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Union President gives evidence to House of Lords Select Committee on the Licensing Act

Union President George Dawson CMD has told the House of Lords Select Committee examining the Licensing Act 2003 that he believes that there are too many inconsistencies in the way that different local authorities approach licensing.

Mr Dawson, who appeared before the Committee on Tuesday, November 22, said: "The only problem that the Union has with different authorities is inconsistency. Different authorities interpret the law in different ways.

"We have a difficulty with advising our clubs in one area about something that we feel is not part of the Licensing Act, and trying to educate the licensing officer in that respect.

"In other areas, we have no difficulty whatsoever. If you have no trouble in your club, they just leave you alone to get on with it. The inconsistency is the worst part of the Act."

But Mr Dawson did concede that the Licensing Act was "generally" working well. He said: "There has been a bit of row-back on the flexibility that was originally intended – the 24-hour opening – especially with the late night levies, etc.

"When we applied for our licences in 2005, all eventualities were covered by having licences until two o'clock. Most of my clubs claim for eight in the morning until two in the morning, every day of the week.

"They do not use it all the time, but they do it to have flexibility over periods of celebration – 100 years of the club, etc.

"A lot of clubs – it is only in some areas – now have to do a variation, because six authorities decided to do the late night levy.

"They get charged a late night levy if the Club Premises Certificate says 'until two o'clock', even though they may not use it all the time, and they may use it on only two occasions in the whole year.

"Then they have to apply for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN). The flexibility seems to be going from the idea of what was



Union President
George Dawson CMD

originally intended, but generally it is working well."

Concluding his appearance in front of the Committee, Mr Dawson assured the assembled peers that CIU clubs, along with those clubs affiliated to other major associations, remain highly relevant in the context of the modern on-trade.

He said: "We have had a considerable amount of difficulty, but we are still a significant part of the on-trade.

"There is £21 billion in the on-trade in beer. CIU probably accounts for five per cent of that by itself and the Association of Conservative Clubs (ACC) has 900 clubs.

"There are also British Legion clubs. We are still a significant player in the on-trade. The on-trade has shrunk, but it is not all depression and everybody closing down.

"We are looking at different avenues to keep our clubs open. Do not think that we are all going to close down tomorrow."

The Select Committee, which is chaired by Baroness McIntosh of Pickering and includes ACC Chief Executive and CORCA Chairman Lord Smith of Hindhead CBE, has been tasked with reviewing the effectiveness of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Committee has taken evidence from a cross section of interested parties, including representatives of clubs, pubs, the police, the off-trade, legal experts and think tanks.

For the full transcript of the House of Lords session, see pages 32-36.

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CIU clubs honoured at Club Mirror Awards

Several Union clubs were honoured at the 2016 Club Mirror Awards, held at The Principal Hotel in Manchester at the end of November.

Joint winners in the CIU-sponsored 'Traditional Club of the Year' category were Pittshill Victory WMC in Stoke on Trent and Old Hendon Ex-Servicemen's Club from London.

Pictured above are members of Pittshill Victory WMC being presented with their Award on stage by Union President George Dawson CMD (far left) and Awards host, Sally Nugent (far right).

For more information on the other winners, see page 6.

EDITOR'S LETTER

A happy and prosperous New Year to all of our readers and welcome to the January edition of *Club Journal*.

As you'll see from the front page story, the CIU continues to make its voice heard at the very highest levels of Government with our President George Dawson CMD recently giving evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee which is examining the Licensing Act 2003.

I know the President and his fellow Union Officers are determined to ensure that the interests and concerns of our membership are pushed forward on a regular basis through the CIU's leading participation in the All-Party Parliamentary Group and CORCA meetings which take place throughout the year.

But don't forget that individual clubs can also play their part in this process by engaging with politicians at a local level. Why not invite your local councillors or Member of Parliament to your club and show them first hand just how important you are to the local community?

Meanwhile, January's 'Club of the Month' feature (page 10) focuses on Pitts Hill Victory WMC in Stoke-on-Trent who were recently named joint winners of the CIU-sponsored 'Traditional Club of the Year' category at the Club Mirror Awards held towards the end of last year in Manchester.

Congratulations to them and all the other Union clubs which were honoured at the Awards – Old Hendon Ex-Servicemen's Club in North London, New Eltham Social Club in South East London, Dartford Working Men's Club in Kent and West Byfleet Social Club in Surrey

It really is great to see Union clubs leading the way in best practice and earning national renown for their hard work.

Elsewhere in this issue, we put the spotlight on NEC Member Philip Larkin and get his views on the current state of clubland (see page 14).

Finally, a last call for those clubs wishing to take part in the 2017 Dransfields CIU National Quiz competition which gets underway later this month with Regional Heats in the North



East, South East, South Wales, Lancashire, Yorkshire and Midlands.

If you'd like to enter a team or teams for any of the Regional Heats, please call the organisers Redtooth on **01246 813713 (Monday-Friday, 9am-5am)** or email them at: **sue@redtooth.co.uk**

I hope you enjoy the issue.

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GLORY FOR STURDEE SOCIAL & BOWLING CLUB



The 2016 Spitfire Trophy was held at Faversham Bowls Club, featuring a number of clubs drawn from across Kent. Sturdee Social & Bowling Club won the Plate, the fifth time in eight years that they have done so. Pictured, left to right: Colin Lewing, Colin Cannon, Paul Newton and Roy Colmar

WMC receives £15,000 from local windfarm scheme

Keadby and Althorpe Working Men's Club in Doncaster Branch has received £15,000 from a community windfarm scheme.

The club is intending to use the windfall to refurbish the kitchen, improve accessibility and modernise the whole building.

Local MP Andrew Percy supported the club in its application for funding.

He said: "It's great to see that yet another great project has been able to benefit from this funding.

"As one of only a few community buildings in Keadby, it is important that the

facilities are up to date and meet expectations.

"The refurbishment of the kitchen and other improvements will make a big difference to what the club can offer and I really hope that local residents will continue to support and use this facility."

The money came from the SSE Keadby Wind Farm Community Fund which donates funds to non-profit community groups to improve facilities, services and activities for children, young people, adults and families with £8.5 million available during the 25 years of the scheme.

Jones Road WMC in Wolverhampton reopens after fire

Jones Road Working Men's Club in Wolverhampton reopened at the beginning of December, having been shut since last May 2015 when it was gutted by a fire caused by a faulty freezer.

The fire resulted in extreme smoke damage to the inside of the building which meant everything needed to be replaced and the whole premises had to be rewired.

The plan had been to reopen the club in early September but that was put back to December and the club welcomed all its members back as part of a special evening of celebration.

The night saw two singers perform on the new stage, as well as a disco, a buffet and a raffle for which local businesses had

donated the prizes.

Committee member Lindsey Williams said: "We have lost some members after the fire, as the bingo had to move to the bar area which wasn't as suitable, but now the room has been redecorated and is ready to use again."

Fellow Committee member Neale Williams added: "The redecoration has been top notch. More or less everything had to be replaced, it was such a big job.

"The floors, the ceilings, the smoke alarms, the stage, all had to be re-done. Everything was sanded down and re-varnished.

"It has been a long process, but it's been worth it."

OBITUARIES

Geoff Clarkson

Darlington (Northgate) Club wishes to announce the passing away of their ex-Committee man and Concert Secretary Mr Geoff Clarkson at the age of 88.



Geoff was an active member of the club for a number of years and was presented with his Certificate of Merit back in the late 1990s.

Unfortunately, Geoff had to retire through ill health a few years before he reached the 25-year milestone.

Geoff was an active Concert Secretary and Concert Chairman and was known throughout the Durham area where he attended the Concert Secretaries meetings on a regular basis.

He was one of the old brigade of Concert Chairmen and always had a shirt and tie or dicky bow on.

