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ASK YOUR LOCAL MP DOWN TO THE CLUB



THE Geordie version of the Full Monty has raised £1,400 for charity and more is on the way.

Steven Carver, a barman at Lemington Labour Club in Newcastle persuaded three members, Shaun Marron, Ben Wilson and his father

packed concert room, concluding their routine with "You Can Leave Your Hat On" before making an encore with Borat-style mankinis accompanied by "YMCA."

"We were really nervous but it was one of the best nights the club's

Geordie Full Monty is a Help for Heroes

Will to join him in daring to bare all in aid of the Help for Heroes charity.

After 12 weeks of rehearsal, which involved creating their own dance routine and watching reruns of The Full Monty, the lads came out to "Hot Stuff" in front of a

ever had," said Steven. "I asked loads of people but Shaun, Will and Ben were the only three with the bottle to do it."

The show, now known as The Geordie Full Monty, proved so popular that other clubs have booked them for charity nights.

COMMITTEE members can help give our clubs a bigger say in Parliament by contacting their local MP – and asking him to visit their club.

The strength of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for clubs has been depleted following the General Election. Now clubs can play their part in rebuilding the group by asking their local MP to take an interest in our clubs and come to see what an important role we provide in our communities.

The All-Party Group was founded in 1983 and in the last 27 years has fought many successful campaigns that have included preventing police having automatic access, abolishing bingo duty and amending the 2005 Gambling Act to allow clubs to keep gaming machines. The number of MPs in the Group has, however, reduced from 150 to 82 and the total number of members from 189 to 118 including Peers. The Secretary of the Group, Lord Bilston – formerly Dennis Turner MP – is very much aware of the need to recruit new members and has sent out a personal letter requesting the support of MPs, both new and old.

Clubs can help recruit new members to the Parliamentary Group by con-

tacting their local MP, asking them if they are members and, if not, encouraging them to join. Making contact with your local MP can only help the club to raise its profile locally and help many MPs understand the unique nature of our clubs.

There are many issues the Union needs the Group to address: fighting retrospective VAT on B3A machines, introducing a minimum unit price for alcohol or some equivalent, curbing the sale of cheap alcohol in supermarkets and highlighting the community role of our clubs are just some of them.

With the help of Committee members Members of Parliament can see at first hand the way our clubs work and this could in turn encourage them to join the All-Party Group and support its aims which will eventually be of benefit to all Union clubs. Only by our members on the ground helping make their Parliamentary representatives aware of their club, the problems they experience and how the Government can help, will the All-Party Group, the Union and CORCA (the Committee of Registered Club Associations) have sufficient support where it matters, to make the difference.

I have in the past been open about my views of the All-Party Group and the support it has given the Union and CORCA over the years. Now is the time for us all to ensure that our voice is heard. It starts with a whisper at ground level, with you, our member clubs, and only then can we make it a roar in the halls of Westminster where the decisions are made.

If you would like to know if your local MP is a member of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Members Clubs contact your local Branch Office and they can let you know.

**By Mick McGlasham
GENERAL SECRETARY**



Lord Bilston

An MBE – just like that

THE former Mayor of Caerphilly, famously the birthplace of Tommy Cooper, has received the MBE from the Queen. Full story – Page 3.

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NATIONAL Account company Envtec Services have saved a club in York a fortune on their energy bills – and helped the environment at the same time. Full story – Page 9.

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Milestone

ONE of Tyneside's most successful clubs has celebrated a milestone with a specially brewed beer at 54p a pint.

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Champions knocked out

BEDLINGTON Station Club have inflicted the first defeat in three years on team darts champions York Crescent Club.

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Wetherby raceday

AS we went to press it was confirmed that Dransfields will sponsor a race at this year's National Charity Raceday, which will take place at Wetherby on Saturday, November 13.

More details will appear in our August issue.

HONOURS ALL ROUND



SOUTH East Metropolitan Branch President Trevor Baker visited West Byfleet Social Club in Surrey and presented a Long Service Award to Trustee Peter Elliott and Certificates of Merit to President Shane Burrows, former President Brian Clark, former Secretary John Roberts, Treasurer Tim Wright and Committee member Eric Jeavons.

Pictured (back row, left to right) are: Tim Wright, Branch Vice-President Andy Way, Branch Secretary Arthur Millard, Club Secretary Dave Cunningham and Branch Executive members Dave Legge and Dennis Welland.

Front row: John Roberts, Trevor Baker, Peter Elliott, Shane Burrows, Eric Jeavons and Brian Clark.

• Andy Way, who is President of Leatherhead & District Social Club is also pictured with Dave Legge after receiving the Long Service Award.



NEW Durham WMC Committee member Jack Coulthard received the Certificate of Merit from new Durham Branch Secretary Brian Young. Pictured (left to right) are: Treasu-

rer B. Joicey, Chairman Bob Wilson, Jack Coulthard, Brian Young, Branch Executive member Keith Reay and Club Secretary Andy Hemmingway.



WAKEFIELD Branch Secretary Gordon Winn visited Upton United Services Club and presented a Long Service Award to Club Secretary Alan Elkin.

Jack Bethel from Dransfields presented Alan with a bottle of whisky

and the club presented his wife Maureen with a bouquet.

Pictured (left to right) are: Maureen Elkin, Branch Treasurer Colin Gillatt, Alan Elkin, Gordon Winn and Jack Bethel.



KENT Branch President Roger Tingley presented two 10-year Certificate of Merits to Stan Roberts and Michael Desmond from Belvedere Social Club. The presentation was held at the month-

ly council meeting at Bexleyheath WMC to encourage more clubs to attend. Pictured (left to right) are: Branch Secretary Dave Eastwood, Stan Roberts, Roger Tingley and Michael Desmond.

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THE Lord Mayor of Newcastle was a special guest at Kenton & District Social Club when the club handed over a charity cheque for £2,500.

The club raised the money with a fund-rais-

one was exceptional. I would like to thank them and the local businesses for their kind donations and support of this worthwhile cause."

Pictured with the Lord Mayor, Councillor

MBE Leonard says 'cheese'



THE former Mayor of Caerphilly, Leonard Lewis, is pictured after being presented with his MBE by the Queen.

Leonard, who ironically is a member of Rhydyfelin Non-Political Club, worked at Penallta Colliery for 46 years, and had a political career which spanned 32 years. He was elected to Caerphilly Urban District Council in 1972, became the first chairman of Nelson Community Council in 1985 and Chairman of Mid Glamorgan County Council in 1993. In 1996 he became the first Mayor of Caerphilly County Council.

Leonard has worked tirelessly for the community of Nelson and has been instrumental in many of its achievements. We join the club in congratulating him on this excellent achievement.

Club's tonic for the troops

ing night in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund (ABF) on St George's Day. "We're only a small club," said Chairman Allan Nisbet. "But the members always back charity events and this

Mike Cookson, are (left to right): Club Secretary Tom Murray, National Executive member Sid Hicks, Northumberland Branch Secretary Dave Richardson, Committee

member Bob McTaggart, Alan Nisbet and Major Eric Ingram from ABF North East.

Dancing in the steps of Steve



Holly Johnson is pictured with some of the 300 trophies she has already won.

STEVE Davis thrilled everyone at the club where he used to play as a teenager by reaching the quarter-finals of this year's World Snooker Championships at the grand old age of 52. Now another teenager from Plumstead Common WMC in Kent has found their way into the country's top eight.

Holly Johnson, the daughter of long-serving Committee member (and champion hot-rod racer) Colin Johnson, has reached the last eight of the All-England finals in her chosen field of contemporary free style disco dancing for the last four years and has been runner-up twice.

Holly uses the dance floor of the club for practice before major compe-

titions - which is a lot of the time. She is currently dancing at champion level in three different disciplines and has already picked up nearly 300 trophies even though she's only 13.

She also teaches dance and many of her pupils have gone on to be successful as well.

Holly's dad Colin was British champion in Anglia



Plumstead's finest: Steve Davis.

hot-rod racing in 1977 and a member of the infamous Plumstead-based "wacky racers", who were also all members of the club. Holly and her parents would also like to take this opportunity to thank the club for all their support and help.

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Lorraine and her ladies lead the way

THE Ladies Section at Ramsgate WMC in Kent are pictured presenting cheques for £1,500 to Thanet Galaxy Football Club for disabled children and £350 for Breathe Easy (Thanet). The ladies section have been raising more than £1,000 each year for local charities for several years.

Club Secretary David Munday said: "Once again a great deal of hard

work by Lorraine Groombridge and the ladies section has gone into raising this money. It's a magnificent effort."

• COLEBATCH'S Club in Walsall raised £1,000 for Macmillan Nurses and pictured (below) presenting the cheque to their representative are Ron Layton (left), Club Secretary Alan Bown and Yvonne Slater.



A DEGREE AT 58



JOHN Bacon, who unsuccessfully stood for the Presidency of the Union, has graduated from Cambridge University with a Master's Degree in criminology, penology and management.

A member of Northallerton WMC and Bishopthorpe Social Club in York, John's dissertation on the practice of facilitators in restorative justice, has had an international impact after his tutor presented his findings to students in Canada.

"I'm absolutely thrilled with this," said John, who is 58. "I left school at 16 without any academic qualifications. This degree proves it's never too late to learn."

Kevin recovering

FORMER General Secretary Kevin Smyth (62) continues to recover after suffering a stroke brought on by a brain haemorrhage and has now been moved from Northampton to a neurological rehabilitation unit at Wellingborough. His wife, Yvonne, thanks everyone for their messages of support.



Solly on ebay

A BOOK by the founder of the CIU, Henry Solly, is among items offered for sale on the online auction site ebay.

A reprint of the second edition of "Working Men's Social Clubs and Educational Institutes" published in 1904 is being offered by a book dealer in Texas and is described as having clean, crisp printing.

NO ORDINARY JOE!

JOE McElderry may have proved he had the X-Factor but another Joe was the winner of the Kent version of the show.

Joe Wyatt (right) was the winner of the Erith Singing Contest, which was staged over ten Thursday nights at Erith Working Men's Club.

The contest attracted an impressive 85 entries, who were whittled down to ten finalists with the help of three judges from the record industry including record label owner Colin Crook. As well as winning £1,000 Joe has now gone into Colin's recording studio in Charlton to record his first record.

Colin (left) and Joe are pictured with (left to right): Organiser and Committee member Andy Godfrey and fellow judges sound engineers Trevor Pilgrim and Jason Moe.

National Executive member Roger Oake, who attended the final, said:



"The contest has filled the club on Thursday nights. It's been brilliant. We need more go-ahead clubs in Kent to follow the excellent hard work that Erith Working Men's Club have put in. Well done to their Committee".



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RACK 'EM UP: Clubs participating in the Foster's Play The Pool Pro promotion stand to increase trade among all age groups - and keep members and new pool players coming back for more of the same...



GOOD BREAK: Heineken UK Regional Sales Manager Simon Prolomey (right) gets some tips from three-times World Pool Champion Gareth Potts

Time is running out for the winners of more than 700 knockout pool competitions being held across the country to register their own 8-ball champions in the latest business-building activity from Heineken UK - Play The Foster's Pool Pro.

By the end of this month, clubs must have registered their 'top potter' to stand a chance of receiving an invite to a Regional Final to challenge the three-times World Pool Champion Gareth Potts - so time is of the essence.

To tie in with the brand's sponsorship of the World 8-Ball Pool Championships, the nationwide promotion will see some of the best pool players from clubland take on Potts at any one of 40 Regional Finals in towns and cities across the UK.

Chosen individual champions from selected clubs local to the Regional Final venues will also have the chance of winning a complete Foster's Pool refit for their club worth in excess of £500 and a place on the International Professional Pool Tour to be held later this year and into 2011.

