

General Secretary urges clubs to attend the AGM in order to determine the future structure of the Union

Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM explains that the upcoming Annual Meeting in April will be the most consequential in a generation for the CIU and its future as an organisation

The 2026 Annual Meeting, on Saturday, April 18 at the Norbreck Hotel in Blackpool will be the most consequential in a generation.

It must be a watershed.

As you know from our consultation meetings, including the frank and necessary discussion in Leicester last November, our financial position is severe and urgent.

Our auditor, Bryan Howarth, and I presented the stark reality: we are losing 60 pence for every pound we take in. With reserves of around £2 million, we face insolvency within eight years if we do not act.

The status quo is not an option.

The core proposal to secure our sustainability is the restructuring of our branch network into consolidated regional lines.

This is not a idea formed in isolation. We have listened. At the meeting in Groby in November, we heard compelling arguments from all sides: from those who see amalgamation as the only logical path to slash overheads, to those with legitimate fears over geography, local identity and the viability of merging profitable and loss-making branches.

We also discussed the future of Head Office, the cost of our Conference, the critical need to enforce and modernise our pass card system, and the potential for centralised services to create efficiency.

The minutes of that meeting reflect a vibrant, if anxious, democratic debate. But debate alone does not pay the bills.



Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM

That is why this Annual Meeting is so critical. Our Union is built on democratic principles.

The NEC has listened and now we must formulate concrete proposals for your consideration.

However, those proposals will mean nothing if clubs are not there to vote on them.

The future structure of your Union – how it is led, how it serves you, and indeed, whether it survives – will be decided by the delegates in the room on April 18.

We have reached the end of consultation. It is now time for action to be taken.

The NEC will bring forward the

necessary resolutions to enact a restructured, efficient and sustainable CIU. But we can only do this with your mandate.

I urge every club, in every branch: send your delegates to Blackpool. Empower them to vote.

This is not about imposing a solution from above; it is about collectively embracing the difficult choices required for survival.

Let us move from “negative comments” to “positive action.”

Come to the AGM. Have your say. Vote on the future of the Union at Blackpool in April.

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Welcome to the February edition of *Club Journal*.

As you will see from the General Secretary's words on the front page, this year's Annual Meeting – taking place on April 18 in Blackpool – is likely to be one of the most important meetings in the 164-year history of the Union.

At stake is the future viability of the organisation with a restructuring of the branch and NEC to be debated and voted upon during the AGM.

It is for this reason that the General Secretary is urging clubs to send their delegates to Blackpool and ensure that our members have their say on the future structure of the Union.

That important AGM will be preceded by the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition at the Norbreck Castle Hotel on the afternoon of Friday, April 17.

This is a great opportunity for club representatives to chat to suppliers, including Preferred Suppliers such as Brown & Brown, Dransfields, Greene King and Pure Purchasing.

Of course, attendees can also visit the official CIU stand and learn about the many services and products we offer to our member clubs.

For more details of Conference Weekend, see pages 14-15.

On page 18, we announce the four acts who will perform at the CIU Entertainment Showcase on the evening of April 17 at the H&A Club in central Blackpool.

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Welcome

The 'Club of the Month' for February is the Brookside Commercial Social Club in South Elmsall.

Founded in 1927, the club has managed to reinvent itself in recent years and is enjoying high levels of trade.

Indeed, the club was honoured at the Club Mirror Awards at the end of last year, winning in the 'Turnaround Club of the Year' category.

For a full profile of the club, see pages 10-13.

Elsewhere in this issue, we hear from Preferred Supplier Greene King about the launch of its 2026 Fresh Cask Releases calendar (pages 20-21) and we also preview the new Super League season which begins on Thursday, February 12 (pages 30-31).

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

The three-stage course can come to your club – or a combination of clubs in your area – if you have a minimum of 10 candidates.

Please see page 25 for more details on the ACM course or contact Cath Fitzpatrick at Head Office.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

Stephen Goulding

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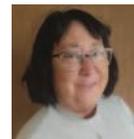
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Museum asks for club memorabilia to add to exhibition



The Armitt Museum is looking for social club memorabilia for a new exhibition

A call has gone out for people to come forward with objects from working men's clubs for a new exhibition in the Lake District.

The Armitt museum in Ambleside will exhibit Club Culture Cumbria next year, a project by photographer Colin Potsig, which highlights the community hubs through black and white portraits.

It is looking for objects to display alongside the photographs.

The museum is appealing for people to lend it material – which could be physical items, photographs, memorabilia, videos or just simply memories.

Faye Morrissey, the Armitt's manager and curator said: "Objects can tell fascinating stories, and we'd like to share in the everyday items from clubs that people might otherwise just pass over.

"Whether that's a beer mug, trophy, certificate, craft item or drinks board, we would be delighted to display these contemporary pieces alongside Colin's stunning photography."

The Armitt will be collecting objects for the Club Culture Cumbria display during February.

For more information, email: info@armitt.com or call: 015394 31212.

TNT Sports signs deal to broadcast LIV Golf League

TNT Sports has announced a new multi-year agreement to add the LIV Golf League to its sports offering.

Featuring many of the world's leading male golfers competing in a unique team and individual format, TNT Sports and its streaming platform discovery+ will broadcast all 14 events.

Live coverage of the LIV Golf 2026 Season will commence February 4-7 at the ROSHN Group LIV Golf Riyadh.

The 2026 season features 14 events across ten countries, including the League's first-ever event in South Africa (March 19-22).

For more information, visit: tntsportsbusiness.co.uk



News in brief



Grangemoor WMC rallies behind charity runners with two big events in February

Grangemoor Working Men's Club in Staffordshire is pulling out all the stops to support Bar Supervisor Luke Stretton and Sam Daly who will be running marathons for charity this year.

Both are taking on the London Marathon, and Luke is going even further by also running the Tokyo and Boston Marathons.

To help them reach their fundraising targets, there will be two special events in February – Luke's 80s Party Night and Sam's Pool Tournament Weekend.

They're running in aid of a range of charities: The Red Cross, Barnardo's, Sarcoma UK, and Hospice at Home – all incredibly worthy causes.

