

'Unity is the key to recovery of the club sector' says CIU General Secretary Kenneth D Green

Since it was formed in 1862, our Union – owned and run by its members – has ensured that clubs across the UK can make their collective voice heard in a way that would not be possible as individual entities (writes *Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM*).

That unity of purpose has been at the forefront of the CIU's response to COVID-19.

The Union has been open for members throughout the pandemic, carrying on its lobbying of the Government and liaising with companies associated with our industry in order to ensure that the interests of clubs are represented during this very worrying time.

We have carried on offering ongoing business, legal and regulatory advice to clubs through the *Club Journal*, which we continue to publish each and every month.

Simultaneously, our website provides the latest information pertinent to clubs as soon it has been made available by the authorities.

The NEC has been very active during the past 12 months and it maintains our regular 'face-to-face' meetings via Zoom conference calls.

NEC members also took part in a CORCA meeting in January over the same medium, discussing key issues alongside similar club organisations who are working determinedly together to ensure that the club sector has a bright future post-pandemic.

In addition, Head Office is open for business five days a week to provide advice to our members.



Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM

The old adage that there is strength in numbers is as true now as it has ever been.

By sticking together as a Union and utilising our network of branches to help support clubs wherever they are in the country, we will see the light at the end of the tunnel and indeed come out the other side in a much stronger position.

It is very worrying then, that currently only two-thirds of member clubs have renewed their membership of the Union.

To lose such a large proportion of member clubs would be highly detrimental to our aim of ensuring that clubs are as ready as possible for the relaunch of the hospitality industry in the coming months.

It is worth remembering that 50 per cent of the annual fees total is returned to the branches to ensure their financial viability as they support clubs.

Please don't forget to pay your branch fees, if applicable.

I would therefore urge any clubs who have yet to pay their annual fees to do so, so that your local branches can continue to support you at local level, and the NEC can continue at a national level, advising on rule books and contracts, legislation, regulation and lobbying government.

United we stand – always.

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Welcome to the February issue of *Club Journal* as clubs everywhere await a roadmap from the Government on when we can reopen our doors in 2021.

With the vaccination programme now in full swing across the UK, there is every chance that things will be returning to normal in the near future and we can once again participate fully in club life.

As the General Secretary writes in his article on the front page, it's clear that the Union has a crucial role in helping the club sector to get back on its feet following this latest lockdown.

Ensuring that the Government hears our collective voice when debating the level of support required for clubs going forward is paramount to the Union's aims and we need the support of each and every CIU club.

We are conducting another survey this month to get your feedback on the current situation and the results will undoubtedly be a big help as we continue to lobby the Government.

You can either complete the paper version on pages 10-11 or visit the Union's website for the online version

Incidentally, one of our clubs – the California Social Club in Ipswich – was recently mentioned in Parliament in a debate on the wider hospitality industry and the effects of the

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pandemic, with local MP Tom Hunt not only revealing that he is a member of the club but also inviting the Chancellor of the Exchequer to join him for a drink in the club once the restrictions are relaxed.

You can read our interview with Mr Hunt on page 5 which includes his inside tips on helping to engage politicians with club life.

While the CIU continues to lobby the Government at the highest levels on the key issues facing clubs, clubs themselves can help our movement by proactively approaching their local MPs and Councillors to give them an understanding of how important members' clubs are to their members and communities.

Please keep your news stories coming in as it's vital that we continue to highlight the excellent community work that is being done by club men and women during this enforced period of closure.

Don't forget that Head Office is open five days a week and is ready to deal with any problems you may be experiencing.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

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Industry group urges further support for sector

Ahead of this year's Budget Statement, lobbying group UKHospitality has written to the Chancellor outlining the additional action it believes is needed to "accelerate the revival of the UK's hospitality sector, slash unemployment and bring the whole nation together".

The measures put forward by the organisation include:

- Extending the VAT cut to 5% for a further 12 months, and ensure it applies across the broad hospitality sector, to stimulate economic activity.
- Enacting a further business rates holiday for hospitality for 2021/22 to protect communities and repair businesses.
- Implementing a reformed Job Retention Bonus to allow continued investment in the workforce.
- Extending the repayment period for all Government-backed loans to 10 years, with an extra year interest-free.
- Deferring tax payments further, to December 2021, to allow full trading before debts to Government fall due.
- Extending the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme until the end of June, allowing flexible furlough.
- Assisting the hospitality supply chain so it can support the sector's recovery.

UKHospitality Chief Executive Kate Nicholls OBE said: "The Budget provides the Government with a fantastic opportunity to deliver a bold package of support to tee hospitality businesses up for a year of rebuilding.

"A wide-ranging package of financial support will give hospitality businesses the best chance of not just surviving the remainder of the crisis, but leading the UK's economic recovery in the years ahead. If we get what we need, hospitality can spearhead the economic recovery of the country, revive high streets and provide employment and investment in every single region."

Tom Forester bows out as Intake SC Secretary

Tom Forester, the hugely respected Secretary of Intake Social Club in Doncaster, has decided to step down from the role after more than four decades.

A club statement read: "With great pleasure also comes a great sadness as Intake Social Club in Doncaster announces, that after 43 years of absolute dedication to the Intake Social Club, Mr Tom Forester has retired from his position as Secretary of the club.

"We would personally like to thank him for all his hard work and everything that he has put into the club.

"Tom has always been a great asset to our club and will be sadly missed.

"It goes without saying that we would all like to wish him all the best for the future."

Following the announcement, the club's Facebook site was flooded with tributes to Tom's remarkable service to the club with one club member, Mick Reader, saying: "It's no surprise to me that the Intake Club is the only watering hole left in the area. This is not down to luck; this is down to Tom and his excellent business skills, great leadership, honesty, integrity and dedication to making the club what it is today.

"Have a great retirement, Tom, it is well deserved."

News in brief



March rematch date set between Alexander Povetkin and Dillian Whyte

British heavyweight Dillian Whyte will have the chance to get his revenge against Alexander Povetkin as Matchroom Boxing confirmed their rematch for Saturday, March 6.

The Russian, 41, produced a stunning knockout win in the fifth-round of their WBC interim title bout in August.

Whyte, 32, was originally set to meet Povetkin for a second time in late November 2020 at Wembley Arena.

However, the fight was postponed after the veteran Russian tested positive for COVID-19.

"This is the fight of my career – the fight of my life," said Whyte. "I was ready to go in November. I can quickly accept defeat and a setback. I'm very adaptable. For me it was a loss, but I did a lot of good things.

"It was a good fight [in August]. I think back on it, I should have jumped at him earlier. I let him back into the fight."

Povetkin said he "felt great" having recovered from COVID-19 and said he wanted another shot at a world title fight.

Campbell Hatton, 19, son of ex-world champion Ricky Hatton, will make his professional debut on the same card with the evening's action broadcast on Sky Sports Box Office.

CLUB NOTICES

Club Withdrawn

Wroughton Club (Western Counties Branch)

Salisbury Castle Street Social Club (Western Counties Club)

News in brief



Heineken UK integrates Blade system into online Beerwulf.com store

Heineken UK has upped its online presence of Blade, the countertop draught system, by integrating it into Beerwulf.com, the brewer's online consumer store.

Part of the Heineken Group, online ecommerce platform Beerwulf.com will now manage all direct-to-consumer sales, marketing and distribution, while Heineken UK will continue to service Heineken business customers, including clubs, through its sales teams and partner wholesalers.

Blade is a beer dispense system that allows users to serve a freshly poured pint of draught beer, without the need for a cellar or traditional equipment.

A number of different beer brands and styles are available in eight-litre kegs for Blade, and the range is continuing to grow.

Heineken 0.0 was one of the first products available on Blade and for clubs, one of the key benefits is that Blade provides the technology to offer draught alcohol-free beer.

Heineken 0.0 was one of the first products available on Blade and has helped grow the popularity of alcohol-free beer.