Peter Usher, Heineken UK Buying



EXPECTING 'CUES': (left) Terry Lago, Secretary of Pelsall Labour Club, will be hosting a Regional Final featuring the World Champion Gareth Potts (centre)

Group Director, says the promotion aims to create a friendly, laid-back competition and increase footfall.

"With more than two million pool players in the UK and in excess of 55,000 tables in use in licensed trade outlets, Play The Foster's Pool Pro is designed to increase the number of members visiting the club on selected nights of the week and keep them there longer to enjoy the great atmosphere that a friendly pool competition creates.

"All participating clubs received a Foster's Knockout Pool kit which included posters advertising the promotion, cues, chalks, a branded triangle, Foster's cue ball and a guide to help them run their own event and cash in on the popularity of the game.

"By encouraging their members to get behind their pool-playing friends, we believe that, if well-promoted in advance within every participating club, these local events will have brought in good crowds on

nights when they might normally be quiet.

"After receiving the kits, the clubs were sent a letter confirming the venue and date of their local Regional Final. This included a registration form and a stamped addressed envelope for the easy registration of their champion. Completed forms must be in by July 30.

"As so many clubs are taking part in this activity and with the second stage of the competition just around the corner, it is imperative that clubs get their forms back to us in order to have the chance of being invited to challenge the World Champion.

"We hope that those selected local champions who get this opportunity will take at least 10 supporters each to cheer them on against Gareth Potts. This would create an audience of 200-plus per event and, with 40 venues selected, that would equate to more than 8,000 clubland consumers getting behind the latter stages of the competition alone.

"This is a great opportunity for clubs and avid pool players alike and has attracted good crowds on individual knockout nights.

"We have been actively helping every club get the most out of taking

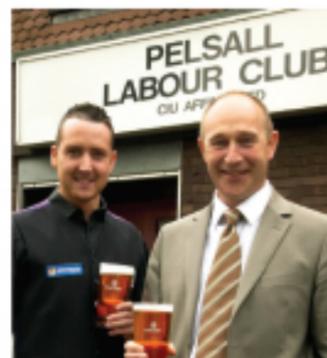
part and encouraging as many of their members to get involved in one of the largest promotions in the sector for some time."

According to Terry Lago, Secretary of Pelsall Labour Club, hosting a Regional Final will be a real boost to trade.

"While we have the space to accommodate an event like this, we don't always have the funds or know-how to stage it. We have a lot of younger members who enjoy playing pool and we will be talking it up well in advance of the big day.

"To have the World Champion here playing other clubs' champions will not only boost trade but hopefully encourage some of our own budding stars to take advantage of the support Heineken UK and our rep Simon Prolomey give us in these difficult times."

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PARLIAMENTARIANS ARE UNITED AGAINST THIS HIGHWAY ROBBERY

IF you believe everything you read in the press, you would think MPs were always at each other's throats.

Of course, we all have our differences – and on some issues the differences are very great indeed, often leading to insults and angry scenes. There is one issue, however where most MPs are united and that is in tackling the activities of those firms who wheel clamp vehicles.

The number of clampers has increased dramatically, mainly because the business is so lucrative and the law surrounding it so lax. With charges for being clamped and towed away often running into several hundred pounds, cowboy clampers are often out in force, particularly in busy city centres where the public are looking for a place to park while shopping.

Many motorists who merely left their car in the wrong place just for a few seconds have been hit. A huge rise in the number of bullying clamping firms has led MPs of all parties to conclude that we need

WESTMINSTER WORDS



By

The Rt Hon Greg Knight MP
Joint Chairman of the
Parliamentary Clubs Group

to act by introducing a cap on fees, an appeals system and a binding code of conduct, including regulations on the size and placement of warning signs.

Cereal killer!

IT was a writer called Bram Stoker who, many years ago, created the horror character Dracula.

I was rather intrigued, however, back in January to see that Channel 5 TV were erroneously advertising "Bram Stoker's Dracula."

Presumably this was a brand new story about a monstrous Count who was addicted to a particular type of breakfast cereal!

Politicians from all sides have agreed that they are not going to allow this highway robbery to continue.



THIS year marks the 50th birthday of what was once called the "death ray" — the sort of stuff that wild stories in kids' comics were once made of.

It was treated with some bemusement as if it was yet another "mad scientist" invention. This invention is now in use in most buildings across the UK – including many clubs, but not in the sinister fashion that was once feared.

The device is now known to us all as the laser beam and today, lasers are everywhere, from top secret military establishments, to the local supermarket check-out till.

Lasers – a narrow beam of light of a single wavelength – can help us carry out dentistry, transport digital information down optical fibre wires, print documents, guide commercial aircraft, write CDs, and allow barcodes to make totting up your shopping bill that much easier.

The first laser beam made its debut in 1960, but apart from the "death ray" label, it attracted little publicity. Today the use of lasers is an essential part of modern day society. Their widest use is in communication as they are used in the fibre-optic cables that operate our phone networks and broadband services.

But the revolution is not over. Even as we celebrate the laser's birthday, scientists say there are still new applications down the line which we are likely to see develop as laser technology becomes ever more sophisticated.

This is likely to be good news, provided that these new uses do not reflect its original nickname!

Final bell for Dave



DAVE Clelland stepped down as the MP for Tyne Bridge at this year's General Election and also retired as Joint Chairman of the Parliamentary Clubs Group.

A keen sailor, he is pictured being presented with a ship's bell by Assistant General Secretary Maxine Murphy, watched by General Secretary Mick McGlasham.

"In the present climate it's not easy arguing that people should be able to drink, smoke and gamble more," he said. "So the last few years have been hard work as well as very enjoyable."

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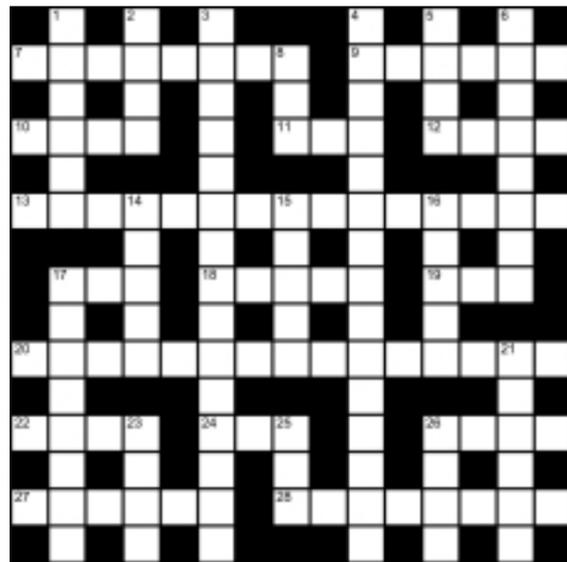
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ACROSS

- 7 Hold back, Scotsmen, Cumberland's a butcher! (8)
- 9 Nitro sprinter – could be a poker? (3,3)
- 10 It's what your heart could do, but not by getting too hot. (4)
- 11 States petrol is gossip. (3)
- 12 Struggle easily minimised by gloating. (4)
- 13 A stage we used to be at – although some would argue we haven't made much progress! (15)
- 17 So bad it could start to make you weep. (3)
- 18 If the layout is right, it's a steal, man. (5)
- 19 The Pharaoh Moses found a bit of resistance with. (3)
- 20 Solid support – that the Babel one wasn't! (5,2,8)
- 22 Least alcoholic part of a powder. (4)
- 24 Little one sold as a disaster. (3)
- 26 Expression born of a time at school. (4)
- 27 Constantly, 'tis said, in every direction. (6)
- 28 To order a take-out for the bullfighter. (8)

DOWN

- 1 Nearside is not construed as to make it attractive. (6)
- 2 Tube produced right in the middle of production. (4)
- 3 Bastions prove to be built into lookout point. (11,4)
- 4 Pieces of furniture with pencil artists in trunks? (6,2,7)



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- 5 Rutter with Prostaglandin reduction. (4)
- 6 Orchestral folk tale can open me to change. (4-4)
- 8 Artic. is a put-up job. (3)
- 14 TV flex. (5)
- 15 Hip place where lions fall apart. (5)
- 16 Rose's a bit sharp! (5)
- 17 South American city begins to sound like a piglet's mum. (3,5)
- 21 Fear of going wrong after the start. (6)
- 23 The sort of face that's always black? (4)
- 25 Where to take the lead from? It's mine. (3)
- 26 Kate, even with a make-over, looks wooden. (4)

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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Congratulations to the five winners of our £10 prize Crossword:

Mr K R Parris of Belvedere WMC, Kent; Mrs M Massey of Gilroyd Social, Barnsley; Steve Smith of Sydney Street WMC, Accrington; D C Smith of Turnbridge WMC, Huddersfield and Gerald Cawthraw of Cottingley WMC, West Yorkshire.



CHAMPS FINALLY WIN AT HOME

NATIONAL CIU Quiz champions Radford Social Club have won their regional heat, the Midlands and South final for the first time.

The Coventry club took part in the quiz for the first time in 2008 but could only finish fourth; last year they qualified for the national final by finishing third but this year they improved on the sequence by finishing first with a magnificent score of 61 to claim the £160 top prize.

The regional final saw another Coventry team, Stoke Ex-Servicemen's win £80 as runners-up with 57 points and only the Ashford Road Club from Swindon prevented a 1-2-3 from Coventry by pipping the Unicorn Social Club into fourth. Unicorn did have the consolation of winning £40 by being the top team from outside the top three in the sports round while the host club, Far Cotton WMC, Northampton won the TV & films round prize and another Northampton club, Monks Park WMC, won £20 by finishing second bottom. Other rounds included a dou-

ble picture round of 20 questions and a list round where teams had to name the 10 longest-serving presenters of Blue Peter.

The quiz is sponsored by Freeclaim IDC, the company who manage the CIU Benefit Card, which includes half an hour of free legal advice for those who buy a Pass Card.

Like all Union competitions only those who contribute to the work of the Union are eligible, As well as cash prizes provided by IDC the winning teams also won sweat shirts and slabs of beer and lager from co-sponsors Wells & Young's.

Individual spot prizes were also won for the closest guess to such mad questions as "Fergus Muir made the world's longest ever successful putt on the 5th at St Andrews. How long in feet was it? Dave Masters from Radford Social also won a spot prize with an answer to a question about the sexologists Masters & Johnson.

The regional finals for Yorkshire and South Wales & the West of England also took place in June and will be covered in our next issue. The North East regional final will be held at



Lemington Social Club in Newcastle on Thursday, July 29. At the time of writing there was still space in this final, which has a closing date of July 15.

Three teams from each of the six regional finals will qualify for the final at Alvaston & Crewton Men's Social at Derby on Sunday, September 12.

Entry costs £10 per team but you do receive a buffet supper and all players must have a Pass Card. For more information contact organiser Chris Brewis on (0191) 2650040 or email cj@powdene.com

The winning team from Radford Social Club, Nic Paul, Gareth Kingston, Dave Masters and Craig Element, enjoy the spoils of victory.

• The ten longest-serving Blue Peter presenters were: John NOAKES; Peter PURVES; Konnie HUQ; Valerie SINGLETON; Christopher TRACE; Simon GROOM; Matt BAKER; Lesley JUDD; Simon THOMAS; Diane-Louise JORDAN.

The longest successful putt was 375ft.



South East Midlands Branch President Barry Slasberg and Freeclaim IDC Marketing Manager Karen Gatiss congratulate runners-up Carl Richards, Steve Wickes, Peter Shiels and Mick Kincaid from Stoke Ex-servicemen's Club.



Ian Harlow from Alvaston & Crewton Men's Social in Derby receives his spot prize from Karen Gatiss.



THE York City Branch Quiz League – which is recognised by the Guinness Book of Records as the world's oldest quiz league – has included its first woman finalist in its 64-year existence.

Jane Milliner was part of the South Bank Social Club team who played in the league's team knock-out competition final against Tramways A. Sadly for Jane she finished on the losing team with Tramways winning by 123 points to 95.

