

BBC Radio breakfast show goes live at CIU venue in Leicester



The BBC Radio Leicester Breakfast Show was broadcast from the bar of the Groby Ex-Servicemen's Club on the morning of December 24

The Groby Ex-Servicemen's Club in Leicester became a radio studio on Christmas Eve as BBC Radio Leicester broadcasted a special edition of its breakfast show from the club's bar.

As most of Leicester slept, a dedicated band of volunteers from the club were up at 4am, opening their doors to the BBC crew, as popular DJ Ady Dayman set up for a special four-hour Christmas Eve broadcast, live from the heart of the community.

From 6am to 10am, the club's interior was transformed into a bustling radio studio. Against a backdrop of festive decorations, Ady's show resonated with the warm, convivial spirit of the club, playing Christmas classics and sharing stories.

The broadcast was a direct result of the club's achievement in November when it was crowned 'Family Club of the Year' at the Club Awards. This

special slot was a chance to showcase exactly what that title means.

For Club Secretary (and Union NEC Member) Nathan Clarke, the experience was a great honour.

"To have BBC Radio Leicester choose our club for their Christmas Eve show was just incredible," he said.

"It's a recognition of all the hard work our committee and members put in every day to make this a welcoming place for everyone, from veterans and families to friends and neighbours."

Nathan also expressed a hope that the spotlight would benefit the wider community.

"While we're over the moon about the attention for Groby," he continued, "we really hope it helps to increase awareness of not just our club, but other social clubs across Leicester and Leicestershire and what they have to offer their local communities."

Win a cash prize with the CIU National Lottery



Don't forget to buy your tickets for this month's CIU National Lottery 50/50 Draw which takes place at 7pm on February 1.

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

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

ciu.praxisplay.online

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Welcome to the January edition of *Club Journal* and Happy New Year to all our readers.

The 2025 Presidential and NEC Election was completed at the end of the year with the result that we welcome South Wales Branch Secretary Kevin Edwards CMD to the NEC as the representative for District 12.

Please see our 'HQ' section on page 10 for more details.

Planning continues for Conference Weekend 2026 which takes place in just four months in Blackpool.

On pages 20-21 we look ahead to the various events, not least the main event of the weekend – the AGM – which will be held on Saturday, April 18.

That will be preceded by the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition at the Norbreck Castle Hotel on the afternoon of Friday, April 17 so please be sure to make a note in your diaries now and look out for further details in future editions of *Club Journal*.

We have a special article saluting all the CIU clubs who were recognised at the 2025 Club Awards, held in Leicester in late November.

Their success is a fantastic testament to the hard work carried out by volunteers and staff across our member clubs 365 days a year, providing as they do a home-from-home for people of all ages.

For the full rundown of all the winners, see pages 10-15.

Welcome

One of the winning clubs, the Groby Ex-Servicemen's Club, also features on the front page following the live broadcast by Radio Leicester from their club on the morning of Christmas Eve.

This meant a 4am start for club officials and staff to get the club prepared for the live broadcast, so well done to everyone at the club who went along to the show to help demonstrate just why CIU clubs are so important to their members and local communities.

As usual, we have plenty more news in this issue from clubs up and down the country, as well as details of all the latest Service Awards presented to club stalwarts who have served their clubs for many years.

With the New Year here, why not seek a fresh challenge and complete the Award in Club Management (ACM)?

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

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

I hope you enjoy the issue and your club enjoys a very busy and prosperous start to 2026.

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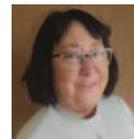
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Route 62 Bikers from Norristhorpe Club raise charity funds



The Route 62 Bikers hand over a cheque for £1,600 to the Kidz Aware Charity

The Route 62 Bikers, who are based at the Norristhorpe Club in West Yorkshire, recently presented a cheque for £1,600 to the Kidz Aware charity after their latest round of fundraising activities.

Founded in 2022, the Route 62 Bikers meet every fortnight and also take part in three charity rides a year.

Their latest ride took place in the first week of December with all the money raised going towards Kidz Aware, an organisation which supports local families of disabled children.

Lindford Working Men's Club hosts community carol service



Lindford Working Men's Club staged a successful community Christmas event in December

Lindford Working Men's Club in East Hampshire hosted a major community carol service in its Concert Hall in December.

The audience were treated to more than a dozen carols and Christmas songs by the combined efforts of the Petersfield Salvation Army Band, the Sacred Heart Pipers and pupils from the Holme Primary School.

The concert was organised by Lindford WMC President Michael Mallinson.

News in brief



The Album Era to bring classic sound of Black Sabbath to Leicester's West End Club
Ozzy Osbourne may have passed away last year but his music lives on and covers band The Album Era will be playing some classic Black Sabbath tracks at the West End Club in Leicester on Friday, May 8.

The Album Era will be performing Black Sabbath's 1970 classic Paranoid in its entirety Loaded with thunderous riffs and dark energy, Paranoid defined the birth of heavy metal through tracks like "War Pigs," "Iron Man," and "Electric Funeral."

Experience this groundbreaking album recreated with stunning authenticity and raw power by some of the UK's finest rock musicians.

And the show doesn't end there – there will be even more Sabbath and Ozzy anthems, from "Into the Void" to "Crazy Train."

Featuring a collective of seasoned musicians from across the UK, The Album Era reproduces rock's most iconic albums with authenticity to the original sounds and studio effects, while delivering a powerful and engaging live experience.

Tickets are available from [ticketsource.co.uk](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk) with early bird tickets costing £16.26.

For more information, visit www.jamsoupmusic.com/the-album-era.

Members of the West End Club are certainly in for a 'rocktastic' 2026 and looking further ahead, to November, there will be another great covers band performing at the club – Guns N Jovi.

As you might expect from their name, the band perform tracks from epic 1980s/1990s-era rock bands Guns N Roses and Bon Jovi.

Expect such songs as "Livin' On A Prayer", "Paradise City", "Bad Medicine", "Sweet Child Of Mine", "It's My Life", "Welcome To The Jungle" and many more.



News in brief



Billingham Trade Union Social Club to host Aladdin pantomime on Saturday, January 10
The familiar tale of Aladdin and his adventures with the genie will unfold on the stage at Billingham Trade Union Social Club on January 10.

Tickets for the family pantomime cost £3 and are available from the club.