Head of Blade at Heineken UK, Otto Esser, said: "Incorporating Blade into Beerwulf's online platform is good news for consumers as it will be much easier to browse, order and track their deliveries.

"With a range of beers available from Birra Moretti through to Heineken 0.0, it shows that for consumers, it's not just about the alcohol, it's the enjoyment and aesthetics of a pint of crisp, cold and refreshing beer."

California Social Club mentioned in Parliament



California Social Club, Ipswich – mentioned during a Parliamentary debate about support for the hospitality industry during the pandemic

California Social Club in Ipswich was recently mentioned at a debate in Parliament concerning the support available to the hospitality industry during the continuing lockdown.

During a session of questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak, Ipswich MP Tom Hunt revealed that he is a member of California Social Club and asked what further support might be given to clubs, pubs and other hospitality venues ahead of March's budget.

He said: "There is a light at the end of the tunnel. But when we go into that much better place I want to make sure that all our great pubs, restaurants and social clubs like California that I am now a member of – a stakeholder of – are there with us."

The Chancellor said he would bear in mind the measures suggested by Mr Hunt on how the Government could look at providing further support – including an extension of the business rates holiday throughout 2021, as well as an extension of the support on VAT – and added: "I very much hope I have a chance to go and visit the California Social Club he mentioned in Ipswich at some point in the future and I will bear in mind the suggestions he made for what is a vital industry for our local communities."

For our Q&A with Tom Hunt MP, see page opposite.

Success for Dartford WMC's lockdown deliveries

Dartford Working Men's Club in Kent is continuing to keep the drinks flowing to its members during the third lockdown, despite being unable to continue with the 'click and collect' takeaway service which proved so popular during the earlier lockdowns.

The club, well known for its selection of cask ales and with a string of awards from the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) in its trophy cabinet, has had to change the way it operates due to Government restrictions and has been offering a delivery service.

Open from Wednesday to Sunday to addresses with a Dartford (DA) postcode, the service enables members to order cask ale and pre-mixed cocktails via the club's website which will then be dropped off on the doorstep in hygienically sealed containers.

If an order is made before 1pm, it will be delivered to the member's address on the same day.

Q&A: Ipswich MP Tom Hunt

Tom Hunt has been the Member of Parliament for Ipswich since December 2019 and is also a member of the California Social Club in his constituency. *Club Journal* asked him about his support of clubs and the wider hospitality sector



Club Journal: Social clubs are sometimes a forgotten part of the hospitality sector but do you think that many of them have a crucial role to play in their local communities?

Tom Hunt: Absolutely. Social Clubs are an important part of building strong communities and must not be forgotten when we talk about supporting the hospitality sector.

In Ipswich they bring people together, and I consider them to play a crucial role in providing a good sociable space to encourage positive mental health.

CJ: Is it crucial that they receive the necessary support in order to be able to hit the ground running when they get the chance to reopen?

TH: As I have said previously it is important over this pandemic that pubs and social clubs are well supported so that when we get to the other side of this virus and end up in a much better place, the wonderful spaces that make Ipswich a joy are still there with us. This applies in towns across the country.

CJ: As an MP, do you have any tips on how clubs can get help create relationships with their local representatives?

TH: Local representatives want to be able to represent their communities as best they possibly can and being involved in social clubs is a good way to stay in touch with what is happening in our communities.

I am always happy when all clubs, including sports clubs, and social clubs get in touch with me to see if I can assist them in any of their projects.

I would recommend just reaching out by email or letter to invite your representative down or to ask them to support you in any way they can.

CJ: Would you like to see more MPs getting involved with the APPG for Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs?

TH: It is definitely something to consider. APPGs can be a useful way of addressing issues in detail. However, more importantly I would encourage MPs to get involved locally.

CJ: Are you looking forward to enjoying a drink at the California club when it reopens?

TH: I am looking forward to getting back to the California Social Club immensely. And it looks like I won't be alone. The Chancellor, Rishi Sunak, has told me in the Commons that he would like to come and visit once the pandemic is over!

Samaritans urging people to stay connected

The Samaritans organisation is encouraging people to have a virtual chat and a cuppa with people they care about during the current lockdown in order to offset potential mental health problems.

New online research from the charity has found that over half (58%) of UK adults felt that speaking regularly to friends and family either on the phone, via video calls or in person over the last year had a positive effect on their mental wellbeing.

Among these, helping people keep in contact with loved ones, feeling less isolated and improving their mood were all highlighted as common reasons for keeping in touch.

For more information, visit: www.samaritans.org

OBITUARY

John Davies

It is with great sadness that Llŵchwr Working Men's Club (South Wales Branch) announces the passing of former Club Chairman and Life Member, John Davies.



Known to many as 'Big John' or 'Pretty Boy' he was extremely popular and always good company.

We extend our condolences and thoughts to his family and friends at this very difficult time.

News in brief



Premier League Darts competition delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions

The PDC's 2021 Premier League Darts competition will be delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new campaign had been due to begin at Cardiff's Motorpoint Arena on February 4 but has been pushed back because of restrictions imposed by the Government, with the first nine events postponed until a later date.

PDC officials are hopeful that the league season can begin around Easter – depending on UK Government guidelines – and are still reviewing their possible options, with the tournament reverting to a 10-player format this year.

New world champion and world No.1 Gerwyn Price, Michael van Gerwen, Peter Wright, Gary Anderson, Rob Cross, Glen Durrant and Nathan Aspinall will feature alongside debutants Dimitri van den Bergh and Jose de Sousa, as well as one qualifier.

Each round will be televised live on Sky Sports.

News in brief



Alberta Social Club Steward loses seven stone after fitness quest

The Steward of Alberta Social Club in Jarrow has undergone a remarkable body transformation during the past year.

Paul Hogg (pictured above), 56, has lost a third of his body weight due to a combination of exercise and diet.

At the start of his fitness quest, Paul tipped the scales at 18 stone but lost six stone 10lb in order to get ready for a transplant procedure he required.

"I'd been trying to lose the weight – on and off – for around 20 years before I got proper, achievable targets sorted out," he told his local newspaper.

"I put about nine pounds on during the first few weeks of the original lockdown. I was just sitting around the house doing nothing.

"I said to myself, 'If I keep doing this, I'll just put all the weight I've lost back on again' – which I'd done before.

"So that was when I decided to start going out for walks, walking all over the place, which helped me lose another three stone.

"As much as anything else, I do the walking now just for enjoyment rather than to lose more weight. I've seen parts of Jarrow during the lockdown that I didn't even know existed. I just feel like a completely different person now."

Karen Marsh, who has worked with Paul at the South Tyneside Slimming World group, said: "As Paul's consultant I am so proud of what he has achieved.

"He's so supportive in group and has certainly inspired friends to join with him and has committed to his weight loss journey and maintained his target during these very difficult times."

Obituary: Irene Lawson of Radford Social Club



CIU darts pioneer Irene Lawson has died at the age of 99. She became famous for her many achievements on the oche during a glittering sporting career

I was very saddened to hear of the death of Irene (Rene) Lawson who passed away on December 30 at the age of 99 (*writes Dr Ruth Cherrington*).

Irene was a much respected and loved member of the Radford Social Club in Coventry.

She became famous for her many achievements at the darts board and also for what she did to raise the profile of women darts, particularly in the CIU clubs.

Radford Social's ladies darts team was very proud of their longstanding chair and ace player whose team-mates called her "Super Gran".

Irene played for Radford for over 50 years, well into her late 80s.

Irene took up competitive darts almost by accident in the early 1950s when she stepped in to help out a friend's team at Coventry's Howitzer Club. They won the game! No surprise they wanted her in the team after that.

After that auspicious start, she began to play darts more seriously for the Mayoress Club and then the Radford Social in 1956.

That's when she helped to set up the Coventry CIU Ladies Darts League with several team members.