Members of both teams are pic-

tured with Allan Parry, Regional Manager of sponsors John Smith's. Pictured (left to right) with him are: Nigel Dowker, Paul Smith, Richard Coyne and Trevor Wheeler from Tramways; and Jane Milliner, Alan Storey, Ian Fletcher and Phil Crowther from South Bank.

• The latest Inter-City Challenge match between the York CIU League and the Sunderland Quiz League ended in a victory for Sunderland meaning that they now lead the hard-fought series 8-7.

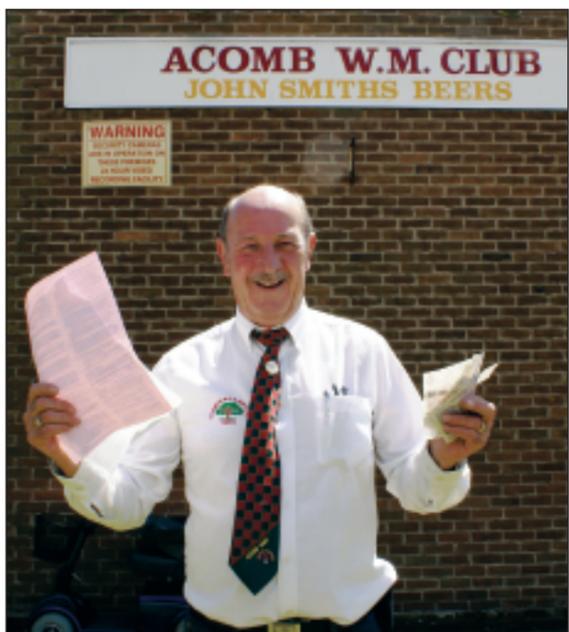
JANE REACHES BRANCH'S BIG FINAL



Pictured (left to right) are former Sunderland City Council Leader Colin Anderson (Ashbrooke Club); Tommy Henderson and captain Mike Foden (Penshaw Catholic Club) and John Roberts (Museum Vaults).

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

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JOHN Lane, Club Secretary at Acomb WMC in York, has seen fantastic savings on his club's energy bills, thanks to Envtec.

The club's gas bill over the seven months from November was reduced from £7,159 to £974, mainly thanks to the removal of the club's old boiler and the installation of an energy-efficient hot water system.

Even though the club is now heated by electricity, the total electricity bill came down from £13,072 to £8,945 in the same period. This was because Envtec removed all the old air conditioning, and lighting and replaced it with energy-efficient equipment.

GO GREEN – AND SAVE YOUR CLUB A FORTUNE

WITH members not visiting as often and beer prices already as low as the market can reasonably stand, clubs have to look at other ways to survive. By looking at your lighting, electricity and gas not only can you cut your biggest cost after wages but you can help the environment at the same time.

Most clubs don't realise they are wasting thousands of pounds every year on heating. By simply accepting that gas and electricity bills are a necessary evil without finding out what the alternatives are you are effectively sending thousands of pounds up in smoke. As the cost of heating is continually increasing every committee should become informed about what can be done and, if feasible, reduce their club's overheads.

What applies to heating also applies to cooling with many clubs running cellar coolers that are old, leaking and ridiculously expensive to run. The savings will be less but nevertheless a significant contributory factor in reducing the overall running costs of the club.

The third factor, and probably the easiest to address, is the lighting. In many cases the cost of electricity usage on lighting can be as much as 40 per cent of a

club's overall energy cost. With simple advice and professional implementation this can be reduced by as much as 60 per cent – meaning you could save nearly a quarter of your total energy cost. This is a significant saving in itself but when combined with other similar measures the effect on the overheads starts to reach impressive levels.

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Simple indicators

- Is your boiler more than ten years old?
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- Does the club suffer from being too hot in the summer and too cold in the winter.
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How to spot the ratings cowboys

IT WAS good to see so many CIU members visiting our stand at the Beer & Trades exhibition in Blackpool in April and I hope we were able to provide some help and advice.

We have now lodged formal Appeals on behalf of our clients, against the new level of rates which came into effect on April 1. Many clubs have seen their bills go down but this is due in the main to the rate in the pound being decreased from 48.5 pence to 41.4 pence but the basic valuation – the Rateable Value – has generally stayed the same. There can't be anyone, apart from the Valuation Office, who believes that after five years, a recession, cheap drinks from supermarkets and a draconian smoking ban that the value of clubs has remained the same!

To try to reduce the outgoing of clubs by submitting a Rating Appeal, we need formal written instructions; many clubs have not yet done this so risk overpaying rates for the next five years.

Another danger lurking in the wings are the so-called "cowboy surveyors" who behave like their namesakes in the building trade but cause more damage.

Not only do they do a bad job but, because only one rating agent is usually allowed to act on a club's behalf, if they mess up your Appeal the club is generally stuck with a rates bill for the next five years that may be incor-

rect and excessive. That is why club secretaries should always use the services of Chartered Surveyors such as ourselves – the sole approved rating surveyors for the CIU.

The danger signs to look out for with rating cowboys are:

- Cold calling on the lines of "we were in the area."
- Hard sell telesales.
- Claiming that you have to pay to lodge an Appeal.
- Claiming to be ringing on behalf of a local authority saying that the local authority has asked them personally to look into the Rating Appeal for your particular club.
- Being asked for an upfront fee.
- Being locked into a contract beyond the end of the Rating List, which is April 2015.

Many so called "rating surveyors" also demand huge and excessive fees if you stop using them. It is always worth checking on their website (if they have one) that they are Chartered Surveyors with the lion logo as shown in our advertisement.

If you require any further advice on rating or any other property matter concerning your club please contact Cathrine Moore concerning clubs in London, the South, South East, East Anglia, East Midlands, Yorkshire and North East England and Joanna Bissett for clubs in the South West, Wessex, West Midlands, North West, Wales and Cumbria on 0191 272 5551.

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

COXLODGE, Gosforth & District Social Club on Tyneside has marked its centenary with a special presentation by Northumberland Branch Secretary Dave Richardson.

The club has come a long way since a group of miners used to meet fortnightly at the local brickworks. Their contributions of a shilling a fortnight enabled them to raise £1500 to buy the land from the coal company and start the process of building the club.

A meeting was held on March 27, 1909 at which the local Evening Chronicle reported: "Mr John Wadge outlined in a few very appropriate sentences the scheme for the formation of a social club for this district and spoke of the advantages from the social, educational and recreational point of view."

It was unanimously agreed to start building the club and the new building started being used on May 27, 1910. On June 18 the club was officially opened and joined the CIU.

On the same date this year Club Secretary John Coppinger received the Union's special centenary certificate from Dave Richardson. The evening presentation was the climax of the club's centenary celebrations, which began in January with the club selling beer at £1 a pint. Other special offers have been included each month and last month Carlsberg brewed the club a special Centenary Bitter, which they have been selling at 54p, along with lager at 86p.

"The club has been heaving – you'd think we were giving it away – but there hasn't been a bit of bother," said John. "I'm very, very proud of the policing of this club. It's what members want, they know can come in and enjoy a quiet pint at the right price without any suggestion of trouble."

John has served on the Committee for 36 years and been Club Secretary for 28 of them, making him the longest serving Secretary in the club's history.

In his speech at the presentation night he said: "You can have the best Committee in the world but unless you have the support of good members you don't have a club." He also paid tribute to Ray Trainer, who retired as Treasurer in 1982, but stayed on to advise John when he took over as Secretary – and is still helping out, 58 years after he first joined the Committee.

"I think reaching 100 in this day and age is something very special. We've concentrated on negotiating with the breweries and making sure we had our prices right. These days we are well served by Heineken UK and by Carlsberg.

"It's also important to keep refurbishing the club and Leo Wilson and Gosforth Decorating & Building Services have done great work over the years keeping the club looking smart and up-to-date."

Membership stands at over 3,000, more than 1,200 of them women and 400 life members, all of whom receive 25 pint tokens at



Dave Richardson presents the Union's Certificate to mark 100 years. The club was also presented with a Certificate for its work in the Decorating & Building Service by Heineken UK.

Christmas. They are also taken out on a summer trip to the Northumberland coast and given more pint tokens as well as lunch and tea and entertainment.

"We look after our life members because if it wasn't for them we wouldn't be able to celebrate this centenary."

One of the big money-spinners for the club in the early days were its baths, for which in the days before pithead baths they were able to charge a penny a time.

Despite that times were tough to begin with and the Treasurer was known to draw the names of the creditors out of a hat to see who was going to be paid.

In 1919 Secretary John McAndrew took a bold decision when he borrowed £600 from the bank, ostensibly to pay creditors, but instead invested it in the fledgling Federation Brewery.

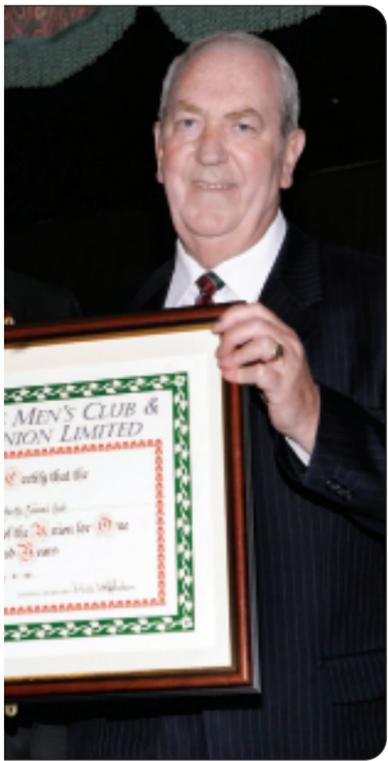
The club was tied up with the fortunes of the Fed for more than 80 years, particularly in recent times when John Coppinger took over as Chairman of the Brewery and, sadly, became the last holder of the job in 2004 when the brewery was sold to Scottish & Newcastle, now Heineken UK.

"It was one of the saddest days of my life when the Fed was sold," said John. "It was a great shame, it would have been good to see the brewery celebrate 100 years as well." ●



Members wearing traditional attire

YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



John Coppinger with the 100 years of membership. The certificate with a plaque by Gosforth and a silver salver by the club's centenary tie are pictured at the presentation night.

The **EVENING CHRONICLE**
Saturday 18th June, 1910

NEW SOCIAL CLUB FOR COXLODGE

Opening Ceremony To-day

The Coxlodge, Gosforth and District Social Club was formally opened this afternoon. The new premises have been erected in Jubilee Road, between Coxlodge and Gosforth, a site of about 2,000 square yards having been purchased from the Burradon and Coxlodge Coal Company. The structure is of attractive design and is built of brick with stone facings and stucco work.

On the ground floor there are four sitting rooms, each about 21 ft. by 18 ft., and a semi-circular bar 30 ft. by 19 ft., together with conveniences. At the east end of the building, on the first floor, is a billiard room 51 ft. by 22 ft., furnished with two handsome tables. There are also a reading room 21 ft. by 18 ft., a games room 30 ft. by 15 ft., with verandah, and a committee room 18 ft. square. These rooms are divided by sliding partitions, and may be used as one large hall. Two baths and lavatories are provided. The steward's apartments are on the second floor, and consist of kitchen, sitting room and two bedrooms. The building is lighted by inverted arc gas lamps. There is a wide staircase, with a stained glass window depicting a scene in which a game of billiards is being played.

The premises have cost about £1,500. The architects were Messrs. H. Gibson and P. J. Stenlet of North Shields, and the work has been carried out by Mr. John Craven, contractor, Newcastle. It is intended to lay out a bowling green, land at the south side of the building being reserved for that purpose. The club has already a membership of over 300. Mr. John McAndrew, of Coxlodge, is secretary.

The original cutting from the Evening Chronicle of June 18, 1910.



Members of the Northumberland Branch Executive and the club's Board of Management with the club's centenary tie are pictured at the presentation night.



