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New venue announced for the AGM and Beer & Trades Show



The CIU Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, April 14 at Blackpool's Pleasure Beach

This year's CIU Annual General Meeting and 27th Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place at Blackpool Pleasure Beach, the world-famous amusement park and conference centre.

The morning of Saturday, April 14 will see Union delegates assembling in the Globe Theatre for the Annual Meeting chaired by Union President George Dawson CMD.

Given the popularity of the Beer & Trades Exhibition over the past three years, this year the dedicated CIU club-focused trade show will take place over two days – Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14 – in order to give more club members the chance to visit the event.

As in previous years, there will be a host of the Union's Preferred Suppliers exhibiting at the show, including gaming machine supplier Dransfields, Heineken UK and Aon, while the CIU will have its own stand at the show with information available on the Union's Education Programme and other services it provides to clubs.

Union President George Dawson CMD said: "We're delighted with the facilities at the new venue and its central location and excellent transport links means it will be far easier to travel to than our previous venue – which we know was a concern for some delegates.

"We've also taken the decision to hold the trade show over two days – on the Friday and Saturday afternoons of Conference Weekend – to give delegates who can only make it to Blackpool on the Saturday a chance to attend what it certain to be an informative and entertaining Trade Show following the conclusion of the Annual Meeting in the morning.

"Blackpool 2018 will be an important weekend for the Union and its clubs and I'd urge as many clubs as possible to send delegates along and have their say in how the CIU is run.

"The Annual Meeting is the one chance we get each year to come together and debate the key issues facing our clubs."

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Club of the Month: Poynton WMC

This month's Club of the Month is Poynton Workmens Club in Stockport, which has recently won the 'Refurbishment Club of the Year' category at the 2017 Club Mirror Awards.

This thriving club has completely upgraded its Concert Room and Lounge to very high specifications with the result that membership interest has been given a huge boost.

To read the full article on the club, see page 11.

EDITOR'S LETTER

As you'll see from the front page, plans for Blackpool 2018 are now in place as we announce that Blackpool Pleasure Beach, the renowned theme park and conference centre, will be the venue for this year's Annual Meeting and the 27th Beer & Trades Exhibition.

The Annual Meeting will take place on the morning of Saturday, April 14 while, in a change in format from previous years, the trade show will now span two days, taking place on Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14.

Hopefully this change will mean that those delegates who cannot get to Blackpool on the Friday will be able to attend the Annual Meeting on the Saturday morning and then get the chance to experience the trade show in the afternoon.

Elsewhere in this issue we hear from Sean Belton CMD who joined the NEC in January and get his views on the current club scene. To read the Q&A, turn to page 14.

Our 'Club of the Month' for February is

Poynton WMC in Stockport, another Union club which can be very proud about its past, present and future.

Another reminder about the Union's Club Law & Club Finance Weekend which will be taking place in March and will cost £75 (VAT inclusive).

The fee covers full board, lectures, students folder, pad and course literature but applicants will need to meet the costs of travel to the venue.

An application form for what is sure to be a very useful and informative course for those running clubs can be obtained from your Club Secretary or downloaded from our website: www.wmciu.org.uk

For further information on the course, contact Cath Fitzpatrick in the Leisure Department at Head Office – Tel: (020) 7226 0221 or email: cfitzpatrick@wmciu.org

The course is excellent preparation for the CMD examinations which are taking place on May 12 (Club Law) and May 19 (Club Accountancy).

The closing date for applications is March



26 and, again, you can get further information from Cath Fitzpatrick (contact details above) or you can fill in the application form on page 15 and send it through to Head Office along with a cheque for the refundable deposit of £10 per examination .

I hope you enjoy the issue.

Stephen Goulding, Editor

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Michael Whitehead presented with his 50-year Award



Skegness Ex-Servicemen's Club held a presentation to honour Committee Member Michael Whitehead who has given an astonishing 50 years of dedicated service to the club. Pictured, left to right: Dave Currell (Committee Member), Neal Wagstaff (Committee Member), John Savory (President), Dave Gravel (Doncaster Branch Secretary and NEC Member), Michael Whitehead (Committee Member and recipient of 50-Year Award) and Dave Wagstaff (Committee Member)

Twyford Social Club raises money following break-in

Twyford Social Club in Hampshire has raised thousands of pounds for security improvements following a break-in at the end of last year.

The burglars caused a huge amount of damage, including ripping wall units down, smashing doors and stealing the club's safe and charity collection box.

The club raised more than £2,000 of its fundraising target, with all the money going towards updating the security of the building to prevent future criminal damage, including installing security shutters and CCTV.

The incident, which occurred in the early hours of Wednesday, November 8, is thought to have caused damage estimated at around £5,000.

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OBITUARIES

Bernard Guess

The South East Metropolitan Branch are saddened to announce the death of Mr Bernard Guess at the age of 87.

Bernard was a former Secretary of West Byfleet Club in Surrey. In 1975, he was elected to the South East Metropolitan Branch Committee and soon after, in 1983, he became South East Metropolitan Branch Secretary, a position he held for 14 years of his 33 years of service on the Branch.

He also served on the Union's National Executive Committee and was a valuable member of the Education Committee for many years before stepping down from the NEC in 2009.

