience at Branch level in Leicestershire, clubs are very willing to send at least a couple of key people to the various courses when they’re arranged or when a certificate needs to be renewed.

“I’d certainly be interested to do more work on the education/training side of things at a national level as part of my role with the NEC.”

John will be attending his first NEC meeting in London on February 4-5.

The Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

The Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 came into force on 1st August 2014. Its main effect is to consolidate earlier legislation including:

- Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965
- Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968
- Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2003

The 2014 Act ensures continuity of registration for all pre-existing registered societies. All existing registered societies will now be referred to as “registered societies” instead of “ industrial & provident (I&P) societies”.

The Union and its’ I&P member clubs rank as cooperatives because they conduct themselves by and for the benefit of their participating members.

Community Benefit Societies (or BENCOMS) exist primarily for the benefit of the wider community i.e. for the benefit of non-members and are of a philanthropic or charitable character.

The main things to note for the CIU are:

- All legal requirements for registration governance and interaction with the FCA remain the same
- For registrations after 1st August 2014 the registering society will be referred to and registered as a cooperative society
- Existing registered clubs can retain their present name and need not change their rules; they keep their existing registration number;
- If a club has on its letterhead or website “an Industrial & Provident Society registered under the I & P Act 1965” the FCA advises that it “could” change it to “registered society under the Cooperative and Community Benefit Society Act”. This is not said to be obligatory.

The FCA has updated its forms and information notes, in particular the new registration, rule changes and annual return forms.

The new forms must be used for applications being determined after 1st August 2014.

THE VIEW FROM HQ

John Tobin CMD, Vice-President of the CIU, reflects on his nearly 50 years as a club man and why he's as passionate as ever about the central role clubs play in their communities

Like so many of us, it was my Dad who first introduced me to clubs. The minute I hit 21 he signed me up as a member of his club, the Crownhill Sports & Social Club in London. That was in 1963.

From the off I was keen to get more involved with the club's fortunes, and in 1966 I joined the committee, becoming Assistant Club Secretary in 1967 and then Club Secretary in 1970 – a post I was proud to hold for over 20 years.

I'm truly passionate about the role that clubs have in their communities and it's been a mission of mine to keep them firmly at the centre of the action. I knew very quickly that the CIU was the vehicle to help and that it shared these ambitions for their members.

I was therefore very proud to be elected as a Branch Secretary of the North West Met Branch in 1978 and then onto the National Executive in 1980 to represent my area.

Education and training has been a particular focus of my CIU role (I've been involved with the Education Group for the past 14 years).

We all know from experience just how much work it takes to run a successful club, and it's our duty as an association to give whatever help and advice we can to those who need it.

We also know how time-poor many club officials are, and we've seen a fall in the number of people taking the Club Management Diploma (CMD) as a result.

Needless to say this has worried us a great deal – club officials really do need to be equipped with the skills to make their clubs run profitably. So now I'm delighted to say we're completely restructuring the programme and will report back on that soon.

As well as running the clubs, though, we all need to shout about them and make sure our voice is heard collectively, which is



a big part of our remit. We represent you, our members – as well as the club sector as a whole – at the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs at meetings in the House of Commons and on CORCA (the Committee of Registered Clubs Associations).

Then of course there's the Conference. And as Vice-President, I'm lucky enough to be in charge of inviting our National Executive and special guests to the pre-Conference dinner.

I also get to open the Trade Show where we welcome all of our preferred suppliers and club members.

It's at a great new venue this year with a blinding new set-up and more stands than ever before so do be sure to come along; it's still on the Friday before the AGM.

This is now my seventh year as Vice-President (and I very much hope that I'll be re-elected this year!) and it's coming up to my 50th year as a club man!

I think I've got more energy now than I did as that 21 year old! I've just got back from a trip to our Durham Branch and most weekends will find me travelling around the country popping into clubs (Wales – I'm heading your way in March!).

Somehow I still find time to enjoy my hobbies though – bowls and cribbage – and really enjoy working with the Rotary Club, Probus and Wokingham United charities.

