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Welcome to the first edition of the digital *Club Journal*

Club Journal, the official publication of the CIU, has embraced the digital era by transitioning to a fully online format for the first time in its 131-year history.

This transformation represents a significant step forward in making the magazine more accessible to its readership while surpassing the limitations of its printed predecessor.

By moving online, the magazine can now reach a broader audience, ensuring that clubs and their members can engage with its content anytime and anywhere.

Whether accessed via a smartphone, tablet, or computer, the magazine's new format eliminates the logistical challenges of distributing physical copies, making it easier than ever for members to stay informed about the CIU's activities and services as well as news from around Union clubs.

Moreover, the digital format allows for a more expansive magazine. Unlike the constraints of print, which limit the number of pages due to production, the online edition can include additional articles and more in-depth features.

Club Journal's digital evolution also complements the CIU's existing digital platforms, sitting alongside the CIU's official website, ciu.org.uk, and clubjournal.co.uk.

These websites serve as comprehensive hubs for information about the CIU, its history, and its services, while the digital magazine adds depth with its feature articles, interviews, and club spotlights.

In addition to the websites, information is available on the CIU's Facebook page and club members can



Club Journal, which was launched in 1874, has now gone digital-only

also opt to subscribe to the CIU's regular e-bulletins and will receive these updates directly to their email inboxes.

Club Journal's transition to a fully digital magazine is a milestone in the CIU's ongoing mission to serve its membership effectively.

This move not only strengthens the CIU's communication strategy but also reinforces its role as a vibrant and dynamic organisation serving the needs of its member clubs.

So, please let us know what you think of the new digital *Club Journal*.

Most importantly, be sure to keep sending in your stories about what is happening at your club – from charity fundraisers to special events to individual achievements – so we can continue to highlight how CIU clubs across the country are working tirelessly for their members and for their local communities.

Joint winners of CIU Club of the Year Award named



The 2024 Club Awards, held on November 27 at the Athena venue in Leicester, showcased the best of clubland with CIU clubs winning in a number of categories.

The CIU Club of the Year category – presented by President Ken Roberts CMD ACM, General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Vice-President Bob Russell CMD – saw two winners sharing the accolade: **Broseley Social Club** in Shropshire and **Lindley Liberal Club** in Huddersfield.

• For a full list of all the CIU winners across the various categories at the 2024 Club Awards, see pages 14-19

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Welcome to the January edition of *Club Journal* as we look forward to the year ahead.

It's certainly a new, exciting era for *Club Journal* which is now available as a digital-only publication for the first time in its 131-year history as the magazine of record of the CIU.

The brand-new expanded *Club Journal* is available to download and read from the Union's official website www.ciu.org.uk at the beginning of each month, which will make it far more accessible to club officials and members.

The monthly publication is just one strand of the Union's online offering with the aforementioned website complemented by clubjournal.co.uk, the CIU's official Facebook page and the e-bulletins which can be sent directly to your email inbox.

In other news, many congratulations to all the Union clubs who were recognised at the 2024 Club Awards held in Leicester at the end of November.

It really was another great showing for CIU clubs from across the country, not least the joint winners of the CIU Club of the Year category – Broseley Social Club in Shropshire and Lindley Liberal Club in Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

Both clubs really do represent their local communities and provide fantastic

Welcome

experiences for their members and guests all year round.

Please see pages 14-19 for the full report on the Club Awards.

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

You will need minimum of 10 candidates eager to complete the ACM, then the course will come to you and the three self-contained units will be delivered by Union lecturers over three Saturdays of your choice, at your club.

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

For further information, contact Senior Head Office Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick at:

Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org.

On pages 11 to 13 we look ahead to the 2025 Annual Meeting which will take place on Saturday, April 26 in Blackpool with the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition staged on the day before – Friday, April 25.

Please put these important dates in your diary and come along to Blackpool to have your say on the future of the Union.

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Tyneside Club throws successful Seniors Christmas lunch



Every space was filled at the Tyneside Club's Seniors Christmas Lunch

Norfolk's Tyneside Club staged a highly successful Christmas Lunch for the senior members of the club in December.

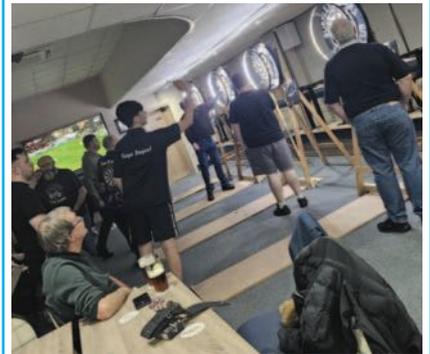
Every single place was filled for the lunch with the members enjoying a fantastic traditional Christmas dinner.

At the other end of the age spectrum, the club also hosted a Children's Christmas Party with Santa making an appearance.



Members enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings

News in brief



Eager darts players head to Burnley Miners Club for regular Wednesday tournaments

Burnley Miners Club has embarked on a series of Wednesday night darts tournaments which are proving extremely popular.

The events, which take place in the club's newly refurbished Concert Hall, see 24 players in four groups of six with the top two players from each group going through to the quarter-finals.

For more information, visit:
uk.dartscircuit.com/round-robins



Grand opening of refurbished Function Room at Llchwyr Workmen's Club

After the completion of a nine-month refurbishment project, Llchwyr Workmen's Club in Swansea, South Wales has unveiled its fantastic new Function Room.

The room can seat around 140 people and has brand-new flooring and furniture as well as state-of-the-art lighting and sound systems.



News in brief



Littlehampton Trades & Labour Club enjoy sellout gig by The Vox Beatles tribute act

The Trades & Labour Club in Littlehampton, West Sussex recently welcomed top tribute act, The Vox Beatles, to their stage.

The four-piece band performed a number of Beatles classics to the packed-out audience with songs from across the Fab Four's career with costume changes reflecting the various eras, from the early days to the band's later Sergeant Pepper period.

Cult rock band plays gig at King Street Social Club



King Street Social Club in North Shields hosted a gig by cult rock band Django Django in December

CLUB NOTICES

Club name changes

From: Cambridge Working Men's Club
To: Cambridge East Road Social Club Ltd

From: Andover Central Club
To: Andover Central Club Ltd

From: Leominster Sports and Social Club
To: Leominster Sports and Social Club Ltd

From: Bexleyheath Working Men's Club
To: Bexleyheath Working Men's Club Ltd

From: Marsden Socialist Club
To: Marsden Social Club Ltd

From: Throckley and District Club
To: Throckley and District Club and Institute Ltd

From: King Street Progressive Club
To: King Street Progressive Club and Institute Ltd

Cult rock band Django Django played their only gig of 2024 at King Street Social Club in North Shields.