Committee member Terry Walton received the Certificate of Merit and he is pictured with Dave Richardson and Branch Executive member Tony Isbister.

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Club Notices

EXPULSION

Not now members of the following clubs. These should not be admitted as Union Associates.

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C. Charman (793), Belvedere WMC, Kent.

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Mrs L. Kay, Lofthouse Gate WMC, Wakefield.

Mrs N. Kay, Lofthouse Gate WMC, Wakefield.

J. Parkinson (124), Moor-ends Comrades Club, South Yorks.

Mrs T. Watts, Rushden Windmill Club, Northampton.

A. Duffy (152AT), Stopsley WMC, Luton.

N. Proctor (P14) (23 May 2011), Brafield on the Green WMC, Northampton.

L. Wood (W3) (19 August 2010), Maidstone WMC, Kent.

J. Boshier (320) (1 May 2011), Mill View Social Club, Sunderland.

G. Boshier (1355) (1 May 2011), Mill View Social Club, Sunderland.

A. Potts (409) (1 May 2011), Mill View Social Club, Sunderland.

Miss D. Draper (F1454) (15 May 2011), Stopsley WMC, Luton.

Mrs P. Smith, Illingworth Liberal Club, West Yorkshire.

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 A warm welcome is guaranteed to all CIU associates and guests. Large coach parties welcome with 7 days' prior arrangement. We are 1 minute from Clacton rail station and 5 minutes from town and beach. Late bar Fridays and Saturdays with Saturday evening entertainment. Sunday afternoon entertainment coming soon.

HUNSTANTON (NORFOLK) UNITED SERVICES SOCIAL CLUB
 A warm welcome to all visitors. Large enclosed garden and car park with sea views. Three snooker tables, also pool table and darts. Bingo Mondays and Thursdays and one game Saturday evening. Live weekend entertainment. Catering arranged on request. Disabled friendly. Close to Sandringham Royal Estate, Coaches welcome midweek.
Contact Club Steward on 01485 533360.

Naval & Military Club (Southend-on-Sea)
 20 Royal Terrace, Southend SS1 1DU.
 Tel: 01702 347169
 A warm and friendly welcome awaits you. Large rear garden and roof terrace with fantastic views overlooking the seafront and estuary. Live entertainment Saturday nights and Wednesday afternoons. Food available every day except Mondays. Real ale on sale. Coach parties welcome but must be booked through the Club Manager John Murray at least 14 days in advance.

HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SOCIAL CLUB (COWES) LTD.
 85 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 7AJ.
 A warm and friendly welcome is extended to all visitors. Situated on the sea front with panoramic sea views from the stage dining area, the club has one of the best views in the country. Ideal for parties and outings. Freshly prepared meals available 7 days a week.
 Coach parties very welcome, please notify Secretary or bar manager in advance. Entertainment Friday and Saturday evenings.
 Tel: (01983) 292921 email: rblcowes@onwight.net

LINDFORD & DISTRICT WORKING MEN'S CLUB
 Liphook Road, Lindford, Bordon, Hampshire GU35 0PN. Telephone: (01420) 472 228
 A warm welcome is extended to all Associate Members. Only stipulation is children under five years old must leave the club by 9pm. Just off the A325 road between Farnham and Petersfield. So why not call in on your way to and from the south coast. **Please give the Secretary 14 days' notice of party visits.**

NEWPORT (I.W.) SOCIAL CLUB
 13-14 Lower St James Street, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 5HB. Tel: (01983) 527 291
 Situated in the centre of town, with a warm friendly atmosphere where you can bring family and friends. Open all day, function room, snooker room, darts, pool and jukebox. Bingo on Wednesday and Sunday evenings.
 Freshly-made rolls available daily. Coach parties always welcome by prior arrangement.

HEREFORD & WORCESTERSHIRE

HEREFORD WELSH SOCIAL CLUB
 1 HINTON ROAD, HEREFORD
 A friendly welcome is extended to all Associate Members.
Live Entertainment Saturday and Sunday Evenings
 Please write to the Secretary or telephone: (01432) 269 038 (evenings).

KENT

BEXLEYHEATH WMC
 Royal Oak Road, Bexleyheath. DA6 7HG
 Telephone (0208) 303 2163
 Friendly atmosphere, comfortable surroundings and an excellent range of beers to quench your thirst. Everything you require on your visit to Bluewater and Lakeside shopping centres. Refreshments available. (Please give advance notice).

SOUTHBOROUGH MEN'S CLUB
 Forge Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells TN4 0EX.
 Tel: (01892) 529 304; Office: (01892) 523 832
 A warm and friendly welcome is extended to all Associate members and guests. Ideal for parties and outings from the coast, we have frequent live entertainment on Saturdays, bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays. Sky TV, snooker and pool. Club open all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Coach parties and catering by arrangement.

SUNDRIDGE PARK WMC
 134 BURNT ASH LANE, BROMLEY.
 Tel: (020) 8464 3638 (Office); (020) 8460 6348 (Club)
 Located close to A21 and A20. A warm welcome is extended to all visitors. Two bars serving a wide range of drinks. TV in bar and the lounge. Purpose-built snooker room with four tables. Live entertainment Saturday and Sunday evenings. Coach parties by prior arrangement with the office.

WAINSCOTT INSTITUTE (WMC)
 4 Wainscott Road, Wainscott, Rochester, Kent ME2 4LB. Tel: (01634) 717 464
 A warm welcome is extended to all CIU associates. Live music & bingo on a Saturday night. A range of facilities including snooker, pool & darts. We welcome coach parties by prior arrangement with the steward. Buffet refreshments can be arranged. We are close to all the motorways via the Medway towns. **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME.**

LEEDS & WEST YORKSHIRE

BELLE ISLE WMC
 Belle Isle Road, Leeds LS10 3PE.
 Warm and friendly club with large car park, good value beer and large concert room. Live bands Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Coaches welcome.
Contact Secretary on (0113) 2718 768.

Visiting Blackpool or Yorkshire Coast?
 Haydock Park or York Races?
 Then call at:
ELLAND WORKING MEN'S CLUB
 Roseberry Street, Elland, West Yorkshire.
 For your breakfast on the outward journey. And for an evening's splendid entertainment on your way home. We are only 2 miles from Junction 24, M62 on the A629. A warm welcome extended to all Associate Members. Live entertainment on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Dancing on Thursdays to our resident organist. Fully modernised Concert Room and Lounge. Excellent Games Room. Floodlit Bowling Green. Large Car Park.
Coach Parties welcome – please let us have 14 days' notice in writing to the Secretary Phil Holroyd. Tel: Club (01422) 373 023. www.wmcelland.co.uk
Telephone pre-bookings to be confirmed in writing to the Secretary.

SWARCLIFFE WORKING MEN'S CLUB
 Swarcliffe Avenue, Leeds LS14 5DE
 A warm and friendly welcome always assured in the comfortable surroundings of our recently refurbished club. Live entertainment every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening. Relax in the quiet of the lounge or try a game of snooker on one of our three superb tables. Big screen Sky Sports TV.
Planning a day at the races?
York, Wetherby, Ripon.
 We are 2 minutes from the A64 and 5 minutes from the M1. Breakfast and evening meals for large parties available by appointment.
Contact: Glen Doyle (Secretary) 0113 2959100

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LEICESTER & EAST MIDLANDS

Going Racing? Visiting The Peak District or the Dukeries? visit
BRIMINGTON CLUB, CHESTERFIELD
 Telephone: (01246) 233 700
 Ten minutes Junction 30, M1.
 Thirty minutes, Chatsworth. 
 Live entertainment Saturday and Sunday evenings. Country and Western Tuesdays. Dancing Thursdays. Jackpot Bingo all sessions.

NEW PARK SOCIAL CLUB & INSTITUTE LIMITED
 Battersbee Road, Leicester LE3 9LD
 All coach parties welcome, with 14 days' notice to the secretary. Fully air conditioned large concert room. Hot and Cold Food available. Sky TV shown on big screen in the games room. Children allowed Friday and Saturday nights. If you have any questions please contact the secretary on Telephone (0116) 2333 305 or Fax (0116) 2333 303.

NOTTINGHAM ODDFELLOWS CLUB
 89 HUMBERSTONE GATE, LEICESTER.
 TELEPHONE: (0116) 262 0181
 262 5404 (EVENINGS) – CIU AFFILIATED
 ★ City Centre Club
 ★ Coach park right outside premises
 ★ 2 minutes from centre of Leicester
Coach parties and parties always welcome.
 Food supplied hot or cold – 7 days' notice or please phone prior to visit. Children welcome. Dances Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Entertainment available.
 Phone or write to Secretary Eric Johnson

SAFFRON LANE ESTATE WMC
 429 SAFFRON LANE, LEICESTER, LE2 6UF
 Welcomes all CIU members to our friendly club here in Leicester. Only 5 minutes from the M1 junction 21 and close to the racecourse and the football, rugby and cricket stadiums.
 Clean, comfortable and fully air-conditioned. Please visit our website where you will find details of all our facilities and activities.
www.saffronlanewmc.co.uk

SKEGNESS EX-SERVICE CLUB
 2 Grand Parade, Skegness, PE25 2UN.
 Telephone: 01754 762113
 Located on the seafront near the clocktower, 2-3 mins from town centre. Lounge bar, pool/children's room, 1st floor patio area. Reasonably priced beers/lagers and house doubles. Selection of chilled baps.
 Live entertainment every Saturday (Sundays main season). Open 11.30-6.00 and 7-11.30 most days. Pre-booked coaches welcome – come to a completely refurbished 21st century club.

SKEGNESS WMC
 Briar Way, Skegness, Lincolnshire PE 25 3NR
 Telephone: (01754) 762 598
 A warm and friendly welcome is extended to all CIU associate members visiting the area. We are centrally located in the town 5 minutes from the bus and railway stations (opposite the market). We offer facilities including a concert room, games room and a special families room. Our resident organist will entertain you in the lounge. After the Spring Bank Holiday we will also have various visiting artistes. Coach parties are welcome by appointment.

LIVERPOOL

AINTREE & FAZACKERLEY WMC
 Harradon Road, Aintree, Liverpool L9 0HE.
 Telephone: (0151) 525 1162
 Walking distance to racecourse, 10 mins from Everton and Liverpool FC, 15 mins city centre attractions. A warm and friendly welcome to all CIU Associate Members. First class facilities with lounge bar, Sky Sports, snooker room, function room, live entertainment on Saturday nights including bingo, raffles and key draw. Coach parties welcome by prior arrangement with Club Secretary.

LONDON

CHISWICK CLUB SOCIETY
 13 Chiswick High Road, Chiswick, London W4 2ND. Tel: (020) 8994 1089.
 Newly modernised club near M4. Handy for Chelsea, Fulham, Brentford, QPR and Twickenham.
 Coach parties welcome by prior arrangement.

DONE OUR BIT

EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB
 128A MAYGROVE ROAD, LONDON NW6.
 Office: (020) 7624 3701; Club: (020) 7624 3603
 Coach Parties welcome by appointment with the Secretary. Entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Food by arrangement. 15 minutes from Wembley Stadium. 10 minutes from West End.
 No children under 16 on Saturday.

THE HAMMERSMITH CLUB

Rutland Grove, London W6 9DH
 10 mins' walk from Fulham FC and less than 25 mins by local transport to Chelsea and QPR. A warm and friendly welcome to away fans looking for good hospitality and a relaxing drink.
 Also 20 mins to Westfield, Europe's largest shopping centre and 30 mins to West End theatres.
 Contact us on (020) 8748 5760 or visit www.hammersmithclub.co.uk

HARROW ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Northolt Road, South Harrow HA2 0DW.
 Extends a warm welcome to all Associate members and guests. Situated 10 minutes from the A40 and 20 minutes from Wembley Stadium. We have live bands every Saturday and Sunday night. Catering on request. Coach parties welcome with prior notification to Kath or Roy Roberts. Telephone: (020) 8422 1222.

