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Blackpool's H&A Social Club to stage the 2025 CIU Entertainment Showcase



This year's CIU Entertainment Showcase is at the H&A Social Club on Friday, April 25

The Union has announced that this year's CIU Entertainment Showcase will take place on the evening of Friday, April 25 at the H&A Social Club in central Blackpool.

The event will see a number of top club acts performing in the club's Concert Room.

Entry costs just £5 on the door – or can be purchased in advance at the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition which will be held on the Friday afternoon preceding the Showcase.

There will be more details of the acts who will be performing on the CIU website and in future editions of the *Club Journal*.

The Showcase and Beer & Trades Exhibition take place ahead of Conference Weekend's main event, the 161st Annual Meeting on the morning of Saturday, April 26 at Blackpool's Grand Hotel which will see delegates voting on a number of motions as well

as considering the Annual Report and Financial Statement.

Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM said: "The CIU Conference Weekend is the highlight of our calendar, bringing together our member clubs under one roof to steer the future course of the Union.

"I urge everyone to join us in April for a weekend packed with valuable business insights, networking opportunities and fantastic entertainment.

"From the AGM on Saturday, April 26, to the Beer & Trades Exhibition and Entertainment Showcase on Friday, April 25, there will be plenty of club-related activity to make it very worthwhile to attend.

"Don't miss this chance for your club to have its say on the future of the Union as well as enjoy the other events taking place during Conference Weekend."

Win a cash prize with the CIU National Lottery Draw



Don't forget to buy your tickets for this month's CIU National Lottery 50/50 Draw which takes place at 7pm on February 28.

As well as the winner receiving a cash prize, there will also be a five per cent revenue share for the winning member's club.

Tickets cost £1 each and can be purchased online via your computer, tablet or smartphone at the website:

ciu.praxisplay.online

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Welcome to the February edition of *Club Journal*.

The plans for our 2025 Conference Weekend in Blackpool are now fully in place with three scheduled events taking place: The 161st Annual Meeting on the morning of Saturday, April 26 at the Grand Hotel; the Beer & Trades Exhibition at the Norbreck Castle Hotel on the afternoon of Friday, April 25 and the newly announced CIU Entertainment Showcase at the H&A Social Club on the evening of Friday, April 25.

The Showcase will see a number of top comedy and musical acts performing on the main stage.

Entry will be just £5 on the door, so if you are in Blackpool for Conference Weekend we hope you will come along for what promises to be a great night out.

The 'Club of the Month' for February is Broseley Social Club in Shropshire, recent joint winners of the CIU Club of the Year Award.

Community really is at the heart of everything the club does and their 1,700-plus members can enjoy events and activities throughout the year, including bowling, live entertainment, games, cultural events and charity fundraisers.

The club is also renowned for its fantastic drinks offering, including a range of cask ales.

Welcome

For the full profile of the club, please see pages 16-19.

By the way, please get in touch if your club is keen to host the Union's Award in Club Management (ACM) day courses.

You will need minimum of 10 candidates eager to complete the ACM, then the 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.

You could also team up with clubs in your branch area to share the hosting duties.

For further information, contact Senior Head Office Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick at: Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org.

I hope that you are enjoying the new digital version of the magazine and its website(clubjournal.co.uk).

Please continue to send in your stories and photos so that we can continue to highlight all the hard work going on across Union clubs.

I hope you enjoy this month's issue.

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Burnley Miners Club raises £1,650 for Alzheimer's Society



The cheque for £1,650 is presented to the Alzheimer's Society

Burnley Miners Social Club in Lancashire recently held a special Charity Night in aid of the Alzheimer's Society, raising the fantastic sum of £1,650.

Members enjoyed live music from The Aim, who performed a number of big hits from across the decades.

Sellout audience enjoys panto at Tondy Railway Club



Tondy Railway Club members and their families enjoyed a production of Rapunzel in January

This year's pantomime at Tondy Railway Club turned out to be a smash hit with families packing into the club's Concert Room to enjoy a production of Rapunzel put on by Hawthorn Entertainment.

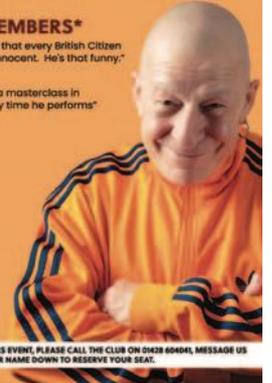
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BRITISH COMEDIAN OF THE YEAR WINNER

Hampshire's Grayshott Social Club books show with top comedian Jeff Innocent

The Grayshott Social Club in Hampshire will be welcoming top London-based comedian Jeff Innocent on Friday, February 28.

Jeff has been a staple of the UK comedy circuit for decades, earning numerous accolades, including being named the UK's Best Live Comic in 2021 by the British Comedy Guide, British Comedian of the Year and Comedian's Comedian Winner.

The event, billed as 'An Evening with Jeff Innocent', is free to club members.



Tribute act Red Hot Chili Players set for February date at Totton Recreation Club

The Red Hot Chili Players will be performing live at Totton Recreation Club on Saturday, February 15.

The four-piece band will be recreating the most-loved songs of the legendary California rock band including monster hits from the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s such as 'Under The Bridge', 'Give It Away' and 'Californication'.

Tickets are available direct from the club and cost £5 for non-members.

News in brief



Saltash Social Club set for live indie rock night in February with Kaiser Monkey Killers

Saltash Social Club members will be dancing along to the hits of the Kaiser Chiefs, the Arctic Monkeys and the Killers on Saturday, February 15.

Performing on the club's stage will be top tribute act Kaiser Monkey Killers as they go through the repertoire of songs from all three acts.

Tickets cost £5 for members and £10 for non-members and are available directly from the club.

OBITUARY

Norman Barnett

Norman Barnett, former Secretary of Grassmoor Working Mens Club, Derbyshire for almost 65 years (1955-2019) and former Derbyshire CIU Branch President for over 20 years, sadly passed away on the November 17, 2024 at the age of 92.



A CIU clubman through and through, Norman took up the post of Club Secretary at the age of 22 and fulfilled the role right up until his enforced ill health retirement at the age of 87.

During his club life he also served 11 years on the Derbyshire Branch Executive Committee, progressing through to take on five years as Branch Secretary, a further 20 years as Branch Vice-President and finally serving as Branch President from 1993 through to his eventual retirement.

A holder of the CIU's Distinguished Service Award in further recognition of his dedication and service to the CIU (awarded to Norman by the then Union President Derek Dormer OBE in 1997), in 2011 he became only the second Clubman in over two million members to gain three bars to his gold medal.

