

General Secretary hails resilience of CIU clubs following delay to 'Freedom Day'

The Union's General Secretary, Kenneth D Green CMD ACM, has urged clubs to 'remain positive' after the UK Government pushed back the date for when the hospitality sector can operate without restrictions from June 21 to July 19.

"It's clear that many of our clubs have been struggling to operate under COVID restrictions with table service and reduced capacity due to social distancing rules making it nigh-on impossible to trade profitably," he said.

"Many clubs, even those which took the decision to open in April and May, were targeting June 21 as the point where normality would resume and members could once again enjoy all the things which make clubs special – singing, dancing and full audiences for live entertainment, to name just three – so the continued restrictions have been a major setback.

"Now July 19, or 'Freedom Day', will be eagerly anticipated as the date when clubs can relaunch themselves properly and get back to doing what they do best, creating an enjoyable and safe environment for their members, and we can put the disruption caused by the pandemic behind us.

"While this extra four-week delay is frustrating and a massive blow to the sector, clubs should remain positive and keep on showing all the determination and resilience which have been so readily apparent in CIU venues throughout these unprecedented times.



Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM

"We should feel very proud of how our Union's clubs have responded to the events of the past 16 months, demonstrating why they are so important to, and held in such high regard by, their local communities.

"The Government must recognise that many clubs will take time to get back to their pre-pandemic trading levels and ensure that they have the financial support they need to effect a full recovery from the restrictions which have been imposed on them since the pandemic hit."

Mr Green also looked ahead to the Union's Conference Weekend which is scheduled to take place in September in Blackpool.

"I hope that as many club delegates as possible can take part in this year's Annual Meeting which is set for Saturday, September 11," he said.

"It has been a very long time since

our clubs from across all the branches were able to gather under the same roof and debate the key issues facing our organisation and its members, so it will be an important weekend for the Union."

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Welcome to the July issue of *Club Journal* with CIU clubs across England and Wales still looking ahead to the moment when they can trade without restrictions.

In England, 'Freedom Day' has been pushed back to July 19, while the Welsh Government has also delayed the end of restrictions in the hospitality sector, so clubs will be hoping that there are no further delays before we can return to normal conditions.

As the General Secretary comments in our front page story, clubs should be proud of the way in which they have overcome the massive challenges of the past 16 months and demonstrated their huge importance to their local communities.

Let's hope that clubs can now put this dreadful period behind them and focus on what they do best.

At Head Office, we said goodbye to one of our longest-serving staff members at the end of June, Rules Secretary Maureen Ross, who has retired after 45 years working for the CIU.

On pages 10-11, Maureen reflects on her career with the Union which began back in 1975. I'm sure all *Club Journal* readers will join me in thanking Maureen for her great dedication over the years and wish her a very long and happy retirement.

Welcome

Our 'Club of the Month' for July is the Ashford Road Club in Swindon.

The club was founded in 1896 but remains as relevant as ever to its local community with an impressive set of facilities and a very full schedule of activities laid on for members.

The club has been completely refurbished during the past 12 months with the work carried out by a team of volunteer members who worked tirelessly to produce a fantastic end result which has revitalised the club and ensured that it is facing the future with huge optimism.

You can read the full profile of this impressive club on pages 14-17.

Meanwhile, the National Executive Committee welcomes a new member on board this month in Nathan Clarke who will be representing Derbyshire and Leicestershire. On page 19, Nathan pens a brief introduction to himself.

As ever, please keep your stories and pictures coming in so we can spread the positive news from around the Union in the pages of the magazine each month.

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Cross Hills Social Club stages charity event

Cross Hills Social Club in Keighley recently hosted a charity event to raise funds for to provide accommodation for cancer patients.

Brooke Robertson organised a rounders match and disco in support of the patient hotel on the Bexley Wing at St James' Hospital, Leeds.

The facility provides accommodation for people receiving treatment, who live some distance from the hospital.

Brooke decided to stage the fundraiser after someone she knows, Andrew Booker, benefited from the hotel provision.

She said: "As an outpatient with no transport of his own, the thought of travelling back and forth every day for five weeks for treatment was quite daunting for Andrew.

"The Bexley hotel provided great comfort not only for Andrew but also the rest of the family."

The rounders match – an under-30s versus over-30s game – took place on the artificial turf at South Craven School at the beginning of July.