Heol-y-Cyw Workingmens Sports and Social Club to host drag show in February
Friday, February 6 will see a night of music and comedy at Heol-y-Cyw Workingmens Sports and Social Club as the venue hosts a night of 'Cabaret and Comedy Insults' with a number of top drag artists.

The show is billed as 'not for the easily offended' with adult humour throughout.

Tickets can be bought for £7 from the club.

Richmond Place Club to host boat charity darts event



Pictured, left to right: World Darts compere John McDonald and Referee Russ Bray

A charity Darts competition, hosted by World Darts compere John McDonald and World Darts referee Russ Bray, will be taking place at the Richmond Place Club in Hereford on Sunday, March 22.

Other guests from the world of darts are also expected to attend, with details to be announced in the coming months.

Entry to the darts competition is £10 and there will also be opportunities for a chat with the stars and the chance to take 'selfies'.

All proceeds will help support the Wye Princess charity which is currently renovating a boat to provide river trips and create opportunities for disadvantaged people in Herefordshire.

The boat had been sunk in the River Wye for 20 years before being salvaged by a local teenager.

For more information on the tournament and the charity, visit: wyeprincess.co.uk

Consett Station Club hosts German darts team for third time



Consett Station Club in County Durham has now hosted German darts club Ally Polly for three years running

Consett Station Club recently hosted German darts team Ally Polly, based in the city of Hamminkeln, for the third year running.

The annual event is eagerly awaited by players and spectators from both clubs with huge numbers turning up to watch the matches unfold.

The 2025 event was won by the Station Club.

Consett Station Club Secretary Paul Lawson said: "It's always a great night. It's not just about the lads playing the darts, there's a lot of people that come every year to watch the Germans play. It's not just about selling drink it's about having a place for people to come and socialise."

Snooker ace Ken Doherty set for exhibition at Tenterden Club



Former Snooker World Champion Ken Doherty will be taking part in an exhibition event at the Tenterden Club in Kent on Saturday, January 31

The Tenterden Club in Kent will be welcoming former Snooker World Champion Ken Doherty on Saturday, January 31 for a fun evening on the green baize. There will also be a charity raffle and sporting memorabilia stall.

Doherty is the sport's only World Champion from the Republic of Ireland, having won the title in 1997, and one of only five players from outside the UK to have won the title in the modern era. He was the first player to have won the world amateur and world professional titles.

Tickets are available from the club for £30, which includes a buffet.

Netheravon WMC's Gary is a baldie in aid of the Stars Appeal



Gary Davis (pictured, centre), the Chairman of Netheravon Working Men's Club in Wiltshire, recently dyed his hair bright orange and then shaved it all off as part of a charity fundraising challenge.

He raised an incredible £1,505 for the Stars Appeal, the Salisbury District Hospital Charity.

News in brief



'Tina' and 'Whitney' head to New Crosshands Club for night of unforgettable soul classics

Award-winning singer Pauline Kaytanua Wood will be performing her highly acclaimed double tribute show celebrating the legendary songs of Whitney Houston and Tina Turner.

Members will be able to dance along to Whitney's unforgettable ballads like "I Will Always Love You" and "Greatest Love of All," alongside Tina's electrifying anthems such as "Proud Mary" and "What's Love Got to Do with It?"

Tickets are £10 and can be purchased from: www.eventbrite.com.



'Red, Red Wine' will be flowing at UB40 tribute act show at Grangemoor WMC

Signing Off – The Ultimate Tribute to UB40 will be performing at Grangemoor Working Men's Club in Burntwood on March 7.

The six-piece tribute band are celebrating their 10th anniversary and will be performing some of the classic reggae songs made famous by the original Birmingham band during the 1980s and beyond.



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Stars of UK wrestling fight at the Coppenhall Club



Coppenhall Working Men's Club in Crewe hosted a spectacular day of wrestling in December as the stars of the UK Wrestling Alliance held their latest show at the venue. There was a sellout crowd at the club and tickets are already being sold for the venue's next UKWA show which takes place on February 24

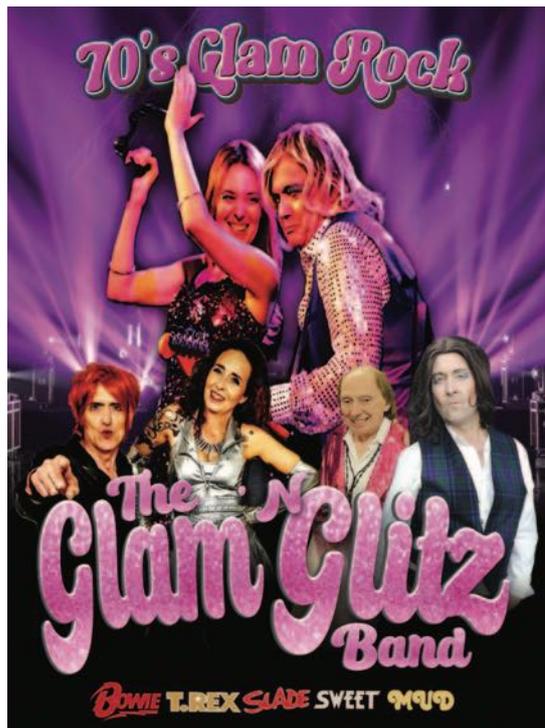
The Glam 'N' Glitz Band book date at Belgrave SSC

Currently touring and fresh from supporting the legendary MUD on their UK Tour, the Glam 'N' Glitz Band will be bringing the iconic Glam Rock era of the 1970s to life at the Belgrave Sports & Social Club in Tamworth on Saturday, November 14, 2026.

This high-energy tribute act celebrates the golden age of glitter and grooves, performing hits from legendary icons like David Bowie, T. Rex, Sweet, Slade and more.

With a show guaranteed to get audiences dancing, this is a nostalgic trip featuring highly experienced and seasoned musicians who deliver an unforgettable live experience packed with dazzling costumes.

Tickets are available directly from the club.



OBITUARY

Paul Ashford

Totton Recreation Club in Southampton is deeply saddened to announce

the passing of dear friend and former President, Paul Ashford.

Paul's leadership, kindness, and unwavering commitment meant so much to all of us, and his legacy will continue to inspire.

Our thoughts, prayers, and heartfelt love are with his wife Debbie and the entire Ashford family during this incredibly difficult time.

He will be greatly missed and forever remembered.



News in brief

Henlane Social Club Presents...

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Henlane Social Club set to host top Queen tribute act Jay Mercury in March 2026

Jay Mercury will be performing his highly-rated tribute to the music of Queen at Henlane Social Club on Friday, March 6.