Bernard was a very knowledgeable, honourable and helpful person and many clubs and club members have benefited from his help over numerous years, even after his retirement.

A very popular man, his death was marked by a minute's silence at Head Office.

At his funeral, Union Vice-President John Tobin gave the eulogy while former Union General Secretary Kevin Smyth, former South East Metropolitan Branch Secretary Arthur Millard and the entire Branch Executive were present to say goodbye to a great clubman.

Bernard will be sadly missed by his lovely wife Monica, family, friends and club members all over the country.



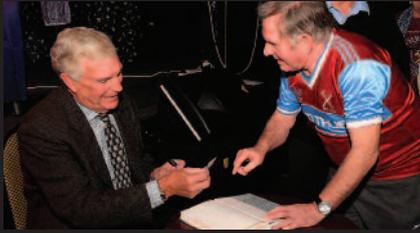
Tom Wilsdon

Chapeltown Working Men's Club, Sheffield, are sad to announce the death of their President, Mr Thomas Wilsdon, at the age of 78.

Tom was a club member for 60 years, serving as a Committee Member, Vice-President and President for over 50 years and received his 50-year Club Service Award in June 2017.

Tom will be sadly missed by family and friends, Management Committee and all who knew him.

NEWS IN BRIEF



East Ham WMC welcomes Sir Trevor Brooking for event

Sir Trevor Brooking recently spent an afternoon in the company of a group of West Ham United fans at an event held at East Ham Working Men's Club.

The Hammers and England football legend headed to the club, which is situated close to the former Boleyn Ground in Upton Park where West Ham played their home games until their recent move to the London Stadium, for a question and answer session with the Any Old Irons initiative.

This is a community programme for men and women over the age of 65, organised in conjunction with the West Ham United Foundation and Friends of the Elderly.

Sir Trevor took questions from the audience and shared memories and anecdotes from his illustrious playing career with the Hammers, which saw him progress through the Academy before going on to make 643 appearances between 1967 and 1984, a golden period that brought two FA Cup triumphs, a Second Division title medal, five Hammer of the Year awards and 47 England caps.

He then spent more than an hour chatting with those present, signing autographs and posing for photographs.

Sundridge Park WMC launches monthly Jazz club

Sundridge Park Working Mens Club in Bromley, Kent, is to host a regular monthly Jazz night throughout 2018.

The Mick Collins Legacy Jazz Orchestra will be playing on the first Monday of each month at the club on Burnt Ash Lane, starting at 8.30pm.

The 16-piece orchestra includes local musicians and rising jazz stars from Trinity College.

DSA presentation for East Stanley WMC stalwarts



East Stanley Working Men's Club in Durham held a special presentation in December for two members, William Barker and Barry Whitfield, who received Distinguished Service Awards. Pictured, back row, left to right: John Stacey, NEC Member and Durham Branch Secretary George Smith, Union President George Dawson CMD, Durham Branch Vice-President Stan Summers, Derek Lumley and Steve Richardson. Front row, left to right: Eleanor Whitfield, William Barker, Sheila Barker and Barry Whitfield

Parkes Hall Social Club to stage charity darts event

Four international darts professionals will be taking part in a charity event at a West Midlands CIU club later this month.

Daryl Gurney, Steve Beaton, Jamie Caven and Alan Norris will be on the oche at Tungsten Hold 'Em, which will be held at Parkes Hall Social Club in Dudley on February 24.

Guests at the event, in aid of Mary Stevens Hospice, will have the chance to play against some of the stars as part of a raffle, with 12 matches up for grabs on the night.

Sean Marshall, event organiser, said: "I'm sure I'm not alone in thinking far more top quality sporting events should be hosted in this area, and we were delighted when the first Tungsten Hold 'Em sold out in March, maximising the amount we were able to donate to the Mary Stevens Hospice.

"It was a fantastic evening of world class darts, so doing it again in 2018 was a no-brainer and we're delighted to continue our relationship with the social club in bringing this event back to Dudley.

"We raised more than £4,000 for this incredible cause first time round, and we'd love to donate even more next time."

Charlotte Schofield, Head of Fundraising and Lottery at the Old Swinford Hospice, added: "Sean and his organising team are absolutely fantastic and we simply can't put into words what the atmosphere was like back in March.

"To have a world class sporting event brought to the Black Country in support of the families relying on our care really is just incredible and we're so grateful to the guys for thinking of us."

Standard standing tickets cost £20 and VIP seated tickets cost £30. For more information, contact Tony Waterfield on 07950213169 or Geoff Goodyear on 07727679384.



Maidstone WMC holds Annual Games Presentation



Maidstone Working Men's Club holds its Annual Games Presentation in November 2017. Pictured, left to right: Ken Pooter, Dennis Reed, Rhys Williams, Brian E.C. Hickmott (Club Secretary/Treasurer and MC for the evening) and Peter Turner.

Maidstone Working Men's Club, the oldest CIU club in Kent, founded in 1870, and a member of the CIU since 1875, held its 81st Annual Games Presentation Evening in November 2017 in the club's Concert Hall.

Sponsorship for the event came from the club's three brewers – Heineken UK, Molson Coors and Greene King.