Members are being urged to buy tickets for the '80s Night from behind the bar and to also sign up for the Pool Weekend at the noticeboard, then place a £10 sign-up fee in an envelope, and hand it to the bar staff.



News in brief

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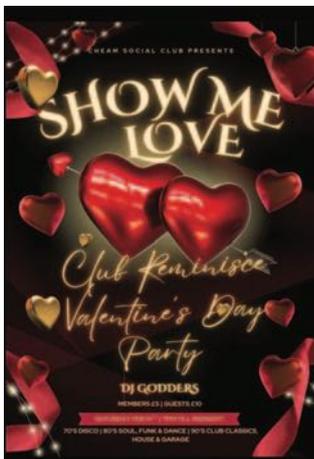
Also looking for companies / people to sponsor a race.



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Eastleigh Progressive Club to host Racenight in aid of Guide Dogs on Saturday, February 7
 The Guide Dogs For the Blind Association will benefit from a Charity Racenight being held at Eastleigh Progressive Club on February 7.

Tickets for the event cost £10 each and include a chip-shop supper.
 There will also be a raffle with a host of prizes to be won.



Tickets selling fast for Cheam Social Club's Valentine's Night Party and '80s Music Night
 Cheam Social Club in Surrey has announced two big events in February – a Club Reminisce Valentine Party on Saturday, February 14 and a live entertainment night featuring covers band Rewind The '80s on Saturday, February 28.
 Tickets for each evening cost £5 for members and £10 for members' guests.
 The event on February 14 will see DJ Godders playing a mix of tracks from across the decades.

Preferred Supplier Dransfields marks 80th birthday with award



Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley with the Chairman's Award at the EAG Expo

Dransfields is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year and was presented with the prestigious Chairman's Award at the annual EAG (Entertainment, Attractions and Games) International Expo, held at ExCeL London in January.

The special award was presented to Dransfields' Managing Director, Chris Haley, on the EAG show floor in recognition of the company's eight decades of outstanding service and its significant, enduring contribution to the gaming sector.

Founded in 1946 by Harry Dransfield, the company initially supplied lever-operated fruit machines to clubs and pubs in Newcastle and Leeds. It went on to become one of the largest machine suppliers in the North of England and was the originator of the 'nudge' feature.

Under current Chairman Robert Dransfield – Harry's grandson – and Managing Director Chris Haley, who celebrates his 30th year with the company in May, Dransfields is widely regarded as the UK's premier supplier of gaming and amusement equipment, including gaming machines, pool tables, jukeboxes and its state-of-the-art Spotlight and Darts Shark systems.

A longstanding partner of the CIU, Dransfields is always a major presence at the annual CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition at Blackpool each April and is also the headline sponsor of both the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday and the Dransfields CIU Charity Greyhound Racing Night.

Upon accepting the award, Chris Haley said: "This is a tremendous honour and a fantastic way to begin our 80th year in business."

Newton Aycliffe's Big Club to host 'The North Will Rise' show

The Big Club at Newton Aycliffe will be hosting a Zero Limits Wrestling show – 'The North Will Rise' – on Saturday, February 7.

The night will feature a major attraction as former WWE superstar Wolfgang brings his powerhouse style to the ring.

Fans will also have the unique opportunity to meet the star, with a special Meet & Greet session available.

Among the bouts in prospect sees Rees Miller clash with Oliver Barret and Liam Carr going head-to-head with Joseph Biggs.

The tickets start at £8 for one with a special bundle of four for £25.

A limited number of VIP Tickets (£15), which include enhanced seating, are also available.

For tickets and further information on the show, visit:

zerolimitswrestling.bigcartel.com



Newton Aycliffe's Big Club will be hosting a night of professional wrestling in February

Richmond Place Club makes £550 donation to boat charity



The Country Music section at the Richmond Place Club donated £550 to the Wye Princess Charity

As reported in last month's issue, the Richmond Place Club in Hereford has committed to helping raise funds for the Wye Princess Charity which is restoring a riverboat for the use of the community.

After a cheque for £550 was presented to the charity by the club's Country Music section, Ralph English, the charity's Chairman of Trustees, said: "Your support is truly appreciated and will make a meaningful difference to our project to renovate a vessel that will provide safe, inclusive trips on the River Wye for older adults, people with disabilities, and local community groups.

"Please pass on our thanks to all members of the Richmond Club Country Music section for their generosity and support. It is encouragement like this that helps turn our vision into a reality."

The club will be hosting a darts tournament to raise further funds for the charity on May 14.

News in brief



Mental Health Charities urge clubs to get involved in 'Time to Talk Day' in February

A number of mental health charities are raising awareness of Time to Talk Day which takes place on February 5.

Billed as 'the nation's biggest mental health conversation, Time to Talk Day aims to get people talking openly and honestly as the first step towards better mental health for everyone.

It can reduce stigma and help people feel comfortable enough to seek help when they need it.

The mental health charity MIND has created handy information packs full of simple ideas to get your club talking.

For more information, visit:

mind.org.uk/get-involved/time-to-talk-day/



Borough Social Club gears up for Easter Family Fun Day on Saturday, April 4

Borough Social Club in Pendlebury has announced that its annual Easter Fun Day will take place on Saturday, April 4.

As well as a chance to meet the Easter Bunny, there will be craft stalls, children's games, prize draws and a raffle.

Tickets cost £5 per child and can be purchased from Vicky on 07783529707.



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Groby Club presents cheque to hospice charity



The Groby Ex-Servicemen's club in Leicester presented £790 to the Loros hospice charity, a sum raised through the recent club party for senior members. Pictured, left to right: Nathan Clarke (Club Secretary and NEC Member), Alison Whitmore (Club Assistant Secretary), Eddie Pagett (Club President) and Debbie Thrussell (Loros)

Kyren Wilson visits Kettering's Argyll Club



Masters champion Kyren Wilson (centre) with members of Argyll Social Club in Kettering

Snooker champion Kyren Wilson returned to the Argyll Social Club in Kettering in the aftermath of his Masters victory.

Wilson won the Masters, his second triple crown title, after defeating John Higgins 10-6 in the final in January at Alexandra Palace.

The 34-year-old player, known as "The

Warrior", brought along the Paul Hunter trophy, much to the delight of those members in attendance.