Jay has toured extensively across the UK, Europe, and Cyprus and also works as a session musician/songwriter for major artists like Ed Sheeran and Ellie Goulding.

He aims to capture Freddie Mercury's passion, performing Queen's hits – including 'Another One Bites The Dust', 'Bohemian Rhapsody', 'We Will Rock You' and 'We Are The Champions' – with authentic flair.

Tickets are available directly from the club and cost £5 each.

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Northumberland Branch

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CIU clubs shine at the 2025 Club Awards

Club Mirror's 2025 Club Awards took place in Leicester on November 26 and saw several CIU clubs recognised across the various categories including the Union's prestigious 'CIU Club of the Year' award which was won jointly by High Green Club (North) and Sheerness East Working Men's Club (South)



The 2025 Club Awards were hosted by former BBC presenter Ray Stubbs and former Ireland and Liverpool footballer Mark Lawrenson

The 2025 Club Awards, held on November 26 at the Athena venue in Leicester, showcased the best of clubland with CIU venues winning in a number of categories as they made their way on to the stage throughout the ceremony which was hosted by former BBC presenter Ray Stubbs and Ireland and Liverpool footballer turned pundit Mark Lawrenson.

Before guests took their seats in the main dining area, there was plenty of time for networking with fellow club men and women at the drinks reception with Greene King on hand to offer an array of refreshing beers.

Guests were also able to enjoy getting up close to the Men's and Women's FA Cup trophies which were on display, courtesy of broadcaster TNT Sports.

Once seated at their tables,

attendees enjoyed a taster of the evening's main entertainment, Robbie Williams tribute act Tony Lewis, who belted out some classic songs.

After a three-course dinner, it was time for the serious business to get underway and, as usual, competition was fierce throughout, not least in the prestigious CIU Club of the Year category, presented by General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Vice-President Bob Russell CMD.

As is customary, there were two winners representing their respective halves of the country with the **High Green Club** in South Yorkshire from the North and **Sheerness East Working Men's Club** in Kent from the South.

The **High Green Club**, situated on the outskirts of Sheffield, celebrated

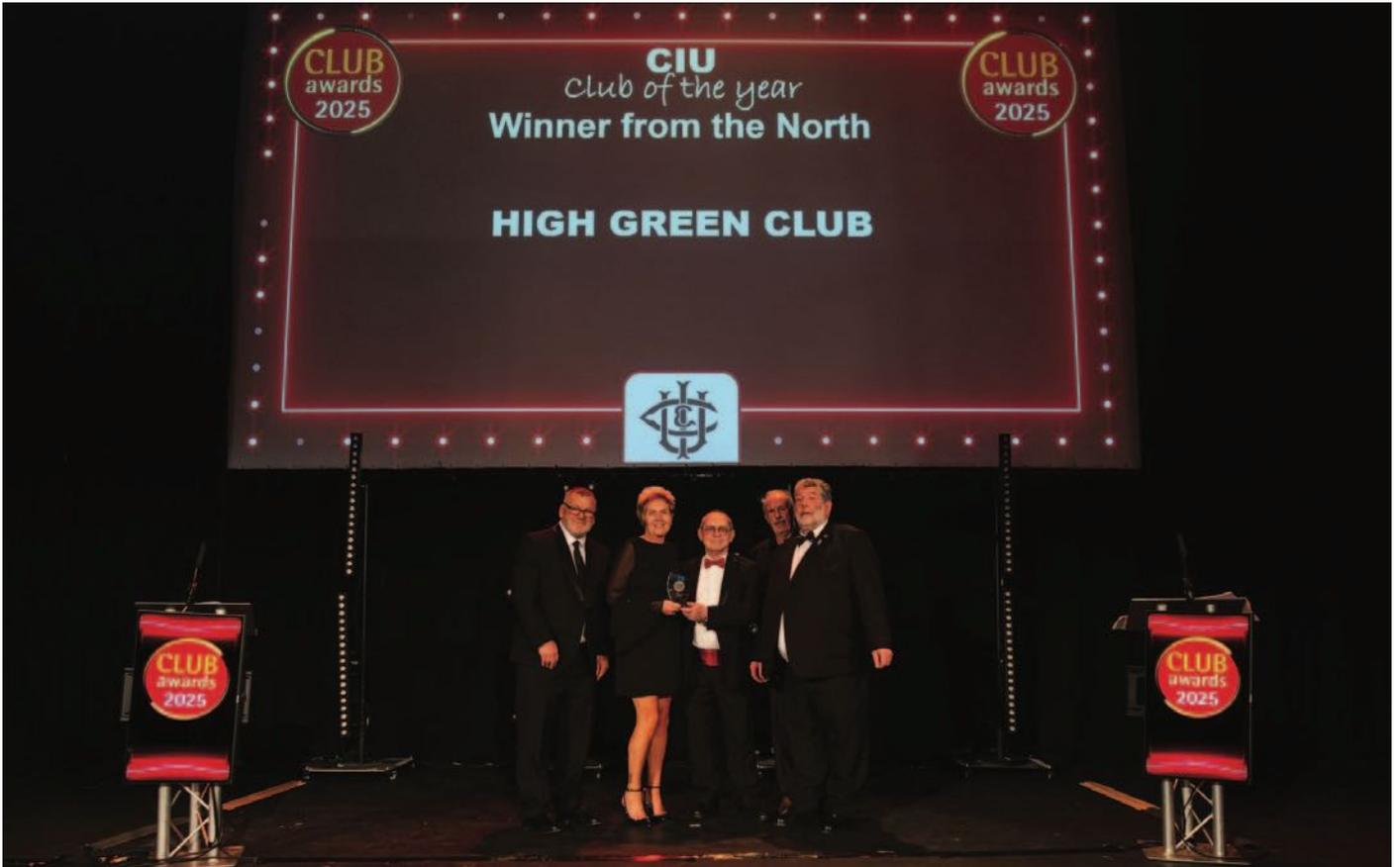
its 125th anniversary last October, a testament to its enduring role as the social heart of its community.

This thriving institution has over 1,000 members and a strong financial position with the club continuing to attract new members.

The club is a lifeline for many of its more senior members, providing much-needed social activities throughout the week.

Ensuring that drinks remain affordable is a major driver for the club's Committee, as is offering traditional games like snooker and darts, Sky Sports, and a popular function room for parties—a key income stream.