Now, if you asked me to dust off my crystal ball and have a look at the year ahead, I'd say that food is still a missed opportunity for many clubs.

I also think that traditional games such as cribbage will continue to have a role to play, midweek darts can be a crowd puller and – of course – sports in all their formats will be important.

Preferred Supplier



Dransfields MD Chris Haley warns *Club Journal* readers to be on the lookout for organised gangs of machine thieves who are specifically targeting clubs

There has been a worrying spike in the number of thefts from machines and clubs need to be vigilant.

There are organised gangs of machine thieves specifically targeting clubs so be very alert to strangers in your club.

A gang operating out of the West Midlands is hitting clubs in the Midlands and Northern England and they have also robbed a club in the South.

This gang varies from three to five people and their method is to block the view of the machine whilst the theft is performed.

They usually have one member of the gang distract the bar staff/door staff whilst the theft is occurring and you may not be aware that you have been robbed until they have left the club as they conceal visible signs of forced entry.

If you do have CCTV systems in your club then try and ensure the machines are actively monitored but be aware that they will attempt to block the view of any camera recording their activities.

The best way to deter them from attacking your machines is by ensuring they cannot crowd around your machines blocking the view of staff.

It is worth noting that the proximity of the machine to the bar does not deter them; active engagement from staff is required.

If in any doubt simply ask that they play existing games off, and then switch the machine off until they have moved on.

STOP PRESS... Current activity at Head Office includes: Organising a Parliamentary Reception at the House of Commons to take place in September 2015 to raise the Union's profile and gain more members for the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Member' Clubs; producing new versions of the club contracts and Club Secretary Handbook; finalising the venue for the March weekend school; reviewing games rules; sending the CIU Annual Report to print; and working on preparations for Blackpool.

Club Management Diploma Examination

The Exams are about instilling confidence and helping students highlight their strengths in areas of Club Law and Accountancy

EXAM DATES

Club Law – 9th May 2015 • Club Accountancy – 16th May 2015

Pass both examinations and obtain 1st Place in either section and you will be presented with your Diploma at the Union's Annual Conference in Blackpool.

Cost:

Law Section – £10 refundable deposit • Accountancy Section – £10 refundable deposit
Both Sections – £20 refundable

Further information and examination forms available from
Cath Fitzpatrick in the Leisure Department or visit our website www.wmciu.org.uk
CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS 27th FEBRUARY 2015

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(PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

NAME IN FULL: Mr/Miss/Mrs

CLUB:

BRANCH:

HOME ADDRESS:

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..... DAY TEL. NO:

EMAIL:

SUBJECT

CLUB LAW AND ADMINISTRATION YES NO

CLUB ACCOUNTANCY YES NO

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SAT THE EXAMINATION FOR THE DIPLOMA? YES NO

IF YES

A) IN WHAT YEAR? B) WHAT WAS THE RESULT?

Please complete and return by 27th February 2015, in an envelope marked 'CMD EXAM' enclosing the appropriate examination deposit.

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Please contact secretary on (01323) 727703.

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Tel: (01323) 723322

Email: ewmctd@gmail.com

www.ewmc.org

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Contact Club Steward on (01485) 533360.

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Email: herefordwelshclub@hotmail.co.uk

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ACROSS

- 1 Funny thing, this dark time... (5)
- 4 Wild meadow saffron that's roamed off for a shotgun. (4-3)
- 8 It can give you little room on screen. (5-3)
- 9 Old-fashioned power - of two. (6)
- 10 Dig up soil for weapons dump. (4)
- 11 Carp has the answer for the chippy. (5)
- 12 Formerly exist as a written test. (4)
- 13 Yet somehow it's hot? (Laugh) (8)
- 15 Dan led the way and disembarked. (6)
- 17 To the side, so not on stage? (6)
- 20 Soft drink - even though it sounds like a basic ale. (4-4)
- 23 Fruity sort of panto sister? (4)

