

Greene King becomes Preferred Supplier to the Union

Greene King has signed a deal to become the Preferred Supplier of beers and ciders to the CIU and will be showcasing their huge range of products at this year's Beer & Trade Show in Blackpool

Greene King has been appointed as the Preferred Supplier of beers and ciders to the Union.

This new agreement with the Suffolk-based brewer was approved by the NEC at their January meeting.

Union President George Smith welcomed the new deal: "We are delighted that Greene King has come on board as the Preferred Supplier of beers and ciders to the Union," he said.

"This is great news for our clubs as it gives them a very wide choice of drinks to offer their members as well as the support of one of the UK's most respected and historic brewers."

John Axon, Key Account Manager, Greene King Brewing & Brands, added: "We're very excited to be embarking on this new partnership with the CIU and its member clubs.

"Greene King is a one-stop shop for clubs as a supplier of a huge range of market-leading brands across all drinks categories whether that be ales, lagers, ciders, wines or spirits.

"We also offer unrivalled business support to help you increase trade and ensure your members enjoy the best possible experience each and every time they go to the bar."

As part of the new agreement, Greene King is offering a guaranteed price for 12 months for the first 200 CIU clubs which sign up with them.

Given its new status as the Preferred Supplier to the Union, Greene King has also confirmed its attendance at the 31st Beer & Trades Exhibition at the Norbreck Castle



Greene King is the new Preferred Supplier of beers and ciders to the Union

Hotel in Blackpool on Friday, April 14, the day before the Union's Annual Meeting.

Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM said: "We look forward to welcoming Greene King to the CIU family at this year's Beer & Trades Show in Blackpool in April.

"This is a great opportunity for clubs to speak to representatives of Greene King as well as sample their products."

● **For more information on Greene King's wide-ranging portfolio of brands, as well as further details on the business support which they offer to their customers, please read the feature on pages 18-19.**

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Welcome to the February issue of *Club Journal*.

As you will see from the story on this month's front page, we are delighted to welcome Greene King on board as the Union's Preferred Supplier of beers and ciders.

The new partnership is a very exciting one given Greene King's status as one of the UK's leading brewers with a heritage going back over 200 years, not to mention the wide-ranging portfolio of brands which they can supply to clubs.

I am sure delegates will be eager to sample the company's products at our Beer & Trades Exhibition during Conference Weekend in April.

For an in-depth look at what Greene King can offer your club, see the feature on pages 18-19.

Talking of Conference Weekend, the planning continues for this key date in the CIU calendar with plenty of activity taking place over April 14-15.

As well as the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 15 and the aforementioned trade show, there will also be a CIU Showcase Event taking place on the evening of Friday, April 14 with a host of live acts performing at the Viva venue in central Blackpool - watch this space for further details.

Welcome

Meanwhile, our 'Club of the Month' for February is Higham Village Club in Kent.

The club is celebrating its 130th anniversary in 2023, having been founded in 1893 and becoming a member of the CIU in that same year.

For a full profile of this flourishing club, see pages 20-23.

Finally, just a reminder about the Union's newly relaunched Award in Club Management (ACM).

As we announced in last month's issue, if you have a minimum of 10 participants, the ACM course will come to you and the three self-contained units will be delivered by Union lecturers over three Saturdays of your choice, at your club.

Please contact Senior Head Office Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick on 020 7226 0221 or email her at: Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org for further information.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

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Busy start to 2023 for Ealing ESC's darts players



Members of Ealing Ex-Servicemen's Club enjoyed a fun darts tournament on January 2

Ealing Ex-Servicemen's Club got the year off to a busy start with their annual 'Throwers and Chuckers' darts tournament, held on January 2.

The event saw the participating club members divided into two teams to compete in a fun tournament organised by Club Vice-President Andy Kent.

Meanwhile, the club was mentioned in the House of Commons in December when Ealing Constituency MP Rup Huq referenced the club in a debate about the provision for mental health services for Armed Forces veterans, having spoken to club officials about this important subject.

Fundraiser at Bridley Moor and Batchley SC

Bridley Moor and Batchley Social Club in Redditch held a charity belly dancing event – know as a Hafla – last month in order to raise money for a local homeless charity.

A professional award-winning Turkish dancer from London – Sureya – performed along with dancers from troupes across the West Midlands.

Through ticket sales, a raffle, a spin the wheel event and generous donations, the club raised £980 for the organisation Socks and Chocs.

Event organiser Emma Wheate-Price, who teaches belly dancing classes at the club, said: "It was important for me to support a charity where our money would make a difference, and during these cold winter months, Socks and Chocs need vital funds in order to continue their work of providing sleeping bags, gloves and other essential supplies.

"It makes me happy that through our passion for dance, we are able to come together to enjoy an evening of socialising and a great line-up of performances whilst also supporting a worthwhile cause."

Emma organises belly dancing charity fundraisers regularly throughout the year at the club with the next one coming on May 13 which will benefit the Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust.

For more information on the May event or for details of belly dancing classes, visit Emma's website at: belly-jewels.co.uk

News in brief



ITV reveals plans to show 120 days of free-to-air horse racing from UK and abroad in 2023

ITV has confirmed that it will be showing 120 days of free-to-air horse racing during 2023.

The busy schedule is headlined again by all the major UK festivals and Classics including the Cheltenham Festival (March 14-17), Randox Grand National Festival (April 13-15), Derby Festival (June 2-3), Royal Ascot (June 20-24), Qatar Goodwood Festival (August 1-5), the Sky Bet Ebor Festival (August 23-26) and QIPCO British Champions Day (October 21).

Coverage of Irish racing in 2023 will include the Dublin Racing Festival, Boylesports Irish Grand National and Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby.

The Qatar Arc de Triomphe from Paris will also be shown.