Wilson said: "I've had so much support, especially from everyone in the town and Northamptonshire in general.

"It's a pleasure to bring this [trophy] to the Argyll Club. I brought the World Championship Trophy here too."

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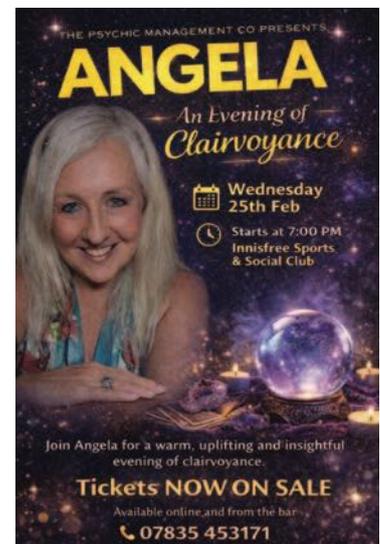


Beeston Victory Club to present Rod Stewart 'Reason To Believe' tribute show in March

A tribute performance featuring the music of Rod Stewart will take place at the Beeston Victory Club on Saturday, March 28.

Peter McCall will perform a set of Stewart's hits, including 'Maggie May' and 'Sailing', with a disco following the live performance.

Ticket prices are set at £3 for club members and £5 for non-members.



Innisfree Sports & Social Club set for 'An Evening of Clairvoyance' in February

Members and guests of Innisfree Sports & Social Club in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne will be enjoying 'An Evening of Clairvoyance' on February 25.

Angela Angel of the Psychic Management Company will be performing at the club and, according to the billing, will 'guide the audience through a fascinating journey of clairvoyance, unlocking secrets and sharing powerful messages.'

For tickets and further information on the event, phone 07835 453171.

Looking further ahead, the club will be hosting a 'Throwback Party' on Saturday, April 4.

This will be a fun evening of nostalgic disco tunes from across the eras, including plenty of '80s and '90s tracks and school disco classics.

Tickets cost £25 each – which include three drink tokens and a shot on entry – and are available now direct from the club.



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The club was founded in 1927

Brookside Commercial Social Club

Winning the award for 'Best Turnaround Club' at the 2025 Club Mirror Awards, the Brookside Commercial Social Club in South Elmsall is looking to the future with huge optimism

Brookside Commercial Social Club in South Elmsall, West Yorkshire – The Brooky to its members – has executed a remarkable financial turnaround in recent years, turning a £3,000 operating loss in 2023 to a £40,000 profit for the 2024 financial year, supported by an impressive half-a-million-pound turnover.

This achievement was recognised at the 2025 edition of the Club Mirror Awards held in Leicester in November when the club won the 'Turnaround Club of the Year' category.

"It was really pleasing for the club to gain national recognition for our efforts at the end of last year," says



The club has invested its profits in upgrading and modernising itself

Club Secretary Andrew Shaw.

“There has been a lot of hard work going on behind the scenes for a few years now to get to this point and we want to keep on moving forward as a club.”

The achievement is all the more remarkable when you consider that the improved financial performance was realised without a single price increase to members for over two years – a conscious decision to provide value in a cost-of-living crisis.

“The committee decided they wanted to hold off on passing on cost increases to the members and just see how it went,” Andrew explains.

The strategy worked, proving that trust and value can be more powerful drivers than margin.

Andrew, who stepped into the Secretary role just three years ago, became the architect of this turnaround.

His blueprint involved smart growth, enhanced value and

reconnecting with both existing and potential members.

The cornerstone of this approach was the introduction of a simple yet powerful two-tier pricing system. For the modest £5 annual membership fee, members save around 20p on every drink.

“Within a year, you’ve got your membership back,” says Andrew. “For a double vodka and coke, the saving becomes 60p so the benefit of joining is tangible.”

This move has seen membership forms flowing in at a steady rate of two to three per week, building a solid base of over 500 members.

Understanding that a club must evolve with its members’ tastes was the next pillar.

The bar line-up received a strategic refresh, introducing contemporary favourites like Rattler Cider and, most notably, Hawkstone Premier Lager.

In a masterstroke of promotional timing, the club leveraged the

popularity of the Clarkson’s Farm show on Netflix. “We basically got a free barrel off Clarkson’s brewery,” says Andrew.

“The beer had a really high profile at the time and we wanted the people actually interested in drinking it to try it.

“It has just shot off from there and become a flagship product for the club. Some members, including myself, have switched from their previously favourite beers to become regular Hawkstone drinkers.

“Of course, we make sure that everyone is catered for at the bar with a wide selection of brands and styles available, including John Smith’s Bitter, alcohol-free options and even a selection of cans which some of our regulars like to drink.”

For the committee at The Brooky, generating profit is never an end in itself.

“It’s a members’ club so any profit we make goes into improving their

The club won the ‘Turnaround Club of the Year’ in 2025





experience as well as to secure the club's future."

Hence, brand-new chairs and tables have replaced worn-out furniture to make the club a more comfortable and inviting place in which to socialise.

Outside, the Beer Garden has undergone a complete "much-needed revamp," and now features an outdoor TV for summer sporting events.

Meanwhile, the club takes great pride in its facilities for darts, snooker and pool and has various teams competing in local leagues, ensuring busy midweek nights when hosting fixtures.

Practical investments have also addressed a number of longstanding issues.

The installation of over-door heaters and thermal curtains on external doors has solved chronic heat loss, especially from the busy smoking area door.

"It's made a massive difference," says Andrew. "It has made the club

more comfortable throughout and energy-efficient."

This transformation is powered by a remarkable volunteer spirit. Andrew and the Club Treasurer Stephen Nickson are often found with paintbrush in hand.

"Obviously there are certain jobs where you need to pay a professional to come in but myself and the Treasurer are happy to save the club some money by doing the decorating ourselves.

"In addition, other committee members do so much for the club in their spare time, including Nicola Shaw and Josie Simpson.

"It's important to keep investing in the club as a venue like ours will only survive by attracting new, younger people alongside the existing members.

"If you don't modernise and move forward, then you're in that situation where you can stagnate."