If you spoke a bit loud when the act was on, you were told in no uncertain terms what to do!

Geoff will be missed by his many friends and those who knew him in the club.

Ben Ritchie

It is with much regret that Darlington (Northgate) Club announces the passing away of Ben Ritchie at the age of 65.



Ben was an active member of the club Committee for a number of years and until his death was the club's Concert Secretary.

He was a popular member in the club bar and ran the annual outing to Whitby.

Sadly the outing has now been stopped but the members of the club have decided to meet on the date they would have gone away in memory of Ben.

Ben will be sadly missed by his family and his many friends and colleagues at the club.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Heineken launches H41 lager made with rare yeast strain

Heineken has launched H41, a Limited Edition lager brewed using a rare 'mother' yeast discovered in Patagonia.

Developed by the brand's Master Brewers, the new lager has a fuller taste, with spicy notes balanced by subtle fruity hints.

The name H41 is derived from the latitude co-ordinate of the beech forest in Patagonia where this yeast was discovered. The H stands for Heineken.

Gianluca Di Tondo, Senior Director Global Heineken Brand, commented; "Heineken has more than 150 years of passion for beer and brewing mastery, with outstanding expertise in yeast.

"This means we are in a perfect position to explore different tastes and flavours whilst remaining true to our iconic product."

Joshua to fight Klitschko live on Sky Sports Box Office

The much-awaited heavyweight unification world title fight between Anthony Joshua MBE and Ukrainian veteran Wladimir Klitschko will be shown exclusively live on Sky Sports Box Office on Saturday, April 29.

The bout, which is being staged at Wembley Stadium and is expected to be a sellout, will see the fighters going head to head for the IBF, IBO and vacant WBA Super World Heavyweight titles.

Joshua, 27, has won all 18 of his professional bouts since his gold medal triumph at the 2012 London Olympics.

It will be the third defence of his IBF title after his impressive victories over Americans Dominic Breazeale and Eric Molina.

Wladimir Klitschko, who will be 41 when he takes on Joshua, has fought in 28 heavyweight title fights, more than any heavyweight champion in the sport's history, and will be looking to topple Joshua to return to the very top of the sport.

For more information on the fight, visit: www.business.sky.com/clubs

Long Service Award for Harehills Labour Club President

Harehills Labour Club in Leeds recently held a presentation for President Malcolm Rider who has completed 40 years as a member of the club Committee. Pictured, left to right: Terry Coffey (President, Leeds Branch), Malcolm Rider (President, Harehills Labour Club), George Dawson CMD (Union President) and Glenn Doyle (Leeds Branch Secretary)

Gold Medal presented to South East Met's Andy Way

South East Metropolitan Branch Vice-President Andy Way was recently presented with his Gold Medal. Pictured, left to right: South East Metropolitan Branch Secretary Susan Graham, Branch Vice-President Andy Way, Union Vice-President John Tobin and Branch President Trevor Baker

OBITUARY**Leatrice June Purvis**

It is with our deep regret we have to announce the sad loss of Leatrice June Purvis, Treasurer of Corstopitum Social Club, Corbridge, Northumberland.

Leat, as everyone knew her, joined as a female member in July 1967, joining the Committee in April 1990, then serving as Treasurer from 1996 – a position which she held for the last 20 years.

She was a dedicated club and Committee member who, when having completed her tasks, would assist others with the day to day duties.

When the club went into receivership in

1990 she worked behind the bar, as a cleaner and undertook many other duties that were required, without any remuneration, all in order to ensure the club could stay open.

Our sincere condolences go to husband Peter Ivor Purvis (PIP) a former Chairman of the club, sons Ivor and Peter (current Chairman), daughters Helen and Paula, as well as all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Claire Sayer of Dartford WMC receives her CMD



Ms Claire Sayer (Assistant Secretary at Dartford WMC and Kent Branch Leisure Secretary) received her Club Management Diploma from Mr Roger Tingley (President of Kent Branch)

Gold Medal Presentations at South Yorkshire Branch



South Yorkshire Branch presented four Committee members with their Gold Medals at a ceremony held in the Branch Office on December 15. Pictured, left to right: Graham Yeardeley, Brian Simmonite (Branch President), Gary Bray, Denis Kelk, Bert Hurt and Kenneth D Green CMD (South Yorkshire Branch Secretary and CIU General Secretary)

The winner of last month's competition is Martyn Baxter, Treasurer of Beeston Sports & Social Club in Leeds, who correctly answered that Joey Barton won one cap for England. He wins a copy of Joey Barton's autobiography *No Nonsense*.

OBITUARY

Brian Burgoyne

It is with deep regret that the Secretary, Management Committee and members of Batley Central WMC in Batley, West Yorkshire, have to announce the passing of Brian Burgoyne (President).

After being a member for a number of years, Brian decided to join the Committee mid-term in April 2013.

At the following elections in July 2013 he was elected President. He excelled in this position, carrying out his duties in an honest and fair manner as well as calling the bingo and selling the odd raffle ticket.

Our heartfelt thanks to Brian from all of us. He will be sadly missed.



FOR SERVICE

Peter Harris, Maidstone WM Club & Institute, Kent

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Claire Hunter, Hamsterley & District Social Club, Durham

George Foster, Low Spennymoor & Merrington, Durham

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Clubs Closed

Cottlingley Working Men's Club, West Yorkshire Branch

SEVERAL UNION CLUBS RECOGNISED AT THE 2016 CLUB MIRROR AWARDS HELD IN NOVEMBER

Several CIU clubs picked up trophies at the prestigious 2016 Club Mirror Awards which were held at The Principal Hotel in Manchester on November 24.

Pittshill Victory WM Club in Stoke-on-Trent and Old Hendon Ex-Servicemen's Club in London were joint winners in the 'Traditional Club of the Year' category which is supported by the CIU.

New Eltham Social Club in South East London won the 'Refurbishment of the Year' category while Dartford Working Men's Club in Kent was named as one of

four finalists in the CAMRA National Club of the Year Award.

This award is run in conjunction with *Club Mirror* and CAMRA and has the aim of finding the best clubs in the UK serving cask ale.

And West Byfleet Social Club in Surrey was joint winner in the 'Darts Club of the Year' category.

Now in their 25th year, the Club Mirror Awards celebrate the pivotal role which clubs play in the community and their ability to provide a safe environment.

BARRY STONES OF CARCROFT VILLAGE SOCIAL CLUB MARKS HIS QUARTER CENTURY OF SERVICE



Barry Stones, Committee member of Carcroft Village Social Club, recently received his 25-year Long Service Award. Pictured, left to right: Club and Doncaster Branch President Allan Baker, Barry Stones and club Trustee and Doncaster Branch Committee Member Derek Wallace

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My attention was drawn to David Fox's letter in the October issue of *Club Journal* in which he asks whether a previous correspondent '... still watches a black and white television and drives a Morris Minor. The world has moved on.'

Whether this reference was to poke fun at an iconic British car or to demean Mr Murphy, the previous correspondent, is not clear. Neither reference is worthy of taking seriously as even today the Morris Minor and 1000 are among the best-served classic family-sized cars in the increasingly popular vehicle movement and continue to gain in popularity.

A more prudent choice of critical parameters should be made by Mr Fox in future if he is to avoid insulting those for whom his original barb is not intended.

His correspondence might then be taken more seriously.

Yours faithfully,

Bill Bailey (Member of George V WMC, Castleford and proud owner of a 1957 and 1968 Morris Minor)

P.S. I don't watch a black and white TV but do have a 1954 HMV valve radio in perfect working order.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CIU Grand Draw results

The CIU Grand Draw was held on December 13. The following ticket numbers are the winners:

1. 17743
2. 34669
3. 29030
4. 11780

Black Sheep Brewery relaunches Russian Stout to the on-trade

Yorkshire brewery Black Sheep has announced the return of its Imperial Russian Stout to the on-trade.