The club also has a musical claim to fame, having hosted a young Arctic Monkeys in its Concert Hall in the early 2000s before they went on to



The High Green Club in South Yorkshire was named as 'CIU Club of the Year' for the North



Sheerness East Working Men's Club in Sheppey, Kent was named 'CIU Club of the Year' for the South



New Eltham Social Club was crowned 'Community Club of the Year'

global acclaim.

Community spirit shines through the club's charity work, including an event held in 2025 that raised £3,500 for dementia charities. This resilience was proven during the pandemic when Alan and fellow volunteers refurbished the club, ensuring a strong reopening.

With a century of tradition behind it, High Green Club stands as a flourishing Sheffield institution, sustained by camaraderie, smart management, and sheer dedication on the part of its committee and staff.

Sheerness East Working Men's Club was founded in 1919 on land gifted to returning war veterans and continues to be a thriving community hub with over 1,800 members.

Managed by Paula Smith and her husband Dave, the club offers a vast array of activities. Its facilities host yoga, sequence dancing, senior exercise, and specialised groups for dementia sufferers and those with learning difficulties.

It also accommodates organisations

like the Women's Institute and the Associated Sheppey Bikers Club which host their bi-annual charity events at the club.

Sport is central, with multiple darts and pool teams, and a flourishing youth football section.

The club hosts major events like the Sheppey Classic Darts tournament and charity fundraisers, which raise many thousands of pounds for causes like Great Ormond Street Hospital.

This vibrancy is a hard-won success. In 2008, the club faced closure under severe debt. Paula and Dave took over, restructured its finances, and cleared all debts, paying off the mortgage some five years ago. Recent investments include a £50,000 new roof.

Charity is a cornerstone. The club supports local initiatives like the 'Grub Hub', which cooks meals for vulnerable people, and Paula herself has undertaken daring feats like parachute jumps and wing walks, raising thousands for charity.

From a near-derelict fate, Sheerness

East WMC now stands debt-free and indispensable – a beloved, family-orientated asset at the heart of its community.

Winning in the 'Community Club of the Year' was **New Eltham Social Club** in Kent.

The club – which boasts first-class facilities, including a modern beer garden – blends its long-standing CIU traditions, dating back to 1892, with a dynamic and modern approach to become a thriving, award-winning hub for its 1,660 members.

The club's exceptional success is driven by a vibrant and frequent live entertainment programme that appeals to all ages, complemented by innovative, best-in-class social media and website presence that keeps the community engaged.

This is all underpinned by a profound commitment to its community through significant charity fundraising, family-friendly events and dedicated, long-serving staff and committee who ensure the club remains a financially stable,



CIU Preferred Supplier Greene King provided a selection of beers throughout the evening



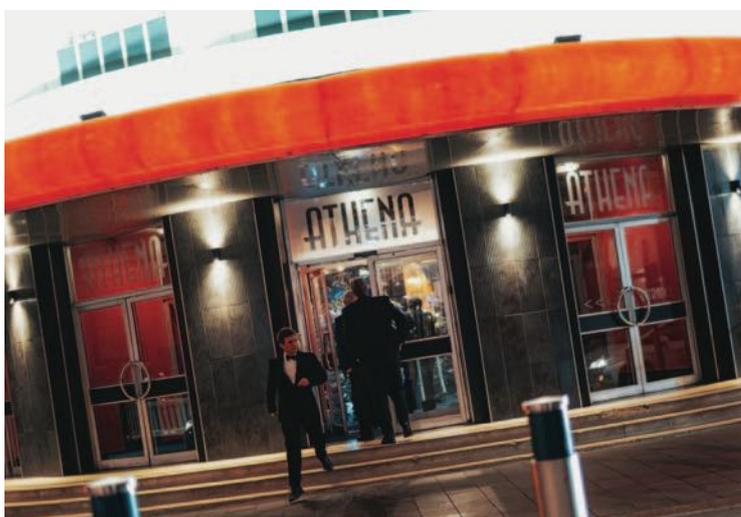
Lucy Hague of The Oatlands was named 'Club Secretary of the Year'



TNT Sports brought along the Men's and Women's FA Cup trophies



David Bellamy (pictured, second from left) was the joint winner of the 'Bar Manager of the Year' award



The Club Awards 2025 were held at the Athena venue in central Leicester on Wednesday, November 26



The barnstorming entertainment was provided by Tony Lewis and his fantastic tribute to Robbie Williams



Groby Ex-Servicemen's Club in Leicestershire was named 'Family Club of the Year'

welcoming, and indispensable part of life in New Eltham.

The 'Family Club of the Year' category was won by the **Groby Ex-Servicemen's Club** in Leicestershire

The club is the vibrant heart of its Leicestershire village, functioning as far more than just a social club with excellent facilities and family members of all ages are very much welcome seven days a week.

While its identity is deeply rooted in honouring the past through its War Memorial, it thrives on a forward-looking energy, offering everything from live entertainment and carveries via its in-house catering operation to live sports and a welcoming bar.

Governed by a dedicated committee that views its role as custodians of a community asset, the club is financially healthy and an essential home-from-home for its members.

The club recently unveiled an impressive new outdoor terrace at the front of the club and has also refurbished its upstairs pool and snooker rooms and there are several new projects in the pipeline.

Special children's events take place throughout the year, including at Christmas and Halloween with family fun guaranteed.

The club's Assistant Steward Carla Crane was also honoured on the night with a Long Service Recognition award having recently marked her 20th year at the club.

The 'Charity Club of the Year' award went to **Skegness Ex-Service Club**.

Its charity fundraising is second-to-none and the club raised over £15,000 in 2025 – including £10,000 for Prostate Cancer UK.

At the same time, the club has continued to support other causes close to its heart.

The Royal Navy Association has benefited to the tune of hundreds of pounds raised during the year by club members.

The Royal British Legion has also been a major focus, with the club serving as a local hub for their annual campaigns.

Indeed, last year saw club members joining Skegness's attempt at a world

record, decorating 'The Altitude,' the UK's tallest urban rope attraction, with thousands of crochet poppies, raising thousands of pounds for The Poppy Appeal in the process.

Brookside Commercial Club in West Yorkshire was named 'Turnaround Club of the Year'.

Under new Secretary Andrew Shaw, the club has executed a remarkable financial turnaround.

Its greatest success is the dramatic reversal from a £3,000 operating loss in 2023 to a £40,000 profit for the 2024 financial year, supported by an impressive half-a-million-pound turnover.