Irene also played for the Jaguar Sports and Social Club and won many prizes, gaining local and national fame. The local RAOB club was another place where you would find Irene throwing the darts.

On her retirement from the game, Irene became Honorary President of the Coventry CIU Ladies Darts League.

When I first met Irene in 2008, I discovered we were related – she was a cousin of my dad who was also a keen club games player.

I was very pleased to hear that there was another club champion in the family. Irene showed me her scrapbook, a veritable treasure trove of history, and recounted her tales of clubland, including being encouraged to sing on stage at Radford Social Club as a seven year old in 1927 (this anecdote is recounted in my book *Not Just Beer and Bingo! a Social History of Working Men's Clubs*)

I feel fortunate to have known Irene and I am certain that across Coventry and indeed, the CIU, there will be hundreds of other people who feel exactly the same.

RIP Irene, I'll always remember you.

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LET'S TALK
LONELINESS

Local Connections Fund to launch second round of bids in the summer

The first round of bids for grants from the Local Connections Fund, the Government initiative which helps charities and community groups in England to reduce loneliness, closed at the end of January but a second round will be launched in the summer.

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) and The National Lottery Community Fund are investing £2 million each in the fund.

This will be used to fund hundreds of 'microgrants' between £300 and £2,500, so small, local organisations, including clubs with an annual income of £50,000 or less, can bring people and communities together.

The second round of funding will be provided by The National Lottery Community Fund and will launch in the summer of 2021.

The funding will help to bring people together in safe and secure ways – including by covering the costs of technologies and equipment that will help people feel more connected within their communities.

Funding can also be used to help strengthen organisations and their services through, for example, training and development.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>

Alzheimer's Society to stage 'Joke's On You, Dementia' comedy event on March 11

The Alzheimer's Society is staging an online comedy event to raise money for people affected by dementia.

Joke's on You, Dementia! will be streamed online on Thursday, March 11 at 7pm; tickets and sign up are free, with audiences invited to donate what they can to make a huge difference to the lives of people living with dementia.

Claim your free tickets to the comedy night at:

<https://alzheimers.enthouse.com/ps/event/JokesonYouDementia>

Delph Band Club stages online concert



The Delph Band take part in practice in pre-COVID times

Despite the pandemic putting a stop to the 2020 traditional annual Delph Band Club Christmas Concert, members of the Oldham club were treated to an online version of the event in December with musicians from the Senior and Youth bands performing in their own homes via Zoom.

The performances were then edited together then uploaded to YouTube to allow viewers to enjoy some seasonal music.

Meanwhile, there was disappointment for the Delph Band – and several other CIU band clubs who were due to attend – with the news that this year's Saddleworth Whit Friday Band Contest, scheduled for May 28, has been cancelled.

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Coronavirus Survey



Dear Reader,

Welcome to the second *Club Journal* Coronavirus Survey.

Following on from our earlier survey in 2020, these questions are intended to help get a current ‘snapshot’ of how CIU clubs are doing after a nightmarish 12 months of enforced closures and business disruption.

The CIU is determined to ensure that clubs have the support they need to bounce back once the pandemic recedes so we would appreciate you filling in the following survey.

The results of this survey will help the Union to lobby the Government on the key concerns facing clubs going forward, including whether the levels of financial support available are sufficient to enable the sector to face the future with optimism or whether further measures are required to help clubs hit the ground running once they reopen.

We will publish the results of the survey in the April issue of *Club Journal*.

The National Executive Committee

CLUB JOURNAL CORONAVIRUS SURVEY

(Please tick appropriate boxes.)

1. How many members does your club have? (Tick one box)

- 100 200 300
- 400 500 800-plus
- 1000-plus

2. What did your club do during the latest shutdown?

- Maintained communications with your members
- Helped the local community
- Used social media to build the club's community/membership
- Kept in touch with your local authority
- Kept in touch with your CIU Branch
- Kept in touch with suppliers
- Kept in touch with other clubs
- Offered takeaway beer via delivery service
- Offered club premises as testing/vaccination centre
- Underwent routine maintenance/refurbishment

3. When do you think your club will be allowed to reopen?

- March June
 April July
 May

4. How confident are you about the club's future?

- Not very
 Moderately
 Very
 Extremely

Do you have anything to add on this subject?

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5. After reopening, how long do you expect for trade to return to pre-COVID-19 levels?

- Immediately Less than 12 months
 Less than 3 months Longer than 12 months
 Less than 6 months Don't know

6. What further measures should the Government take to help clubs recover?

- Extend VAT cut to 5% for 12 months
 Create a further Business Rates holiday for clubs
 Create a further Job Retention Bonus Scheme
 Defer tax payments until December 2021
 Extend the Furlough scheme
 Reduction in Beer Duty
 Action on alcohol pricing in supermarkets
 Other (please specify)

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7. Which funding schemes/grants have you accessed during the pandemic?

- Furlough Job Retention Scheme
 Bounce Back Loans
 Business interruption Loan Scheme
 Business support grants
 Other (please specify)

8. Did your club suppliers maintain contact during the shutdown?

- Yes
 No

9. Have you received any support from your club suppliers during the pandemic?

- None
 They have not contacted me
 They have been supportive
 They have provided loans/funding
 They have provided discounted goods
 They were involved with our takeaway service

10. What support would you like to receive from your club suppliers?

- Attractive payment terms
 Lower minimum orders
 Marketing advice/support
 Digital advice/support
 Clear/regular communications

11. Potential areas for growth in the future

- Locals looking for better value
 Community now more aware of the club
 Being local/people travelling less
 Hub for all activities in the area
 Social hub
 Pub customers will come to the club
 Other (please specify)

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12. Will your club change significantly how it operates in any of the following areas?

- Live entertainment
 Drinks offering
 Indoor sports/games
 Private functions
 Cashless payments
 Staffing
 Showing live sport
 Other (please specify)

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13. Do you believe that the continuing progress of the vaccination programme will help clubs to return to pre-COVID levels of trade?

- Yes
 No
 Don't Know

Do you have anything further to say on this subject?

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Post to: ACP, Club Journal Survey, Gainsborough House, 59/60 Thames Street, Windsor, SW4 1TX. Alternatively, you can scan your survey responses and email them to: info@clubjournal.co.uk

THE CIU – UNITED WE STAND!

As clubs gear up to reopen later this year, here's an in-depth look at the many services and benefits offered by the CIU to our affiliated clubs, including legal advice, the chance to learn about club law and finance through the Union's Education Programme and the opportunity to take part in national sporting competitions

Advice and Help for Clubs

Affiliated clubs can take advantage of the resources of the CIU through their local Branch Secretary and from Head Office with assistance offered in legal proceedings where matters of club principles are involved. The Union produces a series of contracts and handbooks which take in the current legislative requirements, including the Club Secretary Handbook which is regularly updated to include the most recent changes to employment law. The Union also runs an Arbitration Training programme.

Education

The Award in Club Management (ACM) is a qualification which comprises three self-contained units each taking one day of classroom-based study to complete. Unit 1 covers Law & Regulation, Licensing, Unit 2 covers Other Law and Regulations and Unit 3 covers Management, Finance and Administration. The course is open to all CIU members but is specifically aimed at people who are going to be sitting on club committees and occupying positions of authority within clubs for the first time.

Club Journal

Club Journal is the Union's official monthly magazine and is a must-read for CIU members. Each month the magazine features news from around the branches, club profiles, opinion columns from leading Union figures, business-building advice from the experts, sporting news and results, plus details of the CIU Racing Club discounts available to members. Each affiliated club receives one free copy of the monthly magazine while an annual subscription of 12 issues costs £7.50.