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Pictured: Members of Pitts Hill Victory WMC pick up their Award in Manchester. Pictured, left to right: Union President George Dawson CMD, Jeff Darlington (Assistant Secretary), Dan Capewell CMD (Club Secretary), Mandy Roberts (Vice-President), Carol Clewes (Committee Member), Sharon Phillips (Committee Member), Gary Phillips (Committee Member) and Awards Host Sally Nugent

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GLORY FOR PITTS HILL VICTORY WMC

Pitts Hill Victory WMC in Stoke-on-Trent enjoyed a great year in 2016, turning the club's financial situation around and winning the 'Traditional Club of the Year' category at the Club Mirror Awards

Pitts Hill Victory WMC in Stoke-on-Trent rounded off a bright year for the club by becoming the joint winner of the CIU-sponsored 'Traditional Club of the Year' category at the 2016 Club Mirror Awards held in Manchester at the end of November.

And no wonder the Awards Judging Panel was so impressed by the efforts of the club in the past 12 months as the members pulled together to turn a £39,000 loss for the year before – its fourth consecutive loss – to a profit of £4,000.

Meanwhile, the club has also boosted its once-dwindling membership. At one point in the recent past the total figure had fallen to 1,100 but has now gone up to 1,433.

These successes have certainly not come about by sheer coincidence but are the result of the vision and hard work of the Committee and members.

Club Secretary Daniel Capewell is delighted with the recognition given to the club's efforts by the Awards win.

He says: "Winning the Award is a great testament to all the members who have helped to turn things around at the club."

The Committee examined every aspect of the club's balance sheet to look at ways of boosting revenue and cutting costs but were determined that any plan would not include losing staff as this would mean a drop in the level of service for members.

Firstly, they sat down and negotiated better deals with all their suppliers in order to cut their outgoing costs.

They also took the decision to shut the Concert Room on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, thus saving money on the club's electricity and cleaning costs.

At the same time as running costs were cut, the Committee looked at ways to attract people through the door on a more regular basis.

The club ramped up the number of events taking place at the club, holding regular raffles throughout the week as well as a bingo night.

It then used the money generated from the raffles to put on special events at the club – bingo with extra prizes at Christmas, New Year and Easter as well as the standard bingo nights held on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

They also looked at the live entertainment offering and now have a live group or trio every Saturday night and a single artist on a Sunday.

Another revenue stream was added to the mix when the club kitchen was refurbished and the club brought in an external company to serve snacks - burgers and chips, sandwiches, etc.

Games and sports have also been given a new lease of life at the club with darts and snooker flourishing and five boules teams now run out of the club.

The club promoted itself mainly via word of mouth but also made major efforts to place stories in the local press.

And, as you'd expect, the club is not going to rest on its laurels and is looking to improve things even further.

"At the moment we're looking into providing free Wi-Fi for our members and we also intend to develop our website and social media presence," says Dan.

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Q We're looking to increase our cask ale offering in the club in order to boost bar takings so can you give us some pointers on how to get members excited about cask?

Cask Marque, the cask ale accreditation and training body, looks at how clubs can educate members about quality cask beer.

Whenever we're training licensees about cask ale, we always have a discussion about why cask has grown over the past decade, and has been so successful.

We agree some of the reasons can be attributed to the wide variety of styles made available, more bars stocking it, the improved quality and a new wave of drinkers falling in love with it. Invariably, price always crops up: "It's cheaper than other beer".

Which, although true, is a bit of a strange one. Research has shown that 40% of regular cask beer drinkers have tried a craft keg beer over the past 12 months – and are prepared to pay the higher price point this style of beer demands.

Yes, keg craft beers cost more to produce and package than cask. But when you factor

in all the work and skill that you do in the cellar to ensure cask beer is ready for sale, it does rankle me a bit that we devalue cask by selling it at a lower price point.

Now I'm not suggesting that you immediately go and stick an extra 30p on every pint of cask beer you sell, but it's worth having a look at what the craft brigade are doing so well to demand higher prices, and what craft beer drinkers demand.

We need to educate consumers about how special cask beer is through conversations, brand knowledge and merchandising messages.

Staff need to be trained on a few key facts about the brand, how to serve this beer perfectly, and into the right glass. Licensees need to check the quality of the product every single day and stock a range of styles, colours and flavours.

We need to get away from the misconception that cask is a 'poor relation' to the newer, trendier, beers emerging in the market place and rethink the fantastic opportunities cask can offer to the new generation of beer drinkers.

For the majority of drinkers beer is just beer whether it comes out of a hand pull or a tap, isn't it? Have you ever considered how

much your drinkers really know about cask, and how different it is to other beer types? Not just in flavour, or the way it's served, but what it actually is and the preparation needed to get it ready to serve?

One of the ways of doing this is to get customers involved:

- Hold regular 'tasting' evenings to showcase your range of cask ales. Serve the beer in wine glasses or third of a pint glasses and charge a set price for a 'flight' of beer. Utilise the event to explain to guests the difference between cask and keg beers – messages such as 'fresh', 'British' and 'natural' are key to understanding the product
- If appropriate, don't be afraid to invite a members into your cellar and show them the process cask ale goes through (venting, tapping, conditioning) before being ready to serve. They could even change a cask if that is practical!

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Contracts and Handbook still available from Branch Offices

The CIU Contracts and Handbook are currently being updated and reprinted for 2017. They are available to buy from your local Branch. The documents available are:

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

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

These documents – available from your branch – take in all the current legislative requirements and have been produced to a high, professional standard.

Please note that orders may be subject to a slight delay as the new documents are produced.

National Executive Committee Dates for 2017

The dates for the meetings of the National Executive Committee in 2017 are as follows:

January - 10th/11th/12th

February - 1st/2nd

March - 1st/2nd

April (Blackpool) - 5th/6th/7th/8th

May - 3rd/4th

June - 7th/8th

July - 5th/6th

August - 2nd/3rd

September - 6th/7th

October - 4th/5th

November - 1st/2nd

December - 6th/7th

SPOTLIGHT ON... PHILIP LARKIN

We talk to NEC Member Philip Larkin, who represents West Yorkshire, Heavy Woollen and South Yorkshire, about his 30-plus years in clubs and his views on the current landscape

Q: How did you become involved with clubs and the CIU?

I first became the member of a CIU club 31 years ago when I joined my father's club. In terms of getting involved with the Union, that started when I went on a week-long Union training course in York 22 years ago as member of the club Committee.

That's where I first met my good friend Geoff Blakeley (NEC Member and Manchester Branch Secretary) and we got chatting and he suggested I put myself up for election to my Branch.

I got elected and have now served on the Branch for 22 years. I'm also now in my second stint as a member of the NEC, representing West Yorkshire, Heavy Woollen and South Yorkshire. I'm also Secretary of Bradford East Ward Labour Club.

Q: If the Government offered you a wish on behalf of clubs, what would it be?

I wish that the Government would understand that CIU club are non-profit making and should be given reduced rates of VAT. I'd also like to see rates relief for non-profit making clubs. Thirdly, I'd like to see some way of reducing the cost of Sky and BT Sport in clubs as currently it's too expensive for a lot of us.

Q: Are there any particular areas of modern life which you see as having a knock-on effect to clubs?

The rise of technology – the world has absolutely changed in the past 10-15 years and there's a real tendency for young people to communicate through their mobile phones instead of going down to their local club and meeting their friends in person.

Many clubs are installing Wi-Fi and making a big effort to let people know about what their clubs can offer through Facebook and other social media.

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

It's good to see that many clubs are really examining all the options in order to secure their futures, including looking at downsizing their existing premises.

We have to move with the times and if you have a club that was designed for, say 1,000 members, but your membership numbers have fallen significantly with the result that

Philip Larkin



your premises are too big, I think it's a valid approach to think about moving into a smaller club.