The band took to the stage for an Are You Affiliated event on December 7, with support from rising star Lizzie Esau.

Are You Affiliated is an independent music venue organisation operated by North Tyneside-based international DJ Man Power (aka Geoff Kirkwood). It has hosted some of the biggest names in electronic dance music for the last two years, with guests including Caribou, Skream, Daniel Avery, Optimo, Paranoid London and many more.

Django Django's appearance marks the first live band performance in the venue since recent investment from Kirkwood and partners saw the venue upgraded to include the installation of a brand new sound system.

The bill featured Lizzie Esau, a North East-based artist who is starting to gather lots of attention with support from BBC Introducing and an appearance at Glastonbury Festival.

The event has led to new music from the headliners with a collaboration between Django Django and Man Power being released exclusively on vinyl on the day of the gig, and was available to buy at the venue.

The event is presented as a collaboration between Are You Affiliated, local promoters Shin Gigs, Mouth of the Tyne Festival and North Tyneside Council.

Councillor Carl Johnson, Deputy Mayor for North Tyneside and Cabinet Member responsible for Regeneration, Economic Development and Culture, said: "The Council and its partners have been committed to revitalising and reimagining North Shields Town Centre through our ambitious regeneration programme.

"Events like this, securing a big name from the UK music scene to play at a recently developed independent venue, show that this approach is working at the North Shields Town Centre which has so much to offer.

"We are bringing the culture of our Borough to life, through shows, gigs, exhibitions, venues, the arts and creative spaces.

"Working with imaginative minds like Geoff Kirkwood, Shin Gigs and Are You Affiliated gives the Borough a strong platform to deliver more, celebrating our rich heritage, bringing the stars of today to North Shields and showcasing the talent of the future."

Club salutes Steward's 25 years behind the bar



Don Gray is stepping down as Steward of the New York and Murton Social Club in North Shields after 25 years at the club

New York And Murton Social Club in North Shields has bidden farewell to its longstanding Steward Don Gray who had been at the club for 25 years.

As well as doing an outstanding job at the bar, Don has been at the forefront of charity fundraising over the years at the club in aid of a host of charities, including Macmillan Cancer Care.

He even took part in 'Brave the Shave' for Macmillans, a sponsored head shave.

'Phil Collins' heads to Idle Working Men's Club

The Idle Working Men's Club in Bradford will be welcoming the 'Seriously Collins' tribute act on Friday, February 28.

Members and guests will be able to relive the legendary hits of Phil Collins as a solo artist and as part of Genesis with a tribute act that promises an "electrifying tribute that takes you on a musical journey through the songs that defined an era".

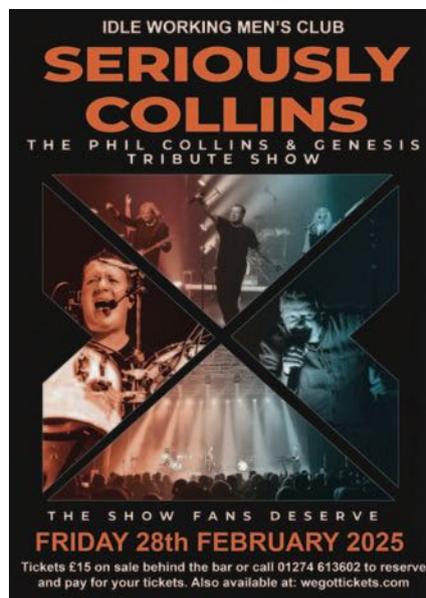
Support is provided by Mick Noble.

Tickets cost £15 and are on sale behind the bar or you can call 01274 613602 to purchase. Tickets are also available at: wegottickets.com/event/641724

It's certainly shaping up to be a busy start to 2025 for the club entertainment-wise with a Ladies Night being staged on Friday, January 31.

The main attraction on the night is comedy drag artist Cilla with support from dancers.

Tickets cost £7 and are available to buy directly from the club or from the website: wegottickets.com/event/641724



News in brief



Four members of Skegness Ex-Service Club to undertake skydive in aid of Prostate Cancer

Skegness Ex-Service Club has named Prostate Cancer UK as its nominated charity for 2025.

This will see a number of events and fundraisers taking place over the next 12 months.

One of the first initiatives announced will see club members Linda, Matt, Sam and Robbie taking part in a sponsored skydive in August.

OBITUARY

George Dawson CMD

The Union regrets to announce that former CIU President and West Yorkshire Branch Secretary George Dawson CMD has passed away.



George joined the Committee at Arden Road Social Club in Halifax at the age of 18, became Treasurer when he was 19 and was elected to the West Yorkshire Branch Executive at 24.

He became Secretary of his club at the age of 30 and in 2004 was appointed Branch Secretary and elected to the National Executive Committee where he served on the Legal and Advisory Committee, the National Accounts Committee and the Insurance Committee.

George served as Union President from 2010 to 2019.

In September 2024, he received the Distinguished Service Award.

The Union sends its condolences to all his family and friends.

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Local councillors hail brilliant Harehills Labour Club



Councillors Luke Farley (far left) and Nkele Manaka (far right) with members of Harehills Labour Club

Harehills Labour Club in Leeds received a visit from local councillors Luke Farley and Nkele Manaka in December with the pair attending a Christmas party at the club.

Mr Farley said: “Nkele and I had a great time popping in to Harehills Labour Club yesterday for its Christmas celebration event.

“Huge thanks to Chelle and all of the team at the club for putting on such a brilliant afternoon!

“As Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Labour councillors, Asghar Khan, Nkele Manaka and I are proud to support the club and all of its brilliant activities.”

Meanwhile, earlier in December, the club hosted a home show by United Amateur Boxing Club (ABC) which saw boxers from all over the North, including Middlesbrough, Macclesfield, and Hull, joining the East Leeds club for a packed evening of 14 bouts, marking what chief coach Charlie Hughes called “a fantastic first home show.”

The event was attended by none other than two-time featherweight world champion Josh Warrington and his dad Sean O’Hagan as well as professional boxing brothers Hopey and Ellis Price who also coach at United ABC.



Calum Astall, one of the victorious boxers at the United ABC event held at Harehills Labour Club

News in brief



Walton WMC darter Aaron Turner reaches the last 32 of the WDF World Championship

Walton Working Men’s Club were delighted that one of their home darts players, Aaron Turner, reached the last 32 of the WDF World Championship held in December at the Lakeside in Surrey.

Aaron beat the USA’s Jeff Springer 2-0 in the last 48 but was then knocked out of the tournament by England’s Barry Copeland.