A true 'clubman' Norman is sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Huge charity total raised by Old Oscott Social Club



The club organised a series of events and draws to raise money for the Acorns Children's Hospice Old Oscott Social Club in Birmingham recently handed over a cheque for £6,055 to the Acorns Children's Hospice.

This huge sum was raised with a series of events, raffles, draws and collections organised by Marlene Chapman over the course of 2024 and will help the Acorns to continue its work supporting seriously ill children and their families.

The club's nominated charity for 2025 will be the Eve Appeal which focuses on researching and raising awareness of gynaecological cancers.

E57 Social Club stages 'An Evening With Dean Saunders'

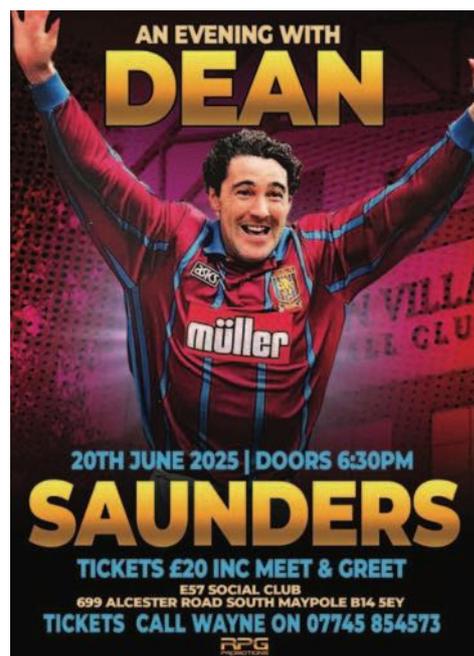
The E57 Social Club in Birmingham will be hosting 'An Evening With Dean Saunders' later this year.

Saunders played for Liverpool and Aston Villa in the 1990s, and set a new British transfer record when he joined the former from Derby County.

He began at his hometown club Swansea City before also playing for Brighton, Oxford United, Bradford City, Nottingham Forest, Sheffield United, Galatasaray and Benfica.

He was capped 75 times at senior level for Wales between 1986 and 2001, scoring 22 times, making him one of the nation's highest-scoring and most-capped players of all time.

Tickets cost £20 – call 07745 854573 for more information on this great event which takes place on Friday, June 20 at 6.30pm.



Chatteris WMC hosts local boxing tournament



The victorious fighter's hand is held aloft by the referee following one of the highly competitive bouts held at Chatteris WMC in December

Chatteris Working Men's Club in Cambridgeshire hosted a local boxing event at the end of last year, staging a series of bouts organised by the Hardwick Boxing Academy.

The club has forged close links with the Academy with regular events now staged in the club's Main Hall which offers a fantastic experience for the fighters, many of whom are entering the ring to box competitively for the first time.

Hardwick Boxing Academy has a number of very promising girls and boys, many of who have the potential to achieve honours in the sport in the near future.

Egham USC set for 45th Beer Festival from April 2-5

The 45th Egham Beer Festival will take place from Wednesday, April 2 to Saturday, April 5 hosted by Egham United Services Club (EUSC) in Surrey.

The opening Wednesday will be a Preview session with the Festival open from 3pm to 11pm while the remaining three days will see the Festival opening from 10am until 11pm on the Thursday and midnight on the Friday and Saturday (the Festival opens at noon on the Saturday).

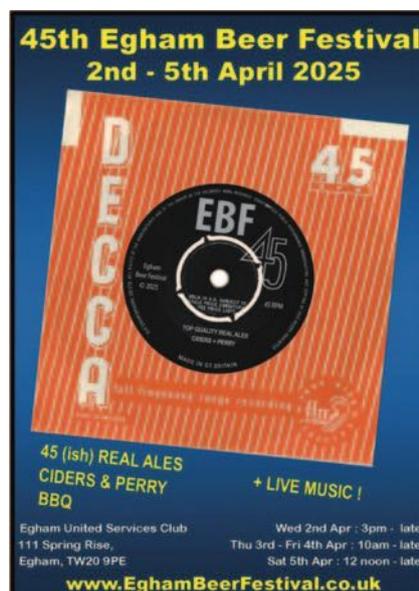
The Festival is open to non-members with entry to the Wednesday session costing £5 and entry to all day sessions between Thursday and Saturday costing £7.

There is a £1 discount for CIU & CAMRA card carrying members and also guests of EUSC Club members while entrance is free to EUSC members throughout the Festival.

As usual, there will be a number of bands performing during the Festival as well as a selection of hot food from the BBQ, as well as an outside bar.

For more information on the event, visit:

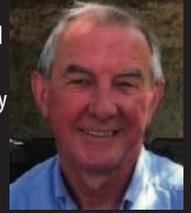
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OBITUARY

Stewart Bonney

Stewart Bonney, who started the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition and the CIU Charity Raceday as well as many other clubland events, has died at the age of 78 (writes Chris Brewis).



A former journalist on the *Newcastle Journal* and the *Daily Mail*, he founded the Stewart Bonney freelance news agency and public relations company Powdene Publicity.

A chance meeting with CIU National Executive member Jack Amos, a former colleague in Newcastle, led to Powdene taking over the *Club Journal* in 1988.

Over the next 26 years he helped transform the magazine and came up with ideas for a series of mostly charitable events.

A keen racegoer, Stewart started the CIU Racing Club and the charity raceday at Doncaster and later Wetherby, which for several years featured TV coverage of the Barmaids' Derby with barmaids running the final furlong carrying a pint of beer on a tray.

Both barmen and women were able to take part in the annual Star of the Bar competition which had its final in Blackpool and in the same year, 1991, Stewart started the Beer & Trades Exhibition which continues to this day as does the Club of the Month feature.

The CIU National Quiz and the Treasure Trail, which raised thousands for the Convalescent Homes, were also his ideas.

Other fundraising drives he pioneered raised money for Macmillan Nurses and the NSPCC and, following a national singalong of You'll Never Walk Alone with Gerry Marsden at Tang Hall Social Club in York which was featured on Radio 2, a cheque for £200,000 was presented to BBC Children in Need by Roy Castle.

A member of Morpeth Social Club, at the same time Stewart founded and edited what is possibly the country's most successful county magazine *The Northumbrian* which covered his passions of walking, wildlife and local history.

With the help of the magazine's readers he also raised money to pay for libraries at schools in Ghana and this work has been remembered with an obituary in *The Guardian*.