That way you can keep your costs down, give your club some security for the future. You can still stay true to the club's ethos and traditions, even if you're not in the original building. It's also good to see that so many club are taking it upon themselves to negotiate the best possible deals with their suppliers in order to trim their running costs.

Q: What do you say to the doom-mongers out there?

Life is for living so go and enjoy yourself at your local club where you can socialise in a comfortable and safe environment.

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

Former Union General Secretary Kevin Smyth. I've known him for over 20 years and he's such a positive and cheerful person who has been a real inspiration to so many club people.

Q: What is your favourite UK club?

All of them! When you're a member of one CIU club you're a member of all of them and can be guaranteed of a warm welcome wherever you happen to be in the country. If it's a Union club you'll soon find yourself talking to like-minded people and having a good time.

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

The members of clubs as we are all one big family. As the Secretary of the club, there's nothing better than seeing everyone enjoying themselves and having a good night out.

STILL TIME TO ENTER THE DRANSFIELDS CIU NATIONAL QUIZ

Your club can still take part in the 2017 Dransfields CIU National Quiz Regional Heats which begin later this month.

The North East Regional Heat is at the North Biddick Club in Tyne and Wear on Tuesday, January 17.

The South East Regional Heat is at Epsom Common WMC in Surrey on Wednesday, January 18.

The South Wales Heat will take place at Rogerstone & Bassaleg Social Club on Wednesday, January 25.

The Lancashire Regional Heat is at Lamberhead Green WMC on Thursday, January 26,

The Yorkshire Regional Heat is at Crigglestone Workmens Club on Tuesday, January 31, while the Midlands Regional Heat is being staged at Kenilworth Sports & Social Club on Sunday, February 12.



The reigning Dransfields CIU National Quiz champions Newbottle 'A' from Newbottle WMC in Tyne & Wear receive their prize from Union President George Dawson CMD (far left) and Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley (far right)

The top three placed teams from each Regional Heat will go through to the Final to be held in Blackpool in April 2017 and the first-placed team from each Heat will receive £100 prize money.

Entry to the Dransfields CIU National Quiz is just £10 per team. Each team must

have four members and all must be 18 years old and members of the club as well as holders of Associate Pass Cards.

To enter a team for the Regional Finals, please call Redtooth Ltd on 01246 813713 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5am) or email: sue@redtooth.co.uk

PLANS UNDERWAY FOR THE 26TH CIU BEER & TRADES EXHIBITION

Planning for the 26th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition, which will take place on Friday, April 7 at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool, is already underway with a number of club suppliers confirming their attendance at the event.

“The 2016 event was our second trade show at this splendid venue and was a huge success,” said CIU Head Office Manager Stephen Goulding.

“We have aimed to provide an even more diverse and interesting line-up for 2017 with new guests and a few surprises!

“Please take the opportunity to visit the Trade Show in 2017 to keep right up to date on developments in clubland.”

Delegates will have the priceless opportunity to tap into a vast reservoir of knowledge courtesy of representatives from many of the country’s top



suppliers of products and services to clubs who will be exhibiting, including the Union’s Preferred Supplier of Gaming Machines, Dransfields.

As well as exhibiting all their latest state-of-the-art gaming and entertainment equipment, Dransfields will be running bingo sessions throughout the day, with some great prizes up for grabs.

EXPANDED ONLINE VERSION OF CLUB JOURNAL AVAILABLE

As part of the Union’s continuing commitment to offer more to its members, each month we will be publishing an online expanded version of the *Club Journal* which will be available to download from the CIU’s official website.

Published a week after the paper version of the magazine has been delivered, the online version will have an expanded features section with more content designed to give you the information you need to continue to make your club a success.

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HOSPITALITY SOCIAL MEDIA AWARDS

The inaugural Hospitality Social Media Awards took place at The Principal Hotel in Manchester on Wednesday, November 23 as outstanding work in the sphere of social media was rewarded

The first ever Hospitality Social Media Awards took place on Wednesday November 23, 2016 at The Principal Hotel in Manchester.

The Awards were launched to applaud and reward those outlets across all hospitality sectors which are using social media well to engage with their audiences and drive business, whatever the size of their outlet.

Among the invited guests were a number of CIU officials, including Union President George Dawson CMD who helped hand out the trophies to the winners of the 'Community Club' category.

"Social media is one of the biggest tools for the on-trade in all its guises," said Sean Ferris, MD of organiser Alchemy. "It allows outlets to reach out to customers, members and potential new business in an up-to-the minute – and extremely cost-effective – means of communication. It's the biggest weapon in prizing the great British Public out of their sofas."

This unique event saw finalists come together under one roof from across all areas of the hospitality industry, from football and rugby clubs to hotels, pubs and restaurants.

"Every one of our finalists is clearly an ambassador for the use of social media," said Ferris. "But there are many, many outlets that need more help. And we're hoping that these success stories will become part of that inspiring process."

Entries came in via the Awards' website as well as through nominations from partners such as the EVO-STIK Premier League, the Buell Group, The Golf Club Managers Association, on-trade specialists Fraser Brown Solicitors and a number of brewers.

"We deliberately call them partners rather than sponsors because just about everyone presenting an Award had marketed and promoted the Awards as well as nominating and encouraging entrants. The result was an incredibly high standard of entries in our first year."

Dates for next year's event will be announced shortly.



The winners across all of the Hospitality Social Media Awards categories lined up on stage for a photo opportunity at the end of the evening



The inaugural Hospitality Social Media Awards saw finalists from clubs, pubs, hotels and restaurant gathering together at The Principal Hotel in Manchester



BT Sport arranged for the Barclays Premier League trophy to be present



There was plenty of entertainment following the Awards, including table football



Alan Jackson, Operations Director, Dransfields UK (second left) and Union President George Dawson CMD (third left) presented the trophies for the 'Community Club' category



Guests were treated to a five-star evening of entertainment



A guest takes a 'selfie' with the Barclays Premier League trophy in the background



BBC presenter John Inverdale was the host of the inaugural Hospitality Social Media Awards



Guests were treated to a mesmerising performance by digital magician Tom London



Guests enjoyed a wide array of entertainment at the post-Awards party, including the chance to turn themselves into 'Dance Heads'



A caricaturist was present on the night to give guests a unique memento to take home with them

UNION CLUBS SET THE GOLD STANDARD

The 2016 Club Mirror Awards took place at The Principal Hotel in Manchester on Thursday, November 24 and saw several CIU clubs being honoured for their excellence, including the joint winners of the 'Traditional Club of the Year' category Pitshill Victory WMC and Old Hendon Ex-Servicemen's Club

Union clubs were to the fore at the recent Club Mirror Awards, held at The Principal Hotel in Manchester on Thursday, November 24.

The annual Awards celebrate the pivotal role which clubs play in the community, and for their ability to provide a safe and convivial environment in which to socialise.

From a total of around 1,000 entries, finalists were singled out for excellence across 28 categories with several CIU clubs recognised for their outstanding work over the past 12 months.

Joint winners of the 'Traditional Club of the Year' category were Pittshill Victory WMC and Old Hendon Ex-Servicemen's Club, while New Eltham Social Club won the Award for 'Refurbishment of the Year' having completely updated their Main Bar.

Meanwhile, West Byfleet Social Club were crowned as 'Darts Club of the Year' and Dartford WMC was named as a finalist for 'CAMRA Club of the Year' for its dedication to cask ale.

Club Mirror magazine, owner and organiser of the awards, has been an integral part of the club industry for over 48 years. The Awards are now in their 25th year.

Head of Judges Caroline Scoular, said: "Against a backdrop of cheap supermarket drink, local pub closures and harsh trading conditions, clubs across the country have worked incredibly hard this year to constantly improve and provide a great offer for members. And they're succeeding.