In addition, the Sky Bet Sunday Series and Thursday evening Racing League return across the summer.

In total, ITV will broadcast circa 120 days of racing in 2023, in line with 2022 and having grown significantly since 95 days in 2017, the year the channel took over the terrestrial rights to British racing.

The Opening Show will remain in its usual Saturday slot of 9.30-10.30am on ITV4 plus there will be episodes every day of the Cheltenham Festival, Aintree Festival, and Royal Ascot.

The coverage will once again be fronted by presenters Ed Chamberlin (pictured above) and Francesca Cumani.

Richard Willoughby, ITV Racing Editor, said: "We have put together a comprehensive programme at home and internationally showcasing the very best of horse racing. It's going to be another busy year both sides of the camera, but we can't wait to take viewers at home to the heart of the action."

News in brief



Sky Sports to broadcast St Helens World Club Challenge against the Penrith Panthers

St Helens' clash in the World Club Challenge showdown with Penrith Panthers is among the 20 Australian NRL pre-season fixtures being shown live on Sky Sports ahead of the 2023 season.

Saints, who clinched an unprecedented fourth-straight Betfred Super League Grand Final triumph with a 24-12 victory over Leeds Rhinos at Old Trafford last October, head to Australia to take on the back-to-back NRL champions on Saturday, February 11.

It is the first time the World Club Challenge has been played since 2020 when St Helens were beaten 20-12 by Sydney Roosters at Totally Wicked Stadium and will see them attempt to claim their first piece of silverware under new head coach Paul Wellens.

Penrith are captained by Australia international and Rugby League World Cup winner Nathan Cleary, while Jarome Luai, Stephen Crichton and Brian To'o - all of whom starred in Samoa's run to the World Cup final last November - all feature for them, too.

This year's World Club Challenge at the Panthers' BlueBet Stadium will kick off at 7am UK time and be shown live on Sky Sports Arena.

The hosts were winners of the event in 1991 and 2004, while Saints were triumphant in 2001 and 2007.

Before that, the Super League kings face another NRL side in St George Illawarra Dragons as part of the NRL Pre-Season Challenge and that match will also be shown live on Sky Sports.

Meanwhile, the new Betfred Super League season begins on Thursday, February 16 with Warrington Wolves v Leeds Rhinos, live on Sky Sports.

Sky will also be showing the Round 1 clash between Leigh Leopards and Salford Red Devils the following day at 8pm.

Fixtures featuring St Helens in Australia

Saturday, February 11, 9am, Sky Sports

St George Illawarra Dragons vs St Helens

Saturday, February 18, 7am, Sky Sports

World Club Challenge: Penrith Panthers v St Helens

Honours for Fitzroy Social Club stalwarts



Fitzroy Social Club in Manchester held a presentation at the end of 2022 to honour two club stalwarts, Anthony Ravenscroft and Graham Chadwick who both received the DSA. Pictured, left to right: Graham Chadwick (Secretary, Fitzroy Social Club and DSA recipient), Geoff Blakeley CMD ACM (Manchester Branch Secretary and NEC Member), Anthony Ravenscroft (Fitzroy Social Club Trustee and DSA recipient) and Bill Simpson (President, Fitzroy Social Club)

Tractor Boys raise over £10,000 for charity



The 'Tractor Boys' celebrate their charity efforts at Hamsterley & District Social Club

Hamsterley & District Social Club's 'Tractor Boys' are celebrating after raising a huge total for their two nominated charities.

The group of classic tractor enthusiasts held a number of events at the club in addition to launching their own calendar showing members of the group alongside their vintage agricultural machines.

As well as featuring several times in the local press, the group was also recognised as Community Heroes in last year's Club Mirror Awards held in Leicester in November.

On January 2 the group announced that they have raised £10,280 which will be split between the Alzheimer's Society and Prostate Cancer UK.

Clacton Railway Club features on BBC show



Clacton Railway Club Treasurer Kelly Mann and her father and Committee Member John

Clacton Railway Club in Clacton-on-Sea has made a return to television screens on the BBC One documentary series *We Are England*.

The Essex club was previously featured in an episode in 2022 with a report on the work in the community undertaken by the club and its members, as well as its efforts to bounce back from the COVID-19 epidemic.

The BBC team made a return to the club to document their continuing efforts for an episode which was broadcast in mid-January.

Club Treasurer Kelly Mann said: "The episode looked back on the previous edition and sees where we are now and included individual filming with new staff members."

One of the main goals in the past year was to modernise the club in a bid to appeal more to younger people.

In the 12 months since the first episode, the club has put in new furniture and held several events designed to appeal to a younger demographic.

The club has also increased its social media output and recently introduced Sky Sports and BT Sport to attract sports fans.

Kelly added: "Last year was phenomenal because our hard work of seven years was finally coming to fruition.

"As we are a members club we have drink prices that are capped for our members and we've been able to hold these prices.

"Additionally for a second consecutive year we've been able to hold our membership prices and our events are free for members as a way to say thank you for helping us through the pandemic."

Club membership has seen a 15 per cent increase from last year with 40 new members joining across just three days in January.

Other innovative ideas include a partnership with Southeast Darts Promotions to host the Q School Sponsorship Grand Prix over six weeks in January and February.

Meanwhile, on Sunday, February 26, the club will be staging the second edition of the Gary Fox Memorial Cup darts competition.

The event is staged in memory of the much-loved and much-missed club member Gary Fox who passed away in 2021.

All monies raised by the event and associated raffles will be donated to the mental health charity MIND.

OBITUARY

KEITH YERBURY

It is with great sadness Head Office announces that Keith Yerbury, the Union's former Assistant General Secretary, passed away on December 24, 2022.

Keith worked at Head Office until his retirement in 2007.