HAYES WMC

Pump Lane, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 3NB.
 Telephone: (020) 8573 1721
 e-mail: bobdaybell@aol.com

Why not visit the flagship of clubs in the South? Ascot, Kempton Park & Sandown racecourses all nearby. Live bands every Friday and Saturday night, lounge singer every Sunday lunchtime. Late night cabaret last Saturday of every month, at least 3 acts, charge for entry, late bar. Catering available weekends, orders taken in advance to your requirements.
 Visit our website: www.hayesworkingmensclub.com for our full entertainment programme. Coaches welcome by prior arrangement with the secretary.

ISLEWORTH CLUB

Goodenough House, 109 St John's Road, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 6PN. Telephone: (020) 8560 2569
 We are good enough – are you?
 5 minutes from Twickenham Rugby and only 15 minutes from Kempton and Sandown. Call in on your way and give us a try. **Pick your winners** from our varied selection of popular beers which are available in either our large Concert Room or Lounge. Close to the M4 and M3. Please give prior notice for parties. Coach parties are welcome.

Wealdstone Social Club

Railway Approach, Harrow, HA3 5BX.
 Tel: (020) 8427 3334
 email: secretarywsc@btconnect.com
 For 15 min connection to WEMBLEY STADIUM. Coach parties welcome. Free parking all day. Please arrange with Secretary for bookings. Function Hall available for private parties.
 Friendly staff – great beer – good company

Visiting London? Going Shopping? Why not stop off at
THE WOOD GREEN SOCIAL CLUB
 3 Stuarts Crescent, Wood Green, London N22 5NJ. Tel: (020) 8888 9917.
 We're not far from Brent Cross shopping centre. On the way through to Lakeside and Blue Water.
 We offer good food and a warm welcome.

MANCHESTER & CHESHIRE

The Lower Kersal Social Club
 Stamford Road, Salford M7 3SD.
 Telephone/fax: (0161) 792 4717.

An ideal family atmosphere club located 5 minutes from M62 and 10 minutes from MUFC – great for pre-match refreshments. We offer facilities for Charity Concerts, Conferences and Sportsman Dinners.
 Contact Secretary for availability and bookings.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE & CAMBRIDGESHIRE

St James Working Mens Club
 Weedon Road, St James, Northampton.
 A warm welcome awaits all club members. Lounge, Games Room and large Concert Room. Parties welcome, catering if required by prior arrangement. 5 minutes M1, Junction 15A.
 Please contact Secretary Mrs P. Webster. Tel: (01604) 456 602 www.stjameswmc.co.uk

Racing at Towcester? then visit
TOWCESTER SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB
 We are only 1 mile from the race track and coaches are welcome on arrangement. We offer a friendly welcome and arrangements can be made to suit your needs.
 Visit www.towcesterclub.co.uk for more information as well as a map with directions.
 Contact Jeff Abel on 07764164886
 5 Swinneyford Rd, Towcester NN12 6HD
 email tsandsc@tiscali.co.uk

SHEFFIELD & SOUTH YORKSHIRE

ARMTHORPE CORONATION CLUB
 Tranmoor Lane, Armthorpe, Doncaster DN3 3BS.
 Handy for racecourse and Doncaster Rovers. Close to M18. Big screen TV, entertainment every weekend.
 Ring Club Secretary Alan Jones on (01302) 831 393

ARUNDEL EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB
 CITY ROAD, SHEFFIELD
 A friendly Club close to Town Centre
 Facilities include a 500 seat Concert Room, two other lounges and a Games Room. Great Cabaret every night except Tuesday and Wednesday. Coach parties please contact Mr B. Simmonite. Children allowed up to 10 years. Catering for Buffet if required.
 Telephone: (0114) 239 7151

CARCROFT VILLAGE WMC
 Chestnut Avenue Carcroft, Doncaster DN6 8AG
 Extends a warm welcome to all CIU affiliated members. Coach Parties welcomed by prior arrangement. 1 mile from the A1 and close to M1, M1B and M62 link roads.
 Top class entertainment every weekend. Handy for Doncaster Races and trips returning from North or South coastal routes. Big Screen Sky TV and premier football. All enquiries to John Oldroyd, Secretary on (01302) 725 497.

FIRTH PARK WMC
 56 Idsworth Road, Sheffield S5 6UP
 A warm welcome is extended to all CIU Associate members. 10 mins J34 M1 (Meadowhall). 10 mins from Hillsborough. Our 400-seat concert room is open Sat and Sun nights. Children over 16 allowed in the Concert Room. Karaoke in our comfortable lounge on Sat night. Sky TV and 3 snooker tables also for your enjoyment. Coaches welcome with prior notice to the Secretary. Tel: (0114) 242 6321.

HAWTHORN RECREATIONAL & SOCIAL CLUB
 Goodison Boulevard, Cantley, Doncaster. Tel: (01302) 536 565
 Easily accessible for the Racecourse. Big screen Sky TV. Artistes on Saturdays.

INTAKE SOCIAL CLUB
 Craithie Road, Doncaster DN2 5EG.
 We are the closest club (5 minutes' walk) to Doncaster Racecourse. (See Page 19 for offers). Bar snacks available. Tremendous value-for-money bar prices.
 Contact Secretary Tom Forester in advance on: (01302) 320 036

SKELLOW GRANGE WMC
 Skellow Road, Skellow, Doncaster DN6 8JL.
 Tel: (01302) 722 567 www.skellowgrange.com
 (Secretary: N. Harris)
 It's 1/2 mile from A1M motorway links gaining access from M62, M18, M1. Completely renovated club, top class entertainment at weekends and top class money tombola through the week. Bus parties welcome, ample parking space. Handy for Doncaster Races or call back from the coast.
 – All associates of CIU and guests welcome –

WADSLEY BRIDGE WMC
 Halifax Road, Sheffield
 A friendly club, 10 mins from M1 Junction 36. Facilities include concert room, 200-seat lounge, TV lounge, two other lounges, snooker room, games room with big screen Sky TV and large car park. Our friendly club extends a warm welcome to all Associate members and guests. Coach parties welcome by prior arrangement with the Secretary. (0114) 2311130 (club) (0114) 2313151 (office)

THE WESTMINSTER RECREATIONAL CLUB
 Westminster Crescent, Intake, Doncaster DN2 6HU
 Situated just off Leger Way (approximately 1/2 mile from main Race Stands). Coach parties welcome. Large car parking area. Artistes Friday/Saturday night.
 Telephone (01302) 812 103/4

STAFFORDSHIRE

SILVERDALE & DISTRICT WMC
 Welcome CIU members and friends old and new to our brand new club. 10 minutes from Junctions 15 and 16, M6.
 High St, Silverdale, Staffs ST5 6LY.
 Telephone: (01782) 629 582

SURREY

CHERTSEY SOCIAL CLUB
 Pycroft Road, Chertsey. 5 minutes M25 J11.
 Country Club 1st Monday monthly; Line Dancing Wednesday; Bingo Thursday, Saturday and (fun) Tuesday afternoons. Live music Saturday; some Fridays. Thorpe Park 5 minutes; handy for Epsom, Ascot, Sandown, Kempton Park, Windsor Castle/racecourse and Chessington. Coaches and buffet/hot snacks by prior arrangement.
 Tel: (01932) 563 265.

EGHAM UNITED SERVICES CLUB
 111 Spring Rise, Egham, Surrey TW20 9PE.
 "North Surrey CAMRA Club of the Year 2008 & 2009"
 "Finalist for CAMRA Club of the Year 2009"
 Located 5 minutes from J13 M25, handy for Windsor Castle and races, Kempton, Ascot, Epsom and Sandown. 5 mins from Egham Station on the Waterloo to Reading line. Three real ale and cider festivals a year.
www.eusc.co.uk
 Tel: (01784) 435120 or 07738 714572
 (Real Ale Festivals and Party Bars also arranged)

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 142 Esher High Street, Esher, Surrey.
 Telephone: (01372) 467 758
 Sandown Race Course within walking distance. Kempton Park and Epsom also nearby.
 A warm welcome is extended to all associate members.

WALTON COMRADES CLUB
 7 Franklyn Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.
 A warm welcome is extended to all affiliated members. Near to Hampton Court Palace, Kempton, Sandown and Epsom Racecourses. Within easy reach of Thorpe Park, Windsor Castle and Chessington World of Adventure. Easy access M25. Live music Saturdays. We are open all day every day.
 Coach parties welcome. Apply to Club (01932) 226 052.

WALTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB
 21A CHURCH STREET, WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY KT12 2QP.
 Extends a warm welcome to Associate Members. Near M25/M3, Sandown and Kempton Racecourses, Hampton Court, Wentworth, Twickenham Rugby and Thorpe Park. Ideal fishing – River Thames. Dancing to live music Saturdays/Sundays. Coaches. In writing to the Secretary.
 Telephone: (01932) 220 361.

THAMES VALLEY

Banbury Trades & Labour Club
 32 West Bar Street, Banbury, Oxon LX16 9RR. Tel: (01295) 215 7119 (H); (01295) 254 168 (Club).
 A warm welcome is extended to all Associates. Coach parties welcome with 14 days prior notice to Secretary. Live entertainment on Saturday night. Food available. Please contact Secretary with your booking.

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 To advertise ring Chris Brewis on (0191) 265 0040.

PANGBOURNE WORKING MEN'S CLUB
Whitchurch Road, Pangbourne, Reading, Berks, RG8 7BS.
Pangbourne WMC is a family-oriented club in a picturesque Berkshire village, 200 yards from the River Thames. We offer Saturday night entertainment, quiz and crib nights, darts, snooker, pool, and a hall with a dance floor and separate bar. Bar food available by prior arrangement. Ample car parking. Coach parties welcome by appointment.
Telephone: (0118) 984 2885

UNICORN SOCIAL CLUB
Holbrook Lane, Coventry CV6 4DE. (5 mins from M6 J3). Just 15 minutes' walk from the Ricoh Arena, home of Coventry City Football Club. Excellent function room and facilities including games room and bar with large screen satellite TV. Modern air-conditioned facility with live music every Saturday evening and hot and cold food available. Prior notice required for coach parties, including official supporters' clubs.
Please contact the Secretary at: unicornc Coventry@yahoo.com or by telephone on (024)76 684741

YARDLEY WOOD SOCIAL CLUB
118 School Road, Yardley Wood, Birmingham B14 4JR.
Club Tel: (0121) 474 2026 Sec: (0121) 474 3725
Visit our brand new website:
<http://www.yardleywoodsclub.com/>
Two large TV screens, 6 snooker tables, bingo and weekly entertainment, bowling green. Function rooms available for hire and catering. Large car park at rear of the club. Associate members welcome.

Middlesbrough RAOB Club (The Buffs)
51 Wilton Street, Southfield Road, Town Centre A19-A66 2 minutes. Redcar races, 10 minutes. Middlesbrough FC 5 minutes. Games Room, TV Lounge and Lounge. Live entertainment Saturday and Sunday. Disco's Wednesday and Friday. 50/50 Dancing Tuesday and Thursday. A warm welcome to all affiliated members including coach parties with prior notice to the Secretary. Telephone: (01642) 860 511.

WALES

BETTWS SOCIAL CLUB
Lambourne Way, Bettws, Newport, Gwent.
A warm friendly welcome assured to all CIU affiliated members and guests.
Less than 10 minutes from junction 26 of the M4. Coach parties welcome by prior appointment. Live entertainment every Saturday evening. Catering can be provided by arrangement. Tel: (01633) 858 780.