Charity

CIU clubs are at the forefront of raising funds for an array of national and local charities with members getting involved in a range of activities – from charity darts marathons and sponsored bike rides to special fundraising concerts and entertainment nights. As well as countless local charities, many national charities benefit from CIU events that are held throughout the year at our clubs, including the Alzheimers Society, the British Heart Foundation and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Lobbying on Behalf of Clubs

Union officials have been at the forefront of helping shape legislation across a number of areas of crucial importance to clubs through the CIU's involvement with the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Private Members' Clubs. This group, which meets regularly at Westminster, gives the Union direct access to both Members of Parliament and Peers from across the political spectrum. The CIU also plays a leading role in the Committee of Registered Clubs' Association (CORCA).

Rules

The CIU Rules Department deal with all matters relating to rules on behalf of clubs, the Union and the Branches. The preparation of all rule changes for the approval of the club members, the registration with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the printing through the Union's printer, are all dealt with at Head Office. Head Office also deals with clubs' affiliation to the Union. The Union has produced a Generic Rules Book especially to help clubs which are currently unaffiliated to the CIU.





Events - CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition

Normally staged during Conference Weekend – set for September this year – the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition provides a great opportunity for club delegates to attend a free trade show which is specifically designed for CIU clubs. The show provides a great day out as the many exhibitors – including several of the CIU’s Preferred Suppliers such as Dransfields, Heineken UK and Aon – show attendees how they can help increase profits and save money on running costs at their clubs.

The CIU Racing Club

In normal times, the CIU Racing Club enables clubs to take advantage of special discounted tickets for club outings to a variety of racecourses across the country. When spectators are allowed back into racecourses, *Club Journal* will publish a list of fixtures for race meetings throughout the year for which CIU members can obtain their discounted tickets, as well as giving details of exciting ‘one-off’ offers and packages, including racedays at some of the country’s top racing venues, including Chepstow and Haydock Park.

Sport & Games

The Union is one of the biggest organisers of sporting competitions in the country with trophies being competed for at both a National and Branch level. The following Indoor Championships are held annually within the CIU: Team Darts, Team Pool, Team Snooker, Individual Snooker, Individual Darts, Individual Pool, Dominoes 5s and 3s, Dominoes Straights and Cribbage Pairs. Many nationally ranked snooker and darts players first honed their skills at their local CIU club.

CIU Official Website

The CIU’s official website (www.wmciu.org.uk) provides a wealth of information regarding the activities going on throughout the Union, as well as contact details for Head Office and Branch personnel. It also has a ‘Breaking News’ section which will keep you abreast of the latest Government information on financial support for clubs during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as links to the Union’s Preferred Suppliers. It also has a database of all the clubs affiliated to the CIU.

Events - CIU National Charity Raceday

Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday is an annual event, held at Wetherby Racecourse in November. This is one of the highlights of the CIU calendar and the last event held saw 1,000 Union members enjoying a fantastic day out as they raised over £1,700 for the CIU’s Education Programme. The CIU marquee is situated next to the Winners Enclosure, with discounted beer and hearty food on offer. Normally, the CIU also runs an annual Greyhound Racing night each September.

PRS Tariff

The CIU has negotiated a special discount for its clubs with the Performing Right Society (PRS) which collects and distributes licence fees for the use of music on behalf of songwriters, composers and performers. The PRS licence covers music played through radios, CDs, streaming on the internet, music on TVs and also live music performances. The tariff for Members’ Clubs is printed annually and placed in *Club Journal*. It can also be downloaded from the CIU website: www.wmciu.org.uk



Clubs ready to adapt to post-pandemic realities

As the success of the national vaccination programme heralds a return to something approaching normal life, we touch base with three CIU clubs – Brafield On The Green WMC, Broughton WMC and Grangemoor WMC



Brafield On The Green Working Mens Club is ready to adapt to the post-pandemic realities that will face the hospitality sector in the future

Brafield On The Green Working Mens Club in Northamptonshire has long held a central role in village life and is ready to adapt to whatever the future holds in the coming months.

“We’ve been doing okay and have been successful with all the various claims we’ve made for Government support throughout the past 12 months since the start of the pandemic,” says Club Secretary Michelle Brockwell.

“Everything has been very clear and straightforward in that regard. It helped greatly that right back at the beginning of the first lockdown when I was putting in the first claim for financial support, I asked to be included on the local authority’s database for email updates.

“It means that whenever there has been a change, they’ve actually contacted me which has been a great help. I circulated the details to South

Midlands Branch so that the other CIU clubs in the area could receive the updates too.

“It meant that whenever a new claim form was available, they sent out a notification.

“We also received great support from our brewery during the lockdowns over the stock that we still held in our cellar when the mandatory closures came in.

“We actually took our time to reopen in July after the first lockdown ended.

“As a Committee we took the view that a lot of our members are in the older age bracket and the majority wouldn’t have been comfortable coming to the club and socialising.

“We did open a number of weeks later but only on Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday with limited hours.

“The nature of the club is such that we normally experience a drop-off in

trade during the summer anyway because we don’t have the luxury of outside seating, so for us the limited hours approach was the best decision to make.

“The club has been used throughout the lockdown periods however as we rent out the kitchens to an independent caterer which provides a takeaway food service.

“The club also receives rental from other properties which we own so we have had a regular income stream. We’re fortunate that we’re in a decent position financially.

“We’ve kept the club in the forefront of people’s minds in the village via social media during the times we’ve been closed and we’re now looking ahead to when we can get going again.

“Room hire for private parties is one source of income that was going really well before the pandemic struck

and we're hopeful that we can rekindle that.

"But there are plenty of unknowns going forward. Even with the vaccine being rolled out across the country, COVID is not going to be eradicated so it looks like we're still going to be looking at restrictions being in place for a long while.

"Who knows what the 'new normal' will entail when it comes to running a club?

"We just have to keep watching, keep our ears to the ground and adapt to what works for us as a club.

"We're ready to reinvent ourselves and ensure that the club continues to be at the centre of life in the village."

Meanwhile, at **Broughton Working Mens Club** in Brigg, North Lincolnshire, Club President Terry Finch is hoping that the club will be allowed to resume trading in early summer, around seven months after the club shut its doors in November.

"It's difficult to make any advance plans but I would think we'll be looking at May/June at the earliest before we reopen," says Terry.

"Obviously we put the staff on furlough right away during that first lockdown last year but when it comes to reopening it has been a very difficult balance to strike.

"We found that when we reopened and started paying staff again, it wasn't really worth it as our members were not coming to the club in significant enough numbers for the club to be viable.

"We had all the measures in place as per the Government restrictions during the times we were open in 2020 but it's understandable that older members were still afraid to go out and socialise and take a risk with their health.

"We're all ready to open up – I go in and check on the club twice a day – and as soon as the Government gives the green light and we feel that the club is going to be viable, we'll be welcoming people back through the doors.

"Traditionally, the club does very well out of hiring out our Function Room for private parties. We were

fully booked up for this year and it would have been brilliant for the club finances.

"I'd estimate that we've lost in the region of £50-60,000 in income which is a blow for the club.

"It's great that people are now receiving their vaccinations but it's going to take a long time for everyone to get their confidence back and start socialising again.

"Our club is the focal point of the village and we have our fingers crossed that we'll soon be welcoming members back as well as hosting plenty of celebrations like wedding receptions, birthday parties and other social events in our Function Room."

Grangemoor Working Mens Club is also a renowned hub for its local community and its Club Secretary, Mandi Edwards, is desperate to get the club back up and running as soon as possible.

"It has been so frustrating that the club has not been able to serve the community for such long periods," says Mandi.

"It's particularly upsetting that many of our senior members who rely on the club as their only social contact have been away from the club for so long.

"But we're hanging on in there at the moment. We had been saving money in order to have the upstairs refurbished but hadn't started work on our plans when the pandemic hit.

"We're so thankful that we hadn't spent that money as it's provided a crucial financial buffer over the past year, along with the various Government support measures for clubs.