He supported Jack Johnson and Kevin Smyth in their terms of office as General Secretaries during that period, as well as being assigned his own areas of responsibility.

The Union extends its sympathy to Keith's family and friends.

CLUB NOTICES

Club admitted into the Union

Llandudno Junction Labour Club
(Manchester Branch)

News in brief

BT Sport to broadcast England cricket team's February Test series against New Zealand

In February, New Zealand host England in a two-match Test series, with both games showing exclusively live on BT Sport.

This will be the first time England have played the Black Caps with Tim Southee as captain, following Kane Williamson's retirement from the role in December of last year and follows on from England's 3-0 Test series win over Pakistan at the tailend of 2022.

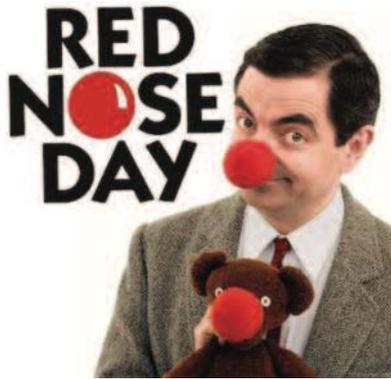
It is hoped that England star Jonny Bairstow will be available to return for selection following his freak injury earlier this autumn.

The first Test is due to be played from February 16 until February 20 (if all five days are required) and will be hosted at the Bay Oval with a start time of 1am GMT.

The second will be played from February 23 until February 28 at the Basin Reserve in Wellington and the start-time for this Test is 10pm GMT.

BT Sport will also be showing 'as live' coverage of the action during the day as well as presenting highlights of each day's play.

News in brief



Clubs urged to get involved with 2023 Comic Relief Red Nose Day on Friday, March 17

Red Nose Day returns on Friday, March 17 with people from all around the UK – including several top comedians and entertainers – ready to have fun while raising money for a number of good causes.

If your club wants to take part, you can visit the organisation’s website: www.comicrelief.com and register for a free Red Nose Day fundraising pack.



Newton Aycliffe WMC welcome singer Coulthard to the club on Saturday, March 4

Newton Aycliffe Working Mens Club in County Durham, known as 'The Big Club' will be staging a spectacular night of clubland anthems on Saturday, March 4 hosted by DJ Nathan Abbott.

The night will also see a special appearance by local singing sensation Jordan Coulthard who will be performing his recent hit *Miracle*.

Jordan is a serving police officer who released his version of the 1995 hit at the tailend of 2022 and found himself near the top of the streaming charts, even outselling Mariah Carey famous festive song *All I Want For Christmas Is You*.

Also performing on the same bill will be Sam Mac, another star singer from the local area who has a very strong following in the North East.

Tickets for the night, which are priced at £5, can be purchased from behind the club bar.

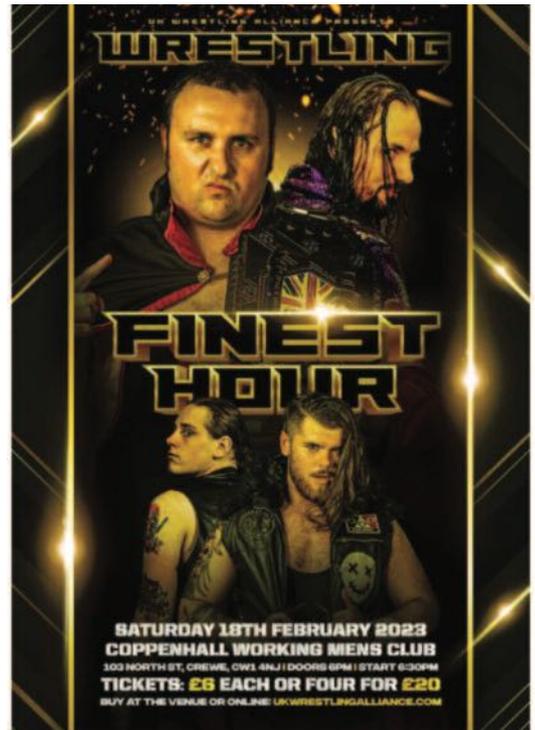
Coppenhall WMC set for big wrestling showdown

Coppenhall Working Men’s Club in Crewe will be welcoming a number of heavyweight figures from the UK Wrestling Alliance (UKWA) this month with an event taking place on Saturday, February 18.

The event, billed as ‘Finest Hour’ will see Charles ‘The Dossa King’ Kelsey defending his UKWA title against challenger CJ ‘The Unpredictable’ Rawlings.

Other wrestlers expected to be in action at the event include James ‘The Morningstar’ Irvine and Woody ‘The Gold Standard’ Anderson.

Tickets can be booked by going to the website: www.ukwrestlingalliance.com



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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. All certificates take around six to eight weeks to be approved, engraved and signed.

Egham United Services Club announces dates of 39th Beer Festival

Egham United Services Club in Surrey will be hosting their 39th Beer Festival over the Easter weekend (April 6-8) as they showcase a range of great beers, ciders and perries.

There will also be BBQ food available throughout the three days of the festival as well as live music on the Friday and Saturday evenings.

Tickets to all sessions between Thursday and Saturday cost £7 and there is a £1 discount for CIU members.

The club has earned national renown for its cask ale offering throughout the year and has garnered a number of awards from the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA).

As well as reaching the last four of the national 'CAMRA Club of the Year' award in 2018, the club has featured in every edition of CAMRA's Good Beer Guide since 2009.