LLANHARRY WMC & INSTITUTION LTD.
Eim Road, Llanharry, Pontyclun, Mid-Glamorgan CF72 9HR.
Extends a warm welcome to all CIU associate members and guests. Coach parties welcome by arrangement. Entertainment every Saturday. Restaurant facilities available. 10 minutes from junction 34 M4 motorway.
Telephone (01443) 222 217
Fax/Telephone (01443) 224 322

SEASIDE SOCIAL & LABOUR CLUB
Dalton Road, Port Talbot SA12 6SL.
Tel: (01639) 884 309 Fax: (01639) 881 277.
A warm and friendly welcome awaits all visitors. Open 7 days a week 11 till late. Live entertainment every night except Tuesday. Sky Sports and UK Racing on Big Screen. Food available (please give 3 days' notice). All coach parties welcome. 5 minutes Junction 41, M4, 2 minutes Aberavon Beach.

TONYREFAIL WORKING MEN'S CLUB
28 WAUNRHYDD ROAD, TONYREFAIL, MID-GLAMORGAN. (15 minutes from M4, Junction 34)
Extend a friendly welcome to all CIU affiliated club members and bona-fide guests. Dance hall seats 300. Modern lounge and games room. Full restaurant facilities available. Top class artists every Saturday and Sunday.
Telephone: (01443) 670 484.
Secretary: (01443) 670 601.
Why not park your rear end down!

WARWICKSHIRE & COVENTRY

BEDWORTH EX-SERVICEMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB & INSTITUTE
Rye Piece, Bedworth, Nr. Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Tel: (024) 7631 3236
Extends a warm welcome to all associates. Restaurant facilities Monday to Saturday - Bar snacks also available. 6 minutes from junction 3 of M6. Approx. 5 miles to Coventry City. Saturday/Sunday night entertainment, live music, bingo, bar and lounge. Contact Secretary for bookings.

HEN LANE SOCIAL CLUB
Beacon Road, Holbrooks, Coventry CV6 4DS. 5 minutes from M6 Junction 3, 10 minutes' walk from Ricoh Arena, minibus from club on match days. Excellent function room and facilities. Hot and cold snacks available at all times. Prior notice required for coach parties and catering (menu sent on request).
Please contact the Secretary. Tel: (024) 7672 4830; Office: (024) 7672 4832.

WILLENHALL SOCIAL CLUB
ROBIN HOOD ROAD, COVENTRY CV3 3BB. Secretary: (024) 7630 1222 or 7630 3278.
Welcome to all Associate Members. Entertainment every Saturday and Sunday night in concert room (seats 600). Bar, games room and luxury lounge facilities. Large car park. Hot and cold snacks available. 10 minutes from City Centre. No Children Allowed.
Coach parties apply to Secretary.

WEST COUNTRY

GOING TO CHELTENHAM RACES?
Why not call at:
CHARLTON KINGS CLUB
21 Church Street, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL53 8AP.
Telephone: (01242) 525 511
Easily accessible for the Racecourse. Coach parties welcome by arrangement. Open all weekend. Big screen Sky. Live music.

POOLE LABOUR CLUB
22 Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset
Tel: 01202 674 059 / 686 256
Offers the 3 S's to all affiliated members, Sea, Sand and Speedway!
Centre of Poole, 20 minutes from Bournemouth, 2 minutes from Poole Stadium for Speedway and Greyhound Racing. Good beer, warm welcome, open all day.
Entertainment on Saturday nights, Tuesday Tea Dances. Darts, Skittles, Snooker, Pool and Dominoes games can be arranged. Certain restrictions apply to children.
Contact Secretary for details.

WEYMOUTH WMC
MITCHELL STREET, WEYMOUTH, (Harbour End Of Town)
Less than 5 minutes from the beach!
We welcome all CIU affiliated members. Music Friday & Saturday evenings, with Bingo films on these nights. Plus the usual club activities. Restaurant now open.
Tel: (01305) 786 392 or (01305) 787254
www.weymouthworkies.co.uk

WESTON-SUPER-MARE WMC
Orchard Street, Weston-super-Mare. Telephone: 01934 418 202
A warm welcome is extended to Associates and their families in Weston's premier club. Situated in the town centre and close to the sea front. Live entertainment every Saturday and Sunday. Bingo (Friday Saturday and Sunday). Buffets arranged.
Large downstairs concert room seating 250. Coach parties welcome including a Saturday.
Please contact the Secretary giving prior notice of visit. Open all day.

Passing through the Cotswolds? Then why not visit
WOTTON HALL CLUB LTD.
138 BARNWOOD ROAD, GLOUCESTER
- We welcome all Associate Members - Bar, Lounge, Ballroom and Games Room. Dancing every Saturday. Restaurant facilities and basket meals available. 14 days' notice required.
Telephone: Secretary (01452) 610 025
9.00 am-1.00 pm Monday-Friday

WEST MIDLANDS & BIRMINGHAM

ALVECHURCH SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB
The Square, Alvechurch, Near Birmingham B48 7LD.
A friendly welcome to all Associate Members. Weekend entertainment and comfortable surroundings, also food available. Close to M42 and M5 in a picturesque part of the countryside.
Contact: A. Morrison, Secretary on (0121) 445 2121.
Large parties please notify 14 days in advance.

COLEBATCH'S CLUB
699 Bloxwich Road, Leamore, Walsall WS3 2BD. Telephone: (01922) 440 433.
A very warm welcome awaits all Associated members and their bona-fide guests from a very friendly bar staff and management. We are a small club and offer live entertainment with bingo every Saturday and Sunday, line dancing every Thursday, skittles night every 1st Tuesday in the month, fun quiz night every 2nd Tuesday in the month. Function room available for celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Food available if required.

REMEMBRANCE CLUB LTD.
10 CHESTER ROAD, CASTLE BROMWICH, BIRMINGHAM B36 9DD
Extends a warm welcome to all Associate Members. Live entertainment every Saturday and Sunday evening. Line Dancing Mondays. Ballroom Dancing Tuesdays. Large comfortable lounge. Games Room. Sky TV. Ample parking. Close to M6/M42 (nr. Spaghetti Junction). Coaches by arrangement. Contact the Secretary. (0121) 747 5256 / 747 2943

YORKS (N & E) & NORTH EAST

BEECHWOOD, EASTER SIDE & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB
Broadwell Road, Easterside, Middlesbrough TS4 3PP. (Opposite The James Cook University Hospital)
Live music every night with bingo, totes and raffles. Large bar with 4 snooker and 2 pool tables, 2 dart boards and all Sky sports channels. Two smoking areas with heated Beach Huts. Coach parties welcome with prior notice to The Secretary.
Tel: (01642) 318789. Check the website it's all on there, www.beadsclub.co.uk

BILTON WMC
136 Skipton Road, Harrogate HG1 4LL.
Tel: (01423) 504 345 email: biltonwmc@hotmail.co.uk
Ideally situated for all Northern racecourses. 15 mins from A1. 300-seater concert room with duos and trios every Saturday night. Bingo and raffles, lounge area and games room with full range of beers and lagers at very competitive prices. Coaches are welcome by prior arrangement with the Secretary John Wrightson. Going racing in Yorkshire or just visiting please call in where a friendly welcome awaits you.

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club MANAGEMENT

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IN ASSOCIATION WITH

EMPLOYMENT LAW QUIZ

(Answers on Page 17) . . .

1. Do all staff need written contracts?
2. How much notice should clubs include in employment contracts?
3. Can the club make payment in lieu of notice if there is no express contractual provision allowing the club to do so?
4. What happens if the club does not provide a written statement of employment particulars?

ALL staff must be issued with written details of their employment within two months of starting work.

Contracts of employment do not have to be in writing but under the 1996 Employment Rights Act (ERA), the most important part of the contract "the written statement of employment particulars" must be given to all new staff.

This applies to any staff member employed for longer than a period of two months. Existing staff are also entitled to request a similar written statement. New legal requirements are enacted regularly so it is advisable that a legal advisor reviews the text of a written employment contract and/or of particulars before it is issued.

If the club does not provide the written statement the staff member may make a complaint to an employment tribunal within three months of the club failing to provide the statement. If there is no statement or if the statement is found to be incomplete or inaccurate the tribunal can award compensation of two or four weeks' pay capped at the statutory maximum of £380 per week. This com-

pensation is, however, only payable when there is a successful claim at a tribunal involving, for instance, unfair dismissal.

The ERA requires that the following information is provided in a single statement:

- Names of the club and the member of staff
- Date when the employment began



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- Date when the staff member's period of continuous employment began
- Job title or a brief description of the work the staff member has been hired to carry out
- Remuneration details, including: pay scale or rate of pay, timing of payments (e.g. weekly or monthly) and the method of payment
- Terms and conditions relating to hours of work and the normal working hours
- Terms and conditions relating to holiday entitlement and holiday pay, including public/bank holidays
- The staff member's place of work or where the staff member is required to work or is permitted to work, plus details of the club address

The following information must also be supplied (either at the same time as the principal statement or by instalments within the two-month limit).

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WHERE DOES IT ALL GO WRONG?

I AM often asked: why do clubs go bust? There are plenty of reasons that fall outside my area of expertise but after many years as an accountant my simplest answer is that it all starts with a lack of communication.

Communication needs to take place between: the members and the Committee; the members and the auditor; the Committee and the members; the members of the Committee with each other; and the Committee with the auditor, employees, suppliers, stocktaker, entertainers, service providers, bankers and insurance companies. Unless you have effective communication to ensure everyone understands the objectives and the ethos of the business, you cannot have a successful outcome.

I also use the phrase "Club Corporate Governance", a fancy expression to emphasise that the club's members are ultimately responsible. They appoint the Committee to "manage" the business for them. They also appoint the auditor and they must make sure they are regularly aware of the financial situation of their club. The holding of regular members' meetings (at least once every six months) is fundamental so they can decide ultimately on the future of their club.

A succession of bad financial results leading to the insolvency of a club is essentially because of "misdirected management" leading to "irresponsible and bad management." The Rules of most clubs will say that it is the duty of the Committee to "manage" the club. In lectures I have often been asked the question: if that is so, why do Committee members sell raffle tickets and bingo tickets etc? Is this management?

The answer, of course, lies in history. Custom and practice has been that those who volunteer to be on the Committee are told by existing Committee members that their duties include the sale of these items. They simply follow in the footsteps of their predecessors and believe that being a Committee member is all about being seen to give the members what they want. The financial management of the club is, all too often, low on the list of pri-

orities and is on many occasions left entirely in the hands of the Secretary. All members of the Committee are responsible for the management of the club.

What is management? In the first place the club needs to comply with its Rules and with any laws and regulations, including the Friendly and Industrial & Provident Societies Act of 1968, which requires clubs to keep proper books of account and to establish and maintain accounting systems of financial control. In other respects, however, management is simply about assessing the profit or loss from each of the club's activities and planning to ensure the club survives.

This may involve making decisions which are unpopular with the members such as cutting back on entertainment, increasing selling prices or closing the club during certain weekdays. Every decision should be backed up by mathematical calculations of their effects – even those that may be considered as a "no-brainer."

Management is also about safeguarding what we already have – and not about accepting that we will continue to lose money and continue to exist until the money runs out and we go bust.

The list on the page opposite is meant to give a general impression of the subjects to be covered but within each there are requirements to "micro-manage" the club's business. For instance, Items 1, 2 and 3 would involve reviews of such things as stock reports, selling prices, discounts, stock levels and many other matters.

I could go on but I hope this is enough to start the "management" debate in your club. Finally, try the idea of "helicopter vision" – looking down on the financial advantages and problems of your club and make a plan to manage the business "to work more on the business not in the business."



By Union auditor Bill Robinson

Rules and discipline

SECTION 1 of the ERA also states that the written statement of particulars contains the following:

- Any disciplinary rules applicable to the staff;
- Any disciplinary or dismissal procedure;
- The official to whom the member of staff can apply if they have a grievance or if they are dissatisfied with any disciplinary decision applied to them.

Alternatively the club may refer the member of staff to a document that gives details of these rules. Typically disciplinary and grievance procedures will be published in a separate document, usually, the staff handbook. The current ACAS Code of Practice of grievance and disciplinary procedures should be used as a guide in all grievance and disciplinary situations. The Code can be downloaded from the ACAS website and printed off by accessing the ACAS website.