A number of members travelled up to witness Aaron in action while his games were also streamed back at the club.



Hereford’s Richmond Place Club stages its annual Charity Darts tournament

The annual Richmond Place Club Charity Darts tournament took place on Sunday, December 15 with the Hereford club attracting some top darts players from near and far, with a total of 62 players registering for the event.

The winner on the day was PDC player Nick Kenny with Gav Smith finishing as Runner-Up,

The event raised funds for the Phoenix Charity which provides bereavement support for children.

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(West Midlands Branch)**

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(West Midlands Branch)**

**Adrian Evans – Heath Gap Welcome Club
(West Midlands Branch)**

**Stanley Smith – Townend Farm WMC
(Durham Branch)**

**Eugene Clifford – Consett & District WMC
(Durham Branch)**

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Saturday, April 26 – The 161st Annual Meeting

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



The 161st Annual Meeting will take place in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel, Blackpool on the morning of Saturday, April 26 and will be chaired by Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM

The preparation and planning for the Union’s 2025 Conference Weekend have been underway for several months and will take place in Blackpool in the last weekend of April.

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

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

During the meeting, the 2024 Annual

Report will be considered by delegates while Union Accountant Uto Ekanem will present the Union’s Financial Report for 2024.

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

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

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

The Meeting will include an address by the General Secretary as well as a number of guest speakers.



Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM will give an address at the AGM

Friday, April 25: Beer & Trades Exhibition

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

The 33rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will be staged on the afternoon of Friday, April 25 at Blackpool's Norbreck Castle Hotel.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM visit the stand of Preferred Supplier Pure Purchasing at last year's event



Card Industry Professionals (CIP) showcased their payment solutions system at last year's show



Two club delegates enjoy sampling Belhaven Black stout from Greene King



A delegate enjoys reading his complimentary copy of Club Journal



CIU Preferred Supplier Dransfields will be showcasing the latest gaming machines as well as their versatile Spotlight entertainment system



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



Dransfields will be running several bingo sessions throughout the afternoon



Pro darts player Daryl Fitton was part of the Dransfields presence at the 2024 show



Speed Pool always proves an extremely popular activity on the Dransfields stand



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



The 2024 BOC stand where delegates were able to receive expert information on beer and drinks dispense gases



NEC Member Nathan Clark enjoys some Pukka Pies during the 2024 trade show



Delegates at last year's event were also able to sample two ciders from Stowford Press – Apple Cider and Dark Berry

CIU clubs shine at the 2024 Club Awards

The 2024 Club Awards took place in Leicester on November 27 and saw the hard work of many CIU clubs recognised in several categories, including the Union's prestigious 'CIU Club of the Year' award which was won jointly by Broseley Social Club and Lindley Liberal Club



Broseley Social Club in Shropshire was named as joint winner of the CIU Club of the Year award and were presented with their trophy by (from 3rd to 5th right respectively) Union Vice President Bob Russell CMD, Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM

The 2024 Club Awards, held on November 27 at the Athena venue in Leicester, showcased the best of clubland with CIU clubs winning in a number of categories.

As ever, competition was fierce throughout, not least in the prestigious CIU Club of the Year category, presented by President Ken Roberts CMD ACM, General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Vice-President Bob Russell CMD.

This year saw two winners sharing the title – **Broseley Social Club** in Shropshire and **Lindley Liberal Club** in Huddersfield.

Broseley Social Club is a thriving club at heart of its local community with its 1,780 members enjoying a range of activities and entertainment.

Many local groups hold their events, meetings and regular catch-ups at the club including a local choir, the Royal British Legion and the RAOB.

The club runs two snooker teams, two darts teams, an in-house darts

league, an in-house dominoes league, and seven Crown Green bowls teams.

The club prides itself on providing a warm and friendly environment for all generations to enjoy.

Charity work is important to the club with the club holding party nights, raffles, beer tasting and other events to raise money for such charities as Severn Hospice, Hope House, Midlands Air Ambulance, Asthma UK and Birmingham Children's Hospital.

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

The club's gardens have also been improved in recent years with members and their children now enjoying a fantastic Beer Garden during the warmer months.

Club Treasurer Gail Hall says: "We constantly think of new ways to encourage current and new members

to keep the club as their local. We have live entertainment every month, with every effort made to use local bands and artists and new bands just starting out are always given a try.

"The people on the committee give up their free time in so many ways to keep the club running as smoothly and efficiently as we can and ensuring that we remain at the heart of the community."

Joint winner **Lindley Liberal Club** was founded in 1887 and the magnificent Victorian building remains at the centre of its community to this day, with over 2,000 members enjoying access to a wealth of sporting and cultural activities seven days a week, including billiards, snooker, dominoes, cricket, chess, comedy and live music.

Ukraine is dear to the club's heart, and it has hosted a Ukrainian music afternoon in support of the Ukrainian community which included a Ukrainian children's choir and a Ukrainian folk band along with one of Ukraine's biggest stars, Ulia Lord.



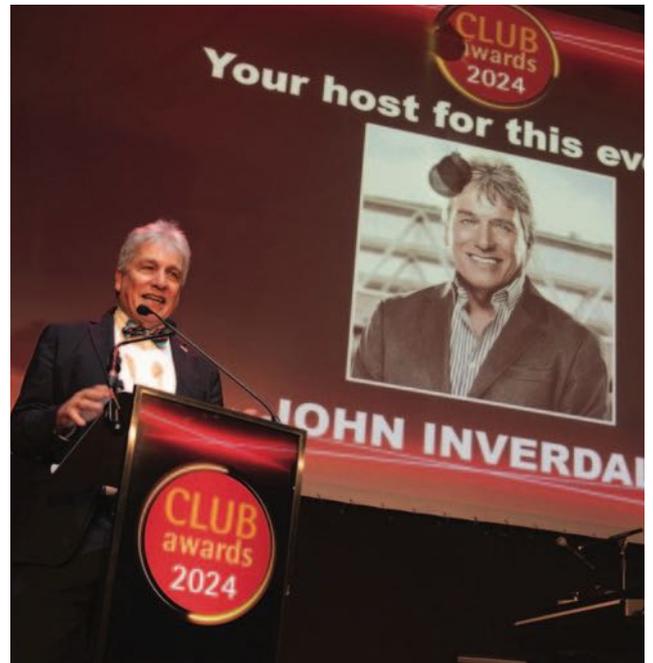
Jimmy Love performed his Elton Unleashed tribute act at the 2024 Club Awards, playing a number of hits including I'm Still Standing, Rocketman and Don't Go Breaking My Heart



The Awards were preceded by some top musical entertainment



NEC Member Nathan Clarke (pictured) presented the Young Ambassador trophy to Emily Green of West London Trade Union Club



Former BBC Sport presenter John Inverdale – back by popular demand – hosted the 2024 Club Awards



Club Awards Presenter John Inverdale (left) welcomes on stage former Wigan Warriors RL and Rugby Union England winger Chris Ashton. Chris presented the prestigious Rugby Club of the Year Award



Alison and Les Walker of Hereford's Richmond Place Club earned recognition for their long service to the club



Lindley Liberal Club in Huddersfield was the joint winner of the CIU Club of the Year Award

“The afternoon was a huge success with many members of our club as well as our local Ukrainian club attending,” says Club Secretary Dawn Fawcett.