The winner of the club's 19 winter games, seven memorial competitions and 10 open competitions that were played during 2017 were on hand to collect their trophies or club drinks vouchers.

In recognition of their achievements the winners were also presented with their perpetual shields and cups that are kept on permanent display in the trophy cabinet at the club.

The overall winner for 2017 was Rhys Williams who won the Wilfred Sharp Shield with a total of nine points, while Peter Turner was runner-up with eight points. He received the Percy Ansell Cup.

Over 90 members attended the event, which is one of the highlights of the Maidstone WMC calendar, including guest of honour, the club's Vice-Chairman and Games Secretary Dennis Reed.

CLUB NOTICES

Expulsions

Mr Stephen Taylor, Wilby Working Men's Club, Wilby, Northamptonshire

Clubs Withdrawn

Bents Lane Social Club (Manchester Branch)

Clubs Closed

Greenock Dock Workers Club (Cumbria Branch)

Padiham United Irish League Club (Burnley & Pendle Branch)

Club Name Changes

From: Ferryhill & District Workmen's Club and Institute to: Ferryhill Community Sports & Social Club Ltd

From: Twyford Social Club to: Twyford Social Club Ltd (Wessex Branch)

From: Albrighton Sports and Social Club to: Albrighton Sports and Social Club Ltd (West Midlands Branch)



FOR SERVICE

Branch Executive 41-Year Award

Peter Mitchell, York City Branch

Branch Executive 10-Year Award

Alan Preston, York City Branch

Frank Wilde, South East Metropolitan Branch

Distinguished Service Award

David Stainrod, Albion Road WMC, Rotherham, South Yorkshire Branch

Keith Gilholme, Ovington Social Club, Northumberland Branch

Long Service Award

Alan Bruce Potter, Holgate WM Club, York City Branch

Peter Mainprize, Holgate WM Club, York City Branch

Certificate of Merit

Gary William Stewart, Holgate WM Club, York City Branch

Patricia Rainton, Holgate WM Club, York City Branch

Christine Beverley Winspear, Holgate WM Club, York City Branch

Peter Watkins, Barry West End Club & Inst, South Wales Branch

Jeffrey Darren Heathfield, Barry West End Club & Inst, South Wales Branch

Linda Dembry, Wallsend Labour Club Ltd, Northumberland Branch

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sky Sports to show Joshua v Parker boxing match in March

Sky Sports Box Office will be showing the big unification fight between WBA and IBF heavyweight champion Anthony Joshua and WBO champion Joseph Parker.

The match will be taking place on Saturday, March 31 at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff and is sure to be one of the most eagerly anticipated fights of the year.

Book now for the Club Law and Finance weekend



The CIU's Residential Club Law and Finance Weekend will take place Friday, March 16 to Sunday, March 18 at the Novotel in Coventry.

The Combined Club Law and Club Finance Weekend Course will be held at the Novotel Hotel in Coventry from 1pm on Friday, March 16 until 12 noon on Sunday, March 18.

The cost of the course is £75 including VAT and this covers bed, breakfast and dinner. Lunch will also be provided on Friday and Saturday although students will have to arrange and pay their own travel costs.

Applications must be received by March 2 and due to limited space, spaces will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis.

All applicants must hold the Union's Associate and Pass Cards.

Further information and application forms are available from Cath Fitzpatrick at HQ on 020 7226 0221, extension 238 or by email: cfitzpatrick@wmciu.org

Higham Ferrers WMC to hold charity Ladies Night

Higham Ferrers Working Men's Club in Northamptonshire is holding a special 'Girls Night Out' on Saturday, April 7 to raise money for the Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

The event is being organised by Charlene Nash in memory of her mother, Mandy Chapman, who died in July 2017 at the age of 55 after being cared for by the Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

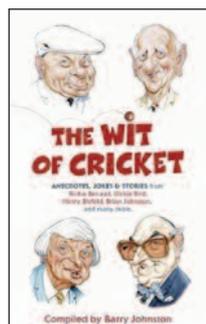
Charlene said: "I want to raise as much money as we can for Cynthia Spencer. They do so much for everyone and the jobs they do change people's lives."

Tickets cost £15 and are available from Higham Ferrers WMC or directly from Charlene on 07954 269 950.

Last month's competition winner

The winner of last month's competition is Mr M Armstrong of Haltwhistle WMC who correctly answered that legendary cricket umpire Dickie Bird OBE was born in Yorkshire.

He will receive a copy of the book *The Wit of Cricket: Anecdotes, Jokes and Stories*, compiled by Brian Johnston, which features some of the funniest moments from the annals of the game, featuring such figures as Richie Benaud, Henry Blofeld and Brian Johnston.



OBITUARIES

Michael Burke

The Silver Hall Social Club is sad to advise that our President Michael Burke has passed away at the age of 79.

Mick joined the Committee in 1972 and became Chairman in 1997, a role which he held until 2012, after which he became President.

He worked for the Docks for many years but always found time to carry out his duties within the club and joined the North East Branch Committee.

He was well known and worked tirelessly for the benefit of clubs in the area and was elected as President of the Branch in 2011.

He was well respected and attended the CIU AGM on many occasions.

Condolences are sent to his wife Sheila, daughter Debbie and his grandchildren.

His funeral service took place at Corbets Tey Crematorium in November.