"Many are key in championing their sports activities, encouraging members young and old to participate – whether playing or watching. Others have focused on building their entertainment programmes, enhancing their catering operations, refurbishing the club and facilities and keeping perfectly-served drinks at sensible prices despite rising costs.

"We are also honouring clubs for the hundreds of thousands of pounds they raise for charity across the year."



Union President George Dawson CMD (far left) presents the trophy for 'Traditional Club of the Year' to members of joint winners Pitshill Victory WMC



Dartford Working Men's Club was named as a finalist for CAMRA 'Club of the Year' for its dedication to serving real ale. Pictured, left to right: Nick Byram, Bar Manager, Dartford Working Men's Club and Awards host Sally Nugent



BBC Breakfast Presenter Sally Nugent was the host of the Club Mirror Awards 2016



Guests were able to take part in Scalextric racing at the post Awards party



West Byfleet Social Club in Surrey was crowned 'Darts Club of the Year'



A guest has a go on the virtual golf simulator at the post-Club Awards party



Pictured, left to right: Ken Roberts CMD (NEC Member), George Dawson CMD (Union President), Chris O'Neill CMD (NEC Member), Dave Gravel CMD (NEC Member), Sheila Gravel, Carol Green, Kenneth D Green CMD (Union General Secretary)



New Eltham Social Club in South East London won the category for 'Refurbishment of the Year'



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MEMBERS' CORNER

Informative articles which affect our life
by Dione Mobley

January 2017 is here and hopefully we will look forward, perhaps, to a much quieter and happier period ahead after all the changes and decisions our country faced last year.

Looking back at 1917, 100 years into the past, we see there were some pretty memorable events taking place back then. A World War with many battles being fought on all sides changed and re-shaped world history as we know it.

For all those who enjoy the challenge of 'Club Quiz Night' here are just a few interesting facts from those bygone days in the year 1917, starting with the very first Pulitzer Prize being awarded for editorial writing and reporting.

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in office at the White House.

In April the same year he asked the United States Congress to declare war on Germany.

On June 13, 1917, London became victim to the first bombing raid by what was known as a fixed-wing aircraft, causing destruction and many casualties.

In July the same year, the King of England George V issued a proclamation stating all male descendants of our present day royal family would bear the name of Windsor. This has not changed since the law was passed.

This was also the year many famous people were born whom we still recognise today. Actors and singers like Dean Martin and the actor Robert Mitchum came into the world. The 35th American President John F. Kennedy was born on May 29, 1917 in Massachusetts.

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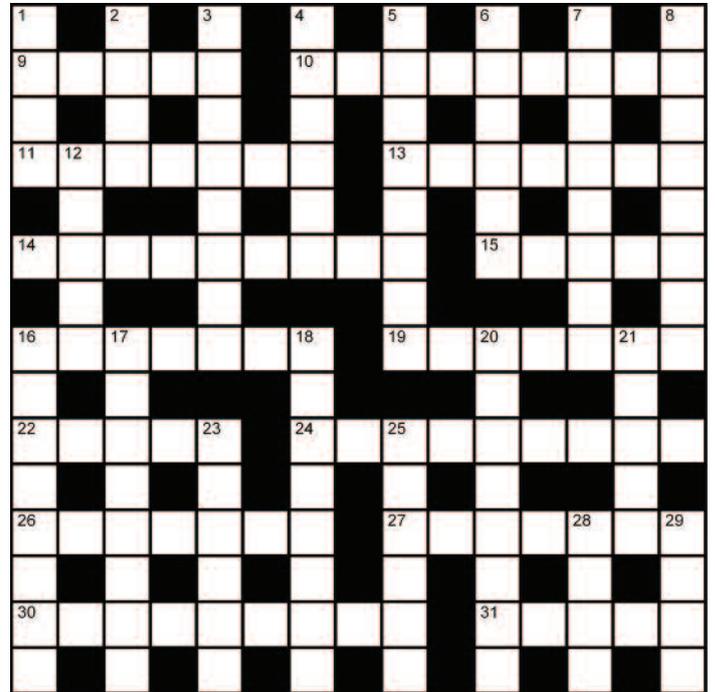
- 9 Bury in between... (5)
- 10 Father to win out, being very skinny! (5-4)
- 11 Soldier, loses nothing in the order. (7)
- 13 Starting price to bolt onto common bird. (7)
- 14 Make hot tureen fit to that place. (9)
- 15 Try out easterly stand. (5)
- 16 Gave the message in layered form. (7)
- 19 Passes former bird food, say. (7)
- 22 Either way, you can believe it. (5)
- 24 Looking back to a signal, maybe? (9)
- 26 Dwell-like a monk who's dressed? (7)
- 27 Anne and Ken designed Chinese fabric. (7)

- 30 Sun getting colder in a way for the vagabond. (9)
- 31 Saying about income tax - without a cent! (5)

DOWN

- 1 Round plate that could be slipped? (4)
- 2 Thing is, it's a mite confused... (4)
- 3 My career - taking a turn at the dairy. (8)
- 4 The South-West (Cornwall) has a Project that's in Scandinavia! (6)
- 5 Sort of account that's in saltwater? (8)
- 6 Agrees to being grime! (6)
- 7 Sanctimonious type hears pie is now cooked. (8)
- 8 'Wise guys' who aren't - and don't! (4-4)
- 12 Brown sort of chore? (5)
- 16 Posthest sitter has the last and first person included in the mix. (8)
- 17 Camera 'blindfold' holds one's attention. (4,4)
- 18 Modify a denture that's uncomfortable. (8)
- 20 Cutter as a winch wound in. (8)
- 21 Made iced buns, in part to clean the fridge. (5)
- 23 Gun - bit useful as a conduit. (6)
- 25 One's legs in pain! (6)
- 28 Little picture reveals a long story. (4)
- 29 Label - it's personal! (4)

Send your entry to Crossword, Club Journal, 59/60 Thames St, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1TX
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Sunday January 15, 4pm – Sky Sports 2 HD
Barclays Premier League: Manchester United v Liverpool
 Two of the biggest teams in world football meet at Old Trafford and is likely to be a far more entertaining game than the earlier tie between the sides at Anfield which ended in a nil-all draw. Manchester United will surely look for more attacking options against a side which has often looked defensively frail.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Club Journal looks ahead to some of the key sporting fixtures taking place in January, including the showdown between two of the leading Premier League title contenders, Liverpool and Chelsea

Saturday January 7
 12.30pm
 BT Sport 2 HD
FA Cup: 3rd Round - Manchester United v Reading

Monday January 9
 7.45pm
 BT Sport 2 HD
FA Cup: 3rd Round - Cambridge United v Leeds United

Wednesday January 11
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
League Cup: Semi-Final - Southampton v Liverpool

Thursday January 12
 8pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Championship: Reading v QPR

Friday January 13
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Championship: Leeds United v Derby County



Everton v Manchester City,
 Sunday, January 15, 1.30pm,
 Sky Sports 1 HD

Saturday January 14
 12.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v West Bromwich Albion

Saturday January 14
 5.30pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Leicester City v Chelsea

Saturday January 14
 5.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Championship: Wolverhampton Wanderers v Aston Villa



Tuesday January 31, 8pm – BT Sport 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Liverpool v Chelsea
 A massive game to finish off the month as Premier League pacesetters Chelsea travel to Anfield for a game which could have far-reaching consequences for the eventual destination of the title. The Reds will have their work cut out to breach the highly efficient Chelsea defence which has been the cornerstone of their efforts this season.

CIU Sport

CRIBBAGE

The Cribbage Pairs semi-finals and final were held on Saturday, December 10 at the Latimer Ward Conservative Club in Leicester.