“The success of this led us to making Sunday afternoon entertainment a regular activity and we now have entertainment once a month on Sunday afternoon which has led to a three-fold increase in takings on those Sundays.

“We have an active programme of refurbishment of the club with the Concert Room and Lounge being the areas most recently updated.

“We are now underway with investing in improving our Entrance Door, Hall and Tap Room.

“These refurbishments have been expensive as we have invested in quality products such as wallpaper, curtains and fabrics to ensure a premier look to these areas of our club.

“We have taken this opportunity to make sure that access to the club is

more disabled-friendly as we have several customers with mobility issues.”

During 2024, the club has remodelled its administrative structure with the introduction of an Executive Committee made up of five members who guide the club through larger financial decisions and make recommendations to the general Committee.

The club runs regular racing trips to local racecourses such as Ripon, Thirsk and Beverley with the trips having a strong take-up by members and their guests.

Dawn adds: “We have also initiated an afternoon tea for Ladies Day at Royal Ascot with all the races being shown on the big screen along with a tote to enable betting for members. This has been a massive success with members who enter into the spirit of the occasion and dress accordingly.

“The club has invested in vintage crockery, tea pots and afternoon tea-stands to facilitate this.

“As this has proved a great success we are going to replicate it for Cheltenham Festival.

“The Royal Ascot afternoon tea saw a fourfold increase in our usual revenue on a Thursday afternoon. Alongside this we have traditional race nights in the Concert Room at the club which have good attendance.”

The club also stages regular comedy nights, two bingo sessions a week, prize draws and quiz nights.

The club is proud of its bowling facilities with a separate pavilion with its own kitchen and a well-kept green.

“But it’s not just the bowling green which has garnered renown in the area. The club’s Snooker Room is also a first-class facility with two full-size tables ensuring that the snooker and billiards sections also flourish.

“The club has long been part of the fabric of the local community and we intend to ensure that always remains the case,” says Dawn.

In the Bar Manager of the Year category it was David Bellamy of **Midland Band Social Club** in Kettering who triumphed.

The club was also announced as a Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) Super Round winner which means that they are one of just four clubs vying for the beer organisation's Club of the Year award which will be decided in 2025.

As well as selecting a varied range of guest cask ales, David also organises the majority of the entertainment at the club.

He is also the club's resident chef for Saturday lunches and Sunday roasts, bingo caller, quizmaster and karaoke king.

The club is the reigning Northamptonshire CAMRA Club of the Year and also features in this year's Good Beer Guide.

The Charity Club of the Year Award was presented to **Skegness Ex-Servicemens Club**.

Charity is of paramount importance to the club and the members support a number of good causes throughout the year, including major fundraisers

for the Royal British Legion and Royal Naval Association.

In September, they handed over a cheque for £6000 to Breast Cancer Now after staging a major fundraiser in August which included members taking part in a sponsored 'Run & Walk It Pink' event which was attended by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Skegness.

This was followed by further fundraising at a live entertainment night at the club, including a raffle.

In July, the club staged a Race Night in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital and supported club member Hollie as she completed the 'Three Peak Challenge'.

The club has selected Prostate Cancer UK as its nominated charity for 2025.

The Business Initiative of the Year category went to **Grangemoor Working Men's Club** in Staffordshire.

The club has enjoyed a very successful past year with the club's membership and turnover increasing.

A number of new initiatives have strengthened links with the local

community. This includes a new agreement with FC Grangemoor to become the football team's kit sponsor and for the team to use the club as their 'clubhouse' and for meetings.

The tie-up with the football club has also brought in younger people with the majority of the players and their supporters in their 20s.

Meanwhile, the 'Thursday Club' remains a very valued part of the club which sees various activities put on for the over-50s, including guest speakers, balloon badminton and meals.

Karaoke and acoustic sessions at the club continue and these have been greatly supported by the members with private functions continuing to be a valuable income for the club.

The club has been redecorated and reupholstered in the past year to ensure that the club continues to be a modern, welcoming venue.

Top-class entertainment, including tribute acts, have proven extremely popular with members, with the majority of the club's ticketed entertainment nights selling out well in advance.



New Eltham Social Club won the Committee of the Year Category. (See next page for details.)

New Eltham Social Club in Kent won the Committee of the Year category.

The club has a hardworking 12-strong Committee who put in huge amounts of their own time to keep the club moving forward and running very efficiently.

As well as their tremendous behind-the-scenes effort, members of the Committee are also happy to be hands-on around the club when required, whether selling raffle tickets, calling the bingo, acting as quizmasters or collecting glasses during busy times.

The Committee are also active in helping with the live entertainment offering, arranging solo acts, bands and tribute shows which continue to be very popular with members and guests.

The club states that: "We feel that our traditions and values have allowed us to innovate and move with the times whilst staying true to the core beliefs we have as CIU members, providing the best of both worlds for our members and staff."

Stansted Mountfitchet Social Club in Essex was the joint winner in the Entertainment Club of the Year (Southern) category.

The club is renowned in its local area for its fantastic entertainment offering with bands, singers and comedy acts all regularly playing to sellout audiences.

Among the tribute acts performing at the club in 2024 were The Fleetwood Mac Experience, Totally Blondie and 'Taylor Swift'.

The other winner in the Entertainment (Northern) category was **Beechwood, Easterside & District Social Club** in Middlesbrough.

The club puts on live entertainment four nights a week with a budget of around £130,000 a year.

This means that the club is able to offer its members some of the best entertainment in the region with high-profile tribute acts, bands and vocalists performing throughout the year to big audiences.

Secretary of the Year was awarded to Lucy Hague of **The Outlands** in



Michelle Fisher, Secretary of Walthamstow Trades Hall & Institute accepts the Marketing Club of the Year Award

Harrogate. (See picture opposite.)

Lucy was at the forefront of overseeing the club's 125th Anniversary celebrations in 2024.

Along with her fellow Committee members, Lucy has made it her mission to modernise and 'futureproof' the club, organising measures such as installing solar panels, the refurbishment of the Snooker Room, refitting new toilets, and a complete redesign of the Bar using a company whose stainless-steel product is made using 80 per cent of recycled content.