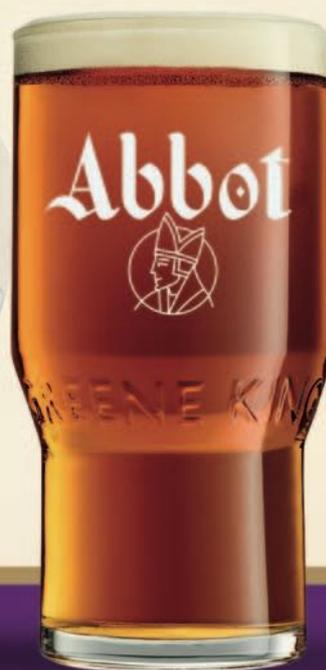
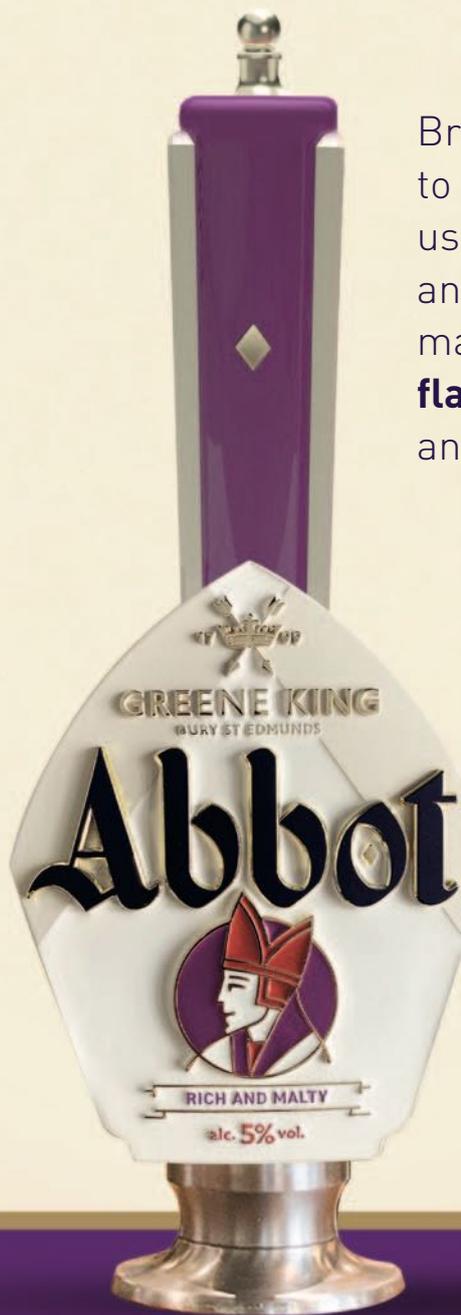
Stewart relinquished the editorship of *The Northumbrian* in 2019, having edited 170 editions of the magazine, although he continued to write for the publication.

He is survived by his widow Norma and children Laura and Peter.

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Stansted Mountfitchet SC darts star on the rise



Darts star Mason Teese who is sponsored by Stansted Mountfitchet Social Club

Rising darts star Mason Teese, who is sponsored by Stansted Mountfitchet Social Club in Essex, will be continuing his astonishing progress as one of the UK's brightest talents later this year when he takes part in the British International Championships which take place from March 28-30 in Skegness.

Mason has been included in the four-strong England Youth Boy's Squad which will compete in the prestigious tournament.

In December of last year, Mason made his Lakeside debut, reaching the last eight of the WDF Boys World Championships and looks well on course for a glittering career on the oche.

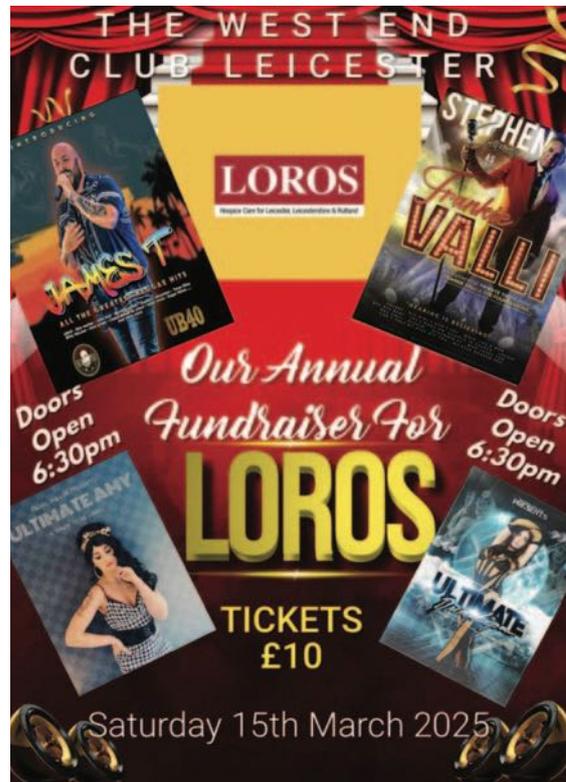
West End Club to stage Annual Charity Fundraiser

Leicester's West End Club will be staging its Annual Charity Fundraising Evening on Saturday, March 15.

The event will feature a number of live acts performing on the club's stage and will benefit LOROS, the charity which provides support for terminally ill patients and their families.

Among the artistes performing on the night will be James T, who will be singing some top reggae hits from the likes of Bob Marley, UB40 and Barrington Levi; Ultimate Amy who will perform the most beloved songs of the late, great songwriter Amy Winehouse; Stephen James as Frankie Valli and finally, bringing the music right up to date, the Ultimate Dua Lipa tribute act.

Tickets costs £10 each and are available from the club.



The charity event takes place on Saturday, March 15

News in brief



Sale Excelsior Club to welcome top Elvis tribute act Victor Andrews in February

Members of Sale Excelsior Club are set for a treat this month as Victor Andrews brings his Elvis tribute show to the club.

Victor has built up a reputation as a great entertainer over several years performing in various venues across the world, including some top venues in Spain, earning him the nickname of 'Benidorm Elvis'.

His show will encompass 'The King's' entire career with a special emphasis on Presley's latter years in Las Vegas.



SAS embassy siege hero Rusty Firmin gives talk at Grasslot Welfare Sports & Social Club

The Grasslot Welfare Sports & Social Club in Maryport, Cumbria recently hosted a talk and book signing by SAS legend Rusty Firmin (pictured above, right).