This was achieved through strategic business initiatives and steadily growing membership.

Key to this recovery was innovative management focused on increasing footfall and prudent financial control.

The introduction of popular, branded beers capitalised on market trends, while a two-tier pricing strategy boosted membership without a general price rise since 2023, ensuring the club remained

competitively priced.

Operational costs were minimised through a volunteer committee structure and investment is being made to ‘futureproof’ the club.

This commitment to quality and volume has transformed the club into a major regional destination and it attracts audiences not only from the local community but also from surrounding towns, significantly boosting its profile and footfall.

There were two awards for **Beechwood Easterside & District Social Club** as they were crowned ‘Racing Club of the Year’ as well as winning the ‘Charity Club of the Year – Fundraising Night’ category.

The club is certainly full of turf aficionados, with horse racing shown

live on the club’s TV screens during the big meetings.

The club also run an annual trip to Thirsk Races in July and 2025 saw 80 of their Honorary Members receiving free travel and entry to the course.

In total, the club took seven coaches carrying close to 400 members.

The day has always been a big hit with club members and is one of the venue’s busiest days of the year with most of the racegoers coming back to the club afterwards to enjoy live entertainment.

The ‘Charity Club of the Year – Fundraising Night’ category was awarded to the club for a fantastic event which raised money for a member who was unfortunately

diagnosed with terminal cancer.

The whole community came together and raised over £27,000 to help her and her family make some special memories.

The ‘Darts Club of the Year’ award was won by **Clacton Railway Club** in Essex.

The club started its own Youth Darts Academy in 2024 – with the ribbon cut by former PDC pro Wayne ‘Hawaii 501’ Mardle – and the numbers have increased from just eight to over 50 children ranging from eight to 17 years.

They have all gained skills in their darts playing, as well as improving their maths and social skills.

The club is run by parents and committee volunteers Nicky Jones and



Beechwood Easterside & District Social Club won two award categories at the Club Awards 2025



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Alan Kirkham, the Club Secretary.

The club has run several fundraising events and has been able to provide all the players with a club t-shirt, as well as putting on competition nights, recognising the children's achievements by giving out certificates, trophies and darts equipment to help them practise at home.

The 'Secretary of the Year' category was won – for the second successive year – by Lucy Hague of **The Outlands Club** in Harrogate.

Under her leadership, the club has achieved a record membership of 1,200 and prestigious local and national recognition, including being named the CAMRA Club of the Year by its local branch for an unprecedented third consecutive year.

Lucy has implemented transformative initiatives like a dual pricing system, membership cards and targeted discount days to significantly boost revenue and footfall.

The club's vitality is further cemented by its role as a community hub, sponsoring local sports teams,

hosting a diverse array of local groups, raising thousands for local charities, and serving as a venue for significant civic events.

They also host charity days during the big racing events such as the Cheltenham Festival and Royal Ascot.

The 'Bar Manager of the Year' award was won by David Bellamy of the **Midland Band Club** in Kettering, Northamptonshire.

This is a massive achievement for David given that it is the third consecutive time that he has won the category.

As well as selecting the very best entertainment throughout the year, David maintains excellent relationships with all club suppliers and hosts bingo, quizzes, karaoke, acts as chef for midweek community groups as well as the Sunday carvery.

During December, he hosts and cooks for community groups holding their Christmas Dinner parties during the week and also sells out six weekend Christmas Party Nights with a different act every night and a two-course meal

included. Every event is catered for and organised by David.

He has now secured, for the fourth year in a row, the CAMRA Northamptonshire Club of the Year award and in 2024 the venue was also selected as one of the top four clubs for cask ale in the whole of the UK.

Many other CIU clubs also took to the stage as part of the '100 Club' category for venues celebrating their centenaries, while several individuals saw their long service recognised during the ceremony.

So, the 2025 Club Awards saw some fantastic recognition for the hard work and dedication of CIU clubs, officials and staff over the previous 12 months.

For news on how to put your club in the running for the 2026 edition of the Club Awards, please watch this space and we will soon publish details in future editions of *Club Journal* and on the CIU website of how to submit your entry and/or nominations.

• For more details visit clubawards.co.uk



Clacton Railway Club was crowned 'Darts Club of the Year'

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- Contract of Employment – Club Steward
- Club Secretary's Handbook
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They are each priced as follows - £5 per Handbook; £3 per contract.

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

National Executive Committee dates

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

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

CIU Conference 2026 dates

Friday, April 17 – CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition

Saturday, April 18 – The 162nd Annual Meeting (Both events are being held at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool).

Find out if a club is a member of the CIU

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

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

ELECTION RESULTS

New face on NEC as 2025 CIU Election results are announced

The 2025 CIU Election results were announced on December 10 and saw just one change to the current NEC.

The two contested seats were District 4 (York City/Leeds/Wakefield) and District 12 (Monmouthshire and South Wales).

District 12 was won by South Wales Branch Secretary Kevin Edwards CMD ACM who defeated incumbent NEC Member Wynn Evans.

District 4 was won by existing NEC Member and Leeds Branch Secretary Glenn Doyle who defeated Wakefield Branch Secretary Peter Everett CMD.

All the other seats – as well as the posts of President and Vice-President – were uncontested.

However, there is currently no NEC Member for Northumberland following the retirement of Harry Chandler last year due to ill health with his replacement due to be named.

National Executive Committee for 2026/27

Officers

President: Ken Roberts CMD ACM
Vice-President: Bob Russell CMD
General Secretary: Kenneth D Green CMD ACM

NEC

District 1: TBC
District 2: Stephen Foster CMD ACM
District 3: David Woodburn CMD
District 4: Glenn Doyle
District 5: Mark Fergusson CMD ACM
District 6: Jack Haughey CMD ACM
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CIU Conference Weekend 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

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

The next Draw takes place at 7pm on **Sunday, February 1** and will be a 50/50 Draw which will also see 5% of the total revenue raised going to the winner's club.

Q: How do I buy tickets?

A: It's a very simple process:

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

Q: What happens if I forget my password?

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

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

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

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

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

Q: What happens to my personal data?

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

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

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

Q: How will I receive my winnings?