"We did open whenever we were allowed to by the Government last year and worked really hard to ensure that club members felt safe by complying with all the various restriction that were brought in.

"Our members have been amazingly supportive over the entire period and it was fantastic how they responded to the various restrictions and did everything we asked them to when we reopened after the first lockdown on July 4.

"We had a very long socially distanced queue on that first day back which shows just how keen everyone was to visit the club after such a long time away.

"The reality of COVID-19 really hit home for us as a club when our Chairman, Rob Stretton, fell ill with the virus and ended up in hospital.

"Thankfully, he made a recovery but it just shows how serious the illness can be and why it has been so disruptive to life since the virus first emerged.

"We're hoping that the national roll-out of the vaccination programme will mean we can reopen the club in May after this latest lockdown and get back to serving the local community again!"



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Lockdown Quiz answers from page 24-25

Round 1 - CIU Clubs

1. Birmingham
2. Doncaster
3. Leicester
4. Coventry
5. Northampton
6. Shipley
7. Burnley
8. Bridgend
9. Ashington
10. Salisbury

Round 2 - Music

1. We Are the Champions
2. Las Vegas
3. Harry Styles, Liam Payne, Louis Tomlinson, Niall Horan and Zayn Malik
4. The Rolling Stones
5. Mozart
6. Tom Jones
7. Stevie Wonder
8. Frank Sinatra
9. The Combine Harvester
10. Helen Shapiro

Round 3 - TV and Film

1. Phil Silvers
2. 1976
3. Henry VIII
4. Calder Valley, West Yorkshire
5. Sean Connery
6. A restaurant
7. Morecambe and Wise

8. Two
9. Ben Shephard
10. David Coleman (hosts of Match of the Day)

Round 4 - Sport

1. St Andrews
2. Cricket
3. 11
4. 1896, women weren't invited to participate until 1900
5. Sheffield FC
6. 3 times
7. Because a snake hid in the long grass unnoticed and bit a player
8. The Principality Stadium, Cardiff
9. The Kangaroos
10. Bristol City

Round 5 - Geography

1. False, it is actually about the same rate as your fingernails
2. 90%
3. 11
4. Tenerife
5. Mauna Kea, Mount Everest is the tallest above sea level
6. 14, the same as Russia
7. Africa
8. Spain
9. Nassau
10. Durban

Round 6 - General Knowledge

1. 1912
2. Carry on Sergeant
3. Samsung
4. Dave Bartram
5. Jamie Oliver
6. Christian Kist
7. Aluminium
8. Lisbon
9. 20,000 daily
10. Robert Peel
11. Ag
12. Percy Shaw
13. Bee Hummingbird
14. Lewis Collins and Martin Shaw
15. Barbara Millicent Roberts
16. The loudest burp
17. A used furniture salesman
18. 24 hours
19. 1947
20. Peter Durand
21. Meerkat
22. Smack
23. Lily and James
24. Cillian Murphy
25. 10
26. Don Quixote
27. 15th

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Steps to success in communicating via social media

Social media is proving a key tool in ensuring that club spirit endures through the various lockdowns. Here, Carlie Hedmann of the Hospitality Social Media Awards (HoSMA) presents some top tips on how clubs can get the most out of the various social media platforms

Communicating with members has been more difficult than usual during the past 12 months but social media is proving a key tool in ensuring that club spirit endures through the various lockdowns and prepares members for that golden moment when your doors reopen.

Here are some simple but highly worthwhile tips on how to effectively reach out to your members, letting them know that you are thinking about them during such a difficult time.

Keep in touch

Especially in the cold, winter months, lockdown can be incredibly isolating.

Some members will be feeling disconnected and it could make a real difference just to hear from the club, even via a post on Facebook or an email.

Some 'back-to-basics' examples of ways to contact members include: sending out a weekly/monthly newsletter via email; news updates on your club website (if you have one) and regular posts on your Facebook account.

This can be something as small as sharing a post or status update once a week to keep the club uppermost in members' minds. For example, if you are taking the opportunity to re-decorate the club, post photo updates of the work and ask for feedback.

Connect members to each other

There is a great range of apps available that give you the opportunity to connect your members to each other.

This could be something as simple as creating a WhatsApp group.

This is good as it creates a sense of community and gives members the chance to talk and discuss topics between themselves.

You could use Zoom or Microsoft Teams to arrange a virtual meeting with a number of members at the same time – or even host a virtual club quiz.



Social media platforms are an excellent – and free – way of communicating with your members

Create a club challenge

A challenge is a great way to entertain your members. Not only will this inspire your members, but it also encourages them to interact with each other.

Here are just a few suggestions:

- Celebrate the history of the club by asking members to share their favourite photos from the past
- Ask members to share their favourite memories, such as a particularly memorable live act or a big sports event that they'll never forget
- Ask a question – members will feel involved and share their thoughts and experiences
- Get personal; celebrate every happy occasion, no matter how small. Think members' birthdays, wedding anniversaries or other family occasions

Connect with other clubs in your region

A problem halved is a problem shared. Get in contact with other clubs in your

local CIU branch and look out for each other.

Start a conversation; they may be able to offer a fresh perspective or share best practice on re-opening.

Now more than ever it is important to be talking. You will ultimately create a supportive network, all helping each other get through this strange time.

Keep positive and be there for your members

Most importantly, keep a positive attitude. The past year has been so difficult for so many people, so aim for your communications to remind them of the good times.

Whether it's an email, blog post, video or Facebook update, you want to write it in a way that will brighten up their day.

It will show your members that you care about them and can't wait to have them back! A cheerful update – no matter how little – really does go a long way.

And hopefully, before you know it you'll soon be posting social media messages regarding the reopening of the club!

Clubs await further support measures in 2021 Budget

The club and hospitality sector will be hoping for additional Government support when the 2021 Budget is announced at Parliament on March 3. Any new announcements by the Government which are pertinent to CIU clubs will be published on the Union's official website: www.wmciu.org.uk

After 12 months of disruption and enforced closures to the hospitality industry due to the COVID-19 pandemic, clubs will be hoping that the Government provides further support for the sector in the upcoming budget which is due to be unveiled on March 3.

Several MPs have proposed that the temporary VAT cut for the hospitality sector should be extended for a significant period in order to help venues get back on their feet once the restrictions are relaxed.

The latest support measure to help clubs was announced in January with Chancellor Rushi Sunak putting in place a one-off grant worth up to £9,000 to businesses in the hospitality, retail and leisure sectors who were forced to close in the third national lockdown that was introduced in England after Christmas.

The grant, administered by local authorities, awards £4,000 to businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or under; £6,000 for businesses with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000; and £9,000 for businesses with a rateable value of over £51,000.

In addition, the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (Furlough Scheme) has been extended until the end of April 2021.

The Government will cover the cost of 80 per cent of the wages of furloughed employees for hours not worked – employers still have to cover NICs and pension contributions.

Meanwhile, businesses across the UK have until the end of March to access the Bounce Back Loan Scheme and Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme.

The Government also temporarily cut VAT on hospitality from 20 per cent to 5 per cent and instituted business rates holidays for eligible businesses across the retail, hospitality



Clubs will hope for additional support in the Budget announcement on March 3 and leisure sectors.

The existing grant scheme for closed clubs is still applicable with English clubs able to access funds as follows:

- For properties with a rateable value of £15,000 or under, grants to be awarded of £1,334 per month, or £667 per two weeks
- For properties with a rateable value of between £15,000-£51,000 grants to be £2,000 per month, or £1,000 per two weeks
- For properties with a rateable value of £51,000 or over grants to be £3,000 per month, or £1,500 per two weeks.

Clubs will now have to wait until March to discover what other support will be made available.

“Throughout this crisis, our overriding economic priority has been to support people’s jobs and businesses through a range of measures worth more than £280 billion, including the furlough scheme, tax cuts, tax deferrals, loans and grants,” said Mr Sunak.