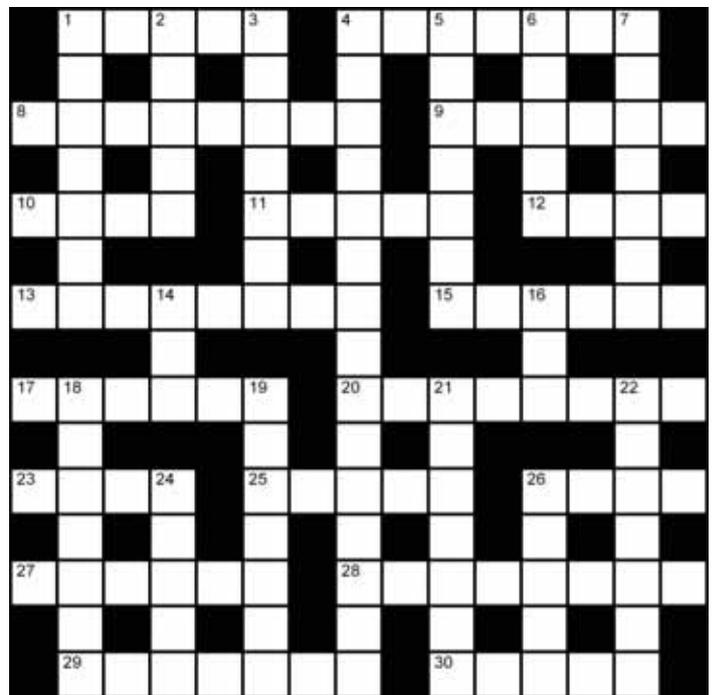
- 25 Free verse yields thread. (5)
- 26 Three wise men of imagination. (4)
- 27 Wall covering that's glued-oh!?. (6)
- 28 Awkward one? Currently it's restricting... (8)
- 29 Nuclear generator that responds? (7)
- 30 Tender in places, so rouse indirectly. (5)

DOWN

- 1 Lit up an odd type of agreement. (7)
- 2 Mock orange from the manor - could be a lizard. (5)
- 3 Lamentable audition, but it produces picturesque presentation. (7)
- 4 One to help the injured - but not on his own!... (9-6)
- 5 ...lest war break out, for prodigal. (7)

- 6 Youth centre built around love of egg cell. (5)
- 7 Abandon fakes or reproduction. (7)
- 14 That man's a bit prehistoric. (3)
- 16 Snubbed a bit in the centre. (3)
- 18 Combatant spoil her gift. (7)
- 19 NUT tour could show size of crowd. (7)
- 21 Have a watching brief allegedly across the ocean. (7)
- 22 Sovereigns I've lost, that can occupy fully. (7)
- 24 Pot plant returned with accuracy, but no car! (5)
- 26 Tom is erratic, and a bit of a Scrooge. (5)

Send your entry to Crossword, Club Journal, 59/60 Thames St, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1TX.



Name _____
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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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

- Eric Appleby of Ashington & District Comrades Club
- Mr RD Hathoe of Dartford WMC
- Patrick McGuirk of Kirkby Stephen Sports & Social
- Rona Peacock of Monk Bretton WMC
- Elsie Whitehouse of Aleye WMC





Wednesday February 11, 7.45pm – BT Sport 1 HD
Football: Chelsea v Everton

Having looked unassailable for the first half of the season, Chelsea stumbled badly at the start of 2015, crashing to a 5-3 defeat against Tottenham on New Year's Day and will have to ensure that they recapture their winning form as crunch time approaches in the Premier League.