A: The Winners receive an email and

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

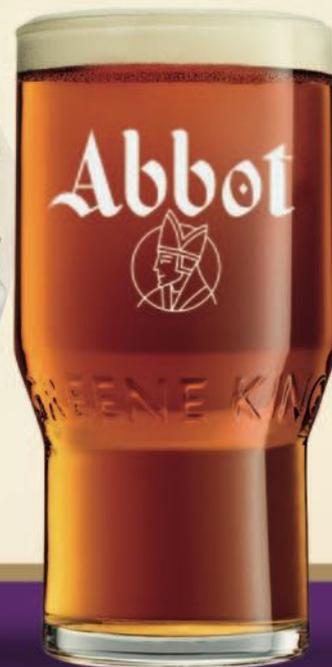
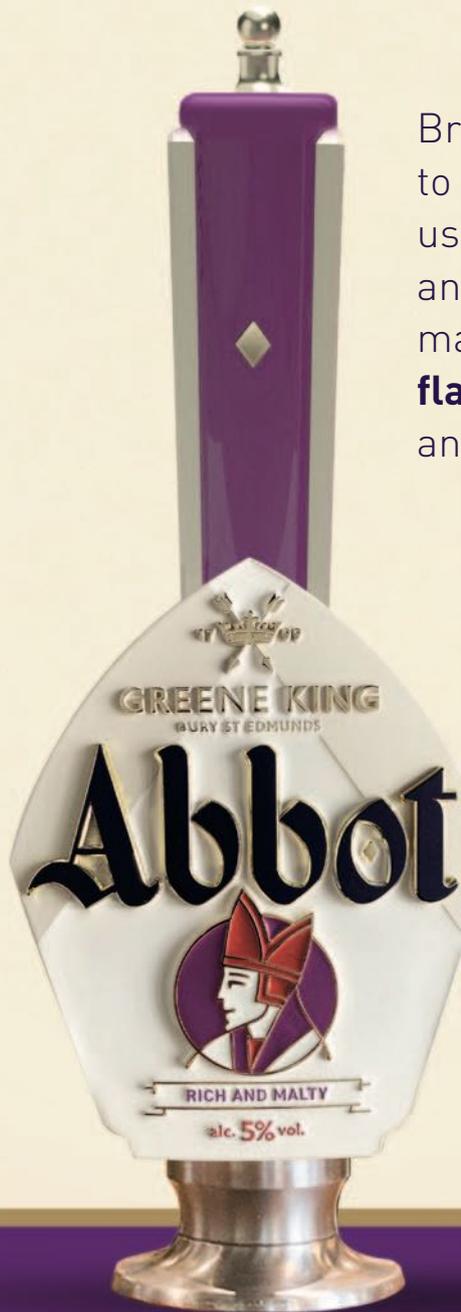
Q: I have a technical issue with the App. Who do I contact?

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At the ACM sessions, candidates receive a thorough grounding the skills required to run a club efficiently with guidance from experienced administrators such as Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM

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

The Award in Club Management (ACM) course is specifically designed for CIU clubs and aims to give club officials a thorough grounding in the key aspects of running a modern and efficient club.

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

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

Once a candidate has completed the course and been examined in all three units through a multiple choice

examination, they receive the ACM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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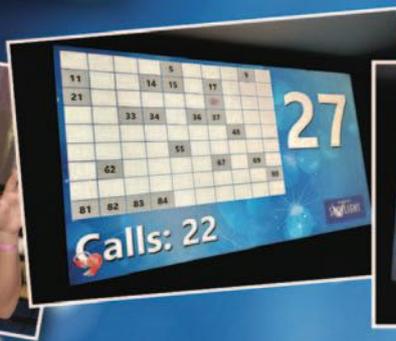
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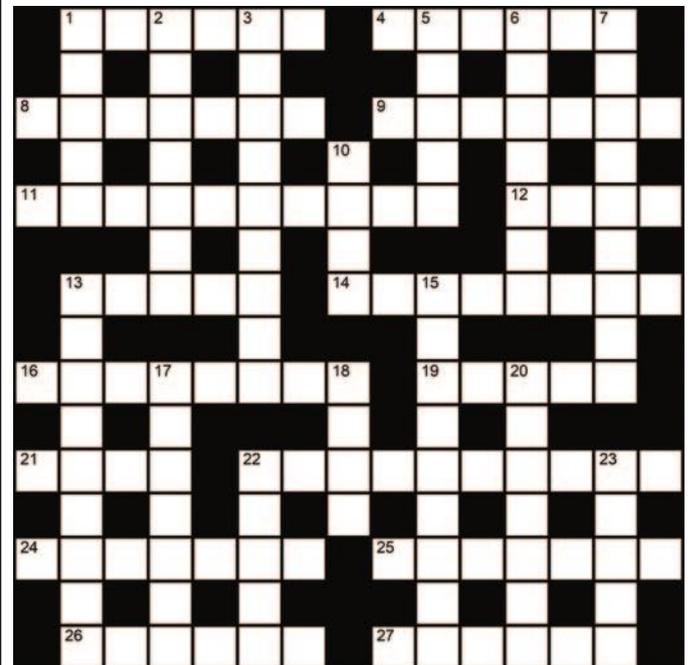
- 1 Get in boat any way possible (6)
- 4 Guiana's ingenious lizard (6)
- 8 Are these presented ideally as delays? (4-3)
- 9 Babymilk made up from E=mc2 (7)
- 11 Mistakenly, we enrolled a full time bad guy! (4-2-4)
- 12 Resting on just one spinner (4)
- 13 Happily take in a Pulp Fiction (3,2)
- 14 Puts a foot in a rodent's mess! (6,2)
- 16 Nun chose the form of old ideal (8)
- 19 Open out in a feral way (5)
- 21 Toff from Argentina (4)

- 22 Early bird song about a wound suffered in a crash (4,6)
- 24 Revoke, having sinned once more, say? (7)
- 25 License an icy fret blowing around (7)
- 26 Fix fan that's been set wrongly (6)
- 27 Way the tester is treated (6)

- 6 Mad about barn conversion to help water baby! (7)
- 7 One floral arrangement for half a Musketeers' maxim (3,3,3)
- 10 Dental extraction that could lead to depression (4)
- 13 Fool to lease out this kind of folder (5-4)
- 15 Functioning effectively once tiff with niece resolved (9)
- 17 Lures egghead in the nicest possible way (7)
- 18 Wolf, talking of hospital flier (4)
- 20 Plate so designed for one of The Twelve (7)
- 22 Although badly caned, Morris can lead this (5)
- 23 Not suited to being loud in the unit (5)

DOWN

- 1 Ounce (single) as gas? It's atmospheric! (5)
- 2 Counter-current? Foil it with pride! (4-3)
- 3 Trim badly and mop up in order to ad-lib. (9)
- 5 Ghost town in North Humber-side, say (5)



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



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

Rosemary Davies of Cwmcarn WMC





Saturday, January 3, 7pm, Sky Sports Darts

Darts: World Darts Championship – The Final

The final two players – whittled down from the original 128 participants – will face off in the cauldron-like atmosphere of Alexandra Palace. In last year's final, Luke Littler defeated Michael van Gerwen 7–3 to win his first world title. Aged 17 years and 347 days, Littler became the youngest world champion in darts history. Can he defend his title this time out?