He contrasts The Brooky with some neighbouring venues, which he describes as being "like walking back

into the '60s," a fate he is determined to avoid.

This forward-thinking even extends to small details like installing phone charging points in the Lounge.

"The cost of allowing people to do that is so minimal to us in terms of electricity but charging your phone is a really important part of modern life and they are very likely to have a couple of drinks while they're doing it," he says.

"We are near the main shopping area so you get people coming in for the first time, liking it and then becoming members further down the line."

Andrew highlights the huge influence of Bar Manager Diane Whitehead.

"Diane is totally committed to the club and does so much unseen and unpaid work, even when she is on holiday. My job as Secretary is made so much easier with having her dedicated to the club."

He credits her with making the bar side of the operation so seamless that

Watching live sport is a popular activity at The Brooky



he can focus on strategy and governance.

Meanwhile, the club's commitment to the local community is total and it serves as a warm, welcoming social haven, particularly for the older generation and is open from 11am to 11pm every day.

He fondly describes one regular who, schedule permitting, occupies his favourite spot to watch repeats of 'Only Fools and Horses' on one of the club's TV screens.

"It's important that people feel they belong," says Andrew.

"Clubs like ours are really important for people who may otherwise be isolated socially, particularly those in the older generations."

This commitment to inclusion finds its most powerful expression in the groundbreaking 'Disco-bility' night. Once a month, the club's main room is given over to adults with physical or learning disabilities.

"It gives carers a chance to chill and gives the young adults some

independence," Andrew explains.

The event's reputation for being a safe and joyful space is so strong that participants travel from as far as Wakefield city centre, 12 miles away.

The initiative has had a ripple effect, inspiring a local care home to now host its own talent shows at the club. It is a profound example of a club filling a vital gap in community provision.

The Brooky also proudly upholds traditions of respect and service and any serving or ex-serving member of the armed forces, police, fire, ambulance or prison service is granted automatic life membership.

"We do have quite a few veterans that come to the club," Andrew says, himself being ex-military. This gesture cements the club's role as a place of camaraderie and respect for public service.

The club's central location in South Elmsall is leveraged for broader community engagement.

For the past two years, it has played a key role in the town's Christmas

lights switch-on, offering free hot drinks to families enjoying the funfair.

As the club looks ahead, challenges remain. Andrew speaks of the relentless pressure from rising beer prices, Sky and TNT subscriptions and government taxes.

He expresses a common frustration about business rates and the tax burden on hospitality.

Yet, the mood is overwhelmingly optimistic. The club is debt-free, owning its building outright. And a monumental milestone is on the horizon – 2027 marks the club's 100th anniversary.

The award-winning turnaround has secured the foundation for this celebration and for the next century.

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CIU Conference Weekend 2026

The 162nd Annual Meeting and the 34th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will both be staged at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool in April 2026 as clubs gather for Conference Weekend

Planning continues for Conference Weekend 2026 which is now just a few months away.

The Norbreck Castle Hotel will host the 162nd Annual Meeting and the 34th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition in April.

The key event for CIU delegates is the morning of Saturday, April 18 when the 2026 Annual Meeting – the 162nd edition – takes place in the hotel’s Function Room.

During the meeting, the 2025 Annual Report and Financial Report for 2025 will be considered by delegates.

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

Friday, April 17 will see the 34th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition taking place in the Norcalympia Suite of the hotel.

This is the UK’s largest trade show for private members’ social clubs and offers a wealth of products and services designed to help clubs save money and grow trade.

A wide range of key club suppliers from across the UK will be in attendance, including Preferred Suppliers such as BOC, Dransfields, Greene King, Brown & Brown Insurance and Pure Purchasing.

At the complimentary bar, Greene King will be showcasing its leading brands, creating the perfect setting for networking with fellow club officials.

So, don’t forget to put Conference Weekend in your diary and ensure that your club takes part in the key event of the CIU Calendar.



Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM delivers a speech at the 2025 Annual Meeting



Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM delivers his address at the 161st AGM



Club delegates will vote on a number of changes to the CIU Constitution



There will be debate about the Future of the Union at the 2026 Annual Meeting



The Norbreck Castle Hotel will be the focal point for Conference Weekend 2026



The Norbreck Castle Hotel will host both the Annual Meeting and the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition in April



The Head Office team at the 2025 trade event were able to advise members and officials about the services and products which the CIU offers to its clubs



The CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition brings together delegates and a number of club-related suppliers



Union Vice-President Bob Russell CMD officially opened the 33rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition and welcomed exhibitors and delegates to the event



CIU Preferred Supplier Greene King will be providing a selection of beers at their complimentary bar

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“As a primary exhibitor at the CIU Trade show for over 20 years it’s great to catch up with some long-lasting customers as well as meeting many new ones. The event is always a great way to showcase new products as well as providing fun to the show, including our ever popular BeBop music bingo.

“This year to celebrate our 80th birthday, we are also bringing along Clint I’Anson, the European Pool Champion to provide some additional entertainment.”

Chris Haley – Dransfields

“Ace Furniture has been exhibiting at Blackpool for over two decades. It provides a great opportunity to share our product portfolio with both old and new customers.”

Graeme Miller – Ace Furniture

“I always look forward to meeting up with CIU clubs. I’ll be wandering around with our photographer, so be sure to come and introduce yourself and share your club news.”

Justin O’Regan, Editorial Manager, Club Journal

“We love the energy of the CIU Trade Show – it’s the ideal place to meet customers, partners, and friends old and new.”

Jonathon Crystal – Crystals

“It’s a privilege to work with the CIU, and an honour to welcome so many great clubs to Blackpool. And don’t forget to enter the CIU Club of the Year – we’ll have entry forms on the CIU Stand.”

Sean Ferris, Commercial Director, Club Journal

“The CIU Exhibition is like being part of one big family – meeting up, exchanging views and ideas and making new friends from different parts of the country as well as enjoying what exhibitors have to offer. At the moment we are all facing a big challenge in 2026 so a big thank you for all the people involved in making this show happen.”