For more information on buying tickets for the event and for regularly updated lists of the beers which will be available during the 2023 Festival, visit: www.eghambeerfestival.co.uk



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Badshot Lea Working	Comrades Club	Harrow R.b.I. Club	Mill Hill W.m.club	Rainham (Kent) Social Club	Toddington Soc & Serv. Club
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Beckenham Social Club	Crookes Social Club Ltd	Hednesford Ex-	New Delaval &	Rubery Social Club	United Serv & S.c (Hunstanton)
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Beechwood (Leads)	Mens Band Club	Hereford Welsh Social Club	Club & Institute Ltd	Rushden Athletic Club	Vange & Pitsea W.m.social Club
Wm Club Ltd	Darford Social Club	Herne Bay Ex-Service	New Haw Club	Ryton Social Club	Walderslade W.m.c.
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CIU announces a packed Conference Weekend in Blackpool

The key event during Conference Weekend will be the Union's Annual Meeting on April 15 but don't miss out on the Beer & Trades Exhibition and CIU Showcase event which both take place on April 14

This year's Conference Weekend in Blackpool is set to be a very busy two days of club-related activity.

The centrepiece of the weekend's activities will be the Annual Meeting, chaired by President George Smith, which will take place in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel on the morning of Saturday, April 15.

Delegates from across the UK will consider the Annual Report and Financial Statement, as well as vote on a number of Motions put forward by the NEC.

There will be full details of the various Motions published in Club Journal in the run-up to the Annual Meeting.

The Union's 31st CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place on Friday, April 14.

The event is the UK's biggest trade show for private 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 support clubs, while taking part in some fun activities and networking along the way.

All the key club suppliers will have a presence at the show, including Preferred Suppliers Dransfields, Greene King, Higos Insurance and Pure Purchasing so make sure you come along for expert business advice.

Making their trade show debut, Greene King are looking forward to showcasing some of their famous brands at the event and giving delegates the opportunity to sample them.

Then, on the evening of April 14, the Union will be staging an Entertainment Showcase at Viva in the heart of Blackpool on the evening, organised by Barrie Lucas from Showcase Productions.

The event will feature a host of top-class entertainers on the UK circuit and tickets (entry only) for CIU members are £10 and £15 for non-CIU members.

We will have full payment details of tickets as well as the line-up for the event in upcoming issues.

To initially reserve your tickets please email Sean Ferris: on sean@clubjournal.co.uk



The 2023 Annual Meeting will take place at The Grand Hotel, Blackpool on April 15



The Beer & Trades Exhibition will be held on the afternoon of Friday, April 14



The CIU Showcase event is being staged at Viva on the night of Friday, April 14

CIU Trade Show – The Exhibitors

The CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition returns to Blackpool on April 14, 2023. See you there?



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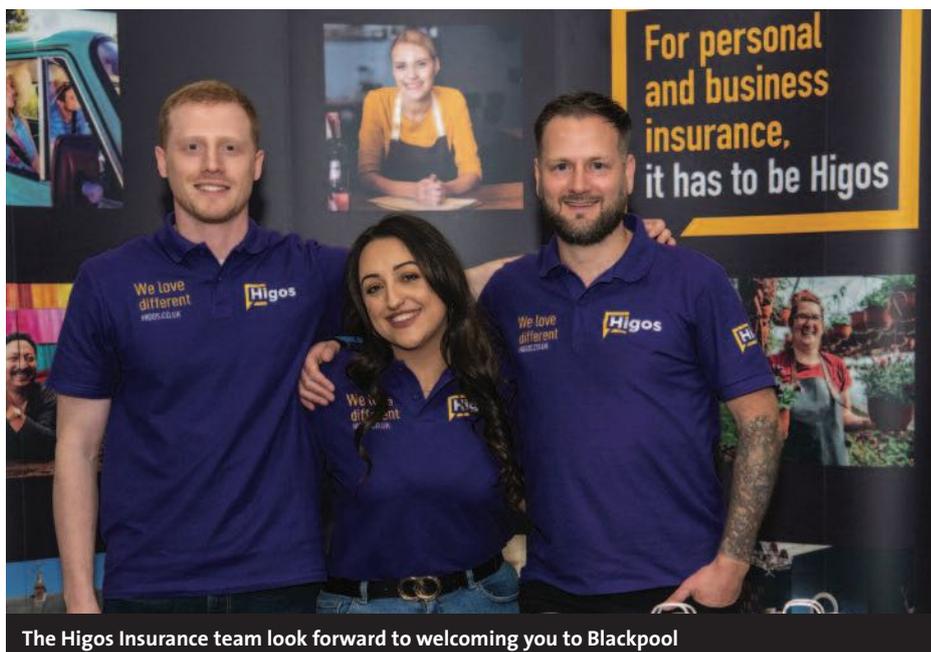
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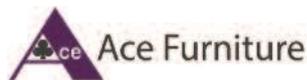
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Q&A: CIU Preferred Supplier Greene King

Following the news that Greene King was appointed as the Preferred Supplier of beers and ciders to the CIU in January, we get an overview of the wide range of products and services offered by the Suffolk-based brewery from **John Axon**, Key Account Manager, Greene King Brewing & Brands

Q: The vast majority of CIU clubs will of course be familiar with Greene King but could you give a brief overview of the company?

John Axon: Greene King is the country's leading pub retailer and brewer, running over 2,700 pubs, restaurants and hotels in towns, villages and city-centre high streets across England, Wales and Scotland.

With a rich heritage of over 200 years, we brew award-winning beers and operate managed, tenanted, leased and franchised pubs from our headquarters in Bury St Edmunds.

In the On-Trade we supply a full composite drinks service to Pubs, Hotels, Bars and Social Clubs across the country.

Q: Which Greene King brands are most aligned with CIU clubs?

JA: Our keg formats in Greene King IPA Smooth, Belhaven Best and Belhaven Black are successful in many members clubs but we also supply many third party brands such as Carling, San Miguel and Foster's.