Rusty was one of the SAS team which stormed the Iranian Embassy in London in 1980, freeing a number of hostages who had been captured by a group of armed terrorists.

He subsequently retired from the Army and began a career as an author and speaker.

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Saturday, April 26 – The 161st Annual Meeting

The 161st Annual Meeting of the Union takes place in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel in Blackpool on Saturday, April 26 and will see delegates voting on a number of motions



Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM will give an address at the AGM on Saturday, February 26

The Union's 2025 Conference Weekend will take place in Blackpool on the last weekend of April.

The key event for CIU delegates is the morning of Saturday, April 26 when the 2025 Annual Meeting – the 161st edition – takes place in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel in Blackpool.

Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM will chair the Annual Meeting and will be supported on the main stage by General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Vice-President Bob Russell CMD, as well as Members of the National Executive Committee.

During the meeting, the 2024 Annual Report will be considered by delegates while Union Accountant Uto Ekanem

will present the Union's Financial Report for 2024.

There will be several Motions proposed by the NEC which will be debated and then voted upon by delegates.

These motions will be finalised over ahead of the AGM and will be published in *Club Journal* and on the Union's official website, as well as being posted to clubs.

A full agenda for the Annual Meeting will also be published in the month before Conference Weekend.

The Meeting will include an address by the General Secretary as well as guest speakers who will be announced ahead of Conference Weekend.



Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM will chair the 161st Annual Meeting

Friday, April 25: Beer & Trades Exhibition

The 33rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will be staged at the Norbreck Castle Hotel on Friday, April 25 with a number of club-related suppliers showcasing their products and services

The 33rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition, taking place on Friday, April 25 at Blackpool's Norbreck Castle Hotel, looks set to be another 'must-attend' event for Union club officials.

The event is the UK's biggest trade show for private members' social clubs with an array of products and services on display which can help clubs save money and boost trade.

All the key club suppliers across the UK will have a presence at the 2025 show including Preferred Suppliers BOC, Card Industry Professionals, Dransfields, Greene King, Higos Insurance and Pure Purchasing.

Greene King will be showcasing their key brands at the complimentary bar making the trade show the perfect place to network with colleagues from across clubland.

Dransfields will also be pulling out all the stops for this year's exhibition and delegates will be able to experience first-hand their range of club products including the Spotlight entertainment system, pool tables, gaming machines and their brand-new 'DartShark' system.

Having recently acquired Crystal & Song, Dransfields now also have a range of fundraising and printed products to help clubs entertain their members and raise funds at the same time.

There will also be several bingo sessions run throughout the afternoon by Dransfields and other opportunities to win some great prizes, making the trade show a highly enjoyable and worthwhile occasion for all CIU club delegates.



Dransfields will be showcasing their latest gaming and entertainment products



The Greene King and Belhaven bar will be providing delicious refreshments at the 2025 CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition



A bingo winner shows off her prize – a 32-inch Smart TV – at last year's event



The Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) will run a cask ale bar at the 2025 trade fair



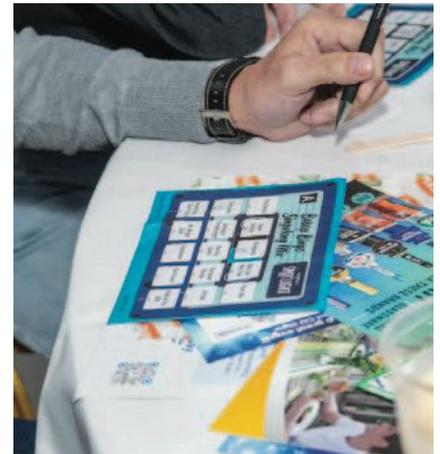
Dransfields exhibited their Lucky Dip club lottery machine at the 2024 event



Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM visit the stand of Preferred Supplier Pure Purchasing



There is plenty of opportunity to network with club colleagues at the trade show



Dransfields will be running several bingo sessions throughout the afternoon



Pro darts player Daryl Fitton was part of the Dransfields presence at the show



Delegates enjoy their drinks – and Club Journal – during the 2024 event



The CIU will have its own stand at the show with members of staff from Head Office on hand to discuss the services offered by the Union to its clubs



The BOC stand where delegates were able to receive expert information on beer and drinks dispense gases



A selection of Pukka Pies were enjoyed by delegates at the 2024 show



Delegates were also able to sample two ciders from Stowford Press – Apple Cider and Dark Berry

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Broseley Social Club, Shropshire

Joint winners of the 2024 'CIU Club of the Year' Award, Broseley Social Club in Shropshire has been serving its local community since 1919 and currently has over 1,700 members

Nestled in the heart of Shropshire, Broseley Social Club – which was founded in 1919 – has undergone a real transformation in recent years, balancing tradition with innovation to create a welcoming and vibrant community hub within the magnificent listed building which houses the club and its 1,700-plus members.

Under the leadership of a forward-thinking, 16-strong committee, the club has become a shining example of how social clubs can evolve to meet the needs of modern members while preserving their rich heritage.

The club's journey of renewal began with a shift in mindset. Faced with a



Bar Stewards Ryan and Alison Dobson at the 2024 Club Awards.

somewhat stagnating membership, Broseley Social Club has reinvented itself as a family-friendly destination.

“We’ve worked hard to create an environment where everyone feels welcome, from families to younger members to long established members who have been coming to the club for many decades,” explains Club Treasurer Gail Hall. “It’s about striking a balance between tradition and progress and listening to your members.”

This transformation was accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced the club to rethink its operations. By adjusting opening hours and focusing on creating a safe friendly environment, the club not only survived but actually came out of that period in great shape for the challenges ahead.

“The shutdowns gave us the chance to take stock and think about what would work best for the club rather than just doing what had always been done before,” says Gail.

“We changed our opening times to better suit our community. Now, we’re

open from midday on weekends and from 4pm during the week, which has attracted a whole new crowd, including families and workers looking for a place to unwind. Before, we opened at 7pm during the week so we lost out on the post-work crowd.

“In June 2023 we invested in a new car park, re-surfacing at the cost of £40,000. This has enabled so many more customers to use the club as the access is so much better for wheelchairs, mobility vehicles and families with pushchairs.”

One of the club’s standout features is its stunning Beer Garden. What was once a somewhat neglected space has been transformed into a thriving outdoor area. “We added seating and tables and it’s a place where families can relax, kids can play, and everyone can enjoy the sunshine,” says Gail.

The Beer Garden has become a focal point for the club, especially during the summer months. It’s a testament to the club’s commitment to creating spaces that bring people together and complements the adjoining Bowling



Green which is also extremely busy during the sporting season.