The semi-finalists were:

R Daybell & K Hicks (Hayes WM Club)

A Harris & D Kane (Kingsley Park WM Club)

S Canham & M Shaw (Kingsley Park WM Club)

M Jones & A Philcock (Abbey Hulton Sports & Social Club)

The Final was contested between M Jones & A Philcock and A Harris & D Kane

M Jones & A Philcock beat A Harris & D Kane.

John Batchelor was the Union Representative.

Sunday January 15
 9am
 Sky Sports 2 HD
International Cricket: One-Day International - India v England

Sunday January 15
 1.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Everton v Manchester City

Sunday January 15
 4pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Manchester United v Liverpool

Monday January 16
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Championship: Brentford v Newcastle United

Friday January 20
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Championship: Brighton & Hove Albion v Sheffield Wednesday

Friday January 20
 7.45pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
National League Football: Lincoln City v Dover Athletic

Saturday January 21
 12.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Championship: QPR v Fulham

Saturday January 21
 12.30pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Liverpool v Swansea City

Saturday January 21
 5.30pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspur

Saturday January 21
 5.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Championship: Barnsley v Leeds United

Sunday January 22
 9am
 Sky Sports 2 HD
International Cricket: One-Day International - India v England

Sunday January 22
 12 noon
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Southampton v Leicester City

Sunday January 22
 2.15pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Arsenal v Burnley

Sunday January 22
 4.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Chelsea v Hull City

Wednesday January 25
 7pm
 Sky Sports Darts HD
Greyhound Racing: Prestige at Hall Green

Thursday January 26
 1.30pm
 Sky Sports 2 HD
International Cricket: One-Day International - India v England

Friday January 27
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
Scottish Premier Football: Aberdeen v Dundee

Friday January 27
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby: Bath v Gloucester

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HOUSE OF LORDS SELECT COMMITTEE

On Tuesday, November 22, 2016, Union President George Dawson CMD appeared before the House of Lords Select Committee examining the Licensing Act 2003 alongside two other club representatives

George Dawson CMD, the Union President, gave evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee examining the Licensing Act 2003, alongside Peter Adkins, Director of Regulatory Services, Emms Gilmore Liberson Solicitors and Paul Varney, who represents the Association of London Clubs.

The Members of the House of Lords Committee in attendance were: Baroness McIntosh of Pickering (The Chairman); Lord Blair of Boughton; Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe; Lord Davies of Stamford; Baroness Eaton; Lord Foster of Bath; Baroness Goudie; Baroness Grender; Baroness Henig; Lord Smith of Hindhead and Baroness Watkins of Tavistock.

Here is the full transcript of the evidence session:

The Chairman: Gentlemen, thank you for your patience. I welcome you most warmly. Thank you for joining us this morning and coming to give evidence to us on the Licensing Act 2003. A list of members' interests relevant to the inquiry has been sent to you. I understand that copies are available today.

Could I commence by asking a general question? Can you give us a general view of how effectively you think the Licensing Act 2003 has operated over the last 11 years? Has it operated in the way you believe it was intended to operate, or otherwise?

George Dawson: I am George Dawson, president of the Working Men's Club and Institute Union. Generally it has worked very well. There has been a bit of row-back on the flexibility that was originally intended—the 24-hour opening—especially with the late-night levies, et cetera. When we applied for our licences in 2005, all eventualities were covered by having licences until 2 o'clock. Most of my clubs claim for 8 in the morning until 2 in the morning, every day of the week.

They do not use it all the time, but they do it to have flexibility over periods of celebration—100 years of the club, et cetera. A lot of clubs—it is only in some

areas—now have to do a variation, because six authorities decided to do the late night levy.

They get charged a late night levy if the club premises certificate says, "until 2 o'clock", even though they may not use it all the time, and they may use it on only two occasions in the whole year. Then they have to apply for a temporary event notice.

The flexibility seems to be going from the idea of what was originally intended, but generally it is working well.

The only problem that the union has with different authorities is inconsistency. Different authorities interpret the law in different ways. We have a difficulty with advising our clubs in one area about something that we feel is not part of the Licensing Act, and trying to educate the licensing officer in that respect. In other areas, we have no difficulty whatsoever.

If you have no trouble in your club, they just leave you alone to get on with it. The inconsistency is the worst part of the Act.

Paul Varney: I am Paul Varney from the Association of London Clubs. We have adapted to it now. It works very well for the London clubs. Unlike George, we deal with just three authorities, with a majority in Westminster.

Other than costing us all an awful lot more money each year than the certificate that we used to have, it works well. We would prefer the least amount of change, or no change at all. As not-for-profit clubs, we would not like to be lumped together with the commercial elements. We have the hours that we need. Temporary event notices are regularly applied for and granted. We do not have many of those. Normally they are for celebrations or regular club events. The licensing works very well for us.

Peter Adkins: In general, it seems to work very well. It is certainly an improvement on the old system. Although you get some strange licensing officers and police who interpret the law in different ways, generally across the country we have a fairly pragmatic and consistent approach

to the law. When we deal with people who are all over the country, it is fairly easy for us to advise them on how things should be implemented.

The approach of the legislation, in combining late-night entertainment and late-night refreshment, is a good one, although it seems that they are now being split again. It brought in those three regimes. Putting licensing with councils was also a good idea. After all, they were more used to licensing systems generally, and it was not a judicial function.

I also like the default nature of the application process. If it goes through and there are no objections, that is it; there are no hearings. That helps to keep the costs down for my client base. In general terms, I like it. It seems to work very well.

Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe: Good morning, gentlemen. You seem to be reasonably content with the way it is working. Do you think there is an argument for removing the special category of club premises certificates completely and moving members' clubs into alternative, more flexible categories, such as CANs—community and ancillary sellers notices—if and when they come along? Have you given any thought to that?

Paul Varney: We do not change how we use the licensing very much at all. The clubs are very traditional and do the same things each year. We would prefer to stay on our own and not be subject to all sorts of chopping and changing that is likely to come. There would be no advantage at all to us in moving. In fact, it would be a disadvantage.

George Dawson: I agree with Paul. It is a system that is working. When the new system came in, I had quite a number of long-standing secretaries of clubs pack up, because they found it too difficult. That lost a lot of experience in the clubs. Some of them came back after we had shown them how to fill in the forms, et cetera.

The system is working at the moment. There are problems that I have pointed out,

with extra things such as the late-night levy and things that been tried before like alcohol disturbance zones and EMROs—I cannot remember what the acronym stands for. I have always thought that those extra things were quite unnecessary.

They have an impact, but the system should be left as it is, instead of chopping and changing again and moving to a different system.

Peter Adkins: When this question came up, I started to do a little research into community and ancillary sellers notices. Of course, there are no regulations out, but the main drive seems to be for bed and breakfast people, community events and so on.

It does not seem to fit very nicely with what clubs do. Clubs have always had a separate licensing regime. One of the best things at the moment is that we do not need a DPS—a personal licence holder. I am not certain that this regime would fit well with clubs. I am with my colleagues here; there is no need to change the system. It seems to work reasonably well. We are used to it. We have been using it for 11 years. To change it all around will just cause more problems.

Earlier, Mr Varney commented on the annual costs. That may well be a high factor for the London clubs, but for most clubs out in the regions we are talking £190 a year. It is not a huge factor that this would be a cheaper route.

Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe: It is, of course, a self-certificating system, if it comes.

Peter Adkins: Absolutely.

Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe: You would not have to go through the process of being examined by others, unless you got into trouble.

Peter Adkins: Yes. We would probably need the same system for the club premises certificate to fall back on, so we would be introducing a third level.

Baroness Grender: Your use of temporary event notices is very different from that of a commercial operation right in the heart of Camden market, for example, that uses a regular temporary event notice system. Then different clubs next to one another



do exactly the same to extend into the early hours.