Our portfolio of products is among the deepest in the industry which

means we can build bespoke solutions for individual customers.

Q: What do you offer clubs in terms of your customer service – deliveries, etc?

JA: We offer a “one stop shop” delivery service across beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks.

This is backed by customer service teams and a cellar service staffed by our own engineers. Trade Marketing supports our brands with regular promotional activity to help drive sales.



Greene King's portfolio of products is among the deepest in the industry which means that they can build bespoke solutions for their individual customers. The brands they supply receive full support, including branded glassware, point of sale material and promotional activity



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Q: How easy is it to place an order?

JA: Dedicated telesales teams can take orders or customers can take advantage of our online ordering platform.

Q: What about PoS and marketing material?

JA: The brands we supply receive full support with branded glassware, point of sale materials and regular tailored promotional activity to help our customer sell our drinks.

Q: Are you looking forward to the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition in Blackpool on Friday, April 14?

JA: Greene King sees the Trade Show as a unique opportunity to meet CIU delegates face to face whilst sampling our range of quality ales and lagers.

Q: What excites you most about working in partnership with the CIU and CIU clubs?

JA: Many CIU clubs will have not had the opportunity to experience our customer service, wide choice of brands and local support and we look forward to welcoming clubs to the Greene King Family.

For more information, contact Key Account Manager John Axon on: 07974 132226



Higham Village Club has been serving its community since 1893



Higham Village Club, Kent

Established in 1893, Higham Village Club in Kent is celebrating its 130th anniversary this year and continues to fulfill its original function of providing a social hub for the local community

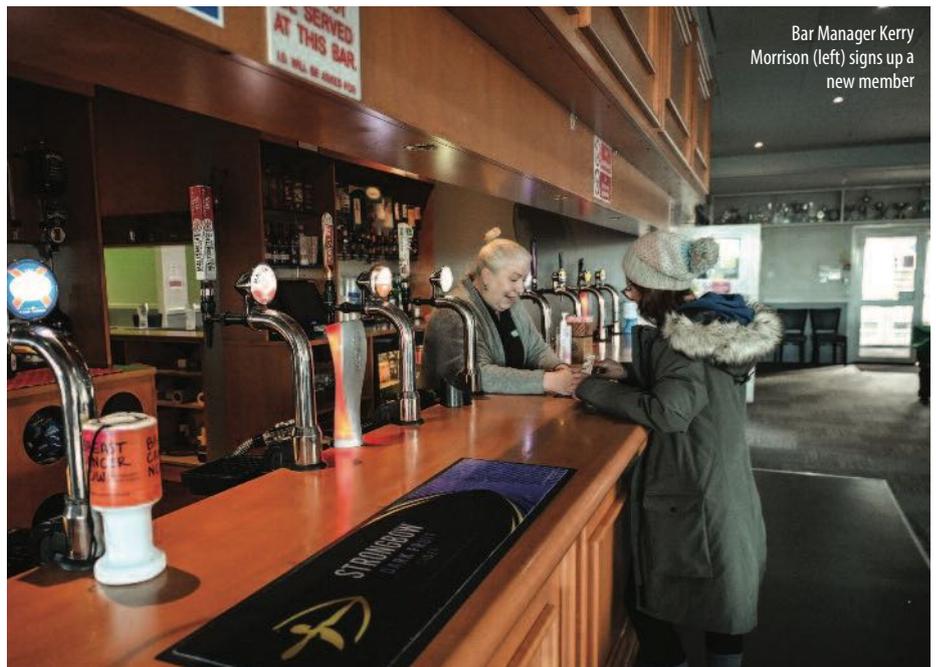
Situated in Higham, a Kent village on the outskirts of Rochester, Higham Village Club has been serving its members for 130 years and continues to go from strength to strength as a focal point for the local community.

Having been founded in 1893, the club is determined to make the most of its auspicious anniversary and give its current members the opportunity to reflect on the club's rich heritage.

"Its a massive year for the club and were very proud to have hit this milestone," says Club Secretary Mark Gray.

"We've hung big banners both inside and outside the club to mark the anniversary and it's also all over our website, so we do want to shout about this achievement.

"That we're still thriving 130 years



Bar Manager Kerry Morrison (left) signs up a new member

on would I am sure be a source of great pride for the original founders.

“It’s a testament to the various custodians of the club throughout the years and it’s even more of an accomplishment when you look at how many clubs and other licensed premises across the UK have sadly been forced to shut their doors forever.

“We have seen that process in our own village with three pubs disappearing and being redeveloped into flats, offices or shops.

“Of course, as any Secretary will tell you, there’s so much hard work on the part of committee members that goes on behind the scenes to ensure a club’s survival.

“Like all clubs we rely on the goodwill of people to give up their time voluntarily to do all sorts of tasks necessary to keep the club running.

“I’m very happy to say that we have a full Committee led by President Mick White and all the members are doing a really good job for the club.”

The club has a very keen sense of its history thanks to the work of local historian Andrew Rootes who has

provided some fascinating information on the genesis of the club and subsequent development over the years.

The club began life as Higham and Shorne Working Men’s Club on April 22, 1893, sharing a Salvation Army hut at the rear of Pear Tree Place in Higham village.

Back then, it was a simple two-room club with a Games Room on one side and a Reading/Refreshment Room on the other which would have been populated by workers from the many farms which provided the bulk of employment in the rural community.

A Committee was appointed and a Mr John Spoor was the first President of the club alongside the original Secretary, Mr E Cheeseman. The club subsequently registered under the Friendly Societies Act in November 1893 and joined the CIU in December that same year.

The club later moved from Pear Tree Place to a barn behind the Congregational Church in the village and became a centre for self-improvement. For example, in 1894, the club hosted a series of carpentry

lessons for up to 12 men.