Les Walker – Richmond Place Club Hereford

HQ

News in brief

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

- Club Staff Accommodation Contract
- Contract of Employment – Bar Manager
- Club Staff Handbook
- Contract of Employment – Bar/Cleaning Staff
- Contract of Employment – Club Steward
- Club Secretary's Handbook
- Zero Hours Contract

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

Due to increased production and postage costs the price list is under review.

National Executive Committee dates

The NEC meetings at Head Office for 2026 are as follows:

February 25/26, March 25/26, April 16 (Blackpool), June 3/4, July 15/16, September 2/3, October 14/15 and December 2/3.

CIU Conference 2026 dates

Friday, April 17 – CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition, Norbreck Castle Hotel;

Friday, April 17 – CIU Entertainment Showcase, H&A Social Club

Saturday, April 18 – The 162nd Annual Meeting

Find out if a club is a member of the CIU

To find other Union clubs, use the search facility on the official website: ciu.org.uk.

There are several areas that can be searched in order to find clubs, general information on the CIU and *Club Journal* articles going back to 2011.



2026 CIU Entertainment Showcase line-up is announced

This year's CIU Entertainment Showcase will take place on the evening of Friday, April 17 at the H&A Social Club in Blackpool as part of Conference Weekend.

The event, compered by John Gillan who will also perform a comedy spot, will feature a number of top club acts performing in a variety of musical genres.

They will take to the club's Concert Room on the night before the Union's Annual Meeting.

Three acts have been confirmed for

the night alongside John Gillan: Miss Motown who will perform some of the greatest soul classics made famous by The Supremes, Gladys Knight and Martha Reeves; John Alex performing his tribute to Elton John, and highly-rated vocalist Connor McRae who will sing hits from such artists as Oasis, Ed Sheeran, Lionel Richie, Bon Jovi and Harry Stiles.

Tickets cost just £5 and will be available to buy online – the link is being finalised and will shortly be live on the CIU website.



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Greene King unveils its 2026 cask ale offering

Preferred Supplier Greene King's 2026 Fresh Cask Releases calendar will introduce some new brews alongside increased choice in pump clip designs to help clubs boost takings



Greene King's rugby-themed Scrumdown Golden Ale is available until the end of April

CIU Preferred Supplier Greene King has announced the launch of its 2026 Fresh Cask Releases calendar, following a year that saw continued investment in seasonal innovation.

Continuing its commitment to championing cask beer, Greene King's 2026 calendar introduces some new brews alongside increased choice in pump clip designs, giving clubs greater flexibility and helping them create exciting seasonal cask offerings to suit their bar and drive guest engagement.

Demonstrating the impact of this approach, Greene King's festive favourite Rocking Rudolph, and the No.1 Christmas cask ale, delivered a strong performance during its most

recent run surpassing 2024 sales.

The uplift was driven in part by the introduction of a new pump clip design, which refreshed the beer's branding and helped generate renewed attention and excitement among drinkers.

The success highlights the important role that visual appeal and innovation can play in supporting growth within the cask category.

Greene King also saw wider success with its seasonal calendar, selling more than two million pints of seasonal cask beer in 2025 and demonstrating that there is demand for fresh cask releases.

The 2026 Fresh Cask Releases calendar will feature 12

limited-edition beers, each carefully timed to complement key moments throughout the year.

Continuing on from the 2025 programme, Fireside, the 4.5% ruby winter ale, and Abbot Reserve, the 6.5% premium ale, will be available across the early months of the year.

Making its annual return in February is much-loved, sport-inspired Scrumdown.

The 4.1% fresh golden ale pays homage to the rugby tournament which will be eagerly followed in many clubs and offers venues a seasonal pint designed to enhance matchday occasions and the overall experience.

Scrumdown will be available



The Golden Dawn pump clip is ideal for venues which don't show sport

throughout from the end of January till the end of April.

Greene King is also introducing an alternative pump clip design for the Scrumdown seasonal beer.

The Golden Dawn pump clip is ideal for venues without a sport offering, presenting a Spring themed twist on a returning favourite.

Customers will receive both pump clips with each order, allowing them to select the option that best suits their venue and drinkers.

Jack Palmer, Head Brewer at Greene King, said: "Our 2026 Fresh Cask Releases calendar builds on the success of our portfolio last year,



The seasonal cask calendar is available

bringing back much-loved favourites alongside a few exciting new brews and seasonal celebrations.

"By continuing to invest in seasonal quality cask and offering a rotating range, we're helping our customers create fresh interest in cask beer throughout the year and deliver great experiences for drinkers."

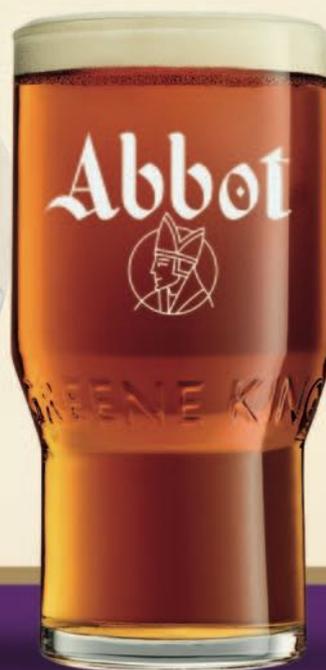
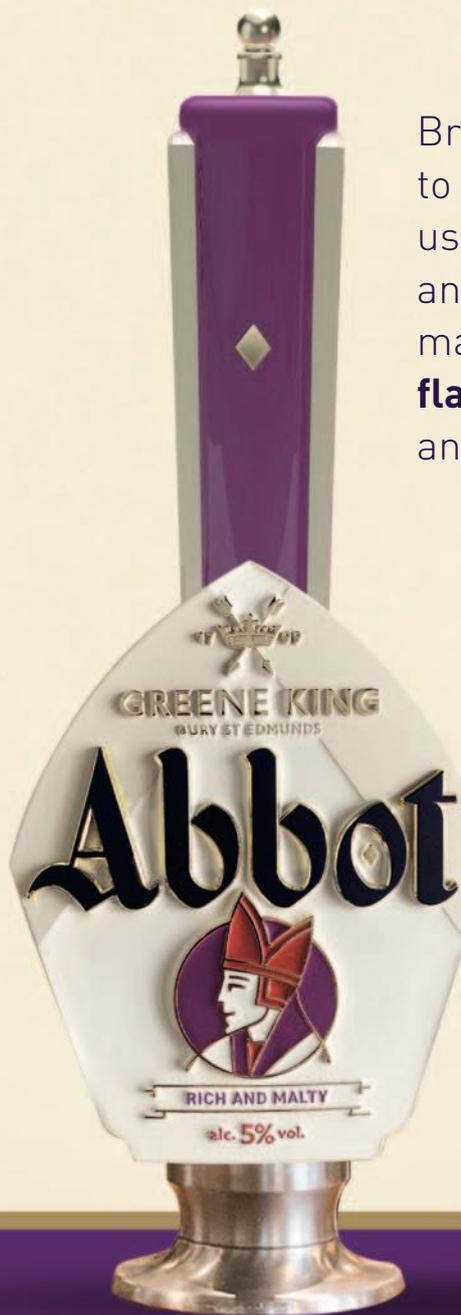
All seasonal cask beers will be available in firkins and pins (36-pint units), providing clubs with greater flexibility and helping them manage throughput effectively.