The club has also earned a reputation for its exceptional real ale offerings. With three cask ales on tap at any given time, the club has become a destination for beer enthusiasts.

“We’ve built strong relationships with local breweries, and our Club Stewards, Alison and Ryan Dobson, are



The club's Beer Garden is very popular with families

CLUB OF THE MONTH



The club has a thriving Crown Green Bowls section

passionate about offering a great selection and are perfectionists when it comes to serving a good pint whether that be cask ale or any other type of beer or cider,” says Gail.

“HPA from the Wye Valley Brewery is a firm favourite with members and is the ‘house’ cask ale, but many members also want to try new beers from other breweries, hence having two other rotating beers.”

The club’s social media posts showcase the latest ale offerings, complete with tasting notes and inviting photos – often with the Beer Garden or Bowling Green as the backdrops – and this has helped to boost sales of cask ale and bring people through the doors.

“It’s all about creating a great experience,” Gail adds. “Cask ale enthusiasts love trying something new and feeling like they’re part of a beer tour.”

At the heart of Broseley Social Club’s success is its inclusive and welcoming atmosphere. The club has worked hard to ensure it is a place where everyone feels at home.

“We’ve got a diverse Committee, including a 24-year-old Chairman,

Cameron Bardon – the youngest person ever to hold that role at the club – and that has helped us to look at new ways of doing things to ensure the club continues to thrive,” says Gail.

“We’ve ensured that when it comes to live acts, we’re not just sticking to 60s and 70s cover bands but making sure we put on more modern entertainment

that will still appeal to different groups of members.

“We make every effort to get local bands and artists and new bands just starting out are always given a try.

“On the suggestion of a couple of members, we have also recently installed a Jukebox in the Bar and that has proven really popular and makes for



The club is renowned for its cask ale offering



The club presenting Broseley & Severn Gorge Community First Responders with a cheque for £1,685

a great atmosphere.”

The club’s commitment to inclusivity extends to its events and activities. From bingo to charity fundraisers to sports screenings to darts and bowling competitions, there’s always something happening.

“In terms of sports and games, we run two snooker teams, two darts teams, an in-house darts league, an in-house dominoes league and seven Crown Green Bowls teams,” says Gail.

“We really are a hub for the community. Whether it’s a charity quiz night or a family gathering, we want people to feel like this is their space. We have a large Function Room and host private parties very regularly, a great source of revenue for the club.

“We are also very involved with the Broseley Festival which takes place each year. They hold events throughout the year at the club to raise money for the annual event on the High Street which involves the whole town.

“Our door is open to many other local organisations such as the town choir, the Royal British Legion, the RAOB and the local historical society.

“We also have Sky Sports so that’s something which can help draw football

fans in for the Premier League matches and rugby is also very popular, particularly the Six Nations Championship which is in full swing at the moment.”

Raising money for good causes is most definitely in the DNA of the club and its members get behind good causes throughout the year.

“In December 2023 we held a fundraiser to help a local member and previously a staff member of the club, to run the London Marathon in 2024,” says Gail.

“Lucy needed to raise £2,000 for Asthma UK to take her spot in the marathon. So we had an evening of live music, games, raffles and had a full house of 120 guests. The night was a great success and we raised more than enough for Lucy to go on the challenge in April last year.

“Throughout my time on the committee we have raised money for various charities with annual events, party nights, raffles, beer tasting and many more.

“In the last 10 years we have raised around £32,000 for charities such as Severn Hospice, Hope House, Midlands Air Ambulance, Asthma UK,

Birmingham Children’s Hospital to name a few.

Broseley Social Club’s transformation is far from over. With plans to update its website and continue improving its facilities, the club is focused on staying relevant and welcoming for years to come. “We’re always learning and adapting,” says Gail. “It’s about listening to our members and making sure we’re meeting their needs.”

The club’s efforts have certainly not gone unnoticed. Recently crowned joint winners of the CIU Club of the Year at the 2024 Club Awards held last November, Broseley Social Club is a testament to what can be achieved with vision, hard work, and a commitment to the community.

As Gail puts it: “We’re very proud of our club and everyone is pulling together to ensure its continuing success.”

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News in brief

Updated CIU Contracts and Club Secretary's Handbook are available to buy from branches

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They are each priced as follows - £5 per Handbook; £3 per contract.

Due to increased production and postage costs the price list will be reviewed over the coming months.

National Executive Committee dates

The NEC meetings at Head Office for 2025 will take place on: February 19&20; March 26&27; April 24 (Conference Weekend, Blackpool); June 4&5; July 16&17; September 3&4; October 15&16 and December 3&4.

CIU Conference 2025 dates

The dates for the 2025 Conference Weekend are as follows:

Thursday, April 24 – NEC Meeting

Friday, April 25 – 33rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition (Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool)

CIU Entertainment Showcase (The H&A Social Club, Blackpool)

Saturday, April 26 – The 161st Annual Meeting

Parliament votes in favour of new law to introduce a Deposit Return Scheme in 2027



The Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) will be introduced in October 2027

A proposed law to establish a deposit return scheme (DRS) for drinks containers in England and Northern Ireland from 2027 has been supported by MPs.

DRS would see consumers being charged a deposit when buying a single-use container and then receiving the money back when they hand it in for recycling at a designated return point.

On Tuesday, January 21 the House of Commons voted 352 to 75 – a majority of 277 – in favour of the statutory instrument, which paves the way for the scheme to be introduced in England and Northern Ireland from

October 2027, with Scotland and Wales set to develop their own schemes.

Materials included in the scheme would be single-use plastic, steel and aluminium drinks containers but not glass – although the Welsh Senedd has opted to include glass in its own scheme.

It is envisaged that clubs and other licensed premises could opt in to become a DRS point.

The rationale behind the DRS is that it will increase the recycling rates of plastic and aluminium, reduce littering, and promote a circular economy.

Landmark season beckons for Super League 2025

The new Super League season kicks off this month with 12 teams vying for the prestigious trophy won last year by Wigan Warriors. As part of a groundbreaking season, the defending champions will be taking on Warrington Wolves in Las Vegas in the first-ever Super League fixture played in the USA



The Super League will be staging their first fixture on American soil on March 1 as Wigan Warriors take on Warrington Wolves in Las Vegas

The 2025 Betfred Super League season kicks off on Thursday, February 13 as reigning champions, Wigan Warriors, host Leigh Leopards at the DW Stadium.