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Don't sell your debt

THE Office of Fair Trading has issued a warning to anyone offered the opportunity to "sell" their debt. Some clubs have received letters offering to buy their debt, saying that they will absorb what is owed and then sell the debt to a third party for a specific fee.

No debt can be transferred without the permission of the lender and this could leave consumers with both the original debt and a transfer fee – usually 10% of the amount owed. There has been a significant increase in the number of advertisements and circulars offering this and we are aware that many clubs have received letters offering this.

Clubs should beware. They face being left with the original debt and possible collection fees as well as another debt to the bogus company for their fee.

club MANAGEMENT

Staff contracts

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- Terms and conditions relating to incapacity for work due to sickness or injury, and details of sick pay provisions (including statutory and any contractual sickness/injury scheme)
 - Details of pensions and pension schemes
 - Details of periods of notice to be given by the club or the member of staff
 - The period for which any non-permanent employee is expected to continue or, if the employment is for a fixed date, when it is expected to end
 - Details of any collective agreements that directly affect the terms and conditions of employment.
 - A statement indicating that the staff member is or is not required to work outside the UK for more than one month
- The ERA recognises that the club

may not have a scheme in place for all of these situations. For example, if there is no contractual sick pay scheme, only statutory sick pay. Where this is the case the statement of particulars must state this under the appropriate heading.

For all topics listed above, the ERA allows the written statement of particulars to refer staff to other documents to which they have reasonable access. These documents may be in printed or electronic form.

If the written statement makes any reference to a staff handbook, it is recommended that the content contains a provision for the member of staff to sign to confirm that they have received their personal copy. It must be also clearly stated, where necessary, which parts of the staff handbook are contractually binding and other parts represent only general guidance & information.

Finance checklist

FINANCIAL management should include:

- 1 Setting the bar prices.
- 2 Controlling the list of bar suppliers and the prices/discounts at which goods and services are bought.
- 3 Regular use of independent stock-takers' reports to manage 1 and 2 above.
- 4 Controls over other income – from fruit machines, raffles, draws, entertainment charges, fund-raising events, subsidiary fund activities etc.
- 5 Control over club officials' and club employees' salaries and wages.
- 6 Controlling the cost of entertainers, entertainment budgets and methods of payment.
- 7 Controlling the cost of utilities (heating and lighting).
- 8 Controlling and planning capital expenditure on the property and furniture, fittings and equipment; controls on revenue expenditures for

repairs and renewals etc, (consideration of essential and desirable expenditures)

- 9 Controls over contracts, licences, leases etc, (consider using an appropriate register for these)
- 10 Control over the levels of insurance. You need to examine its adequacy and appropriateness.

BILL ROBINSON Union Auditor

- 11 Control over the Balance Sheet assets and liabilities; ownership of assets (land and buildings, furniture fixtures and equipment etc); stocks; monies invested; bank balances; cash balances (fundamentally important). Also control over borrowings, amounts owed to suppliers, VAT and PAYE liabilities etc.

OBITUARIES

JERRY AHERN

THE North East Metropolitan Branch are sad to report the death of their former Branch Secretary and National Executive member Jerry Ahern.

Jerry was the long serving Secretary of Grays WMC in Essex, close to the Branch office. Earlier he had made his mark as Entertainment Secretary at Chadwell St Mary Social Club and held several other positions at the club.

Jerry served for many years on the Branch Executive, receiving the Union's Gold Medal for 21 years' service. He was Branch Vice-President in 1970 and President between 1971 and 1976 when he became Branch Secretary, a job he held until 1994 when he retired at the age of 70.

He was elected to the National Executive in 1982 and served for 14 years, deciding not to seek re-election in 1996.

An active supporter of the Branch Games, Jerry – short for Jeremiah – always made a point of visiting Chatteris WMC at the other end of the Branch in Cambridgeshire to attend the Branch angling competition.

Jerry was very proud of his Irish roots and could often be found enjoying a pint of Guinness. He was a great character and will be much missed.



GORDON GRAY COWAN



Pictured (left to right) are: Colin Howroyd, Gordon Gray Cowan, George Dawson, Phil Weston and Fred Peach.

OLD Bank WMC at Mirfield in West Yorkshire are sad to announce the sudden passing of their President Gordon Gray Cowan at the age of 67.

Only days previously Gordon had been presented with the Long Service Award by National President George Dawson when 90 years of service to the club were acknowledged.

Accompanied by Heavy Woollen Branch Secretary Colin Howroyd the Union President presented Long Service Awards to Gordon and to

Committee member Fred Peach.

The Distinguished Service Award, for 40 years' service, was accepted by Phil Weston on behalf of his brother David, who was unable to accept the award as he is recovering from a serious car accident. His family would like to thank everyone for their messages of support.

Gordon will be sadly missed by everyone. Condolences from the Committee, members and friends go to his widow Susan and the rest of his family.

EMPLOYMENT LAW QUIZ ANSWERS

... (Questions on Page 16)

Answer: Q1

It is good practice to have written contracts and most clubs do. It is not compulsory, however, for staff to have their entire contract in written form. A contract of employment is a legally binding agreement between the club and its staff, which may be oral and/or in writing. Although contracts of employment do not have to be in writing, under Section 1 of the Employment Rights Act 1996, certain particulars do have to be put into writing within two months at the start of the contract. "The written statement of employment particulars" advises staff of the more important aspects of the terms of employment.

The strict legal position is that the statutory written statement of particulars is not itself a contract. However, it is certainly evidence of it.

Answer: Q2

Clubs should give staff with more than one month's continuous employment but less than two years, one week's notice and

thereafter, one week for each completed year of service subject to a maximum of 12 weeks.

The minimum period of notice that staff with more than one month's continuous employment are required to give the club is one week. There is no requirement that the notice periods are equal.

Answer: Q3

It is preferable to include an express provision, as to pay in lieu of notice. The absence of an express contractual provision, technically, constitutes a breach of contract and could result in a wrongful dismissal claim.

It is inadvisable for clubs to risk breaching the contract. In these circumstances, because the member of staff may then argue that because the club has breached the contract, it cannot rely upon restrictive covenants. In such circumstances, where there is no express contractual provision to pay in lieu of notice in the contract, the safest way is to obtain the writ-

ten agreement of the staff member to agree to be paid in lieu of notice.

Answer: Q4

If the member of staff requests the written statement and it is not provided, this may lead to an application to an employment tribunal who may:

Determine what the written particulars were from the surrounding facts, and: award *compensation which will be at the level of two or four weeks' pay up to the current statutory maximum.

*The further compensation is a dependent right, and can only be claimed if another claim, for example; unfair dismissal is also being pursued in the tribunal.

* The writer, Andrew Dane, cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions in this article, which is not a substitute for specific professional advice which you should obtain from your Branch Secretary or CIU Head Office.

Stuart Cable

MEMBERS of Cwmaman WMC in South Wales were sad to hear of the death of former Stereophonics drummer Stuart Cable at the age of 40.

Stuart, singer Kelly Jones and bassist Richard Jones all lived in the village and made some of their early appearances at the club as covers band Tragic Love Company. Club Secretary and National Executive member Ken Roberts recalls how the club had to cancel a Boxing Day gig by the future superstars when they couldn't sell enough tickets at £1.50 a go.

Stuart left the band in 2003 to pursue a media career and at the time of his death had his own show on Radio Wales.

"It came as a great shock to hear of his death," said Ken. "Stuart was a lovely lad: his mother made sure his membership was kept up to date and until recently he still used to come into the club."





TOMMO PROVES A BIG HIT WITH RACEGOERS

CHANNEL 4 Racing presenter Derek "Tommo" Thompson proved a big hit with racegoers at the Bath Ales Beer Festival meeting in June and now CIU Racing Club members can see him at key meetings at all 10 Northern Racing courses this season.

Tommo (pictured left) is presenting Northern Racing's Racecourse TV as part of the Racing 4 Change scheme in conjunction with the Tote. The racecourse TV systems have been identified as an under-used way of delivering entertainment to racegoers so as well as giving the crowd excellent coverage of each race, Tommo presents interviews and features during the 30-minute intervals between each race, alongside explanations of racing jargon for the casual racegoer.



Bath General Manager Jo Miller said: "Tommo is peerless at getting the crowd involved with the sport which adds a sense of occasion to the event and he has been booked as the 'Racecourse TV' presenter for key feature events at all 10 Northern Racing courses this year.

"The feedback from Bath's customers, as well as across all Northern Racing's tracks, has been superb. It has been particularly great to see so many racegoers stood around the parade ring after each race when previously the area was often quiet between races.

"This initiative further demonstrates the support that both the Tote and Northern Racing are giving to enhance the raceday experience and it has already proven to be popular at various racecourses up and down the country."

Tommo will be appearing at feature race meetings at Bath throughout August including the popular August Saturday evening race meeting on August 21. The course also holds a Cider Festival on July 30.

Remember CIU members get Grandstand & Paddock tickets for just £9 per person by completing the racing booking form on Page 19. Details of all 2010 race meetings can also be found on the course website.

A competition called "Tommo's lucky bucket" has particularly captured the imagination of the crowd, with racegoers putting their losing betting slips into a tombola style draw after each race for the chance to win free Tote pool betting vouchers and tickets for upcoming fixtures.



Excited racegoers – with one exception – celebrate a victory.

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*Excludes Plate Day, Fighting Fifth, Ladies Night 14 May and Ladies Day 26 June at Newcastle, Midlands Grand National and Ladies Night at Uttoxeter, Welsh National Day at Chepstow, The Eastern Festival and Ladies Day at Great Yarmouth, August Festival at Brighton, both Ladies Day fixtures at Ffos Las.

A day out for £9

NORTHERN Racing, who own Bath, Brighton, Chepstow, Fontwell, Great Yarmouth, Hereford, Newcastle, Sedgefield and Uttoxeter Racecourses, are again offering their £9 across-the-board deal for Grandstand & Paddock tickets throughout 2010. The offer applies to all meetings with certain exemptions. The deal will also include the new course of Ffos Las. To book use the form opposite. Listed below are some of the meetings:

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| Fri, Jul 30 (eve), Bath | Wed, Aug 25 Brighton | Tues, Sep 28 Brighton, |
| Tues, Aug 3 Chepstow | Wed, Aug 25 (eve) Ffos Las | Sedgefield |
| Tues, Aug 3 (eve) Ffos Las | Thur, Aug 26 Ffos Las | Wed, Sep 29 Newcastle |
| Wed, Aug 4 Newcastle | Fri, Aug 27 (eve) Bath, Newcastle | Tues, Jun 1 (eve) Ffos Las, Yarmouth |
| Wed, Aug 4 (eve) Yarmouth | Sun, Aug 29 Yarmouth | Wed, Jun 2 Fontwell |
| Thur, Aug 5 Yarmouth | Monday, Aug 30 (BH) Chepstow, Newcastle | Fri, Jun 4 (eve) Bath |
| Thur, Aug 5 (eve) Bath | Wed, Sep 1 Brighton, Hereford | Sat, Jun 5 (eve) Newcastle |
| Tues, Aug 10 Ffos Las | Fri, Sep 3 Chepstow | Sun, Jun 6 Brighton |
| Wed, Aug 11 Yarmouth | Sun, Sep 5 Fontwell | Wed, Jun 9 Yarmouth |
| Thur, Aug 12 (eve) Chepstow | Mon, Sep 6 Bath, Newcastle | Thurs, Jun 10 Yarmouth |
| Fri, Aug 13 Newcastle | Tues, Sep 7 Sedgefield | Sat, Oct 2 Fontwell |
| Sun, Aug 15 Bath | Wed, Sep 8 Uttoxeter | Sun, Oct 3 Uttoxeter |
| Mon, Aug 16 (eve) Yarmouth | Thurs, Sep 9 Chepstow | Sat, Oct 9 Chepstow |
| Tues, Aug 17 Brighton | Sun, Sep 12 Ffos Las, Newcastle | Sun, Oct 10 Bath, Ffos Las |
| Wed, Aug 18 (eve) Hereford | Mon, Sep 13 Brighton | Tues, Oct 12 Newcastle |
| Thur, Aug 19 (eve) Chepstow, Fontwell | Sun, Sep 19 Uttoxeter | Wed, Oct 13 Uttoxeter |
| Sat, Aug 21 (eve) Bath | Thur, Sep 23 Fontwell | Thur, Oct 14 Brighton |
| Tues, Aug 24 Sedgefield, Yarmouth | Mon, Sep 27 Ffos Las, Bath | Sun, Oct 17 Bath, Newcastle |
| | | Tues, Oct 19 Yarmouth |

The offer applies to all meetings except the May 14 Ladies Night, Plate Day, Fighting Fifth and Ladies Day at Newcastle; Midlands Grand National at Uttoxeter; Welsh National Day at Chepstow; the Eastern Festival and Ladies Day at Great Yarmouth, August Festival at Brighton and both Ladies Day fixtures at Ffos Las.