Following the match there was a presentation ceremony and disco, along with games and music at Cross Hills Social Club.

An online fundraising page has been set-up at:

<https://leedshospitalscharity.enthuse.com/pf/brooke-robertsonrounderscompetition>



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Darts World Championships return to Lakeside

Top-class darts will be making a return to the Lakeside in Surrey next year with the announcement that the World Darts Federation (WDF) World Championships will take place from January 1-9, 2022 at the venue.

Formerly the home of the annual BDO World Championships, until it was moved in 2019, the stage at the Lakeside has been graced by many top players who learned their trade taking part in tournaments and league competitions at CIU clubs.

The competition will incorporate Men's, Women's and Youth divisions and will take place under the umbrella of the WDF, using the organisation's ranking system, with 48 men and 24 women competing, in addition to the youth event which will join the stage schedule from the semi-finals onwards.

The 2020 World Champions Wayne Warren and Mikuru Suzuki will head the list of invitations to compete at Lakeside 2022.

OBITUARY

Ronnie Caple

It is with a heavy heart and a great deal of sadness that, as Burnley & Pendle CIU Branch Secretary, I have to announce to the



CIU membership, the passing of Ronnie Caple (*writes Michael Woodvine CMD*).

I went to Ronnie's funeral in April and the limited numbers there, due to COVID-19 regulations were another sorrow to bear.

Ronnie spent more than 50 years serving clubs in Burnley and Pendle, 35 years of which were on the Burnley & Pendle CIU Branch Committee and 10 were spent as my predecessor as Branch Secretary.

Ronnie "served his time" and had many stories to tell. He made many friends including the movement's influential former General Secretary, Kevin Smyth, who still keeps in contact with me due to our mutual respect for Ronnie. Both well respected and knowledgeable men in CIU circles and life in general.

Ronnie as my predecessor will have forgotten more than I will ever know about the role of administering the Branch and the Clubs in it, and has unfortunately, had to see many close over his 35 years on the Executive and in particular his 10 years as Branch Secretary.

The memories of Ronnie that were spoken of at his funeral, by his family, brought to mind memories of my own, of times spent with and stories of Ronnie.

They all made me smile. He was a lovely, clever, funny, knowledgeable and kind man, and all who met him are richer for it.

I am grateful to and thank Ronnie's family for allowing me to be there and for allowing me to represent Burnley & Pendle Branch of the CIU, the WMCIU and all the clubs and committees which Ronnie had the opportunity to influence for the betterment of their lives and institutions.

May God grant him peace and eternal rest.

News in brief



Rushden Athletic Club sets date for 'Sunday Fun Day' on August 8

Rushden Athletic Club in Northamptonshire will be holding its 'Sunday Fun Day' on Sunday, August 8.

Local band New Harmony will be performing live on stage at the outdoor family-orientated event and there will be plenty of other entertainment, including face painting, a wet sponge stocks, bouncy castle and barbeque food.

This follows on from the success of this year's Craft Fayre held earlier in the summer which featured over 40 stalls of mixed arts and crafts.

Tyson Fury v Deontay Wilder 3 set for Saturday, July 24 in Las Vegas

It may not be the fight which British boxing fans wanted to see this summer but heavyweight rivals Tyson 'The Gypsy King' Fury and Deontay Wilder are set to do battle for a third time in July.

Fury produced a great performance to beat American Wilder in February 2020 and become a world champion once again.

Fury's win led to calls for him to face off against fellow British superstar Anthony Joshua in a huge undisputed title clash.

After much debate, a date and venue for that fight was set, with Saudi Arabia the preferred site of the bout, but Wilder's representatives took legal action to invoke a rematch clause in his contract with Fury to secure a third bout.

It means that Fury is now scheduled to fight Wilder for the third time on Saturday, July 24.

As this will be a pay-per-view event in Las Vegas, clubs can expect it to start no earlier than 4am on Sunday morning, although the fight will be available to watch 'as live' the following day for a fee.

For more information, visit:

<https://btsportbusiness.com/>

Hanslope Club paints the town red at Brush Party



Hanslope Club members show off their artwork after a recent Brush Party

The Hanslope Club in Buckinghamshire painted the town red recently as it held the latest of its Friday night Brush Party sessions.

The events see club members taking part in a communal art session while enjoying a few drinks and socialising as they paint.