The opening weekend continues with Hull KR, fresh from their maiden Grand Final appearance last season, facing Castleford Tigers on Friday, February 14.

Further ahead, a landmark event this season will be the historic fixture between Wigan Warriors and Warrington Wolves in Las Vegas on March 1.

This game represents Super League's inaugural match in the USA and aims to expand the sport's global reach.

The traditional Rivals Round returns over the Easter weekend (April 17–19), featuring classic clashes

such as the Hull Derby and the Wigan–St Helens showdown.

The 2025 season also welcomes Wakefield Trinity back to the Super League after a year's absence.

They commence their campaign against Leeds Rhinos on Saturday, February 15.

These fixtures are sure to be closely followed by rugby league fans at CIU clubs with Sky Sports providing live coverage of all matches, while selected matches will also be shown live on the BBC, including St Helens v Salford Red Devils on Saturday, February 15 at 5.30pm.

Fans can look forward to a season rich in competitive spirit and memorable moments, not least that much-anticipated clash in Vegas at the beginning of March between Wigan Warriors and Warrington Wolves.

Live fixtures (Round 1)

Thursday, February 13, 8pm

Wigan Warriors v Leigh Leopards (Sky Sports)

Friday, February 14, 8pm

Hull KR v Castleford Tigers (Sky Sports)

Saturday, February 15, 3pm

Leeds Rhinos v Wakefield Trinity (Sky Sports)

Saturday, February 15, 5.30pm

St Helens v Salford Red Devils (Sky Sports/BBC Sport)

Sunday, February 16, 3pm

Huddersfield Giants v Warrington Wolves (Sky Sports)



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The ACM course is taught by experienced club administrators, including Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM

The Union's Award in Club Management (ACM) course is specifically designed for people running CIU clubs and aims to give club officials a thorough grounding in the key aspects of managing a club with maximum efficiency.

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 at the end of each unit, they receive the ACM.

The course is primarily aimed at

people who are going to be sitting on club committees and occupying positions of authority within clubs for the first time.

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

The lectures are carried out by highly experienced lecturers from within the CIU – including Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM – who lead the day sessions and can draw from

their knowledge of the club scene to illustrate the key points and explore real-life scenarios and problems which can crop up at members' clubs.

If you have a minimum of 10 participants from your club or a combination from clubs in your surrounding area, the ACM course will come to you.

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

Please contact Senior Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick at the CIU Head Office on 020 7226 0221 or email: Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcIU.org to discuss hosting a future series of day sessions at your club or with fellow CIU clubs.



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Get involved with the CIU National Lottery

The CIU National Lottery is a great way to support your club and your Union as well as give yourself the chance to win some fantastic cash prizes, plus regular opportunities to win beer and other prizes

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

The next Draw takes place at 7pm on **Friday, February 28** and will be a 50/50 Draw which will also see 5% of the total revenue raised going to the winner's club.

Q: How do I buy tickets?

A: It's a very simple process:

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- Receive email confirming you have added money to your account.
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Q: What happens if I forget my password?

A: You can reset your password at any time by clicking in the reset password link on the screen.

Q: Is there a cap on the amount I can spend?

A: Yes – the maximum number of tickets you can buy is 20 tickets.

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

A: You only need credit in your account to buy tickets for the draws. Tickets are just £1 each.

Q: What happens to my personal data?

A: Praxis is ICO registered and has full GDPR statement in the T&C's & log-in/sign up process.

Q: I don't own a smartphone. Can I still play the CIU Raffle?

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Q: How will I receive my winnings?

A: The Winners receive an email and

text confirming their win, along with payment into the client's CIU draw app account. The user can then withdraw the funds via the app account to another bank account.

Q: I have a technical issue with the App. Who do I contact?

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It's game on for the Six Nations

The Six Nations Rugby tournament offers an opportunity for venues to drive fresh footfall sales and profits at an important time of year. And Greene King and Belhaven are here to help



The Six Nations offers the perfect opportunity to give Belhaven Black stout a try

The Six Nations Rugby Union tournament provides a hugely welcome opportunity for venues to grow footfall, sales and profits in a typically slower part of the year.

And 2025 looks set to be no exception, running all the way until the final round on Saturday, March 15.

The tournament provides back-to-back reasons for your members to get off the sofa and down to the club for a few hours of excitement with friends and family.

The Six Nations Championship is, in fact, the oldest international rugby tournament in the world, dating all the

way back to 1883.

The competition was expanded to its current format of six teams in 2000 and is set to offer up an endless stream of opportunities over the five rounds of matches.

Current Six Nations champions Ireland will once again be favourites to lift the trophy, but this year's tournament may prove to be one of the most open in years with all of the participating nations experiencing patchy form throughout 2024.

Whichever team they follow, however, there's no doubt that rugby fans are in for another treat, and that means plenty

of opportunities for venues to make the most of the tournament.

Good sport

Data from CGA by NIQ shows that without a doubt, the Six Nations drives sales. Venues that showed live Six Nations matches in 2023, for instance, generated 28% more sales on match days than on the average equivalent day – double the 14% increase seen at non-sports venues on the tournament's opening week alone.

Total drink sales in sports venues increased by an astonishing 38%.

The categories to benefit most were:



Greene King's rugby-themed Scrumdown Golden Ale is available until March 16

Stout (up 85%), cask ale, world lager and cider, while soft drinks also saw a spike of 15%. Spirits were up by 24%, and wine grew by 15% across all match days.

CGA client director Paul Bolton commented: "The Six Nations is a reminder of the power of big sporting occasions to loosen people's spending and encouraged brand trial and loyalty."

With endless opportunities for heroics on the pitch comes extensive opportunities for boosting sales and profits, and it will pay to focus your efforts on the products most likely to drive your business forward.

As highlighted above, stout and cask ale represent two of the biggest opportunities.

Stout sales

Stout is inextricably linked with rugby in the minds of many consumers.

And as we've already seen stout sales rocket during the Six Nations – that presents a clear opportunity for venues to exploit that demand by offering their customers great quality alternatives that offer better value.

Belhaven Black is a perfect example and is already the No.2 stout in the UK growing far faster than Guinness, albeit

from a smaller base.

The Six Nations offers the perfect opportunity to give Belhaven Black a try, and see if it can help you score throughout the tournament.

Another exciting opportunity is the launch of Wolf Pack Alpha Stout in cask, available until mid-March.

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Cask heroes

Cask ale is another major opportunity for venues come Six Nations time.