That has a significant cost for local authorities, whereas the temporary event notices that you use are rare and are predominantly for community events.

Do you think that there is any merit in feeling a bit sorry for local authorities—according to the LGA, temporary event notices are run at a significant loss—and separating them and having some kind of change?

Should there be a different system for that kind of high-end, commercial use of temporary event notices, rather than the £21 local event notice system?

George Dawson: In my experience, when a temporary event notice is used by a private members' club that has a club premises certificate, it is usually when the club would like to advertise and invite the general public to a charity function or something like that, so that it can raise more money for whatever charity it is supporting. It may be an event that is put on to celebrate a local person who has just got an OBE.

In that context, it is used only to allow us to supply the public with sale by retail, as opposed to mutual supply to a member. In my experience, that is what most of them are used for.

We have been given the flexibility to operate until midnight or 1 o'clock in the morning, which we originally applied for 10 years ago, although I know that six authorities have the late-night levy.

Most clubs took that up, so they do not need a temporary event notice for extensions. I do not understand why a premises licence individual—a public house or a commercial enterprise—has

not already used the advantages of the Licensing Act to apply to operate until 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning in their normal premises licence.

Baroness Grender: The evidence is that they do not. They use TENs in a highly commercial environment.

George Dawson: That was not the function of TENs when they came in. Talking from the mutual side, the temporary event notices were brought in so that we could have a wider audience coming to our clubs on odd occasions. Commercial properties should have taken advantage of the 24-hour opening that the Government wanted in the first place. I do not think it is a correct use of them.

If they were separated, a mutual would have the 15 temporary event notices for special functions that you have in a private members' club. It should be treated differently from a commercial exercise where a pop group is on until 4 o'clock in the morning.

Then the council would have to decide which one was which. Given the ignorance of the law that some licensing officers have, I hope they would not make the wrong decision and that a private members' club would not end up paying £100, instead of £21, and getting the wrong type of temporary event notice. I agree with you. The commercial premises should have put it into their licence in the first place.

The Chairman: Mr Varney, do you agree?

Paul Varney: Yes, exactly that. We would not want to be lumped together with the commercial market, if there was a

differential. What we do is social—it is for members and their guests—so it would be wrong to lump us in with a commercial enterprise. If it was split, there would need to be very clear guidance that the clubs were in the lower category. We have very few of them, anyway.

Peter Adkins: Generally I would agree, particularly with Mr Varney. The main problem is in the definition of what is commercial and what is not. A social club may well run a major event on New Year's Eve, for instance, which will bring money into the club and raise the club's coffers. Is that commercial or not? They are not-for-profit clubs, obviously, but there is money coming in.

I can see various other premises licence holders thinking, "They are holding that event and paying £21. We are paying £150. What is the difference?" There may have to be a blanket exemption for CPC holders, for instance. It will be in the interpretation, more than anything else. I am for anything that will reduce the costs for clubs.

The Chairman: For "social", you would read "community".

Peter Adkins: Yes.

The Chairman: You would differentiate them in that way.

Peter Adkins: Yes.

The Chairman: That is very helpful.

Baroness Goudie: Some private members' clubs have faced declining numbers and have opened their doors to the public, for which a standard premises licence is required.

Have those clubs experienced any problems with the wider licensing system? If so, are there amendments that you would like to see that would help to rectify them?

Paul Varney: For our clubs, that is not quite the case. Our memberships are increasing, rather than declining.

Baroness Goudie: That is a London syndrome—a City syndrome.

Paul Varney: It is a fortunate position. Very few have a full licence. Some do, but

our needs are perhaps slightly different, in that we enjoy a degree of success and increasing memberships. We are very fortunate.

Baroness Goudie: You are fashionable.

Paul Varney: We are going to have to be.

Baroness Goudie: New ones are starting up as well.

The Chairman: That seems very well informed.

Peter Adkins: We do not have the advantages of Mr Varney's membership, because clubs are decreasing in number rapidly. I think that there are now 5,500 fewer clubs than there were five years ago.

Lord Smith of Hindhead: It is 3,500.

Peter Adkins: Sorry—3,500. Most clubs like to hire out rooms as a way of bringing in income, so I would always advise them that they must have a premises licence. The difficulty is that sometimes the neighbours, who have put up with the club being there for ages, use it as an excuse to have an argument about it and we end up in hearings.

That drives up the costs, of course, even though they are looking for exactly the same hours. The police tend to jump on the bandwagon as well and to want more security—CCTV. Those are all good reasons, but they tend to drive up costs.

Most clubs have an arrangement whereby they keep their club premises certificate and have a premises licence only for particular rooms, such as a function room, so that they can keep the club separate.

They may use it two or three times a week or two or three times a month, but because they use it more often than the TENs limit, they need that premises licence. That leads to their paying two lots of fees. They keep their CPC and their premises licence, so annually they pay two lots of fees. It also causes a problem as to who will be the designated premises supervisor—the personal licence holder.

I always advise clubs that they need at least two, because in clubland it is normally the steward, and stewards have a habit of leaving. You have events organised, but suddenly you have no

personal licence holder, so no premises licence.

There have been changes in the Licensing Act to exclude the need for some premises to have a DPS. If that could happen for clubs with a premises licence, it would be a positive move.

Paul Varney: I agree.

George Dawson: I have experience of this, because my own club has a CPC and a premises licence. The steward is the designated licence holder, which you need for a premises licence.

We use it mainly for the function room, which holds 350. We cannot always fill it, but because it is near the town centre, quite a lot of people want to use it for functions. Our club would not survive if we did not have that.

Out of the 1,600 clubs in the union, getting on for 600 have both a CPC and a premises licence, for the same reasons that have been indicated. A lot of them built up large concert rooms in the 1960s and 1970s when, if you did not get there at 7 o'clock, you would not get a seat.

With the change in social life, people are sitting at home and watching telly, instead of going out, and buying cheap booze from supermarkets.

Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe: Well said.

George Dawson: People do not have the went wrong. George Dawson: People do not have the social life that they used to have and that we all wish they still had, so a lot of clubs have had to survive in that way.

Personally, I have found no difficulty with the idea of treating us differently on a premises licence. We put ours in quite early, so we got it for between 8 and 2 o'clock in the morning, with no objections. Most of the clubs that I advised on it have had premises licences for six or seven years, so there has not been the opportunity to object.

As Peter said, there are a lot of vexatious people about these days. One individual can stop something going on, even though the 120 who live round about are quite happy with it.

I cannot see that much of a change needs to happen. The system changed so that the personal licence holder does not have to get their licence renewed every three years; they have it for life. That has been a very

good improvement. I cannot see a problem with it.

We might get more advantages from being treated differently, but I do not know how it would work if you treated one premises licence differently from another. You might as well keep it all the same. Then it will not confuse people.

Lord Foster of Bath: Incidentally, Mr Dawson, I know that until 2004 your members had their own brewery and got their beer from that. I want to move on to the current situation, but you might want to reflect on that and the ties you have.

I am interested in the whole business of the rules of the game that say that, to meet the requirements, a club has to be acting in good faith. In one sense, that is clearly about the provisions in relation to the buying of alcohol.

It is quite clear that exclusivity agreements, whereby a club is tied to a brewery, could be considered by many to be an example of not acting in good faith, based on the rules. What are your thoughts on that?

George Dawson: We had a special exception with the Federation Brewery and the Crown Brewery. They did not come into it because both of them were co-operative or mutual societies.

This has been in subsequent Licensing Acts, since the 1896 or the 1906 Act. The issue is interpreting whether or not it is a tie.

If your barrelage is going down and you have gone from 500 to 300 barrels, to get the best deal from a brewery, instead of having two breweries in and getting an £80 a barrel discount, you might have to go to one brewery to get a £100 a barrel discount.