To order any seasonals in 2026, visit the Greene King Value for Venues website: www.valueforvenues.co.uk.

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Buy your ticket for 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, as well as 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 **Sunday, March 1** 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:

- Create an account at ciu.praxis-play.online
- Add funds to your account
- Receive email confirming you have added money to your account.
- Buy tickets by selecting PLAY on the raffle you wish to purchase tickets
- Receive an email confirming your tickets purchase, including ticket numbers. This will be sent by email in a PDF attachment and you can also see tickets in your account.

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?

A: Yes. Please go online to ciu.praxisplay.online and sign up to create an online account and play the CIU Raffle.

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?

A: In-app users can create a support ticket to resolve a query or call the CIU Head Office on 0207 226 0221 for help with any problems they encounter when buying a ticket.

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Why not complete your Award in Club Management in 2026?

The Award in Club Management (ACM) enables CIU club officials to gain a thorough grounding in the skills associated with running a club. If you would like to host future ACM sessions at your club, or share sessions with clubs in your area, please get in touch with Catherine Fitzpatrick at Head Office



At the ACM sessions, candidates receive a thorough grounding in the skills required to run a club efficiently with guidance from experienced administrators and also receive a set of three workbooks for reference

It is no secret that having a well-run operation is absolutely crucial to the continuing financial health of members' clubs.

The Award in Club Management (ACM) course is specifically designed for CIU clubs and aims to give 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.

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, 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 Cath Fitzpatrick at the CIU Head Office on 020 7226 0221 or email:

Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org to discuss hosting a future course at your club or with fellow CIU clubs.

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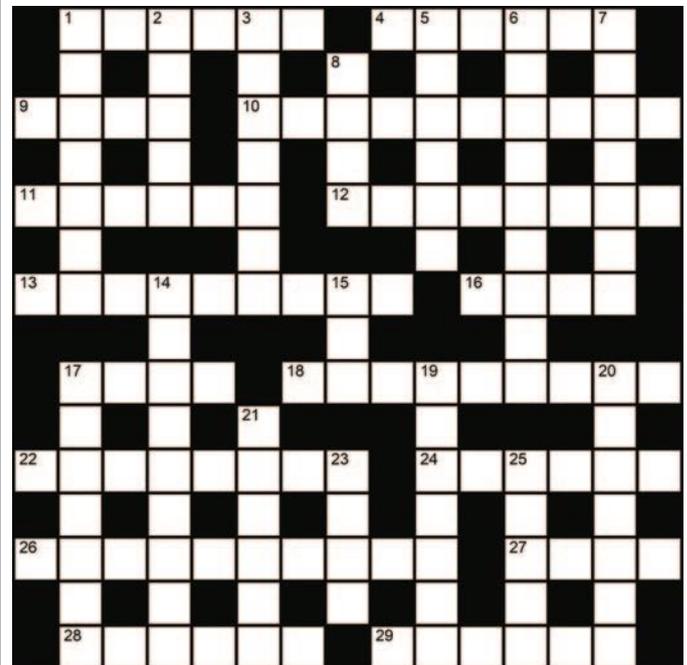
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Send your entry to Club Journal Crossword, Link Spaces, Botanica Ditton Park, Riding Court Road, Slough, SL3 9LL. **Deadline February 25.**

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Please send your CV and brief cover letter to Angela at: victoryclub1920@gmail.com or pop in at:

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Congratulations to the winner of our £50 Prize Crossword from the January issue:

Grahame Swarbrick of Bedlington Social Club



Super League returns for 30th season

The 2026 Super League season kicks off on Thursday, February 12 as newly-promoted York Knights host treble-winning champions Hull Kingston Rovers, live on Sky Sports



Hull Kingston Rovers are the reigning Super League Champions, having won the title for the first time in 2025

The full fixture list for the 2026 Betfred Super League regular season has been confirmed, with every match showing live on Sky Sports as the league celebrates its 30th and most action-packed year yet as it returns to a 14-team competition.

The 2026 season kicks off with newly-promoted York Knights hosting treble-winning champions Hull KR on Thursday, February 12, while Sky Sports' second pick from Round One sees Warrington Wolves host St Helens as Paul Rowley looks to hit the ground running as he takes the reigns at the Saints.

Super League will make a long-awaited return to two of the league's former members in Round Two, with Bradford Bulls hosting 2023 Grand Finalists Catalans Dragons on February 19, and Castleford Tigers travelling to France to face Toulouse Olympique on February 20.

Hull KR host reigning NRL Champions Brisbane Broncos in the Betfred World Club Challenge on February 19, while Leeds Rhinos face Willie Peters side in Las Vegas during Round Three - both live on Sky Sports.

Super League will celebrate its 30th

birthday in Round Six where two foundation fixtures will be played from the first round of games back in 1996 – Castleford Tigers facing Bradford Bulls on March 26 and Leeds Rhinos up against Warrington Wolves on March 29.

Rivals Round will again be staged across the Easter weekend from April 3-5, kicking off with the traditional Good Friday clash between St Helens and Wigan Warriors.