Eric Johnson

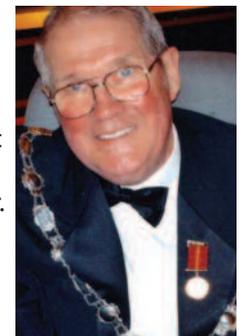
Nottingham Oddfellows Club, Leicester, is sad to announce that Eric Johnson passed away in November. Johnson was General Secretary of the club for almost 60 years, taking over the role in 1958.

He also was the club's Entertainment Secretary and was a tireless fundraiser for a number of charities, including the Mablethorpe Children's Home.

His funeral was held at St Margaret's Church, Leicester, which was completely filled by those who came to pay their respects.

Wife Chris said: "Eric lived for the club, his children and grandchildren.

"He was a lovely gentleman with a good sense of humour. He always stopped any trouble at the club and got people to talk it out. I miss him so much."



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DONCASTER	Saturday 3 March	£9 (Grandstand Enclosure)	Grimthorpe Chase Festival
HAYDOCK PARK	Wednesday 21 March	£10 (County)	Jump Racing
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HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 31 March	£9 (Grandstand & Paddock)	Jump Racing
CHEPSTOW	Monday 2 April	£15	Easter Monday Family Race Day
CHEPSTOW	Saturday 14 April	£15	Grand National Party Race Day
CHEPSTOW	Friday 27 April	£15	Spring Evening Racing
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 28 April	£12.50 (Grandstand & Paddock)	Flat Racing
CHEPSTOW	Friday 4 May	£15	Spring Afternoon Flat Racing
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 12 May	£12.50 (Grandstand & Paddock)	Flat & Jump Racing
CHEPSTOW	Tuesday 15 May	£15	Spring Evening Racing
HAYDOCK PARK	Friday 25 May	£10 (County)	Flat Racing
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 26 May	£12.50 (Grandstand & Paddock)	Flat Racing
HAYDOCK PARK	Thursday 7 June	£10 (County)	188BET Raceday
HAYDOCK PARK	Wednesday 13 June	£10 (County)	188BET Construction Day
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The Concert Room of Poynton Workmens Club in Stockport which has undergone an impressive refurbishment



POYNTON WORKMENS CLUB

Poynton Workmens Club in Stockport won the 'Refurbishment Club of the Year' category at the 2017 Club Mirror Awards, having undergone an incredible transformation that has 'future-proofed' the club

It's fair to say that the ever-growing membership of Poynton Workmens Club in Stockport is very proud of the club and its place in the community.

The ambitious and forward-looking club has transformed its facilities in recent years with the result that Poynton WMC now boasts some of the best facilities in the area, winning the 'Refurbishment Club of the Year' category at the Club Mirror Awards held in November 2017.

"We're absolutely delighted with our refurbishment which was completed at the tailend of 2016," says Club Secretary Ian Robins. "It was a long process from the initial idea to the completed project but it has been well worth the time and the money.

"When the Committee was discussing the refurbishment of the club, we sat down with a long-term plan about what we wanted the club to be. We didn't just want to stick in new carpets and paint the walls and just carry on as normal. We wanted something which would be of long-term benefit to the club and we've achieved that and ensured

that we stand out in what is a very competitive club scene around us.

"The overall refurbishment cost £300,000 and we believe that it was worth every penny to 'future-proof' the club."

Phase One of the project saw the Lounge

"The Committee wanted the refurbishment to be something which would be of long-term benefit to the club"

completely ripped everything out and put in a new overall design. Also installed were several large flatscreens to enable screenings of all the live Premier League football on Sky Sports and BT Sport.

Phase Two of the refurbishment centred on the club's Concert Room and saw another complete state-of-the-art transformation.

"The Concert Room is now absolutely

top-notch throughout," says Ian. "It's similar in look and feel to the Lounge but being the Concert Room has been fitted out with all the latest audio-visual equipment and excellent lighting rigs. We also have a 30-foot screen that can be pulled down so if someone is holding a private function, for example, they can hook it up to a laptop and project photographs onto it.

"Both rooms have top-of-the-range fittings and LED lighting throughout. Many of the entertainment acts can't believe how good the new Concert Room is when they walk in and many people who have come in for parties or events have immediately enquired about membership. We hosted the local Rotary Club for an event and the following week 20 of them filled in the application forms for membership!"

Live entertainment is a key part of what the club offers and the Committee works hard to book some top acts.

"We host a number of events throughout the year, including monthly 'Jason Manford Presents' nights with three comedians on the bill," says Ian. "They sell the tickets and keep

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the money for that and we get the bar takings which is a great earner for the club as the evenings are always a sellout.

“We also have regular musical acts, including some very good tribute acts, including ‘Wrong Jovi’ who are a Bon Jovi tribute act. That’s being held by the club’s Motorcycle Club section which is a very strong section within the club.

“They’ve also held special ‘audience with’ style talks with leading Superbike, Isle of Man TT racers and a decorated Falklands pilot. His talk was a proper lecture and the new AV system meant he could project his photographs up on the screen to accompany his talk.

“An important part of the new-look club is to make the most of the rooms we have throughout the year and to this end we’ve just obtained a dual licence so we now have a Premises Licence as well which means we don’t have to keep applying for special permits to hold events.