All the events so far have proven extremely popular with tickets to the socially distanced sessions selling out well in advance.

The next Brush Party will take place on Friday, August 20.

For more information, see: www.brushparty.co.uk

Impressive live line-up scheduled at Bilton WMC



Several top cover bands and tribute acts will be performing at Bilton WMC in the near future

Bilton Working Men's Club has relaunched its live entertainment offering with some very popular artistes performing at the club in July.

This month's schedule got underway with tribute act Abba Revival and on July 24 the club will welcome The 5:15s to their Concert Hall.

Looking further ahead, the club will be staging a Charity Disco on August 28 in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Saltash Social Club set to rock to an Elvis beat



Top Elvis tribute act Mark Summers will be performing at Saltash Social Club in Cornwall

Saltash Social Club in Cornwall has forged major ties with the Devon & Cornwall chapter of the Official Elvis Presley Fan Club with the result that several events will be hosted in the club's Concert Hall.

First up, on July 10, will be a performance by top Elvis tribute act Mark Summers, followed by a 'Red Hot and Rocking' disco.

On September 10, Bernie Woods and the Forest Fires will be in concert while Rockin' Pagan performances are on December 4.

The Fan Club has also announced a full schedule for 2022 with several 'Rock 'n' Roll' bands and singers set to appear on the club's stage, including The Bobcats on March 26, Ricky Aron on May 21 and Phil Haley and his Comments on July 9.

Main Line Social Club wins first Premier title



Main Line Social Club AFC are the new Leeds Jubilee Premier champions

The football section of Main Line Social Club in Leeds secured the Jubilee Premier title for the first time in the club's history, signing off for the season with a 2-1 win at Kirkstall Crusaders on the last weekend of May.

News in brief



CIU clubs receive free dartboards via PDC #SupportYourLocal initiative

Drayton Bassett Village Club recently received a new dartboard after being nominated by top pro Dimi Van den Bergh (pictured, above) through the #SupportYourLocal initiative.

The Professional Darts Corporation (PDC) and dartboard manufacturers Unicorn teamed up in May to donate 100 dartboards to clubs and pubs in England, Scotland and Wales to celebrate the reopening of indoor hospitality.

Over 1,000 venues were nominated by darts fans, players and celebrities with Belgian star Van den Bergh putting Drayton Bassett Village Club forward as a winner.

Other CIU clubs in receipt of a new dartboard included Cramlington Working Mens Club, Filton & District Social Club, Bristol and Penyardren Social Club.

Darts players returning to playing the sport are encouraged to share their photos on social media using the hashtag #SupportYourLocal.

Speaking about the campaign, PDC Chief Executive Matt Porter said: "The response to our request for people to nominate their local was incredible and demonstrates just how important clubs and pubs are to local communities.

"There were some fantastic stories about darts in the community and it's clear to see how much support there is for venues which keep the grassroots game alive and have fallen on tough times during the pandemic.

"We hope doors now remain open as the country continues to recover, and want to thank those social club committees and community leaders for all they do to make darts available for all."

News in brief



Idle Working Men's Club is the place to be to enjoy a fantastic summer of live sport
Idle Working Men's Club in Bradford has pulled out all the stops for the European Championships with the installation of a giant new outdoor screen on the club's terrace, plus new screens in the Games Room, along with new tables and benches.

The club's efforts were rewarded with a bumper turnout of members for England's opening Euros game against Croatia.

The club had promised to supply a free bottle of lager to members whenever England scored during the opener, meaning there was a double celebration when Raheem Sterling put the ball in the back of the Croatians' net.

Meanwhile, the club's live entertainment is continuing to attract sellout audiences and this month sees Stars In Their Eyes winner Peter Sarsfield performing his tribute show to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.

Sarsfield will be appearing at the club on Friday, July 16.

The club has live entertainment every weekend with a mixture of performers singing music from many different eras.

For more information, visit the website:
www.idleworkingmensclub.co.uk

Mill View Social Club bids farewell to Maureen Carr



Maureen Carr will be much missed by all at Mill View Social Club following her retirement

It was the end of an era at Mill View Social Club in June when, after 27 years of loyal service, the Sunderland club said farewell to ex-Stewardess and long-serving barmaid Maureen Carr.

The club's Facebook page was inundated with members wishing Maureen a long and happy retirement.