Thursday, January 8, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Arsenal v Liverpool

A Thursday night Premier League fixture from the Emirates which could have far-reaching consequences for the final destination of the title. Arsenal looked imperious in the first few months of the season but began making a habit of dropping points which has enabled the chasing pack of contenders to close in on them. A victory here against the Reds would be a good start to the year for the home side.



Wednesday, January 28, 8pm – TNT Sports

UEFA Champions League: League Phase – Matchday 8

The League Phase of this season's UEFA Champions League unfolds with 18 fixtures being played simultaneously across Europe. Among the big games in prospect are Napoli v Chelsea, PSG v Newcastle United, Arsenal v Kairat Almaty and Liverpool v FK Qarabag, making for an exciting night of action.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

It's a big month in sport with plenty of action coming up from the World Darts Championship, the Premier League, the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Europa League, the Ashes, horse racing and rugby

Thursday, January 1, 2.30pm,

Premier Sports

URC Rugby: Dragons v Scarlets

Thursday, January 1, 5.30pm, Sky

Sports Premier League

Premier League: Crystal Palace v Fulham

Thursday, January 1, 5.30pm, Sky

Sports Main Event

Premier League: Liverpool v Leeds United

Thursday, January 1, 7pm, Sky Sports

Darts

World Darts Championship

Thursday, January 1, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Brentford v Tottenham Hotspur

Thursday, January 1, 8pm, Sky Sports Main Event

Premier League: Sunderland v Manchester City

Friday, January 2, 7pm, Sky Sports Darts

World Darts Championship

Friday, January 2, 7.45pm, TNT Sports

Rugby Union: Gallagher PREM – Bristol Bears v Sale Sharks

Saturday, January 3, 12.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Aston Villa v Nottingham Forest

Saturday, January 3, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: AFC Bournemouth v Arsenal

Saturday, January 3, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Aston Villa v Nottingham Forest

Saturday, January 3, 5.30pm, TNT Sports

Rugby Union: Gallagher PREM – Northampton Saints v Harlequins

Saturday, January 3, 7pm, Sky Sports Darts

World Darts Championship

Sunday, January 4, 12 midday, Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Birmingham City v Coventry City

Sunday, January 4, 12.30pm, TNT Sports 1

Premier League: Leeds United v Manchester United

Sunday, January 4, 3pm, Sky Sports Golf

Premier League: Everton v Brentford

Sunday, January 4, 3pm, Sky Sports Main Event

Premier League: Fulham v Liverpool

Sunday, January 4, 3pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Newcastle United v Crystal Palace

Sunday, January 4, 3pm, Sky Sports Football

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Sunderland

Sunday, January 4, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Main Event

Premier League: Manchester City v Chelsea

Horse Racing: Festival Trials Day,
Cheltenham, Saturday, January
24, 12 midday, ITV



Sunday, January 4, 11pm, TNT
Sports
**Cricket: The Ashes – 5th Test:
Day 1**

Tuesday, January 6, 8pm, Sky Sports
Premier League
**Premier League: West Ham
United v Nottingham Forest**

Wednesday, January 7, 7.30pm, Sky
Sports Golf
**Premier League: AFC
Bournemouth v Tottenham
Hotspur**

Wednesday, January 7, 7.30pm, Sky
Sports NFL
**Premier League: Brentford v
Sunderland**

Wednesday, January 7, 7.30pm, Sky
Sports F1
**Premier League: Crystal Palace v
Aston Villa**

Wednesday, January 7, 7.30pm, Sky
Sports Tennis
Premier League: Everton v Wolves

Wednesday, January 7, 7.30pm, Sky
Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Fulham v
Chelsea**

Wednesday, January 7, 7.30pm, Sky
Sports Main Event
**Premier League: Manchester City
v Brighton & Hove Albion**

Wednesday, January 7, 8.15pm, Sky
Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Burnley v
Manchester United**

Wednesday, January 7, 8.15pm, Sky
Sports Cricket
**Premier League: Newcastle
United v Leeds United**

Thursday, January 8, 8pm, Sky Sports
Premier League
**Premier League: Arsenal v
Liverpool**

Saturday, January 17, 12.30pm, Sky
Sports Main Event/Sky Sports
Premier League
**Premier League: Manchester
United v Manchester City**

Saturday, January 17, 5.30pm, TNT
Sports 1
**Premier League: Nottingham
Forest v Arsenal**

Saturday, January 17, 5.30pm, Sky
Sports Football
**Championship Football: Swansea
City v Birmingham City**

Sunday, January 18, 2pm, Sky Sports
Premier League
**Premier League: Wolves v
Newcastle United**

Sunday, January 18, 4.30pm, Sky
Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Aston Villa v
Everton**

Monday, January 19, 8pm, Sky Sports
Main Event
**Premier League: Brighton & Hove
Albion v AFC Bournemouth**

Tuesday, January 20, 5.45pm, TNT
Sports 1
**UEFA Champions League:
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Cricket: The Ashes – Australia v England, 5th Test – Thursday, January 4, 11pm, TNT Sports

Tuesday, January 20, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League: Inter Milan v Arsenal

Tuesday, January 20, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League: Tottenham Hotspur v Borussia Dortmund

Wednesday, January 21, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League: Chelsea v Pafos

Wednesday, January 21, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League: Marseille v Liverpool

Wednesday, January 21, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League: Newcastle United v PSV Eindhoven

Thursday, January 22, 5.45pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Europa League: Fenerbahce v Aston Villa

Thursday, January 22, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Europa League: SC Braga v Nottingham Forest

Friday, January 23, 8pm, Sky Sports Football
Championship Football: Derby County v West Bromwich Albion

Saturday, January 24, 12.30pm, TNT Sports 1
Premier League: West Ham United v Sunderland

Saturday, January 24, 12.30pm, ITV
Horse Racing: Festival Trials Day, Cheltenham

Saturday, January 24, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: AFC Bournemouth v Liverpool