In 1898, the club acquired the extensive land where the club now sits, on Hermitage Road, for £650.

This sum, the equivalent of around £108,000 today, was raised by loans from local people.

By 1903, the club had moved to one-room premises at the new location. The club was rebuilt in 1920 when it was renamed as Higham Working Men’s Club and further extensions to the building were carried out in the 1930s and 1940s.

Then, in 1960, the club announced that it would be building new larger premises, the result of which produced the club in its current form, with a large car park and a set of allotments at the rear of the club.

In 2003, two small uninhabited cottages which were situated on the club’s land were demolished and planning permission was obtained to build two new dwellings. The money from the sale was used to renovate the building throughout.

In 2007, the club was renamed for a third time, becoming Higham Village Club. The following year saw women



The club has benefited from recent refurbishments, including new furniture and carpets

CLUB OF THE MONTH

being given full membership rights.

Add in the fact that the club is now a limited company and that brings the club story up to date.

So, just how is the modern-day club faring in 2023?

“We have plenty of reasons to be optimistic going forward,” says Mark. “Obviously there have been many challenges to overcome in recent years, not least the periods of lockdown during the pandemic.

“While we were shut, the Committee empowered three people – myself, the Assistant Secretary Richard Tonkinson and our Treasurer Vicky Jeal – to see the club through that period.

“An auditor by trade, Richard was an amazing person to have in that situation given his skills with figures but he sadly passed away during the pandemic and is much missed.

“Like every club, we had a massive shock when the lockdown came into force and had to question whether the club could survive.

“It was only when the Government intervened with their support measures, including the Furlough

Scheme, that we could breathe a sigh of relief and look to the future.

“Once we reopened, things gradually came back to life and we are going in the right direction.

“Indeed, we have boosted our member numbers considerably in the past year so it seems that local people want to come and support the club and take advantage of everything that we have to offer, including very competitively priced drinks.

“We are a Free House so we make a huge effort to ensure that we’re getting the best value from our suppliers in order to keep the prices down for members.

“The quality of the beer is also very important and we have an excellent staffing team headed up by Bar Manager Kerry Morrison.”

Prices are even lower on Monday nights when the club holds its Monday Club with all draught beers on sale for under £3.

“That has been a very successful ongoing promotion and helps to keep the club busy on what is a traditionally quiet night,” says Mark.

The club has recently been given a

major makeover with new carpets fitted in the Main Lounge and new furniture installed throughout the entire club.

“It’s important to keep the club’s décor up to date and the feedback from existing members and from new members has been really positive,” says Mark.

Live entertainment is a regular feature of life at the club and in April, as part of the 130th anniversary celebrations, members will enjoy a performance by The Cockney Knights, while the club will be laying on helpings of Pie n Mash to make it a real East End-style evening.

“We have regular live entertainment evenings throughout the year, including tribute acts, comedy and family events,” says Mark.

“A couple of years ago we had an event with the former Northern Ireland, Spurs and Arsenal goalkeeper Pat Jennings and we’re looking to do a similar event with another footballer later in the year.

“In terms of the weekly activities which go on at the club, we have snooker, darts and pool facilities with

In April, as part of the club's 130th anniversary celebrations, members will enjoy a performance by The Cockney Knights and helpings of Pie 'n' Mash for an East End-style evening



our snooker team competing in the local league.

“We run a monthly Quiz Night which is incredibly well supported. In fact, it has become so popular that teams now have to phone up and book a table in advance in order to ensure that they can take part.

“Bingo is played at the club on Sundays plus weve introduced daytime bingo sessions on the first and third Wednesday of every month.

“We also have a ukulele band who do their weekly practice at the club, plus a weekly Slimming World group and a thriving pigeon section.

“We have a very active Allotments section with its own Secretary and all allotment holders are members of the club,” says Mark.

“All 24 plots are taken and there’s even a waiting list. We also have the option of adding some further plots by clearing some of our unused land which is currently overgrown.

“The holders can work on their plots and then head up into the club for refreshment which is obviously a very convenient arrangement.”

Private functions are an important

revenue stream for the club with the Main Hall very popular for events throughout the year.

“We do extremely well from the private function side of things and they really do help keep the clubs finances in a healthy state,” says Mark.

“Like many clubs we run a two-tier pricing system at the bar for members and non-members so we can make a good profit during parties when the majority of people are likely to be non-members.

“Having that system is also a great incentive for guests to become members given that membership costs just £20 a year.

“Private functions also help to bring new members in, perhaps people who have never set foot in the club before and immediately want to join.

“We have put in a lot of effort to ensure that people know about the club and every summer in August we hold an Open Day where we offer discounted half-year memberships.

“At the 2022 event, we signed up a total of 15 new members which was very pleasing.”

Higham Village Club is doing its best to entice younger people to become members and this will be a major focus going forward.

“Its important to have that younger generation coming through and we are looking at ways of doing that,” says Mark.

“We have been involved with a couple of recent charity football matches where everyone came back to the club after the match and starting a football section or becoming the home base of a local side is something we are considering.”

So, as it celebrates its 130th anniversary, Higham Village Club continues to serve its local community in a way that would undoubtedly make its founding fathers extremely proud.

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The club has 24 allotments at the rear of the club



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National Executive Committee dates for 2022

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Annual Meeting 2023 dates

The dates for the 2023 Conference Weekend in Blackpool have been confirmed and are as follows:

Thursday, April 13 – NEC Meeting

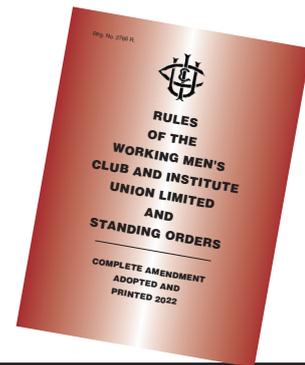
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Saturday, April 15 – AGM

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New Government energy support scheme will come into force on April 1, 2023

On January 9, the Government announced a new energy scheme for businesses, charities, and the public sector, ahead of the current scheme ending in March.