“We have also upgraded the EPOS system, plus the debit card system. We’ve noticed that more and more young people are coming to the club and they very often want to pay with a card, even for a single drink. To this end, we’ve put in a more robust card system which goes through instantly, rather than keeping you hanging around waiting to connect with your bank. It makes a huge difference on a busy night and means that the service is as swift as can be.

“Systems-wise, we’ve also made a huge effort to streamline our membership application process. If you fill in the



Poynton Workmens Club won the ‘Refurbishment Club of the Year’ category at the Club Mirror Awards in November 2017

application forms, you’ll get your card sent to your home address within a week.

“Of course, it’s not all about entertainment and we have a good reputation for great drinks at good prices and we work really hard with Marston’s to offer a good range, from keg to cask ales to wine.

“The social side of the club is very important and we have darts, snooker, bingo, crown green bowling and the Motorcycle Club to add a vibrancy to the club.

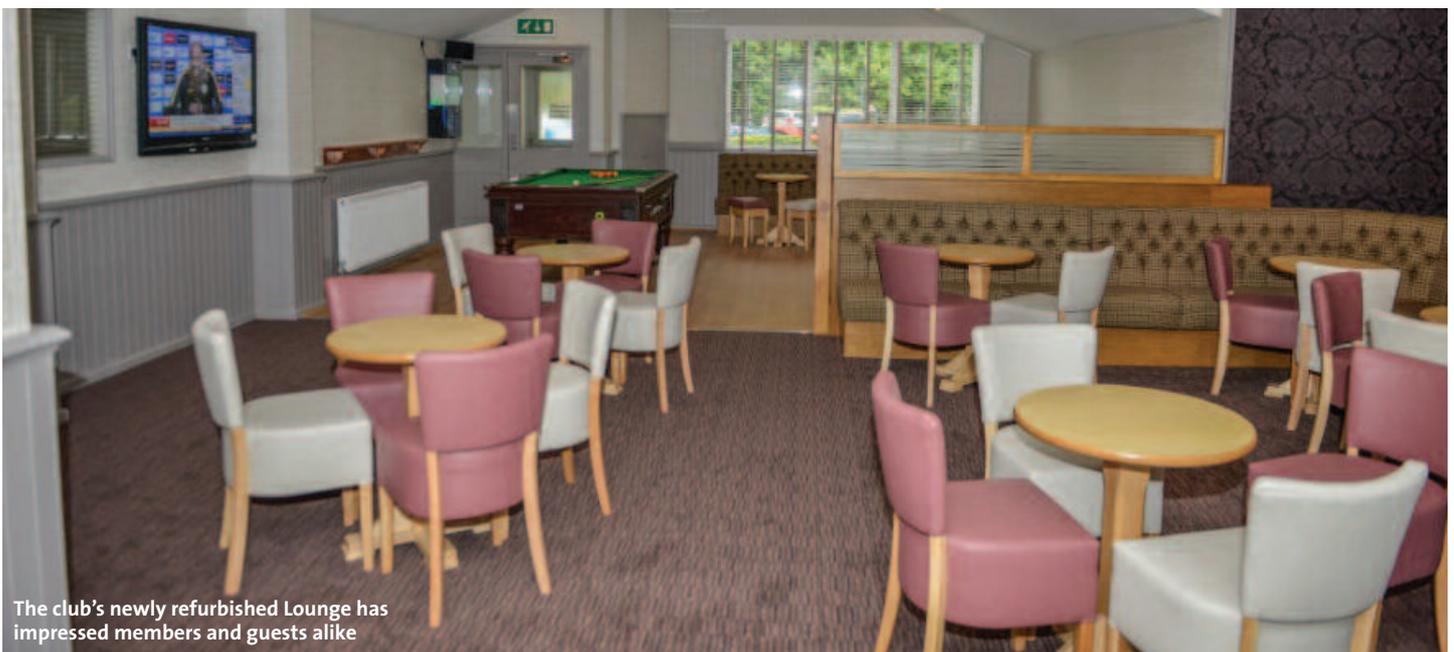
“The bowls section has about 70 members with a mix of ladies and gents of all ages. We

have one of the largest and best-kept greens in the area and we also have floodlights installed to ensure that our members get the full use out of the facilities.”

It’s clear that this ambitious and forward-looking club is doing a fantastic job in ensuring that its future in the community is assured for many, many years to come.

CONTACT DETAILS

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Contracts and Handbook still available from Branch Offices

The CIU Contracts and Handbook have been updated and reprinted.

They are available to buy from your local Branch.

The documents available are:

- Club Staff Handbook
- Club Steward Contract
- Bar Manager Contract
- Bar/Cleaning Staff Contract
- Bar/Cleaning Staff Terms and Conditions of Employment
- Bar/Cleaning Temporary Staff Terms and Conditions of Employment
- Club Staff Accommodation Contract

The club documents are priced as follows: £5 for each Handbook; £2.50 for each Contract (except the Club Staff Accommodation Contract which is priced at £1.30 as a special limited edition) and £1.50 for each Terms and Conditions document.

To buy any of these documents please contact your local Branch Office.