“There will be a Budget in March

when we will set out the next steps in our economic response to Coronavirus.”

For more information for English clubs, visit: GOV.UK

For more information for Welsh clubs, visit: GOV.WALES

Clubs urged to protect themselves from COVID-related fraudsters

The Government is warning businesses to be vigilant about potential scams related to COVID-19 and has issued the following advice:

- If you receive a request to make an urgent payment, change supplier bank details, or provide financial information, take a moment to stop and think
- It could be a fake – verify all payments and supplier details directly with the company on a known phone number or in person first
- Contact your club’s bank immediately if you think you’ve been scammed and report it to Action Fraud.

Supreme Court rules on business interruption insurance claims

The Supreme Court handed down judgment on January 15 in a test case brought by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) on behalf of UK-based small and medium businesses.

The case was brought as a means to determine the parameters and validity of claims brought under business interruption insurance policies.

Business interruption insurance covers policyholders for loss of income during periods when it cannot carry out business due to an unexpected event.

Six of the world's largest commercial insurers argued that only the most specialist policies provided cover for the unprecedented restrictions implemented as a result of COVID-19.

In its judgment, the Supreme Court rejected this position, instead finding largely in favour of tens of thousands of businesses who will now receive an insurance payout to cover



business losses sustained as a result of the pandemic.

The total value of such claims is estimated to be at least £1.2 billion.

Clubs should check if their insurance policy includes cover for business interruption caused by COVID-19. If you think business interruption is covered by your club's policy, contact your insurance providers.

For more information, including guidance for policy holders, visit: www.fca.org.uk/firms/business-interruption-insurance

Northampton WMC suffers delay to grants from Local Authority

Northampton Working Mens Club was hit with a three-month delay to the payment of a COVID-19 relief grant by the local council.

The club shut on November 4 ahead of the second national lockdown and has not opened its doors since.

However, the club experienced major problems in accessing the funds it was entitled to, creating major uncertainty as to the future viability of the club.

In the end, the club only received vital payments after their case was taken up by the local paper, the *Northampton Chronicle*.

Club Secretary Andrea Trueman said: "If someone had picked up the phone just once and explained what was wrong we could have got somewhere so much sooner.

"The club opened in 1832 and for so long I was worried we were looking at losing 189 years of history.

"The club owns the building and doesn't have any debts, we just have our bills. We're luckier than most, but still we were worried we could have lost it – not even to COVID but to not being able to get ahold of grants."

The delay in payment was apparently caused by a technicality with the club initially turned down for the Wet Led Pub grant, the Christmas Support Fund and the Additional Restrictions grant on the basis it "could not be verified if they had been trading on November 4".

Has your club experienced delays in COVID-19 relief payments? If so, please contact *Club Journal* by emailing justin@clubjournal.co.uk

Clubs look to Government for clues to reopening date

With the national vaccination programme now in full swing, clubs will naturally be looking for clues from the Government as to when they will be able to reopen for business.

While at the time of writing there has been no definitive word on the subject from the Government, Prime Minister Boris Johnson has said he will set out a strategy for the "gradual and phased" easing of lockdown in the week beginning February 22.

But in an address to MPs on Wednesday, January 27, the Prime Minister indicated that lockdown measures will remain in place until at least Monday, March 8.

He said this is the earliest date schools could reopen, adding that "economic and social restrictions" could be eased "then or thereafter", indicating that it is probable that clubs and other hospitality venues will have to wait a while longer than March 8 to reopen.

The March 8 date is based on the projected rate of the vaccination programme which aims to administer jabs to the most vulnerable groups in society by mid-February.

Other factors will doubtlessly also be taken into consideration on the reopening question, most notably the all-important R Number which measures the daily infection growth rate of the Coronavirus across the UK.

However, the Government has indicated that England will re-enter a tiered system of restrictions when nationwide measures ease, rather than a wholesale return to pre-COVID trading conditions.

Speaking about easing out of lockdown, Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab told the BBC: "I think it is fair to say it won't be a big bang, if you like, it will be done phased, possibly back through the tiered approach that we had before."

Hopes high for rescheduled 2021 CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition

Planning is underway for the 29th Beer & Trades Exhibition which is due to take place in September in Blackpool during the Union's rescheduled Conference Weekend



The 2021 CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place in September with the new date to be finalised

As announced in last month's issue, the 29th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition, which had originally been set to take place in April, will now be pushed back to September.

This follows the announcement by the Union that Conference Weekend has been moved from its traditional slot in the Spring to later in the year when, hopefully, the Government's plan to roll out the mass vaccination programme will allow life to get back to normal.

The event is the UK's biggest trade show for members' social clubs with an array of products and services on display which are all targeted at helping clubs to boost trade, save money and bounce back from what has been a dreadful time for the sector, while taking part in some fun activities along the way.

Already several key club suppliers have confirmed their presence at the 2021 show – see page opposite.



Delegates will be able to sample the latest products from Heinken UK



Dransfields will be running some fun competitions during the event



The speed pool challenge was a popular activity at the last CIU Trade Show

Exhibitors for the 2021 Trade Show

We hear from the suppliers who are looking forward to meeting CIU members in September



“We’re very excited about the prospect of Blackpool later this year. We’ve been a keen supporter of the Trade show for many years now and our calendar seemed that much poorer without it in 2020. We’re delighted it’s back and look forward to catching up with our club customers.”

Ed Cracknell, Head of Marketing, BT Sport



“We are delighted to be attending our sixth consecutive CIU trade show, showcasing our innovative range of products, specifically designed and bespoke for the club sector.

“We look forward to seeing you on our stand as always. We will be demonstrating our EPOS Control System, which is now helping over 1,300 clubs, together with our new mobile serving solutions which are tailored to ensure Covid safety for your staff and members.

“Stay safe, take care and see you in Blackpool in September.”

Chris McNally, Director, Club Control



“There’s no doubt it’s been a tough time for us all but it is great to see so many clubs continuing to support their members and local communities.

“Dransfields will continue to work with customers to assist them during these difficult times and I am therefore delighted to support the rescheduled CIU Trade Show and Exhibition once again. The positives of being able to get together once again and meet in a fun, safe and controlled manner are immense and will be a highlight of the 2021 calendar for many of us.”

Chris Haley, Managing Director, Dransfields



“While we all know the challenges our sector is going through at the moment, we hope your experience with Higos Insurance has so far been a positive one. We are all really looking forward to attending our first CIU Trade Show and Exhibition in September. We certainly hope that we can see as many of the CIU members there as possible, and the Clubs team will be on hand to talk to you about any of your insurance needs, plus the other services Higos can offer you as the CIU insurance partner. In the meantime we hope you all stay safe and well, but if you need to talk to us about anything insurance related please do not hesitate to call the team on 01458 270 303 or email hospitality.portfolio@higos.co.uk.”

Darren Siwec, Account Executive, Higos Insurance



“Great news that the CIU Trade Show will be back in 2021. We look forward to seeing our club friends old and new at Blackpool in September. This year will be a little different on our stand as we look forward to sharing with you some new ideas and technologies that will help clubs to save money and boost their bottom lines. In the meantime, stay safe and well.

David King, Director, Pure Purchasing Consultants Ltd

Date for September Annual Meeting to be confirmed

The 2021 Annual Meeting is set to take place in Blackpool in September. We will publish details of the venue and date of the event as soon as they are confirmed by the NEC

As the national vaccination programme accelerates across the UK, it is hoped that the Union's 2021 Annual Meeting will go ahead in September.

Arrangements are currently being made and the new date and venue for the Meeting will be announced as soon as possible in the *Club Journal* and on the Union's website.