The new scheme will mean all eligible UK businesses and other non-domestic energy users will receive a discount on high energy bills until March 31, 2024, although the level of support will be significantly lower than was available from the earlier scheme put in place during 2022.

According to the Chancellor, Jeremy Hunt, this new scheme will “help businesses locked into contracts signed before recent substantial falls

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If your club has a minimum of 10 officials and members who are interested in obtaining the CIU's Award in Club Management (ACM) covering the key areas of Club Law, Finance and Administration, the Union's lecturers will come to your club and hold the three day sessions across three Saturdays of your choice

Following a hiatus due to the pandemic, the Award in Club Management (ACM) course is back for 2023.

Specifically designed for CIU clubs, the qualification gives club officials a thorough grounding in the key aspects of running a modern and efficient club.

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

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

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

In this latest initiative, if you have a minimum of 10 participants, the ACM course will come to you.

The three self-contained units will be delivered by Union lecturers over three Saturdays of your choice at your club.

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

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

The lectures are carried out by highly experienced lecturers from within the CIU who lead the day sessions and can draw from their knowledge of the club scene to illustrate the key points.

So, get in touch now and the ACM will come to your club.



The lecturers on the course include Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM (pictured). Each unit of the ACM can be completed in one-day sessions, and for clubs with a minimum of 10 participants, the complete course can be held over three Saturdays of your choice at your club

Contact

Please contact Senior Head Office
Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick on
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Club Outings set for return to the pages of Club Journal

CIU Club Members travel the country watching football, going to the races or just visiting other member clubs. With a range of advertising opportunities, why not get in front of CIU affiliated members?

Details of CIU clubs involved will be published in the March issue.

Want to be involved, contact the Club Journal team on 01753 272022, or email sean@clubjournal.co.uk

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Accommodation

This position will provide a two-bedroom flat. It is a live in position with a small contribution charge towards the accommodation expenses, this to be discussed at the interview stage. A bond will also be required which will again be discussed at the interview stage.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Managing all bar areas • Opening and closing of the club
- 30 hours minimum worked per week (5 days working)
- Liaising with the Secretary, managing stock, staff rotas, bar, and cleaning staff
- Organising beer deliveries and ensuring that a record of all goods received is kept and entered into a goods received book • Stock checks
- Daily takings to be calculated and given to the club Secretary.
- Any other duties determined by the committee

The Steward/ Stewardess has charge and control of the bar and cellar stock, and the timing of stock takes. A stock take must be done at the start and end of the contract.

All employees are under the full control of the committee. It is the committee that are ultimately responsible for the club employees and have sole authority of appointment and dismissal.

All employees work under the supervision of the Steward/ Stewardess but are employed by the committee on behalf of the club.

Additional

- Holidays are 28 days per annum • Flat is unfurnished • Food hygiene certificate is desirable

Send CV to: ewmc180@outlook.com

Every month we give £10 prizes to five lucky correct entrants.

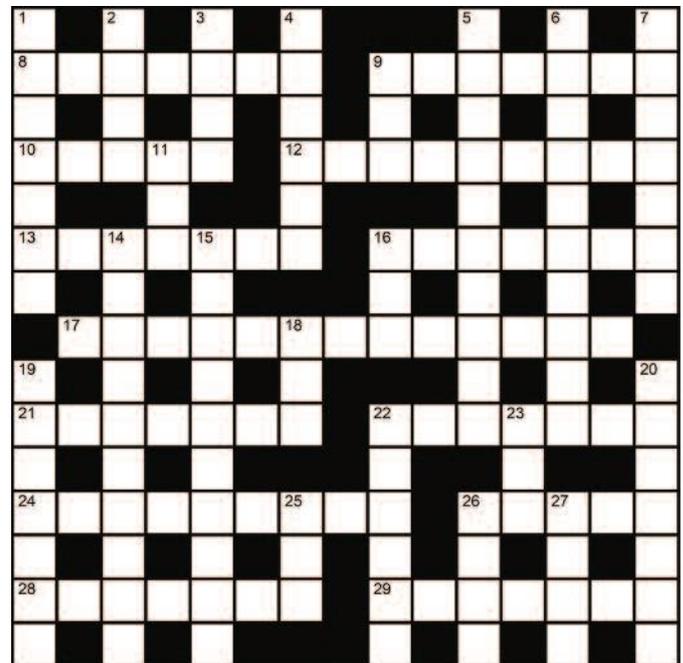
ACROSS

- Voice quiver is a lot more of a mess! (7)
- Performable, without fear, but could be one to solve (7)
- Religious song keeps almost hidden (5)
- Galic oil pumped out with no sense at all (9)
- Rarebit recipe, specially for the judge (7)
- The serf who made out it was a melt-water flood (7)
- Long lake bed we traversed to become widely read (13)
- A canapé served up as a cure-all (7)
- Have a watching brief allegedly across the ocean (7)
- Carol sees herself, oddly, as a dish! (9)
- Fancy nickname for a bit of a

DOWN

- Break it, upon a state that's ideal (7)
- Phoebe tasked with holding the second Greek (4)
- Standard document on the bench? (4)
- Price, with nothing manipulated by the cheat (6)
- George can't be troubled to gather in a crowd (10)
- They can suck you in astronomically! (5,5)
- Go one better than bird that's overdue (7)
- Mate from Las Palmas (3)