National Executive Committee dates for 2018

The dates for the 2018 meetings of the NEC are as follows:

- February - 7th/8th
- March - 7th/8th
- April - 12th, 13th & 14th
- May - 2nd/3rd
- June - 6th/7th
- July - 4th/5th
- August - 1st/2nd
- September - 5th/6th
- October - 3rd/4th
- November - 7th/8th
- December - 5th/6th

Annual Meeting 2018 dates

Thursday, April 12

NEC Meeting/Executive Dinner

Friday, April 13

Beer & Trades Show - Day 1

Saturday, April 14

AGM

Beer & Trades Show - Day 2

SPOTLIGHT ON... SEAN BELTON CMD

This month's Q&A is with Sean Belton CMD, who joined the CIU's National Executive Committee in January, representing the NE and NW Metropolitan regions

Q: How did you first become involved with club administration and the CIU?

I was first elected onto the Committee at Ponders End Working Men's Club in 1999 and, after a while, became the club's Games Secretary. I then joined the Finance Sub-Committee and, when the then Club Secretary announced their retirement, I threw my hat in the ring, and was elected in July 2006. In preparation for the role I studied and obtained my CMD in 2006.

The first CIU Branch meeting I attended was held at my Club in 2005/6, although it was a few years before I became a regular attendee – as a new Club Secretary, I found them a useful means of gaining information on the issues affecting clubs. I was then elected onto the NE Metropolitan Branch Committee in 2011.

Q: You must be delighted to have joined the NEC?

Definitely – trying hard not to sound too pompous, it is an honour to be elected to represent the clubs within the NE and NW Metropolitan regions, and I hope that I will be able to provide them with an effective voice on the NEC for at least the next two years.

Q: How are clubs in your area generally faring at the moment?

I think that while most clubs are doing okay at the moment, it is becoming an increasing struggle to keep balances in the positive.

The problem for all of us is that while costs continue to increase, the number of areas where savings can be achieved are beginning to run thin – and members will not tolerate major price increases as many of them are experiencing the same difficulties with their own finances.

Q: You're the Games Secretary for North East Met – how important are games/sports to CIU clubs?

At a local level, games and sports are vital to clubs – active participation in local and regional leagues brings in significant income, especially at times during the week when clubs would otherwise be empty.

It can also have the beneficial effect of introducing people who have never visited clubs before to their facilities and other activities, which they may then wish to

Sean Belton
CMD



participate in – at Ponders End we have gained several new members this way. It would be good if more clubs would participate in Branch and National CIU competitions – unfortunately numbers are starting to decline as work and other commitments have reduced the numbers prepared to travel and participate. This is a shame as competition days, particularly for the Branch games, can be great social events.

Q: If the Prime Minister offered you three wishes on behalf of clubs, what would they be?

I know that this has been said in the past, but a review of Business Rates is needed – the latest revaluation has done a lot of clubs no favours, especially in areas where other property prices have rocketed.

Secondly, some additional help for clubs in managing both the increase in the minimum wage, and Auto-enrolment pension schemes would be useful. In April the minimum rate goes up by over 4%, while the employer pension contributions are doubling, so an increase in the employment allowance would help to alleviate this.

Lastly, and this is a more general plea, I'd like the Government to spend less time on Brexit, and more effort on actually running the country. Every day there are reports of public services in crisis, and despite the promises, there is a general lack of action or co-ordination.

Q: What are the most positive signs you've seen in the club sector in the past three years?

I don't think that there have been any widespread improvements in the sector in

recent years, although I was impressed with the TV companies' response to the Business Rates revaluation on their charges (using the lesser of the 2010 / 2015 valuations) – I only hope that this doesn't change!

Relationships between clubs and the major breweries still remain positive, although this is probably due to the number of pubs and clubs closing down reducing their sales base.

Q: If you could award an OCE (Order of the Club Empire) who would it be to and why?

I apologise if I make him cringe at reading this, but my NEC predecessor John Baker would be a worthy recipient of the award.

Despite whatever obstacles life puts in his way, John is always on hand to provide a word of sound advice to the clubs in our area.

Q: Who has been your biggest influence in your club life?

Apart from John Baker, the biggest influence in my club life would be my father, who passed away in 2011.

It was he who first encouraged me to stand for the committee in 1999, and then for Club Secretary six years later.

He was a union official for the ISTC (Iron and Steel Trades Confederation) for many years and, coincidentally, also served on their NEC.

Service Award Application Reminder



Please remember to allow sufficient time when applying for your Service Award Certificates as all applications are approved initially by your local Branch Office then approved at the monthly NEC meeting in London. All certificates take around six to eight weeks to be approved, engraved and signed.

Dates announced for 2018 Club Management Diploma examinations

The dates for this year's Club Management Diploma (CMD) examinations have been announced.

The Club Law exam will take place on Saturday, May 12, 2018, and the Club Accountancy exam is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2018.

These exams are about instilling confidence and helping students highlight their strengths in areas of Club Law and Accountancy.

If you pass both exams and obtain first place in both sections, you will be presented with your Diploma at the Union's Annual Conference in Blackpool.

The cost for taking the examinations is £10 refundable deposit per exam.

To apply, fill in the form below or download one from the Union website: www.wmciu.org.uk

The closing date for applications is Monday, March 26.