Rate of sale on cask ale spikes 25% during the Six Nations, according to CGA Opus data, making it the perfect time to add Scrumdown Golden Beer behind the bar, available until March 16.

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For many drinkers, the Six Nations

just isn't the Six Nations without a pint of Greene King IPA in hand.

The nation's favourite cask ale has a longstanding and very deep relationship with rugby, having been the official beer of England rugby for many years and now partnering Premiership clubs and supporting hundreds of grassroots teams.

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The Six Nations offers a huge chance to boost trading, so speak to your Greene King SDM or call 0345 8504545 to find out how they can help.

Six Nations Match Schedule

Round 1

January 31, 8.15pm: France v Wales (ITV)

February 1, 2.15pm: Scotland v Italy (BBC)

February 1, 4.45pm: Ireland v England (ITV)

Round 2

February 8, 2.15pm: Italy v Wales (ITV)

February 8, 4.45pm: England v France (ITV)

February 9, 3pm: Scotland v Ireland (BBC)

Round 3

February 22, 2.15pm: Wales v Ireland (BBC)

February 22, 4.45pm: England v Scotland (ITV)

February 23, 3pm: Italy v France (ITV)

Round 4

March 8, 2.15pm: Ireland v France (ITV)

March 8, 4.45pm: Scotland v Wales (BBC)

March 9, 3pm: England v Italy (ITV)

Round 5

March 15, 2.15pm: Italy v Ireland (ITV)

March 15, 4.45pm: Wales v England (BBC)

March 15, 8pm: France v Scotland (ITV)

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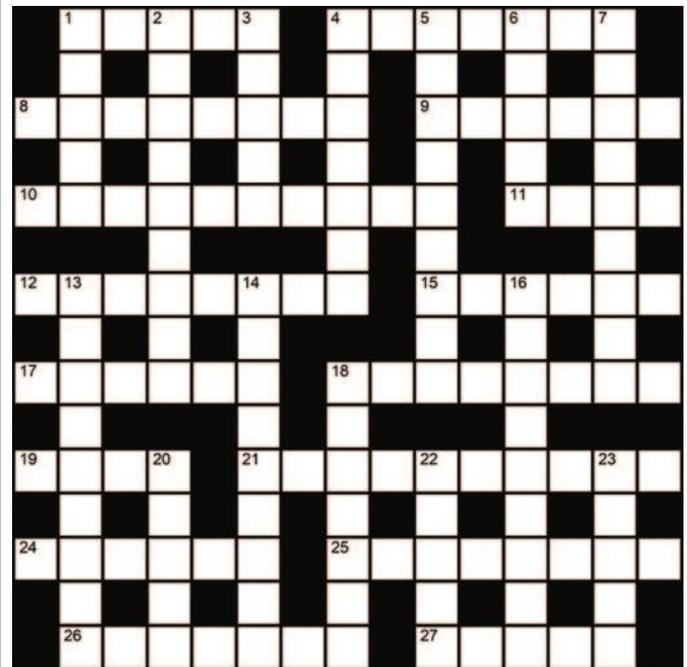
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- 24 Fate is 1000 times more complicated (6)
- 25 Admits having no titles to play with (4,4)
- 26 Cheer that's dangled mistakenly (7)
- 27 Gives me a rarebit to defame (5)

- 4 Sponge of the falsest sort (7)
- 5 Disappointment with a moistened firework? (4,5)
- 6 Sudden movement in the Addams family? (5)
- 7 Buttercups, say, to uncurl in a strange way (9)
- 13 Raising agent to align even the most awkward (9)
- 14 Puts dress in for a makeover with a fastener (5,4)
- 16 Calamitous, eerie wins for old comic (5,4)
- 18 Inhabit, but will end badly! (5,2)

DOWN

- 1 Alcoholic type of cocktail they left to the end (5)
- 2 Cart-horse trained for a music group (9)
- 3 Follow on, wrapped in green suede (5)
- 20 Posh mother has mammalian origins (5)
- 22 Tears wiped away for tariffs (5)
- 23 Put off from inside Cape Verde territory (5)



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Send your entry to Club Journal Crossword, Link Spaces, Botanica Ditton Park, Riding Court Road, Slough, SL3 9LL. **Deadline February 25.**

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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

- S. Evans of Canton Liberal Club
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- SMacCormac of East Dene Social Club





Saturday, February 1, 4.45pm, ITV

Rugby Union: Six Nations Championship – Ireland v England

England get their Six Nations campaign underway with a trip to face Ireland at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin. Last year's battle between these two sides was one of the most memorable international rugby clashes in recent memory with England's Marcus Smith slotting a last-second drop-goal for the win.



Wednesday, February 12, 7.30pm, TNT Sports

Premier League: Everton v Liverpool

The 'Friendly Derby' takes place at Goodison Park and will, as always, be an unmissable match for diehard fans and neutrals alike. The form book would suggest that Liverpool will be able to cruise to a victory against their nearest rivals but the recent return of David Moyes to the Everton fold will give the blue half of Liverpool plenty of optimism ahead of this encounter.



Thursday, February 13, 8pm – Sky Sports

Super League: Wigan Warriors v Leigh Leopards

Defending champions Wigan Warriors open the new Super League season against Leigh Leopards. It is shaping up to be another landmark season for the competition with Sky Sports a gain showing every game live - including two matches in each round exclusively live, with the remaining four matches each week shown on Sky Sports+.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

February brings the start of the Six Nations rugby championship and the new Super League season, key Premier League and UEFA Champions League fixtures and Round Five of the FA Cup

Saturday, February 1, 2.15pm

BBC

Six Nations Rugby: Scotland v Italy

Saturday, February 1, 4.45pm

ITV

Six Nations Rugby: Ireland v England

Sunday, February 2, 2pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Brentford v Tottenham Hotspur

Sunday, February 2, 4.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Arsenal v Manchester City

Monday, February 3, 8pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Chelsea v West Ham United