- Lie about in a Polynesian garland (3)
- Slapstick humour based on fruit 'appeal'? (6,4)
- Clown treks round to local officials (4,6)
- Leaf Adam thought to be chic! (3)
- A time at the end of opera (3)
- State exactly the recipe for spicy Further Education (7)
- The care taken amiss by the pedagogue? (7)
- Disastrous love-life, if not a qualification (1,5)
- Portrayal of one of hope (3)
- Rower discovered in ancient hoarde (3)
- Trim hedge with a paper one? (4)
- Require to make bread, say (4)



Name _____
Club _____
Address _____

Send your entry to Club Journal Crossword, Alchemy Contract Publishing, 59/60 Thames St, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1TX. **Deadline February 25.**

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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

- Rosemary Davies of Cwmarn WMC
- M.C. Armstrong, Haltwhistle WMC
- Ron Kane, The Putney Club WMC
- Keith Nicholas, Cwm-dare Miners
- I J Nicols, Alverthorpe WMC





Saturday, February 4, 4.45pm – ITV

Six Nations Rugby: England v Scotland

It's the first round of the annual Six Nations Championship and the start of a new era for England under coach Steve Borthwick. Can the former Leicester Tigers Director of Rugby get his tenure off to a winning start at Twickenham against a talented Scottish side? Home advantage should help England as they attempt to put their ambitions back on track.



Wednesday, February 15, 7.30pm – Amazon Prime Video

Premier League: Arsenal v Manchester City

A massive game for both sides which could have far-reaching consequences for the Premier League title chase given that the sides are current first and second in the table. Mikel Arteta's side have been the surprise package of the season and headed into 2023 with a significant lead over the reigning champions and this should be a game to savour.



Tuesday, February 21, 8pm – BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: Liverpool v Real Madrid

A repeat of last season's UEFA Champions League as Liverpool take on title holders Real Madrid in this last 16 clash at Anfield. Fourteen-time winners Real Madrid beat Liverpool 1-0 in last year's final in Paris thanks to a goal from Vinicius Junior and will be favourites to reach the quarter-final stage.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

There are some unmissable football clashes this month, not least the Arsenal v Manchester City tie in the Premier League and Liverpool facing Real Madrid in the last 16 of the UEFA Champions League

Friday, February 3, 8pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Chelsea v Fulham

Saturday, February 4, 12.30pm

BT Sport

Premier League: Everton v Arsenal

Saturday, February 4, 2.15pm

BBC

Six Nations Rugby: Wales v Ireland

Saturday, February 4, 4.45pm

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Six Nations Rugby: England v Scotland

Saturday, February 4, 5.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Newcastle United v West Ham United

Sunday, February 5, 2pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Nottingham Forest v Leeds United

Sunday, February 5, 4.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester City

Monday, February 6, 8pm

Sky Sports Football

Championship: Blackburn Rovers v Wigan Athletic

Thursday, February 9, 7pm

Sky Sports

Darts Premier League

Saturday, February 11, 12.30pm

BT Sport

Premier League: West Ham United v Chelsea

Saturday, February 11, 4.45pm

BBC

Six Nations Rugby: Scotland v Wales

Saturday, February 11, 5.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Bournemouth v Newcastle United

Sunday, February 12, 2pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Leeds United v Manchester United

Sunday, February 12, 3pm

ITV

Six Nations Rugby: England v Italy

Sunday, February 12, 4.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Manchester City v Aston Villa

Monday, February 13, 1pm

Sky Sports Cricket

ICC Women's Cricket T20 World Cup: Ireland v England

Monday, February 13, 8pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Liverpool v Everton

Tuesday, February 14, 8pm

BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: AC Milan v Tottenham Hotspur

Wednesday, February 15, 7.30pm

Amazon Prime Video

Premier League: Arsenal v Manchester City

Wednesday, February 15, 8pm

BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: Borussia Dortmund v Chelsea

Premier League Darts –
Thursday, February 16, 7pm,
Sky Sports



Thursday, February 16, 7pm
Sky Sports

Darts Premier League

Thursday, February 16, 8pm
Sky Sports

**Super League: Warrington Wolves
v Leeds Rhinos**

Thursday, February 16, 8pm
BT Sport

**UEFA Europa League: Barcelona
v Manchester United**

Friday, February 17, 8pm
Sky Sports

**Super League: Leigh Leopards v
Salford Red Devils**

Saturday, February 18, 12.30pm
BT Sport

**Premier League: Aston Villa v
Arsenal**

Saturday, February 18, 1pm
Sky Sports Cricket

**ICC Women's Cricket T20 World
Cup: England v India**

Saturday, February 18, 5.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Newcastle
United v Liverpool**

Sunday, February 19, 1.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Manchester
United v Leicester City**

Sunday, February 19, 4.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Tottenham
Hotspur v West Ham United**

Tuesday, February 21, 8pm
BT Sport

**UEFA Champions League:
Liverpool v Real Madrid**

Wednesday, February 22, 8pm
BT Sport

**UEFA Champions League: RB
Leipzig v Manchester City**

Thursday, February 23, 7pm
Sky Sports

Darts Premier League

Thursday, February 23, 8pm
Sky Sports

**Super League: Salford Red Devils
v Hull Kingston Rovers**

Thursday, February 23, 8pm
BT Sport

**UEFA Europa League:
Manchester United v Barcelona**

Friday, February 24, 8pm
Sky Sports

**Super League: Leeds Rhinos v
Hull FC**

Friday, February 24, 8pm
Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Fulham v
Wolves**

Saturday, February 25, 12.30pm
BT Sport

**Premier League: Newcastle
United v Brighton & Hove
Albion**

Saturday, February 25, 4.45pm
BBC

**Six Nations Rugby: Wales v
England**

Saturday, February 25, 5.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Bournemouth
v Manchester City**

Saturday, February 25, 7.45pm
Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Crystal Palace
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