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CLUB ACCOUNTANCY (Saturday, May 19, 2018)

(PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS AND SEND TO:
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SUBJECT

CLUB LAW AND ADMINISTRATION YES/NO
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Tel: (024) 7672 4830;

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MEMBERS' CORNER

Informative articles which affect our life
by Dione Mobley

Wednesday, February 14 brings us the annual romance-fest that is Valentine's Day.

Ash Wednesday, the day on which Christians traditionally acknowledge the beginning of Lent, also falls on February 14 this year.

During some church services clergy will use previously burned ash to mark a cross on a worshippers' forehead as a sign of repentance.

Meanwhile, jewellery retailers, shops florists, pubs, restaurants and, of course, clubs will enjoy a Valentine's Day assisted boost in sales.

An engagement ring on Valentine's Day always makes a huge luxury statement and February 14 is the second most popular day after Christmas Day for marriage proposals.

However, no Valentine's Day is complete without a sentimental card and for many the

card itself will mean more than an actual gift. If you are looking for something really special this year and want to impress your loved one, why not consider a trip to the five-star Shangri-La in Abu Dhabi (although you may have to strike it big in the National Lottery to foot the bill!).

The hotel has an exclusive package just for this one special date in February which includes a private luxury limousine to meet and greet you at the airport.

Your accommodation will be in the luxurious Presidential Suite of the hotel complete with exotic floral arrangements, gourmet chocolates and not forgetting a vintage champagne waiting ready on ice when you arrive.

Before you leave you are treated to a very romantic ride by helicopter to take in the views of the city. What could be a better Valentine's gift than this.

St Valentine's as we know it today in 2018 has a rich history from the past and still holds many traditions from both the Christian faith and early Roman traditions throughout the world.

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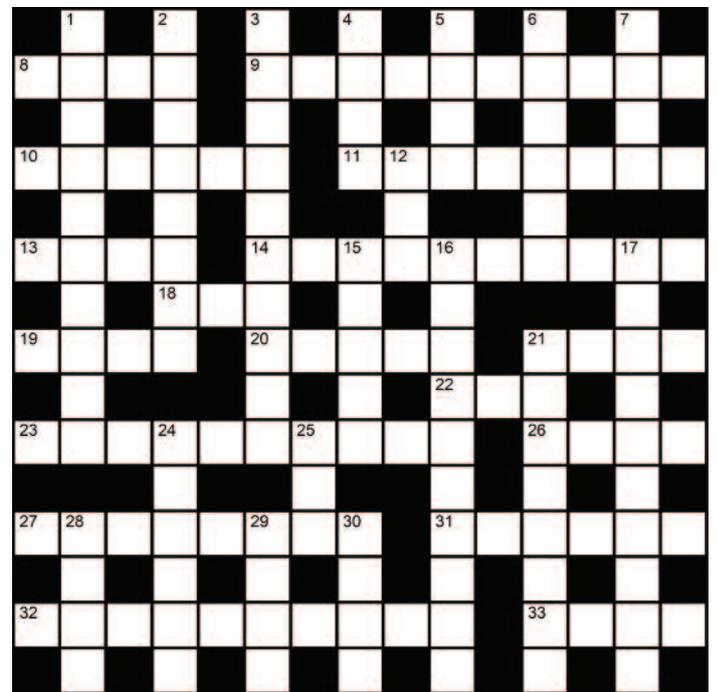
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ACROSS

- 8 Grid to be found in game shop (4)
- 9 How to crawl, powered by '4444' (2,3,5)
- 10 Explode with triple upset. (3,3)
- 11 "No bid!" is a way of discovering glassy granite. (8)
- 13 The amount of a church service? (4)
- 14 The original sob-story? (4-6)
- 18 Spoil the market share. (3)
- 19 Cut down, vis-a-vis passport stamp. (4)
- 20 Act out diatonic pattern (in a manner of speaking.) (5)
- 21 Ribbon of crack soldiers with a head start. (4)
- 22 Hotel-keeper has a 'moose loose!' (3)
- 23 Set, leaning over sweetbriars. (10)

DOWN

- 1 Get dealing crookedly, while assigning. (10)
- 2 Out of sorts char is made up with magnetism. (8)
- 3 Import coat style for countryman. (10)
- 4 Pudding was a good part of it... (4)
- 5 Slamdunk for charity! (4)
- 6 Edging towards being born on command. (6)
- 7 Care about part of the region. (4)
- 12 Cold reaction, say, to rough edge. (3)
- 15 A vain attempt to be like a bird... (5)
- 16 Writer involved in the joys of EEC jam! (5,5)
- 17 Densities have a way of becoming islands Orientally? (4,6)
- 21 Kneels, to accommodate bony frame. (8)
- 24 Laze around in car club shrub. (6)
- 25 Beginners' pub? (3)
- 28 Aha! Hiding some laughter in the back, eh? (2-2)
- 29 Ants in military pants? (4)
- 30 Rotatable piece has a familiar 'bye!' to it. (2-2)