This year's Annual Meeting will be even more important than usual given that it follows a two-year gap since the last one after the 2020 Conference was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



The 2021 Annual Meeting is being rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic



Union President George Smith will chair the 2021 Annual Meeting



The last CIU Annual Meeting took place in April 2019 in Blackpool with the 2020 event cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic



Union Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM will deliver his address at the 2021 AGM



NEC Member Jack Haughey CMD ACM at the last AGM

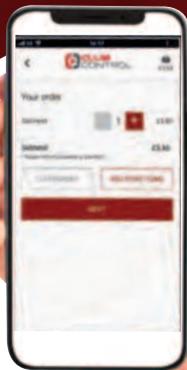


Durham Branch Vice-President Stan Summers speaking at the 2019 AGM

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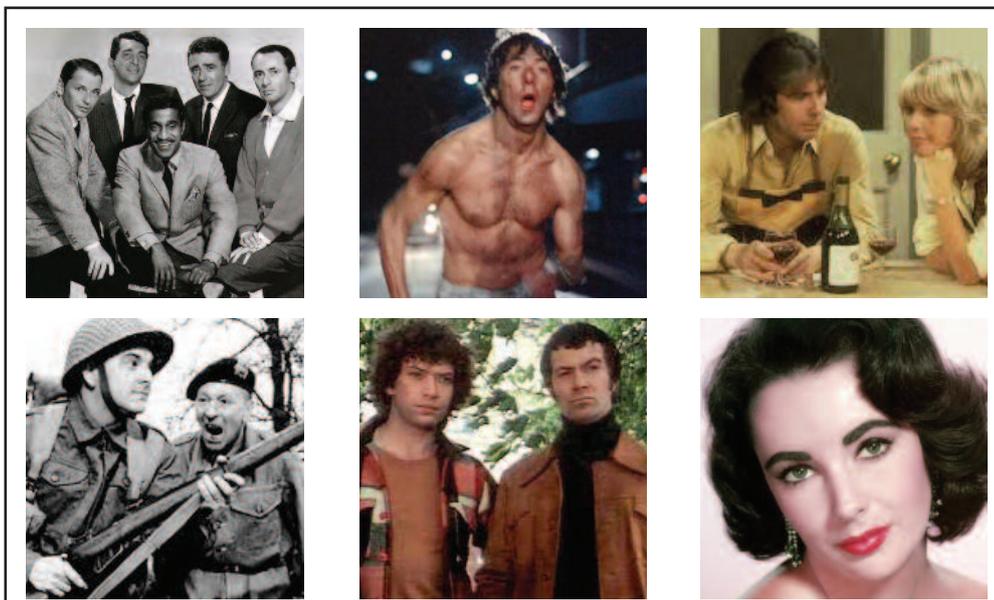
February's *Club Journal* lockdown quiz

While we continue to wait for our clubs to reopen, why not pass some time testing your grey matter on a variety of subjects, including CIU clubs, TV and films, geography, sport and general knowledge?

Round 1 – CIU Clubs

In which cities or towns would you find the following CIU clubs?

1. Yardley Wood Social Club
2. Hawthorn Recreational & Social Club
3. Saffron Lane Estate WMC
4. Willenhall Social Club
5. St James Working Men Club
6. Copper Beech Club
7. Rose Grove Unity WMC
8. Ogmore Vale Constitutional Club
9. White House Unique Social Club
10. Pembroke Park Club



Round 2 – Music

1. Which Queen song opens with 'I've paid my dues, time after time'?
2. With which US city were the group of singers and actors known as the Rat Pack most associated?
3. Name one member of the boyband One Direction?
4. Which legendary rock group recently launched a luxury chocolate range featuring a milk chocolate product named Brown Sugar?
5. Which Austrian classical musician, born in the 18th Century, outsold Beyonce, Adele and Drake in CD purchases in 2016?
6. Who sang the theme song for James Bond film Thunderball?
7. Who recorded You Are The Sunshine Of My Life in 1972?

8. Which singer played a US Army sergeant in From Here To Eternity?
9. What was The Wurzels No.1 hit of 1976?
10. Who had a hit in 1961 with You Don't Know?

Round 3 – TV and Film

1. Who starred in the title role of the TV series Sgt Bilko?
2. In which year was the film Marathon Man released?
3. Which English king featured in the Oscar-winning film A Man For All Seasons?
4. Where is the BBC TV series Happy Valley set?
5. Which actor appeared in the following films? The Hill, The Anderson Tapes, Zardoz and The Untouchables
6. What was the setting for the 1970s/80s sitcom Robin's Nest?
7. Which comedy double act featured in an episode of cop drama The Sweeney?

8. How many Best Actress Oscars did Elizabeth Taylor win?
9. Who is the host of quiz show Tipping Point?
10. Fill in the missing name in this sequence – Kenneth Wolstenholme, xxxxx xxxxxxxx, Jimmy Hill, Des Lynam, Gary Lineker

Round 4 – Sport

1. Which Scottish golf course is known as the 'Home of Golf'?
2. Which sport does 'hit for six' originate from?
3. How many hours was the longest tennis match that took place in Wimbledon in 2010?
4. In what year were the first Olympic games held and (bonus point) in what year were women allowed to participate?
5. Which UK football club is the world's oldest, dating back to 1885?
6. How many times has London hosted the Summer Olympics?

7. Why did Wimbledon change their optimum grass length from 2 inches to 8mm?

8. Which is the only Six Nations Rugby venue with a retractable roof?

9. What nickname is given to the Australian Rugby League side?

10. Which football team plays at Ashton Gate Stadium?

Round 5 – Geography

1. True or false, the continent shift is about the same rate as your hair growing?

2. What percentage of the world population lives in the northern hemisphere?

3. How many different time zones are there in Russia?

4. Which is the largest of the Canary Islands?

5. What is the tallest mountain on earth?

6. How many countries border China?

7. Which continent lies in all four hemispheres?

8. In which country would you find Extremadura Province?

9. What is the capital of the Bahamas?

10. What is the South African city closest to Rorke’s Drift?

Round 6 – General Knowledge

1. What year did the Titanic sink in the Atlantic Ocean on 15 April, on its maiden voyage from Southampton?

2. What is the title of the first ever Carry On film made and released in 1958?

3. What is the name of the biggest technology company in South Korea?

4. Which singer fronted the 1970s pop group Showaddywaddy?



5. Which now famous TV chef started cooking at the age of eight in his parents’ pub, ‘The Cricketers’, in Clavering, Essex?

6. Which Dutch darts player won the 2012 BDO World Championship at the Lakeside Country Club, Frimley Green?

7. Which metal was discovered by Hans Christian Oersted in 1825?

8. What is the capital of Portugal?

9. How many breaths does the human body take daily?

10. Who was Prime Minister of Great Britain from 1841 to 1846?

11. What is the chemical symbol for silver?

12. Who invented Cat’s Eyes in 1934 to improve road safety?

13. What is the world’s smallest bird?

14. Who played ‘Bodie’ and ‘Doyle’ in The Professionals?

15. What is the doll, Barbie’s, full name?

16. What does Paul Hunn hold the

record for, which registered at 118.1 decibels?

17. What did Al Capone’s business card state his occupation was?

18. What is the lifespan of a dragonfly?

19. Which year was the first Tonka truck made – 1945, 1947 or 1949?

20. Who invented the tin can for preserving food in 1810?

21. In the film “The Lion King”, what kind of animal is Timon?

22. What do you call a group of jellyfish?

23. What are the names of Harry Potter’s parents?

24. Who plays Tommy Shelby in Peaky Blinders?

25. How many legs does a lobster have?

26. What’s the best selling novel of all time?

27. In which century did Leonardo da Vinci paint The Last Supper?

For all the answers to the quiz, see page 16 of this issue.