That will be followed before Bradford Bulls and Leeds Rhinos renew their famous rivalry under the lights of Odsal Stadium – a truly



The new season gets underway on Thursday, February 12 on Sky Sports

unmissable clash between two former Super League champions and true aristocrats of the competition.

Round 13 will feature a Parisian twist when Catalans Dragons and the Wigan Warriors square off at Stade Jean Bouin.

This match will mark the 20th anniversary of the Dragons joining the Super League, and 30 years since Super League first kicked off at Stade Charlety.

Thursday night fixtures have also been confirmed through until the penultimate round in September.

This includes the Hull derby at the MKM Stadium on July 23, when Rivals Returns during Round 20 and the final charge towards the Super League Grand Final at Old Trafford on October 3 begins to take shape.

Betfred Super League 2026 fixtures*

(Sky Sports) denotes exclusive matches

Round 1

Thur 12 Feb: York Knights v Hull KR, 8pm (Sky Sports)
 Fri 13 Feb: Warrington Wolves v St Helens, 8pm (Sky Sports)
 Fri 13 Feb: Leigh Leopards v Leeds Rhinos, 8pm
 Fri 13 Feb: Catalans Dragons v Huddersfield Giants, 6pm UK
 Sat 14 Feb: Hull FC v Bradford Bulls, 5:30pm
 Sat 14 Feb: Wakefield Trinity v Toulouse Olympique, 8pm
 Sun 15 Feb: Castleford Tigers v Wigan Warriors, 3pm

Round 2

Thur 19 Feb: Hull KR v Brisbane Broncos, 7:30pm (Sky Sports)
 TBC: Hull KR v Warrington Wolves
 Fri 20 Feb: Bradford Bulls v Catalans Dragons, 8pm (Sky Sports)
 Fri 20 Feb: Leeds Rhinos v York Knights, 8pm
 Fri 20 Feb: St Helens v Leigh Leopards, 8pm

Sat 21 Feb: Wigan Warriors v Hull FC, 8pm

Sat 21 Feb: Toulouse Olympique v Castleford Tigers, 6pm UK (Sky Sports)

Sun 22 Feb: Huddersfield Giants v Wakefield Trinity, 3pm

Round 3

Thur 26 Feb: Wigan Warriors v Leigh Leopards, 8pm (Sky Sports)

Fri 27 Feb: Castleford Tigers v Huddersfield Giants, 8pm

Fri 27 Feb: Hull FC v York Knights, 8pm

Sat 28 Feb: Hull KR v Leeds Rhinos (Las Vegas), TBC (Sky Sports)

Sat 28 Feb: Catalans Dragons v St Helens, 6pm UK

Sat 28 Feb: Warrington Wolves v Wakefield Trinity, 5:30pm

Sun 1 March: Bradford Bulls v Toulouse Olympique, 3pm

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Sunday, February 8, 4.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Liverpool v Manchester City

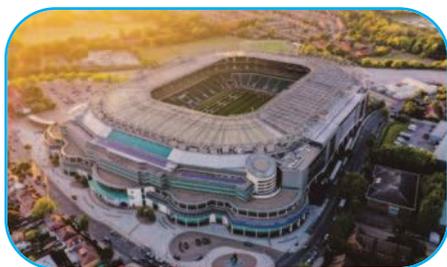
Both Liverpool and Manchester City will be desperate to accumulate points at this stage of the season and keep up the pressure on table toppers Arsenal. There are sure to be some surprises in store before the title race is done, particularly with both teams having bolstered their squads during the transfer window.



Thursday, February 12, 8pm, Sky Sports

Super League: York Knights v Hull KR

The Super League is back for its 30th season and Hull Kingston Rovers are the team to beat after their sensational triple-winning season last time out. This will be a great litmus test for new boys York Knights and will give them an immediate insight to playing at this level of rugby league. See pages 28-29 for a full preview of the new Super League season.



Saturday, February 21, 2.10pm – ITV

Six Nations Rugby: England v Ireland

A huge game at Twickenham's Allianz Stadium which will undoubtedly have a major bearing on the final destination of the title. Optimism levels are very high in the England camp after their unbeaten run in the Autumn International Series and the men in white will be gunning for revenge after their 27-22 loss in Dublin in last year's Championship.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

In football, the Premier League reaches a crucial juncture, while the FA Cup reaches the Fourth Round. This month also sees the start of the 30th season of Super League and the Six Nations Rugby Championship

Sunday, February 1, 2pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Aston Villa v Brentford

Sunday, February 1, 2pm, Sky Sports Main Event

Premier League: Manchester United v Fulham

Sunday, February 1, 2pm, Sky Sports

Premier League: Nottingham Forest v Crystal Palace

Sunday, February 1, 4pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester City

Monday, February 2, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Sunderland v Burnley

Tuesday, February 3, 8pm, Sky Sports/ITV

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

Wednesday, February 4, 3.05pm, TNT Sports

LIV Golf: Riyadh – Round 1

Wednesday, February 4, 8pm, Sky Sports/ITV

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

Thursday, February 5, 3.05pm, TNT Sports

LIV Golf: Riyadh – Round 2

Thursday, February 5, 8pm, ITV

Six Nations Rugby: France v Ireland

Friday, February 6, 7pm, BBC

Winter Olympics 2026: Opening Ceremony

Friday, February 6, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Leeds United v Nottingham Forest

Saturday, February 7, 12.30pm, TNT Sports 1

Premier League: Manchester United v Tottenham Hotspur

Saturday, February 7, 2.10pm, BBC

Six Nations Rugby: Italy v Scotland

Saturday, February 7, 3.05pm, TNT Sports

LIV Golf: Riyadh – Round 4

Saturday, February 7, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Newcastle United v Brentford

Saturday, February 7, 4.40pm, ITV

Six Nations Rugby: England v Wales

Sunday, February 8, 9am, Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: T20 World Cup – England v Nepal

Sunday, February 8, 2pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Brighton & Hove Albion v Crystal Palace

Sunday, February 8, 4.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Liverpool v Manchester City

Monday, February 9, 8pm, Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Sheffield United v Middlesbrough