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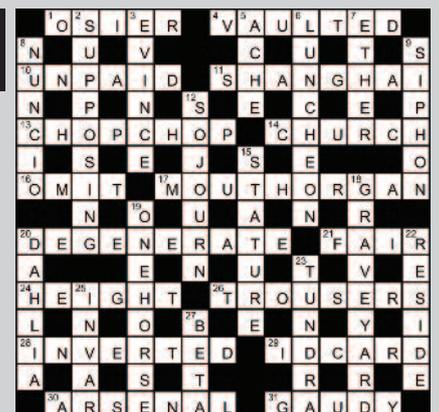
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- MA Gross of Hayes WMC
- Mr G Warren of outward WMC





Saturday February 10, 4.45pm – ITV
Six Nations Rugby: England v Wales
 The second round of the 2018 Six Nations Championship as Wales travel to take on champions England for this much-anticipated annual fixture. Wales' last victory against England at this ground was back in 2015 during the pool stages of the World Cup. Last year's encounter, in Cardiff, ended 21-16 in England's favour.



Tuesday February 13, 7.45pm – BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: FC Basel v Manchester City
 Last 16, first round action as Manchester City travel to Switzerland to face FC Basel. It may seem like a favourable draw for City but they will be on guard against the team which pulled off a shock 1-0 defeat over Manchester United in the group stages of this campaign back in November.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

February sees the start of the 2018 Super League competition as well as Rugby Union's Six Nations Championship. There are also several huge Premier League clashes for club members to enjoy

Friday February 9
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports Main Event HD
Super League: Wakefield Trinity v Salford Red Devils

Saturday February 10
 4.45pm
 ITV
Six Nations Rugby: England v Wales

Saturday February 10
 12.30pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal

Saturday February 10
 12.30pm
 Sky Sports Football HD
Championship: Millwall v Cardiff City

Saturday February 10
 5.30pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Manchester City v Leicester City

Manchester United v Stoke City, Monday, January 15, 8pm, Sky Sports PL HD



Sunday February 11
 12 noon
 Sky Sports Football HD
Championship: Aston Villa v Birmingham City

Sunday February 11
 2.15pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Premier League: Huddersfield Town v AFC Bournemouth

Sunday February 11
 2.15pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Newcastle United v Manchester United

Sunday February 11
 3pm
 BBC
Six Nations Rugby: Scotland v France

Sunday February 11
 4.30pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Southampton v Liverpool

Monday February 12
 8pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Chelsea v West Bromwich



Friday February 23, 7.45pm – Sky Sports Main Event HD
Super League: Warrington Wolves v Wigan Warriors
 It was a disappointing season for both of these teams last time out, Warrington Wolves finishing 9th in the final table and Wigan Warriors squeezing into the Super 8 stage of the competition with a 7th-place finish but failing to make it to the play-offs. Both teams will be looking to improve on last season's efforts.

Tuesday February 13
 6am
 Sky Sports Cricket HD
International Cricket - Tri-Series: New Zealand v England

Tuesday February 13
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: Last 16, 1st Leg - FC Basel v Manchester City

Tuesday February 13
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: Last 16, 1st Leg - Juventus v Tottenham Hotspur

Wednesday February 14
 10am
 Sky Sports Main Event HD
Tennis: World Tennis Tournament

Wednesday February 14
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: Last 16, 1st Leg - FC Porto v Liverpool

Wednesday February 14
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: Last 16, 1st Leg - Real Madrid v PSG

Thursday February 15
 6pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Europa League: Last 32, 1st Leg - Ostersunds v Arsenal

Thursday February 15
 7pm
 Sky Sports Action HD
Premier League Darts

Thursday February 15
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports HD
Super League: Hull KR v Catalans Dragons

Thursday February 15
 8.05pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Europa League: Last 32, 1st Leg - Celtic v Zenit St Petersburg

Friday February 16
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports HD
Super League: Widnes Vikings v Warrington Wolves

Tuesday February 20
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: Last 16, 1st Leg - Chelsea v Barcelona

CIU Sport/Games

Northumberland CIU Individual Darts Competition
 The Northumberland CIU Individual Darts Final was held in November.

The Final saw A. Dobey from Netherton Social Club defeating G.Lomas from Lexington Social Club.

Pictured, left to right: R.A.Hardy (Northumberland Branch President), A. Dobey (Northumberland CIU Individual Darts Champion), G.Lomas (Runner-up), W.Stoker (No 4 Division Executive), D.Richardson (Branch Secretary).



Tuesday February 20
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: Last 16, 1st Leg - Bayern Munich v Besiktas

Wednesday February 21
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: Last 16, 1st Leg - Sevilla v Manchester United

Wednesday February 21
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: Last 16, 1st Leg - Shakhtar Donetsk v Roma

Thursday February 22
 6pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Europa League: Last 32, 1st Leg - Zenit St Petersburg v Celtic

Thursday February 22
 8.05pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Europa League: Last 32, 1st Leg - Arsenal v Ostersunds

Friday February 23
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports HD
Super League: Warrington Wolves v Wigan Warriors

Saturday February 24
 12.30pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Leicester City v Stoke City

Saturday February 24
 4.45pm
 BBC
Six Nations Rugby: Scotland v England

Saturday February 24
 5.30pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Premier League: Watford v Everton

Sunday February 25
 2.05pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Manchester United v Chelsea

Monday February 26
 8pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Crystal Palace v Tottenham Hotspur

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