The club has also had great recent success in attracting a younger demographic through its doors and successfully integrating new members into club life.

Darts Club of the Year went to **Bellingham Ex-Services Club** in South East London.

The club has become the centre of the local darts community and runs four teams in two leagues.

Facilities for darts include five free standing boards, three wall mounted boards together with scoreboards and lights.

The club has standard boards, London fives boards and Yorkshire boards and the club has won several team and individual trophies in recent seasons.

The club emphasises that its darts facilities are open to all genders, nationalities and ages.

The Marketing Club of the Year category was won by **Walthamstow Trades Hall & Institute** in North East London.

The club has had a stunning past year with the club featuring in the national media on several occasions, including being the main focus in a major feature on members' clubs in *The Observer* newspaper.

It's high profile at local and national levels has further strengthened its role as a vibrant community hub with attendance for its diverse range of



Beechwood, Easterside & District Social Club in Middlesbrough picked up the Northern Entertainment Club of the Year Award

events, from cultural celebrations and live music to charity fundraisers and local interest meetings, increasing massively.

In July, there was further national media interest in the club when it hosted the fifth edition of “Stow-Ho House”, a charity music event in aid of Success Charity, a charity that supports childhood brain tumour survivors.

Playing a surprise DJ set to a delighted capacity crowd was world-renowned dance act Groove Armada.

The club continues to be a shining example of community engagement with its social media presence garnering attention and drawing attention to the club’s ever-impressive list of upcoming events.

The Refurbishment Club of the Year category went to **Leigh Park WMC** in Havant, Hampshire.

The club put together a team of members who turned a derelict yard into a fully landscaped large garden area complete with a patio area, adjoining one of the club’s function rooms and bars.

This area has a purpose-built stage,

within the area for live acts and also boasts a large TV Screen under the stage area.

Members were therefore able to watch the 2024 Euro football championship outside in the garden during periods of good weather.

The cost to the club in materials, astroturf, plants, trees, stage equipment, TV screen and other

garden associated fixings and equipment was in excess of £24,000.

If the club had not used its team of members to construct the area it is estimated the labour cost would have exceeded the materials and fixings cost.

This improvement means that the club now has another fully equipped, multipurpose entertainment and function area.



The 2024 Club Secretary of the Year Award went to Lucy Hague of The Oatlands Club in Harrogate, Yorkshire

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 will be reviewed over the coming months.

National Executive Committee dates

The NEC meetings at Head Office for 2025 will take place on: January 8&9; February 19&20; March 26&27; April 24 (Conference Weekend, Blackpool); June 4&5; July 16&17; September 3&4; October 15&16 and December 3&4.

CIU Conference 2025 dates

The dates for the 2025 Conference Weekend are as follows:

Thursday, April 24 – NEC Meeting

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

Saturday, April 26 – The 161st Annual Meeting

UK Government announces the roll-out of digital ID to prove age when buying alcohol

The UK Government has announced that it intends to pass a new law allowing people to use digital ID apps on their phones to prove their age when buying alcohol in licensed premises and shops.

Under the new system, people will be able to present secure digital identities as proof of age when buying alcohol – if they choose to – and will still be able to use traditional physical forms of identification like a driving licence or passport.

These digital identities, already provided by a number of companies, will have to be independently certified against Government standards.

Announcing the initiative, the Technology Secretary, Peter Kyle, said: “This change benefits both consumers and businesses spurring the economic growth we need to put more money in the pockets of working people as part of our Plan for Change.

“By Christmas 2025, you won’t need to carry a wallet or risk losing important documents like your

passport or driving licence when heading out to celebrate.

“With a certified digital identity on your phone, you can raise a glass in your local without hassle – a merry step forward in making age verification safer, easier, and more convenient for everyone.”

The Government pointed to a recent consultation which revealed support for updating the Licensing Act 2003 to allow digital identities to be used for alcohol sales.

It said that respondents also endorsed the idea that providers of digital identity services should meet stringent Government-approved standards.

The measures are part of the Data (Use and Access) Bill, introduced in Parliament in 2024.

Once passed, the Bill will pave the way for certified digital identities to be added to the list of accepted age verification methods, alongside traditional forms like passports and driving licences.

CIU calendars available from local branches

As previously announced, the decision was made last year by the National Executive to discontinue producing CIU diaries for sale to clubs.

This was due to low take-up and rising production costs.

Now, however, increased demand means that the CIU is delighted to announce that the 2025 calendar is now available to purchase directly from your local branch office.

Preferred supplier Dransfields acquires Crystal & Son

CIU Preferred Supplier Dransfields has acquired Crystal & Son, the North Tyneside firm which supplies club and fundraising products such as football scratch cards, bingo books and raffle tickets. We talk to Dransfields Managing Director **Chris Haley** about how clubs will benefit from this new addition to the Dransfields' family

Q: So Chris, how did this deal come about?

Chris Haley (CH): Dransfields and Crystal & Son have worked alongside each other for many years so when Jonathon and Tracy Crystal, the owners, were looking to sell the business, they approached us to discuss their aspirations, and it became clear that the two companies together would be a perfect fit.

Jonathon and Tracy both wished to continue working following the sale, to ensure that it would be business as usual for Crystal employees and customers, but with the added help that comes with being part of a larger business.

Q: So there is a high level of synergy between Dransfields and Crystal & Son?

CH: Both companies are long established with a combined age of 108 years old and as such have grown and operated with clubs for many years. We supply different products but they complement each other.

As an example, Dransfields supplies the Spotlight Entertainment System which includes Bingo, and Crystal supply high quality bingo paper and dabbers – by coming together, we can offer a 'one-stop shop' for clubs where all their fundraising needs can be catered for.

Q: Will there be an integration process between the two companies?

CH: The companies will operate independently of each other but will be closely aligned.

Both companies will be able to introduce the others products to their customers and just make it simpler for clubs to meet the needs of their members, whilst generating revenue for the club.



Chris Haley, Managing Director of Dransfields, at last year's CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition

Q: What are the advantages for your club customers (customer service, products, etc)

CH: A big advantage will be access to Dransfields' countrywide network of service engineers meaning that any issues with a club's pull tab vending machine will be sorted quickly whether it is supplied by Dransfields or by Crystal.

In addition, Crystal customers will now have access to Dransfields' market leading range of gaming machines, pool table, juke boxes etc.

Q: So there are some exciting times ahead then?

CH: For sure, both companies are excited at our coming together, to be able to enhance our offering to clubs.

There is also the added benefit of being part of a larger family business with access to more resources and a nationwide depot infrastructure.