Winter Olympics, Starts Friday,
February 6, 7pm, BBC



**Tuesday, February 10, 7.30pm,
TNT Sports 4**

Premier League: Chelsea v Leeds United

**Tuesday, February 10, 7.30pm,
TNT Sports 5**

Premier League: Everton v AFC Bournemouth

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Premier League: Everton v AFC Bournemouth

**Tuesday, February 10, 7.30pm,
TNT Sports 3**

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Newcastle United

**Tuesday, February 10, 8.15pm,
TNT Sports 1**

Premier League: West Ham United v Manchester United

**Wednesday, February 11, 1pm,
Sky Sports Cricket**

Cricket: T20 World Cup – England v West Indies

**Wednesday, February 11, 7.30pm,
TNT Sports 3**

Premier League: Aston Villa v Brighton & Hove Albion

**Wednesday, February 11, 7.30pm,
TNT Sports 5**

Premier League: Crystal Palace v Burnley

**Wednesday, February 11, 7.30pm,
TNT Sports 4**

Premier League: Manchester City v Fulham

**Wednesday, February 11, 7.30pm,
TNT Sports 6**

Premier League: Nottingham Forest v Wolves

**Wednesday, February 11, 8.15pm,
TNT Sports 1**

Premier League: Sunderland v Liverpool

Thursday, February 12, 8pm, TNT Sports 1

Premier League: Brentford v Arsenal

Thursday, February 12, 8pm, Sky Sports

Super League: York Knights v Hull Kingston Rovers

**Friday, February 13, 7.45pm,
BBC/TNT Sports**

FA Cup: 4th Round – Hull City v Chelsea

Friday, February 13, 8pm, Sky Sports

Super League: Warrington Wolves v St Helens

Saturday, February 14, 9am, Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: T20 World Cup – England v Bangladesh

Saturday, February 14, 2.10pm, BBC

Six Nations Rugby: Ireland v Italy

Saturday, February 14, 4.40pm, ITV

Six Nations Rugby: Scotland v England

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Cricket: T20 World Cup – England v Italy, Monday, February 16, 9am, Sky Sports Cricket

Saturday, February 14, 5.30pm, Sky Sports

Super League: Hull Kingston Rovers v Bradford Bulls

Saturday, February 14, 5.30pm, TNT Sports/BBC

FA Cup: 4th Round – Aston Villa v Newcastle United

Saturday, February 14, 8pm, TNT Sports

FA Cup: 4th Round – Liverpool v Brighton & Hove Albion

Sunday, February 15, 3.10pm, BBC

Six Nations Rugby: Wales v France

Monday, February 16, 9am, Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: T20 World Cup – England v Italy

Monday, February 16, 1pm, Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: T20 World Cup – Australia v Sri Lanka

Friday, February 20, 8pm, Sky Sports

Super League: Leeds Rhinos v York Knights

Saturday, February 21, 12.30pm, TNT Sports 1

Premier League: Manchester City v Newcastle United

Saturday, February 21, 12.30pm, Sky Sports+

League One Football: Plymouth Argyle v Cardiff City

Saturday, February 21, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: West Ham United v AFC Bournemouth

Saturday, February 21, 2.10pm, ITV

Six Nations Rugby: England v Ireland

Saturday, February 21, 4.40pm, BBC

Six Nations Rugby: Wales v Scotland

Sunday, February 22, 12 noon, Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Sheffield United v Sheffield Wednesday

Sunday, February 22, 2pm, Sky Sports

Premier League: Crystal Palace v Wolves

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Premier League: Sunderland v Fulham

Sunday, February 22, 3.10pm, ITV

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Sunday, February 22, 4.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal

Monday, February 23, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Everton v Manchester United

Wednesday, February 25, 8pm, Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Stoke City v Oxford United

Thursday, February 26, 8pm, Sky Sports

Super League: Wigan Warriors v Leigh Leopards

Friday, February 27, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Wolves v Aston Villa

Saturday, February 28, 12.30pm, TNT Sports 1

Premier League: AFC Bournemouth v Sunderland

Saturday, February 28, 12.30pm, Sky Sports

Championship Football: Derby County v Blackburn Rovers

Saturday, February 28, 12.30pm, Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Leicester City v Norwich City

Saturday, February 28, 12.30pm, Sky Sports+

League One Football: Northampton Town v Peterborough United

Saturday, February 28, 12.30pm, Sky Sports+

League One Football: Leyton Orient v Barnsley

Saturday, February 28, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Leeds United v Manchester City

Saturday, February 28, 5.30pm, Sky Sports

Super League: Warrington Wolves v Wakefield Trinity

Saturday, February 28, 7pm, Sky Sports

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The 34th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition – Friday, April 17

The 34th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place on Friday, April 17 from 1pm–5pm in the Norcalympia Suite of the Norbreck Castle Hotel.

As the UK’s largest trade show for private members’ social clubs, the exhibition offers an unrivalled opportunity to explore a wealth of products and services designed to help clubs save money, strengthen operations, and grow trade.

Club officials will be able to meet with suppliers to discuss a wide range of trade-boosting measures, including the Union’s Preferred Suppliers: BOC, Brown & Brown Insurance, Dransfields, Greene King, and Pure Purchasing.

Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley said: “As a primary exhibitor at the CIU Trade Show for over 20 years, it’s great to catch up with long-standing customers and meet many new ones. The event is always a fantastic way to showcase new products and add some fun to the show, including our ever-popular BeBop Music Bingo. This year, as we celebrate our 80th birthday, we’re also bringing along Clint I’Anson, the European Pool Champion, to provide some additional entertainment.”

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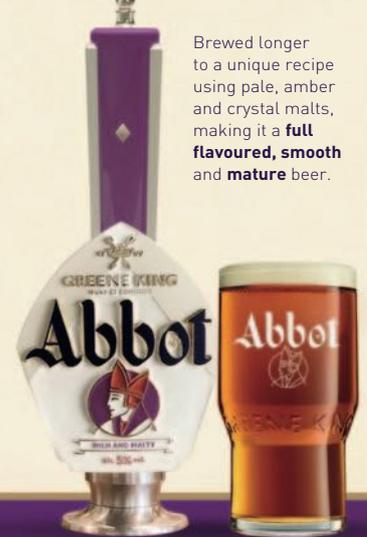
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