Sunday February 22, 4.15pm – Sky Sports 1 HD
Football: Southampton v Liverpool

Southampton have been one of the revelations of the current Barclays Premier League season and will be determined to keep their momentum going. These two teams actually met on the opening weekend of the season with Liverpool just holding on for a 2-1 win.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Club Journal looks ahead to some of the big televised fixtures coming up in February, including the start of the new Super League season and the North London derby between Arsenal and Spurs

Friday February 6
8pm
Sky Sports 1 HD
Super League: St Helens v Catalan Dragons

Friday February 6
8.05pm
BBC
Six Nations Rugby: Wales v England

Saturday February 7
12.45pm
BT Sport 1 HD
Football: Barclays Premier League – Tottenham v Arsenal

Friday February 13
8pm
Sky Sports 1 HD
Super League: Wigan Warriors v Huddersfield Giants

Saturday February 14
2.30pm
BBC
Six Nations Rugby: England v Italy

Friday February 20
8pm
Sky Sports 1 HD
Rugby League: World Club Challenge - Warrington Wolves v St George-Ilwarrar Dragons

Saturday February 21
7.45pm
Sky Sports 1 HD
Rugby League: World Club Challenge - Wigan Warriors v Brisbane Broncos

Saturday February 21
12.15pm
Sky Sports 1 HD
Football: Sky Bet Championship – Middlesbrough v Leeds United

Saturday February 21
5.30pm
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Football: Barclays Premier League – Manchester City v Newcastle United

Sunday February 22
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Football: Barclays Premier League – Tottenham v West Ham

Sunday February 22
2.05pm
Sky Sports 1 HD
Football: Barclays Premier League – Everton v Leicester City

Tuesday February 24
7.45pm
ITV1
Football: UEFA Champions League – Manchester City v Barcelona

Wednesday February 25
7.45pm
Sky Sports 5 HD
Football: UEFA Champions League – Arsenal v Monaco



Rugby League: Saturday, February 21, Sky Sports 1 HD

Durham Branch

The Durham Branch Pigeon Presentation was staged at Sacriston WMC on December 16, 2014 with the trophy handed to winner Brian Caley.

Meanwhile, Durham Branch also held the Jonathan Ward Team KO Darts Finals in December at Sacriston WMC.

Byers Green WMC took on Houghton Comrades WMC and after a keenly fought and highly competitive encounter it was Houghton Comrades who emerged victorious.



Durham Branch Pigeon Presentation to winner Brian Caley. Left to right: Bobby Scott (Sacriston WMC Chairman), Brian Caley (winner), George Smith (Durham Branch Secretary and NEC Member), Cliff Lee (Durham Branch Executive Member (No.9 Division)).



The winning Houghton Comrades WMC darts team. Left to right: J Whittaker, J Harrison, Derek Lumley (Durham Branch Executive Member), E Ashman, K Elliott and A Patterson.



Eric Campbell (Durham Branch President), J Harrison (Darts Team Captain, Houghton Comrades WMC) and Derek Lumley (Durham Branch Executive Member - No.7 Division).

CIU Snooker

The CIU National Team Snooker Championship (supported by John Smith's) semi-final will be played on Saturday March 14 at 1pm at the Penygraig Labour & Progressive Club between:

Abertysswg WM Club (South Wales Branch)

Merthyr Tydfil Labour Club (South Wales Branch)

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For more information on the CIU Racing Club, contact Sean Ferris on 01753 272 022 or email: sean@clubjournal.co.uk

CIU Dominoes

The dominoes 5s & 3s semi-final and final will be held on February 7 at the Latimer Ward club between:

S Smith & C Stainsby – Darlington Club (Durham Branch)

G Selby & T Medhurst – Christchurch NADSS (Wessex Branch)

D Berryman & M Hallett – Hayes WMC (North West Met Branch)

C Edwards & A Porter – Smallthorne Victory Club (North Staffs Branch)

The dominoes straight pairs semi-final and final was held on Saturday January 17 at the Leicester Railwaymen's Club between:

S Smith & C Stainsby – Darlington Club

L Stamps & M Needham – Tuxford WMC

G Selby & T Medhurst – Christchurch NADSS

R Compton & R Henworth – Bentley Road Club

S Smith & C Stainsby beat L Stamps & M Needham in the final 11-7

CIU Pool

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