Q: Are you looking forward to the 2025 CIU Trade Show in Blackpool as part of the same family?

CH: The Blackpool Show is always a highlight of our calendar. It gives us the opportunity to meet with our customers, to demonstrate our products and provide fun entertainment (with great prizes!) to help the show be a great day out for people.

Crystal will be joining Dransfields to show off their huge range of fundraising and printed products that help clubs entertain their members and raise funds at the same time.

We have plans to bring even more exciting, fun products for clubs and will be launching "DartShark" at the Show... watch this space!

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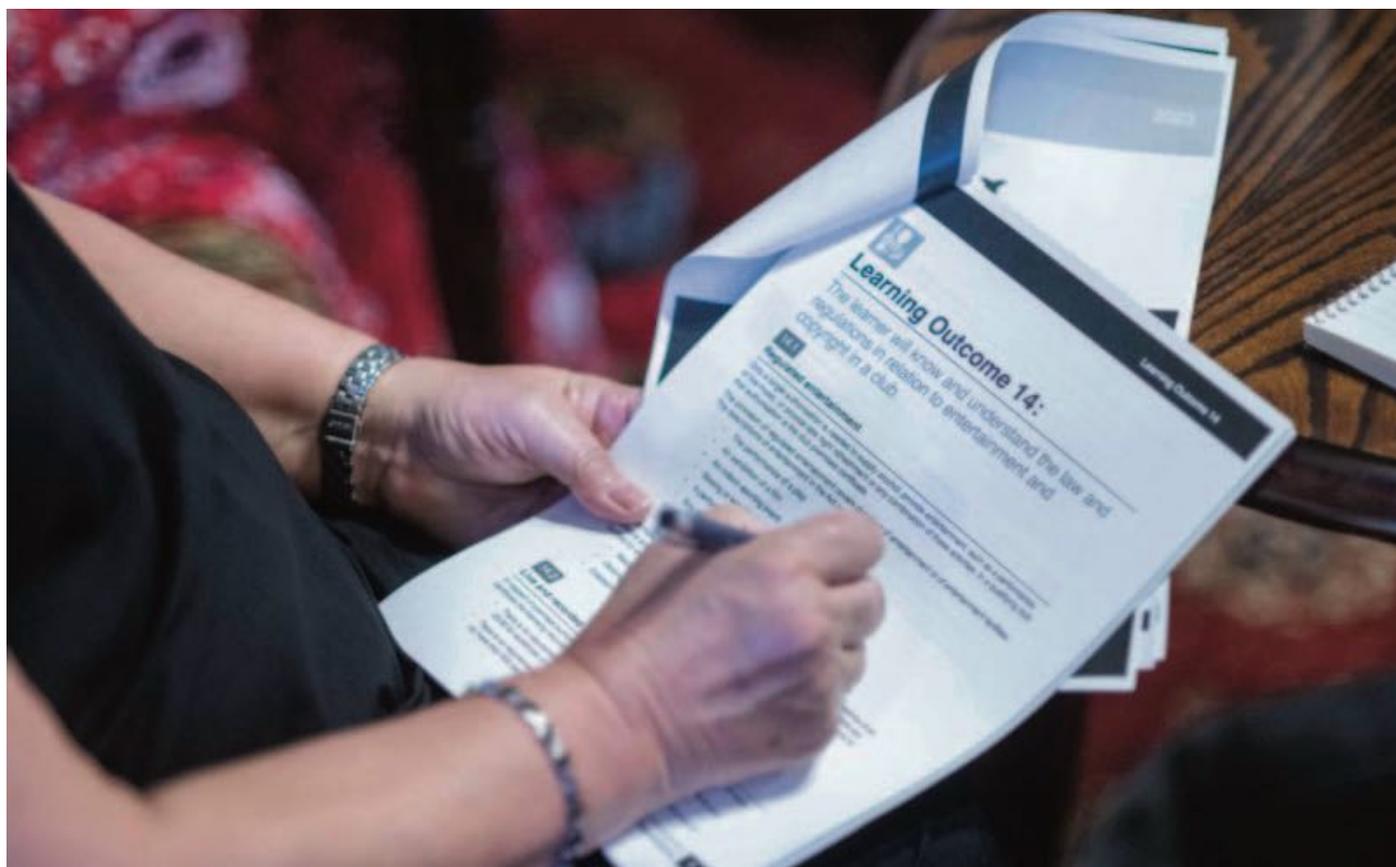


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Why not make 2025 the year to gain the Award in Club Management?

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



The course is aimed at people occupying positions of authority with CIU clubs

With 2025 here, why not make a New Year's resolution to complete the Union's Award in Club Management (ACM) course?

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



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Get involved with the CIU National Lottery

The CIU National Lottery is a great way to support your club and your Union as well as give yourself the chance to win some fantastic cash prizes, 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 Friday, January 31 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?

The graphic features the CIU logo at the top center. Below it, the text reads 'CIU National Lottery' and 'SCAN HERE' in large, bold letters. A white rounded rectangle contains the text '£1.00 PER TICKET'. In the center is a large QR code. Below the QR code, it says 'Please gamble Responsibly' and 'ciu.praxisplay.online'. At the bottom, a white rounded rectangle contains '5% Revenue Share with the Winning Members Club' and 'T&C's apply Lotter Licence Number LN/000023921'.

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.