Wednesday, February 5, 8pm

Sky Sports Football

Carabao Cup – Semi-Final, 2nd Leg: Newcastle United v Arsenal

Thursday, February 6, 7pm

Sky Sports Main Event

Premier League Darts: Belfast

Thursday, February 6, 8pm

Sky Sports Football

Carabao Cup – Semi-Final, 2nd Leg: Liverpool v Tottenham Hotspur

Friday, February 7, 8pm

ITV

FA Cup – 5th Round: Manchester United v Leicester City

Saturday, February 8, 12.15pm

BBC

FA Cup – 5th Round: Leyton Orient vs Manchester City

Saturday, February 8, 12.30pm

ITV

Horse Racing: Newbury

Saturday, February 8, 2.15pm

ITV

Six Nations Rugby: Italy v Wales

Saturday, February 8, 4.45pm

ITV

Six Nations Rugby: England v France

Saturday, February 8, 4.45pm

BBC

FA Cup – 5th Round: Birmingham City v Newcastle United

Sunday, February 9, 12 midday

Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Bristol City v Swansea City

Sunday, February 9, 3pm

BBC

Six Nations Rugby: Scotland v Ireland

Sunday, February 9, 5.35pm

BBC

FA Cup – 5th Round: Aston Villa v Tottenham Hotspur

Tuesday, February 11, 8pm

TNT Sports

UEFA Champions League: Knockout round play-offs

Wednesday, February 12, 7.30pm

TNT Sports

Premier League: Everton v Liverpool

Wednesday, February 12, 8pm

TNT Sports

UEFA Champions League: Knockout round play-offs

Horse Racing: Newbury Super Saturday,
Saturday, February 8, 12.30pm, ITV



Thursday, February 13, 7pm

Sky Sports Action

Premier League Darts: Glasgow

Thursday, February 13, 8pm

Sky Sports

Super League: Wigan Warriors v Leigh Leopards

Thursday, February 13, 8pm

Sky Sports Football

League Two Football: Port Vale v Notts County

Friday, February 14, 8pm

Sky Sports +

Super League: Hull Kingston Rovers v Castleford Tigers

Friday, February 14, 8pm

Sky Sports +

Super League: Catalans Dragons v Hull FC

Friday, February 14, 8pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Brighton & Hove Albion v Chelsea

Saturday, February 15, 12.30pm

TNT Sports

Premier League: Leicester City v Arsenal

Saturday, February 15, 12.30pm

Sky Sports +

Championship Football: Cardiff City v Bristol City

Saturday, February 15, 12.30pm

Sky Sports +

Championship Football: Northampton Town v Wrexham

Saturday, February 15, 3pm

Sky Sports +

Super League: Leeds Rhinos v Wakefield Trinity

Saturday, February 15, 5.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Crystal Palace v Everton

Saturday, February 15, 5.30pm

Sky Sports +

Super League: St Helens v Salford Red Devils

Sunday, February 16, 2pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Liverpool v Wolves

Sunday, February 16, 3pm

Sky Sports +

Super League: Huddersfield Giants v Warrington Wolves

Sunday, February 16, 4.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester United

Tuesday, February 18, 8pm

TNT Sports

UEFA Champions League: Knockout round play-offs

Thursday, February 20, 7pm

Sky Sports Action

Premier League Darts: Dublin

Thursday, February 20, 8pm

Sky Sports +

Super League: Wakefield Trinity v Hull Kingston Rovers

Friday, February 21, 8pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Leicester City v Brentford

Saturday, February 22, 12.30pm

TNT Sports

Premier League: Everton v Manchester United

Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy, Afghanistan
v England, Wednesday, February 26, 9am,
Sky Sports Cricket



Saturday, February 22, 2.15pm
BBC

Six Nations Rugby: Wales v Ireland

Saturday, February 22, 4.45pm
ITV

Six Nations Rugby: England v Scotland

Saturday, February 22, 5.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Aston Villa v Chelsea

Sunday, February 23, 12 midday
Sky Sports Football
Championship Football: Watford v Luton Town

Sunday, February 23, 2pm
Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Newcastle United v Nottingham Forest

Sunday, February 23, 2.30pm
Sky Sports +
Super League: Leigh Leopards v Huddersfield Giants

Sunday, February 23, 3pm ITV
Six Nations Rugby: Italy v France

Sunday, February 23, 4.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Manchester City v Liverpool

Monday, February 24, 8pm
Sky Sports Football
Championship Football: Sheffield United v Leeds United

Monday, February 24, 9am
Sky Sports Cricket
Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy – Bangladesh v New Zealand

Tuesday, February 25, 9am
Sky Sports Cricket
Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy – Australia v South Africa

Wednesday, February 26, 9am
Sky Sports Cricket
Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy – Afghanistan v England

Thursday, February 27, 7pm
Sky Sports Action
Premier League Darts: Exeter

Thursday, February 27, 9am
Sky Sports Cricket
Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy – Pakistan v Bangladesh

Friday, February 28, 8pm
Sky Sports +
Super League: Huddersfield Giants v Hull FC

Friday, February 28, 8pm
Sky Sports Action
Super League: Leigh Leopards v Catalans Dragons

Saturday, March 1, 9am
Sky Sports Cricket
Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy – South Africa v England

Saturday, March 1, 2.30pm
Sky Sports
Super League: Wakefield Trinity v St Helens

Saturday, March 1, 9.30pm
Sky Sports
Super League: Wigan Warriors v Warrington Wolves

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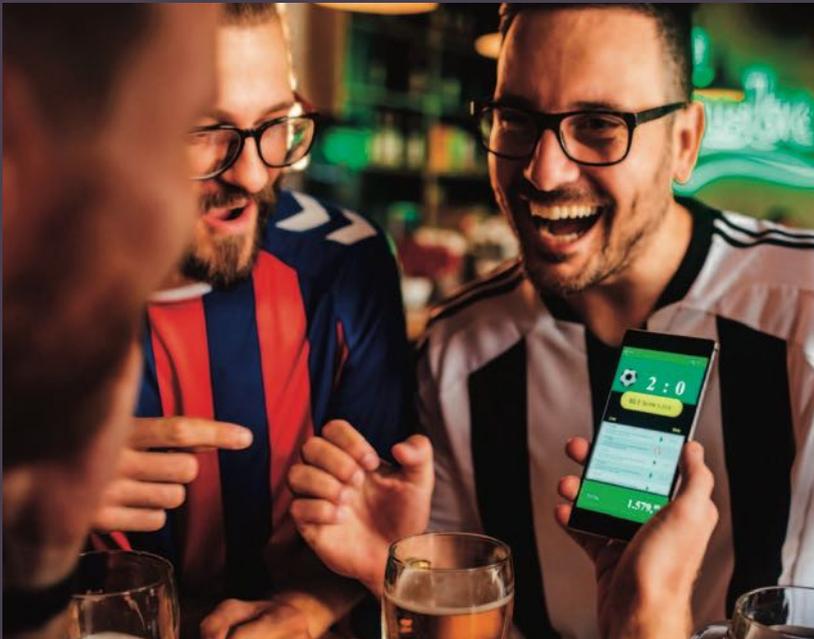
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