That would not be exclusivity, unless you started to borrow money from it. There is not much funding available. Banks have not wanted to lend money to clubs for 20 years. In fact, a lot of breweries do not want to lend money any more.

To me, that is a tie-in. The breweries write the agreements in such a way as to set you a barrelage target, but they also have clauses that allow you to purchase from outside, rather from them exclusively.

You can have a guest beer, for example. They are quite canny about not taking it as

a tie-in, as surely that would be a tied house. There are laws against that, under the 1989 beer orders.

Lord Foster of Bath: I want to be absolutely clear. In Section 63, it says that one of the matters that will be taken into account is “any arrangements restricting the club’s freedom of purchase of alcohol”. You are saying that your members will enter a deal with a brewery for it to provide you with the vast majority of the beer, but there is always a clause that allows the club to get beer from somewhere else.

George Dawson: Yes.

Lord Davies of Stamford: Does it allow you or require you?

Lord Foster of Bath: The beer order allows them to.

George Dawson: It allows you to. It would defeat the object of the agreement if you were not hitting the barrelage.

Lord Smith of Hindhead: If you do not hit the barrelage, you get a penalty.

George Dawson: You get a £50 penalty. That is how they try to get around its being a tie.

Lord Foster of Bath: Yes. With respect, it is also you, as the club, trying to get around its being a tie and therefore losing your licence.

George Dawson: Yes. I have known only one club—a club in Barrow-in-Furness—where that section has been used, but that club had 20 other offences as well. It was one of 20 offences. That is the only club, to my knowledge.

Lord Foster of Bath: I would be interested to hear the views of the other two panel members on this issue. Do you think there is a need to change?

Paul Varney: I have heard what Mr Dawson has just said. We do not have any such arrangements in our clubs. We have a wine committee, which is responsible for the selection of wines and beers. We are not tied at all. We would not have only one supplier; we would have a number.

Peter Adkins: I do not see any problem with this. It is still the case, unfortunately, that some clubs are desperate for money, and that brewery loans are available. I do not like it, but they still do it. If you remove certain arrangements with brewers, those loans do not become available.

Again, it is a question of interpretation. I was speaking to one of my clients, at the Austin Sports and Social Club, which used to have 10,000 members. Obviously that went wrong. He was saying, “What if I get in four brewers, make them tender for the job and we do the best deal with them, through a proper tendering process? Will that cause problems with good faith?” It is the same thing, but a different way around.

I do not really see it as a problem. My clubs do not really see it as a problem either. I am with Mr Dawson. I have never heard of any club being challenged on the basis of good faith. That is the least of their problems at the moment.

Baroness Watkins of Tavistock: Under Section 62(2), an interval of at least two days must lapse between nomination or application for membership and admission to membership. That two-day requirement is no longer applied to establishments such as casinos. Do you think it should still apply to clubs operating under club premises certificates?

Paul Varney: It should remain very much in force. It is what differentiates us from casinos and profit-making clubs.

Baroness Watkins of Tavistock: It is a quality standard.

Paul Varney: Yes. It gives other members a chance to see who is being elected. There is then a process either to admit or not to admit members. It is very important that that stays and differentiates us.

Peter Adkins: In reality, it is quite unusual for a club to have as a rule that you can become a member within two days. Most club rulebooks would require 14, approval by the committee and so on. That is because clubs are social entities. It is the old Groucho Marx comment; you want people there who you know will fit in.

The other problem with having almost instantaneous membership is that a lot of

clubs still own their premises. You may have someone turn up and become a member.

If two years down the line the club closes and you have someone who came one night, became a member and has never been seen since, what happens? Tracking those people would be almost impossible.

George Dawson: I am pretty sanguine about it, because all club rulebooks usually say seven, 10 or 14 days. From the point of view of equality or standardisation, if casinos have the two-day requirement removed, why can we not have it removed?

The two-day provision appears in rulebooks, when you have temporary members. You can have temporary members and temporary affiliates who have moved into the area for a holiday for one or two weeks.

I have one club in a walking area that uses it quite a lot—if anybody knows Hebden Bridge—because it has people who come around walking, are there for a week and are made members for two days.

Lord Davies of Stamford: Are they members of corresponding clubs already? Is that how they come in?

George Dawson: Not necessarily. If they were a member of an associate club, they would just sign in as an associate. It would not bother me if the provision was removed and it would not bother me if it was left in.

The Chairman: You are ambivalent. You are not bothered.

George Dawson: As with the example I gave to Lord Foster regarding the beer tie, I have had only one licensing officer where it was an issue—it was either in Coventry or on the south coast. The licensing officer sent a letter saying, “We are not accepting your rulebook because it does not say ‘two days’ and the law says ‘two days’”. The union wrote a letter pointing out that 10 days had to elapse before someone was made a member.

We said, “They are well within the law, so why are you asking them to move it down to two days?” The licensing officer got the message and stopped bothering the club.

The Chairman: Excellent. How is your average current membership of clubs looking? Do you believe that the closure of clubs is due to a change in drinking behaviour, if more people are drinking at home?

George Dawson: I became a treasurer at 18—a week before my 19th birthday—so I have been involved in clubs for 34 years. There has been a decline in the on-trade generally over 34 years. It has been a steady decline.

The biggest decline—you will know from this that I am a smoker—was when the smoking ban came in. That was the most massive decline that every club has had.

That is why we are looking more to TENs for commercial reasons, to keep a club open. Previously we would not have needed to do that, because we had enough people coming in.

There is also cheap beer from supermarkets. However, I point out that, 25 years ago, we had a discussion with John Smith’s Brewery at which quite a number of us derided one of the directors who was there because somebody could go down the road and get four cans of John Smith’s at the supermarket or the off-licence more cheaply than the club could buy in the beer.

It is not a new problem with supermarkets. It has always been the case that they have been cheaper, but more people are now staying at home watching “The X Factor” and other such programmes.

The Chairman: Mr Varney, do you agree?

Paul Varney: It is probably not so relevant to us. Members come to the clubs for a number of reasons. The smoking ban has certainly affected us.

Peter Adkins: There is no doubt whatsoever that club membership is declining in working men’s clubs generally across the country.

Those that are doing reasonably well are normally sports and social clubs or have good sporting teams associated with them, rather than the old-style clubs. Miners’ clubs, for instance, have effectively evaporated.

A lot of the major manufacturing industries used to have social clubs

attached to them and have cut them loose. They may still be there, but industries do not support them any more. Earlier, I mentioned the Austin Club. It used to have a regular payment from everybody who worked at Austin. Of course, that has just evaporated.

Socioeconomic changes have meant that people are not going to those kinds of clubs any more. There is an ageing membership. They find it harder and harder to get younger people through and, sadly, they are declining. We can debate the figures, but it is bad.

Lord Smith of Hindhead: I apologise for the earlier comment. I am not giving evidence today.

Peter Adkins: I currently act for five or six clubs that are in the process of dissolution. That is a sad thing, but I am not certain that there is anything that we can do here to help. It is a different environment we have to look at.

George Dawson: Peter is a solicitor. He is painting a very grim picture of private members’ clubs. We have had a considerable amount of difficulty, but we are still a significant part of the on-trade. There is £21 billion in the on-trade in beer. CIU probably accounts for 5% of that by itself, but the ACC has 900 clubs.

There are also British Legion clubs. We are still a significant player in the on-trade. The on-trade has shrunk tremendously, but it is not all depression and everybody closing down.

Paul Varney: Far from it.

George Dawson: We are looking at different avenues to keep our clubs open. Do not think that we are all going to close down tomorrow.

The Chairman: I thank you most warmly on behalf of the Committee for participating, being so generous with your time and giving evidence today.

We are very grateful to you. Thank you very much. In releasing you, I ask the Committee to stay back for a few moments of private business.

George Dawson: Thank you for inviting me to come and represent my clubs’ interests at the Select Committee.

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