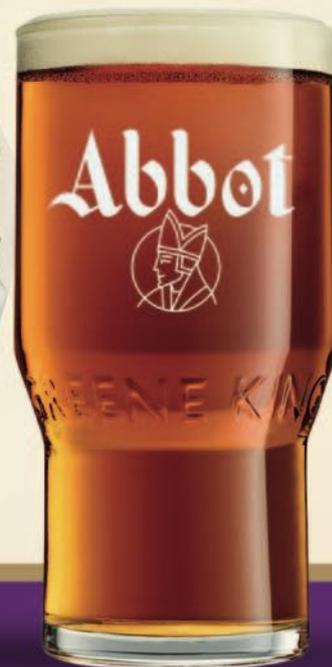
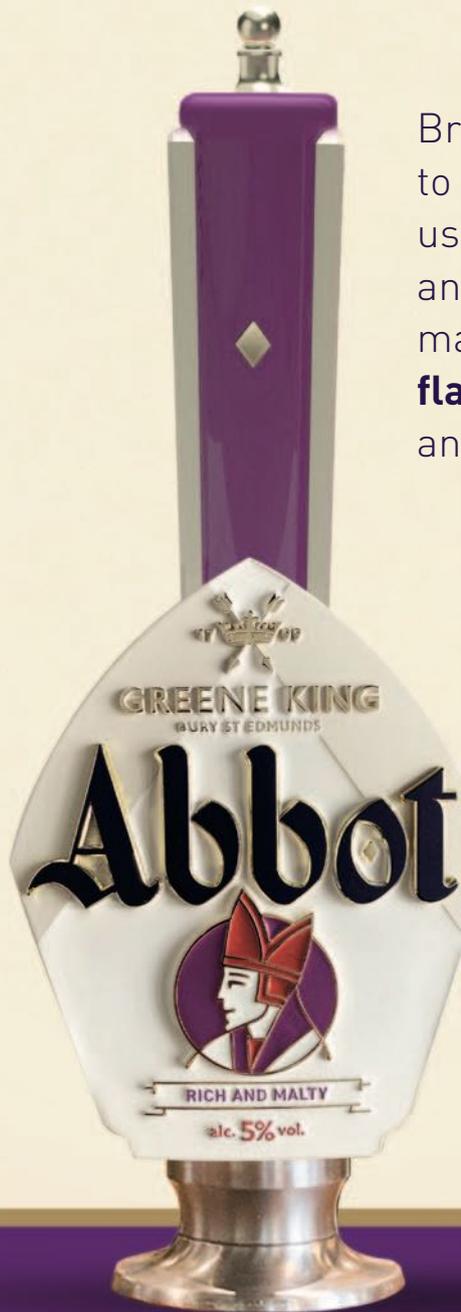
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Quality is the key to ale success

John Malone, Head of Brewery Engagement at Preferred Supplier Greene King, looks at the critical role that quality plays in driving footfall, sales and profits in the ale category



Research has shown that cask ale drinkers visit on-trade venues more often and spend more while they're there

As part of Greene King's new 'How To Win With Ale' category vision, Greene King intends to drive new, energetic excitement into what remains a critically important category.

Having recently taken a deep dive into the world of perfect presentation, here we're going to take a closer look at the equally vital subject of ale quality.

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To deliver the consistently great experiences that ale drinkers demand, we rely on everyone in the chain to play their part in ensuring that every pint that makes it into the hands of one of your members is perfect.

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This is more important than ever as we know that many people are venturing out less often than they used to, and when they visit an on-trade venue, they want to enjoy a fantastic experience and make some wonderful memories.



Greene King offers a wide range of support mechanisms and tools to help you manage your cellar efficiently and easily

The ale category can help them do precisely that as long as we all work together to deliver quality in every sense.

It's also worth noting that quality is particularly important in the cask ale category. While traditional keg ale is driven to a certain extent by value and craft ale is driven by energy and excitement, cask ale's strong suit has always been its amazing flavour and provenance.

That's not to say we can't add excitement and energy to cask and, indeed, over the last couple of years, we have been working extremely hard to light a fire under the cask category.

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- 8 Roof of the mouth, said to hold artist's colours? (6)
- 9 Admit the tie was badly copied (8)
- 10 Stiffener to remain where it is (4)
- 11 Writing desk that is made out of a coir tree (10)
- 12 Three of them trying to break up a riot (4)
- 13 'Bravo Lucy!' (A strange form of words?) (10)
- 17 Cab to fix at the back end (4)
- 18 Dumbfounds, with funds lost by the old dog (5)
- 19 Vets trained for the top (4)
- 21 Sappy version of a dye remedy (6-4)
- 23 Prank to get up to? Or with? (4)
- 24 Liliales to be laid out in the

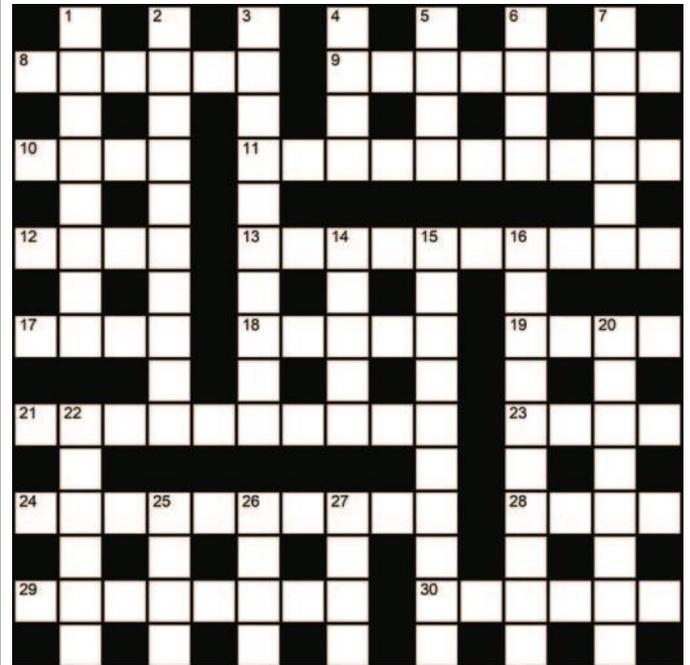
air if slimy (4,6)

- 28 'Hot blood' told off for being a tramp (4)
- 29 In spite of expectations, the elf reformed at the altar (5,3)
- 30 On the dole is somehow a bit thin for pasta (6)

- 7 Scouted out a terraced house that could be a listener (6)
- 14 Mistaken conformity needs no intro. for chair type (5)
- 15 Wrongly bid, alas, for hairdressing job (4-6)
- 16 I hold olive ones out to the living (10)
- 20 Use a laser on BBC word game (8)
- 22 Make it uncommon in a ferry outing (6)
- 25 Toboggan is misled, off the road (4)
- 26 Absent from a wayfarer's start (4)
- 27 Isolates oats from the land mass (4)

DOWN

- 1 Acer, a bit pruned of 'Bugs' (not Bunny) (8)
- 2 Was she was rather a stark sort of rider? (4,6)
- 3 Dry sleeved, and somehow merited (10)
- 4 First four disciples slipped one maybe? (4)
- 5 Order out from a horrified, yet sound system (2-2)
- 6 Nimbus that can wash a lot of bits (4)



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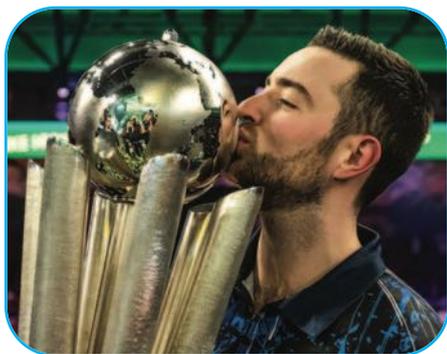
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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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

- Mr JF Cook of Old Aylestone Social Club
- Mrs RE Lindley of Scissett WMC
- Rosemary Davies of Cwmcam WMC
- S Evans of Canton Liberal Club
- Simon Hinchcliffe of Brighton St WMC





Friday, January 3, 8pm, Sky Sports

Darts: World Championship – The Final

The sport's most prestigious event reaches its climax at Alexandra Palace in North London after the Christmas break. Can Luke Humphries successfully defend his title and win his second World Championship? There are certainly plenty of contenders focused on dethroning 'Cool Hand Luke', including last year's runner-up Luke Littler.