Sunday, January 25, 2pm, Sky Sports+
Premier League: Brentford v Nottingham Forest

Sunday, January 25, 2pm, Sky Sports Main Event
Premier League: Crystal Palace v Chelsea

Sunday, January 25, 2pm, Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Newcastle United v Aston Villa

Sunday, January 25, 4.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Arsenal v Manchester United

Monday, January 26, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Everton v Leeds United

Wednesday, January 28, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League: Arsenal v Kairat Almaty

Wednesday, January 28, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League: Eintracht Frankfurt v Tottenham Hotspur

Wednesday, January 28, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League: Liverpool v FK Qarabag

Wednesday, January 28, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League: Manchester City v Galatasaray

Wednesday, January 28, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League: Napoli v Chelsea

Wednesday, January 28, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League: PSG v Newcastle United

Thursday, January 29, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Europa League: Aston Villa v RB Salzburg

Thursday, January 29, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Europa League: Nottingham Forest v Ferencvaros

Saturday, January 31, 12.30pm, Sky Sports Football
Championship Football: Stoke City v Southampton

Saturday, January 31, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Chelsea v West Ham United

Saturday, January 31, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Liverpool v Newcastle United

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Advice and Help for Clubs

Affiliated clubs can take advantage of the resources of the CIU through their local Branch Secretary and from Head Office with assistance offered in legal proceedings where matters of club principles are involved. The Union produces a series of contracts and handbooks which take in the current legislative requirements, including the Club Secretary Handbook which is regularly updated to include the most recent changes to employment law. The Union also runs an Arbitration Training programme.

Education

The Award in Club Management (ACM) is a qualification which comprises three self-contained units, each taking one day of classroom-based study to complete. Unit 1 covers Law & Regulations, Licensing, Unit 2 covers Other Law and Regulations and Unit 3 covers Management, Finance and Administration. The course is open to all CIU members but is particularly aimed at people who are going to be sitting on club committees and occupying positions of authority within clubs for the first time.

Club Journal/Clubjournal.co.uk

Club Journal is the Union's official online monthly magazine and is a must-read for CIU members. Each month the magazine features news from around the branches, club profiles, opinion columns from leading Union figures, business-building advice from the experts, sporting news and results, plus details of the CIU Racing Club discounts available to members. There is also an associated website at clubjournal.co.uk to ensure that club members are kept up to date with all the latest news.

Charity

CIU clubs are at the forefront of raising funds for an array of national and local charities with members getting involved in a range of activities – from charity darts marathons and sponsored bike rides to special fundraising concerts and entertainment nights. As well as countless local charities, many national charities benefit from CIU events that are held throughout the year at our clubs, including the Alzheimers Society, the British Heart Foundation and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Lobbying on Behalf of Clubs

Union officials have been at the forefront of helping shape legislation across a number of areas of crucial importance to clubs through the CIU's involvement with the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Private Members' Clubs. This group, which meets regularly at Westminster, gives the Union direct access to both Members of Parliament and Peers from across the political spectrum. The CIU also plays a leading role in the Committee of Registered Clubs Association (CORCA).

Rules

The CIU Rules Department deal with all matters relating to rules on behalf of clubs, the Union and the Branches. The preparation of all rule changes for the approval of the club members, the registration with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the printing through the Union's printer, are all dealt with by the team at Head Office. Head Office also deals with clubs' affiliation to the Union. For further information, contact the Union's Head of Rules and Affiliations Vera Palazova.





Events - CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition

Staged during Conference Weekend in April, the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition provides a fantastic opportunity for club delegates to attend a free trade show which is specifically targeted at the needs of CIU clubs. The show provides a great day out for club men and women, as the many exhibitors – including several of the CIU’s Preferred Suppliers – showcase their services and products to attendees and demonstrate how they can help increase revenues and save money on running costs at their clubs.

The CIU Racing Club

The CIU Racing Club enables clubs to take advantage of special discounted tickets for club outings to a variety of Arena Racing Company (ARC) racecourses across the country. There are a number of fixtures throughout the year for which CIU members can obtain their discounted ticket packages, as well as exciting ‘one-off’ offers and packages, including racedays at some of the country’s top racing venues including Bath, Chepstow, Doncaster and Newcastle.

CIU National Lottery Draw

The CIU National Lottery Draw, which launched at the end of 2023, gives Union members the opportunity to win significant cash prizes by purchasing tickets online via their computers or smartphones. The funds raised by the CIU National Lottery Draw help to fund the vital work undertaken by the CIU in support of its member clubs across the country. Already many Union members have won sums of up to £2,500. To take part, go to the website: ciu.praxisplay.online/signin

CIU Official Website

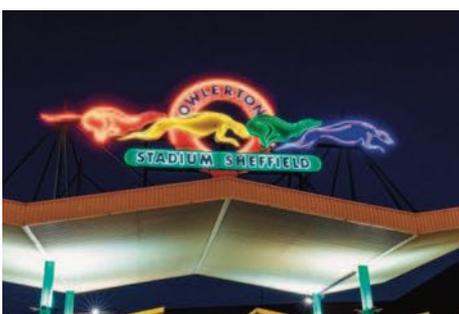
The CIU’s official website (www.ciu.org.uk) provides a wealth of information regarding the activities going on throughout the Union, as well as contact details for Head Office and Branch personnel. It also has a ‘Breaking News’ section which will keep you abreast of the latest Government legislation concerning members’ clubs, as well as links to the Union’s various Preferred Suppliers. It also has a regularly updated database of all the clubs affiliated to the CIU.

Events - Dransfield CIU National Charity Raceday

Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday is an annual event, now held at Doncaster Racecourse in November. This is one of the highlights of the CIU calendar and gives Union members the chance to enjoy a fantastic day out and raise money for the CIU’s Education Programme. The CIU also runs an annual Greyhound Racing Night each September in Sheffield at the iconic Owlerton Stadium. Look out for details of the 2026 events in future issues of *Club Journal* and on the CIU’ online platforms.

PRS for Music Tariff

The CIU has negotiated a special discount for its clubs with the Performing Right Society (PRS for Music) which collects and distributes licence fees for the use of music on behalf of songwriters, composers and performers. The PRS for Music licence covers music played through radios, CDs, streaming on the internet, music on TVs and also live music performances. The tariff for Members’ Clubs is printed annually and placed in *Club Journal*. It can also be downloaded from the CIU website: www.ciu.org.uk



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