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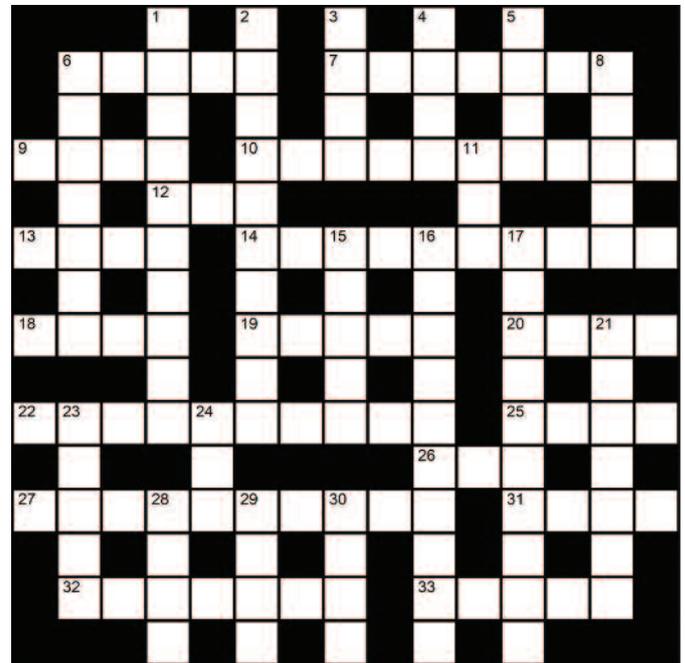
- 6 Where to sit/run meeting? (5)
- 7 Hint to lag about stopping (7)
- 9 Some assegaes, let fly at land mass (4)
- 10 Fights with thin resources for work in the dark (5,5)
- 12 Edward, shortly expected to finish (3)
- 13 Yes to a change that's simple (4)
- 14 Analgesic of a somewhat plainer ilk (10)
- 18 Bookrack store for veg.? (4)
- 19 Honour does have a drawback (5)
- 20 Gerbil could be lost on the young lady (4)
- 22 Tyres trying to keep out of the limelight? (3,7)
- 25 Inform William of the overture (4)

- 26 Payback time for terrier talk! (3)
- 27 Idol made from a pulse? (10)
- 31 Pier collapses, because it's 'mature' (4)
- 32 Pier got damaged in selfish holiday? (3,4)
- 33 Got up from a bloomer? (5)

- 8 Social mistake in cockney pad? (5)
- 11 Sheik's finally back from the resort (3)
- 15 Air turbulence with cleverness, up in the Arab world (5)
- 16 Legume that's been a dinky sort of thing (6,4)
- 17 Stay-dark quality from evidence that weighs little? (10)
- 21 A fall back that drinks again, say? (7)
- 23 Overweight honours? There's an eye opener! (5)
- 24 Rodent depicted in artwork (3)
- 28 Top is proof-read inside (4)
- 29 Narrator, eulogising about being a bit ripped (4)
- 30 Jet-propelled piece of cord! (4)

DOWN

- 1 Davy made it so he could say, "Bring my pal into a feast!" (6,4)
- 2 Concert instrument worth a £1,000 on the quiet? (5,5)
- 3 Chucking Nick out for making engine noise (4)
- 4 An idiot thing to do to the cream! (4)
- 5 Shrewishness leaves a bit to be desired (4)
- 6 Rode for the Tsars in a lettuce bag? (7)



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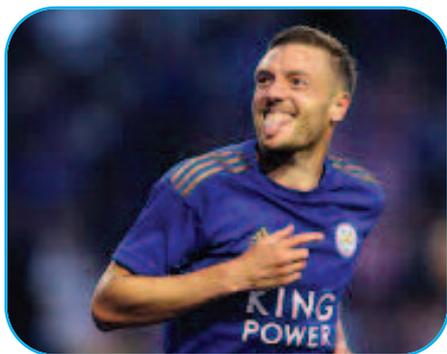
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Saturday, February 13, 12.30pm - BT Sport 1

Premier League: Leicester City v Liverpool

The Foxes look like genuine title contenders this season after a superb run of performances in recent weeks and this tie against the reigning champions will be a crucial test for Brendan Rodgers' side. Jamie Vardy, the hero of the 2015/16 title win, remains a key man for City and will be closely watched by the Liverpool defence.



Tuesday, February 23, 8pm - BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: Mönchengladbach v Manchester City

This should be a straightforward win for Manchester City given that the German side is making its debut in the knockout stages of Europe's top competition. Admittedly City have failed to live up to their advance billing on several occasions in the latter stages of the Champions League but will surely be too strong here.



Saturday, February 27, 4.45pm - BBC/S4C

Six Nations Rugby: Wales v England

The annual Rugby Union tournament continues as title holders England head to the Principality Stadium in Cardiff to take on Wales. The recent Autumn Nations Cup tie between these sides was a highly competitive match with England coming out on top 24-13 and this is likely to be another full-blooded affair between these bitter rivals.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

There is plenty of top-class sporting action coming up in February, including fixtures from the Premier League, UEFA Champions League, and UEFA Europa League, plus some big Six Nations rugby clashes

Saturday, February 13

12.30pm

BT Sport

Premier League: Leicester City v Liverpool

Saturday, February 13

2.15pm

ITV

Six Nations Rugby: England v Italy

Saturday, February 13

4.45pm

BBC/S4C

Six Nations Rugby: Scotland v Wales

Saturday, February 13

5.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspur

Sunday, February 14

12 noon

Amazon Prime Video

Premier League: Southampton v Wolves

Sunday, February 14

3pm

ITV

Six Nations Rugby: Ireland v France

Sunday, February 14

4.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Arsenal v Leeds United

Monday, February 15

8pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Chelsea v Newcastle United

Tuesday, February 16

8pm

BT Sport

UEFA Champions League Round of 16, 1st Leg - Barcelona v PSG

Tuesday, February 16

8pm

BT Sport

UEFA Champions League Round of 16, 1st Leg - RB Leipzig v Liverpool

Wednesday, February 17

8pm

BT Sport

UEFA Champions League Round of 16, 1st Leg - FC Porto v Juventus

Thursday, February 18

5.55pm

BT Sport

UEFA Europa League: Round of 32, 1st Leg - RZ Pellets WAC v Tottenham Hotspur

Thursday, February 18

5.55pm

BT Sport

UEFA Europa League: Round of 32, 1st Leg: Real Sociedad v Manchester United

Thursday, February 18

5.55pm

BT Sport

UEFA Europa League: Round of 32, 1st Leg - Slavia Prague v Leicester City

Thursday, February 18

8pm

BT Sport

UEFA Europa League: Round of 32, 1st Leg: Antwerp v Rangers

UEFA Champions League, RB Leipzig v Liverpool,
Tuesday, February 16, 8pm, BT Sport



Thursday, February 18

8pm

BT Sport

UEFA Europa League: Round of 32, 1st Leg - Benfica v Arsenal

Friday, February 19

8pm

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Premier League: Wolves v Leeds United

Saturday, February 20

12.30pm

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Premier League: Southampton v Chelsea

Saturday, February 20

5.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Liverpool v Everton

Sunday, February 21

2pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Aston Villa v Leicester City

Sunday, February 21

4.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Arsenal v Manchester City

Tuesday, February 23

8pm

BT Sport

UEFA Champions League Round of 16, 1st Leg - Atlético Madrid v Chelsea

Wednesday, February 24

8pm

BT Sport

UEFA Champions League Round of 16, 1st Leg - Borussia Mönchengladbach v Manchester City

Thursday, February 25

5.55pm

BT Sport

UEFA Europa League: Round of 32, 2nd Leg - Arsenal v Benfica

Thursday, February 25

8pm

BT Sport

UEFA Europa League: Round of 32, 2nd Leg - Leicester City v Slavia Prague

Thursday, February 25

8pm

BT Sport

UEFA Europa League: Round of 32, 2nd Leg - Manchester United v Real Sociedad

Saturday, February 27

4.45pm

BBC/S4C

Six Nations Rugby: Wales v England

Sunday, February 28

1.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Leeds United v Aston Villa



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