CIU RACING CLUB



To take advantage of the offers fill in the form below and send it to us **THREE WEEKS** before the meeting. **IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE THE BOOKING THREE WEEKS BEFORE WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR DISCOUNT.** To obtain the discount we send all the forms to the racecourse together and they will send you the tickets about a week before the meeting.

Remember all racecourses offer reductions for groups so if the meeting you want to attend is not listed ring the racecourse direct.
To register your club as a member of the CIU Racing Club ring Jean Garrett on (0191) 265 0040. As well as receiving regular updates you will receive a free copy of *Club Journal*.

VIEWERS of the BBC's coverage of the recent Epsom Derby meeting enjoyed unprecedented access to the Stewards' Room as part of the continuing "Racing for Change" initiative from the British Horseracing Authority (BHA).

Previously, what went on behind closed doors when the stewards decided to investigate controversial aspects of a

race remained a closely guarded secret, except for a subsequent Tannoy announcement to the effect that "placings remain unaltered" or a brief explanation of why placings had been changed.

At Epsom, however, television viewers could see just how stewards' decisions were arrived at, despite the unpopularity of the innovation with a number of jockeys, who felt that they did not want any potential indiscretions highlighted and broadcast in such a manner.

The objective of making British horseracing appeal to as wide a range of people as possible is obviously a laudable one, but visit-

boards, although they are keen to stress their close interaction with racing professionals across the board.

According to the BHA, Racing for Change, which has been led by Racing Enterprises Limited (REL), is a fundamental reappraisal of the way the racing is promoted.

Its aim is to introduce a greater customer focus to the sport to make it relevant to the leisure consumer of today."

A number of trial initiatives had already taken place prior to Epsom's televised stewards' enquiries development. These included experimentation with decimal odds, funded media training for jockeys and trainers, simplified race names and racecourse announcements, and what Racing for Change describes as "racecourse initiatives to improve the enjoyment and understanding of a day at the races for both new and regular racegoers, linked to a new independent quality assessment scheme."

Meanwhile, "On-course book-makers [are] encouraged to offer

TALKING RACING

Gavin Smith

Change not always for the better

ing the www.racingforchange.co.uk website is to become mired in PR-speak. The entire venture has the fingerprints of marketing professionals all over it and there is an overwhelming sense that racing is merely another "product" for those wielding the purse strings and clip

standard each-way terms and enhanced customer service via agreed minimum service standards."

Phrases such as "quality assessment scheme" and "agreed minimum service standards" seem a long way from the nitty-gritty of a

day at the races as most of us know it, and surely one of the great pleasures of following racing is the sense of belonging to a "club," to a group of like-minded people? Part of the enjoyment comes from learning what the sometimes arcane expressions and practices used by racing professionals mean. This applies to most sports, and certainly not just racing, with cricket being a prime example.

The problem with "de-mystification" is that it removes the mystique, and there is a danger that without that all you have are a bunch of horses running along a track.

2010 Discounts

(All meetings Tattersalls unless stated otherwise)

LISTED below is a selection of discounts for the rest of 2010. A full list of all offers has been sent to Racing Club members.

In addition to those listed KEMPTON PARK is offering £5 off all its fixtures except the William Hill Winter Festival on December 26 and 27. Racing takes place there on nearly 100 days this year including most Wednesday evenings in April and June and every Wednesday evening from September 1.

DONCASTER is offering half price Grandstand entry at all dates except those specified in its advertisement on this page.

WOLVERHAMPTON is offering a party pack for all meetings except Boxing Day and Ladies Evening (September 4). For £15 you receive a ticket to the Grandstand, a racecard, three drinks (worth £2.50 each), a discounted Ladbrokes bet and a half price return voucher.

Haydock Park is offering half price entry at nearly all meetings. THE EVENING MEETING ON JULY 17 FEATURING MICK HUCKNALL IS NOW SOLD OUT. Market Rasen is offering £3 off all meetings except Boxing Day. HEXHAM is offering £2 off all midweek meetings.

DONCASTER: Saturday, July 31	£7.50 (normally £15)
THIRSK: Saturday, July 31	£10 (normally £13)
MARKET RASEN: Sunday, August 1	£10 (normally £13)
NEWBURY: Sunday, August 1	£10 (normally £15)
HAYDOCK: Friday, August 6 (eve)	£9 (normally £18)
ASCOT: Saturday, August 7 Shergar Cup and concert	£19 (normally £25)
HAYDOCK: Saturday, August 7	£10 (normally £20)
REDCAR: Saturday, August 7 Caribbean Carnival Day	£10 (normally £15)
LEICESTER: Sunday, August 8	£8 (normally £16)
REDCAR: Sunday, August 8	£10 (normally £15)
MARKET RASEN: Saturday, August 14 (eve)	£12 (normally £15)
RIPON: Saturday, August 14	£11 (normally £14)
RIPON: Saturday, August 21	£11 (normally £14)
MARKET RASEN: Saturday, August 21 (eve)	£12 (normally £15)
SALTBURN RACING BREAK: Monday, August 23-Wednesday, August 25. Three nights' accommodation, meetings at Sedgefield on Tuesday, August 24 and Catterick on Wednesday August 25. Thursday, August 26-Saturday, August 28.	
Three nights' accommodation, meetings at Thirsk on Friday, August 27 and Redcar on Saturday August 28. £145 for each three-night break or £275 for the whole week.	
BEVERLEY: Saturday, August 28	£8 (normally £12)
MARKET RASEN: Saturday, August 28 (eve)	£12 (normally £15)
HAYDOCK: Saturday, September 4	£10 (normally £20)
THIRSK: Saturday, September 4	£10 (normally £13)
NEWBURY: Saturday, September 18	£13 (normally £18)
ASCOT: Friday, September 24 Fourth Annual Beer Festival	£5 (normally £11)
ASCOT: Saturday, September 25 Sony Ascot Festival (including Beer Festival)	£14 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK: Saturday, September 25	£9 (normally £18)
MARKET RASEN: Saturday, September 25	£12 (normally £15)
ASCOT: Sunday, September 26 Family Fun Day	£10 (normally £16)
MARKET RASEN: Sunday, September 26	£10 (normally £13)
REDCAR: Saturday, October 2	£10 (normally £15)
KELSO: Sunday, October 3	£8 (normally £13)
ASCOT: Saturday, October 9	£10 (normally £16)
YORK: Saturday, October 9	£11 (normally £16)
KELSO: Saturday, October 16	£8 (normally £13)
NEWBURY: Saturday, October 23 (Armed Forces Day)	£10 (normally £15)
AINTREE: Saturday, October 23	£10 (normally £19)
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ASCOT: Saturday, October 30	£10 (normally £16) Charity Fireworks
CARLISLE: Sunday, October 31	£6 (normally £12)
KELSO: Saturday, November 6	£8 (normally £13)
MARKET RASEN: Sunday, November 7	£10 (normally £13)

CIU Racing Club Booking Form

Number of tickets required (minimum 6) _____ Price per ticket £ _____

Racecourse _____ Date of meeting: _____

Cheque enclosed for £ _____
(Made payable to racecourse involved).

Club: _____

Club Address: _____

Post code: _____

Contact Name: _____

DAYTIME telephone No: _____

Please send this booking form plus cheque (made payable to the appropriate racecourse) at least three weeks prior to meeting to: Jean Garrett, Club Journal, UNIT 17, ST. PETER'S WHARF, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE6 1TZ.



Matthew Ounsley with Tony O'Shea.

DARTS STARS ARE SPOT ON

TOP darts players Tony "Silverback" O'Shea and Darryl "The Dazzler" Fitton hit the bullseye with members when they visited Park Social Club at Edenthorpe, near Doncaster, known locally as the Waggies.

The two stars of the BDO circuit took on club members in exhibition matches and both presented sets of darts to 20-year-old Matthew Ounsley, who has been very poorly for the last 10 years.

Treasurer Peter Cresswell said: "The night was a great success and the two lads were absolutely brilliant." The night was also well supported by some of the top dart players in the area including two Yorkshire county players Craig Buzzard and Dean Winstanley – who only the day before became the German open champion.



Darryl Fitton (left) and Club steward Mick Elstub.



KENT'S cribbage champions are pictured after being presented with their trophies by Branch Leisure Secretary Peter Sands. Peter is pictured with individual winner Tim Kranz from Dartford Social

WMC and runner-up Jeff Bagnell from Belvedere WMC, and (below): pairs winners John O'Brian & Alf Hurt and runners-up Peter Sage & Alan Yardy. Both pairs are from Hoo WMC.



CHAMPS LOSE IN SEMI-FINAL



THE final of this year's National Team Darts Championship will be between Bedlington Station Club, Northumberland and Tynewydd Labour Club, Mid Glamorgan after champions York Crescent suffered their first defeat in three years.

The first semi-final was played at Penywaun Welfare Club on May 22 and saw Tynewydd beat Aberavon Port Talbot Club, West Glamorgan 4-0. The second semi-final at North Biddick Social Club on Wear-side on June 5 was a much more interesting affair with Bedlington playing reigning champions York Crescent Club.

York Crescent won the toss and in the longest game of this match, they lost on the equal darts rule. M Hartley, needing 5, played game with 1 and double 2.

However, R Parker requiring eight hit double four with his first dart to win game one for Bedlington Station.

York Crescent came straight back winning game two in 35 darts against the throw. Game three was again won against the throw by Bedlington Station in 40 darts. In game four, Bedlington increased their lead taking the game in 30 darts with G Stoddart hitting 180. York Crescent took game five in 32 darts but Bedlington Station clinched a 4-2 win by taking game six in 33 darts.

SPORTS SHORTS Valda Edmunds

Individual Snooker Semi-finals

Barnby Dun, Doncaster June 12: S Parks (Goldthorpe Reform) Rother-

ham v M Rhodes (Buffs Social, Cleveland). M Rhodes won 4-1.

Bloxwich Memorial Club, Walsall. June 19. A Pagett (Twynyffald WMC) Gwent v J Brown (Selly Oak Ex-Mens) West Midlands. Pagett won 4-0.

National Team Snooker Championship Final

Alvaston & Crewton Club, Derby, July 10: Buffs Social (Cleveland) v Bargoed Labour (Mid Glamorgan).

CHATTERIS CLEAN UP



NORTH East Met Branch Vice-President Len King presented the trophies at the Branch Dominoes championship at March United Services Club in Cambridgeshire. He is pictured (left) with the Branch's Individual Champion M Wayman from Chatteris WMC and

runner-up Ann Watson; and (above) with pairs winners M Wayman and R Wayman from Chatteris and runners-up Branch Secretary John Baker and J Pells representing Belle Vue Social Club, Colchester. Chatteris also won the team competition.