Sunday, January 12, 3pm, BBC

FA Cup: Arsenal v Manchester United

The third round of the FA Cup has plenty of intriguing battles, not least this huge match at the Emirates. The game sees the two most successful clubs in the competition's 153-year history go head-to-head, with the Gunners having clinched a record 14 titles, while United are one behind on 13 after beating local rivals Manchester City in the final last season.



Tuesday, January 21, 8pm – TNT Sports

UEFA Champions League: Liverpool v Lille

Action from the UEFA Champions League as Liverpool host Lille in the League phase of the competition. The Reds have been in fine form in Europe and on the domestic front this season and will be favourites to win this tie against a French side who have struggled to make much of an impact on the Champions League so far.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

The New Year is here and brings with it a selection of 'must watch' sporting fixtures, including action from the Champions League, Premier League and Championship, plus top fixtures from darts and racing

Wednesday, January 1, 12.30pm

Sky Sports

Darts: World Championship – Quarter-Finals 1&2

Wednesday, January 1, 5.30pm

TNT Sports

Premier League: Brentford v Arsenal

Wednesday, January 1, 7.30pm

Sky Sports

Darts: World Championship – Quarter-Finals 3&4

Wednesday, January 1, 8pm

Sky Sports Football

Championship: Sunderland v Sheffield United

Thursday, January 2, 7.30pm

Sky Sports

Darts: World Championship – Semi-Finals

Friday, January 3, 8pm

Sky Sports

Darts: World Championship – Final

Saturday, January 4, 12.30pm

TNT Sports

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Newcastle United

Saturday, January 4, 5.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Brighton & Hove Albion v Arsenal

Sunday, January 5, 2pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Fulham v Ipswich Town

Sunday, January 5, 4.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Liverpool v Manchester United

Monday, January 6, 8pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Wolves v Nottingham Forest

Friday, January 10, 8pm

ITV

FA Cup, 3rd Round: Aston Villa v West Ham United

Saturday, January 11, 5.45pm

BBC

FA Cup, 3rd Round: Manchester City v Salford City

Sunday, January 12, 3pm

BBC

FA Cup, 3rd Round: Arsenal v Manchester United

Tuesday, January 14, 7.30pm

TNT Sports

Premier League: Brentford v Manchester City

Tuesday, January 14, 8pm

TNT Sports

Premier League: Nottingham Forest v Liverpool

Wednesday, January 15, 8pm

TNT Sports

Premier League: Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur

Thursday, January 16, 8pm

TNT Sports

Premier League: Manchester United v Southampton

Saturday, January 18, 12.30pm

TNT Sports

Premier League: Newcastle United v AFC Bournemouth

Saturday, January 18, 12.30pm

Sky Sports Football

Championship: Cardiff City v Swansea City



Horse Racing: Festival Trials Day, Cheltenham,
Saturday, January 25, 12 noon, ITV

Saturday, January 18, 5.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Arsenal v Aston Villa

Sunday, January 19, 2pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Everton v Tottenham Hotspur

Sunday, January 19, 4.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Ipswich Town v Manchester City

Monday, January 20, 8pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Chelsea v Wolves

Tuesday, January 21, 5.45pm

TNT Sports

UEFA Champions League: Monaco v Aston Villa

Tuesday, January 21, 8pm

TNT Sports

UEFA Champions League: Liverpool v Lille

Wednesday, January 22, 8pm

TNT Sports

UEFA Champions League: PSG v Manchester City

Thursday, January 23, 8pm

TNT Sports

UEFA Europa League: Manchester United v Rangers

Saturday, January 25, 12 noon

ITV

Horse Racing: Festival Trials Day, Cheltenham

Saturday, January 25, 5.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Manchester City v Chelsea

Sunday, January 26, 2pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Aston Villa v West Ham United

Sunday, January 26, 4.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Ipswich Town v Manchester City

Sunday, January 26, 7pm

TNT Sports

Premier League: Fulham v Manchester United

Tuesday, January 28, 7.45pm

Sky Sports Football

Championship: Portsmouth v Millwall

Wednesday, January 29, 8pm

TNT Sports

UEFA Champions League: Aston Villa v Celtic

Wednesday, January 29, 8pm

TNT Sports

UEFA Champions League: Girona v Arsenal

Wednesday, January 29, 8pm

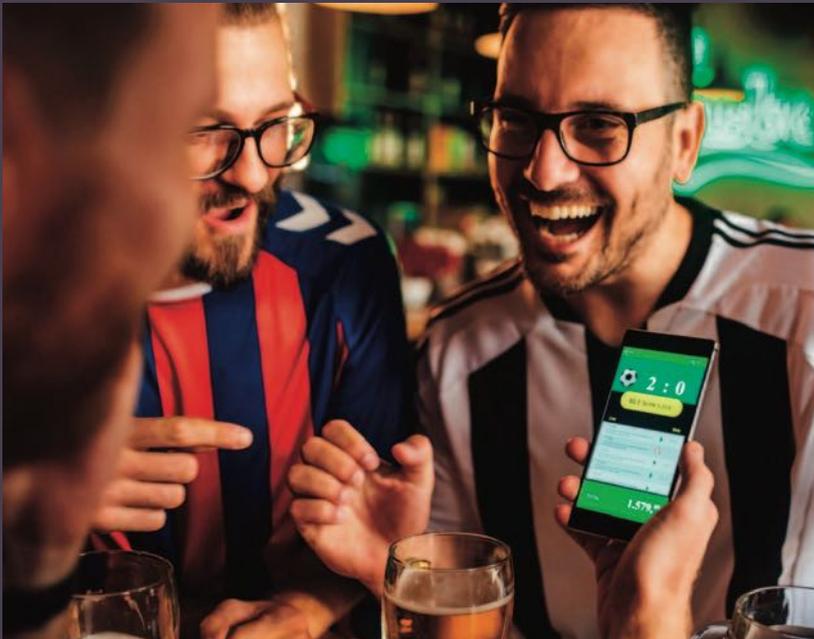
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UEFA Champions League: PSV Eindhoven v Liverpool

Wednesday, January 29, 8pm

TNT Sports

UEFA Champions League: Manchester City v Club Brugge



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