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News in brief

Harrogate Trades Hall Club ready for monthly poker nights when COVID restrictions allow

Members of Harrogate Trades Hall are hoping to stage a sell-out poker tournament as soon as Government restrictions allow.

Poker has been a major success story for the club in recent years with a number of tournaments proving very popular.

The club had been due to stage its latest event on June 26 with players 'buying into' the game for £20 which gives them 100k of chips to play with.

There are 40 seats on five tables available meaning that there will be an £800 prize pot paid out to the final five players, with the winner taking home a first prize of £360, the runner-up winning £200 and the third-placed player receiving £120.

The club is planning to have Saturday tournaments every four weeks as well as regular Friday evening games.

For more information, call: 07801 028882.



New 100-ball cricket tournament 'The Hundred' launches on July 21 on Sky Sports

A brand-new cricket tournament will be launched this month by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB).

The Hundred is a 100-ball cricket competition, featuring men's and women's teams, which aims to simplify the game and bring new fans to the sport.

The tournament offers equal prize money for the men's and women's competition and features eight city-based teams located across seven host cities – Birmingham, Leeds, London, Nottingham, Manchester, Southampton and Cardiff.

The matches will be showing on Sky Sports Cricket which will be renamed Sky Sports The Hundred for the duration of the tournament.

The eight teams are: Birmingham Phoenix (Edgbaston); London Spirit (Lord's); Manchester Originals (Emirates Old Trafford); Northern Superchargers (Emerald Headingley); Oval Invincibles (Kia Oval); Southern Brave (Ageas Bowl); Trent Rockets (Trent Bridge) and the Welsh Fire (Sophia Gardens).

Terry 'Tez' Donnelly honoured by St Pauls WMI



The refurbished Games Room at St Pauls Working Mens Institute in Blackburn

St Pauls Working Mens Institute in Blackburn has dedicated its recently renovated Games Room to a much-missed club member – Terry 'Tez' Donnelly – who passed away in 2016.

A new bar has been installed in the Games Room which has been rewired, re-floored, insulated and painted while a new bar has also been installed.

Meanwhile, a plaque and photo of Terry, who was a member from aged 18 until he died aged 61 from lung cancer, take pride of place on the wall.

The majority of the works have been completed by six members of the club's Committee.

His brother Barry said: "It was Tez's dream to do the Games Room up and we have dedicated it to him.

"He would be really proud of it. I think we have done him proud. It's a really good job."

Terry was a well-known snooker player around Blackburn and played a charity game against the legendary Jimmy White at the Institute a few months before his death, raising funds for East Lancashire Hospice.



Terry Donnelly and Jimmy White played a charity match at the club in 2016

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Maureen Ross, Rules Secretary, retires after 45 years at the CIU

Maureen Ross, who headed the Rules Department, retired at the end of June after 45 years working at the CIU. Here, she reflects on her time at Head Office which began in 1975 when she answered a job advert in the local paper

Question: When did you first start working for the CIU?

Maureen Ross: My first day working at Head Office was September 14, 1975.

On first leaving school, I had the experience of working in a bank and then an insurance company, both based in the West End of London. As travelling from North London took up a lot of time, I decided to look for a job closer to home.

My mother noticed a job advert in the local paper for a company named 'CIU' based at Highbury and Islington.

I went for an interview and by the following morning, I had received a letter advising that I had been successful. The rest, as they say, is history!

Q: How did your career progress?

MR: I am very proud at how my career at the CIU progressed. Initially I was employed as Rules Clerk, then progressed to Rules Assistant, Rules Secretary and then Head of Department. So I have moved up the ranks, so to speak.

I decided not to go to Secretarial College after leaving school but once I joined the CIU I realised that this would be beneficial to me, so I attended evening classes for Shorthand and Typing.

This came in very handy as the General Secretary at the time, Mr Frank Morris CBE, often called on me to take shorthand notes if his PA was not available.

At that time, the Rules Department was very much paper based as there were no computers in the office until the 1990s.

My first Blackpool Conference came in 1992 and I have enjoyed all my involvement in this event.

I realised, as the years went by, that I would spend the remainder of my working career at the CIU.

I can honestly say that I have



Maureen Ross at the 2019 Branch Executive Dinner in Blackpool

enjoyed each and every day at Head Office.

Q: Are there any particular people who were helpful to you over the years?

MR: There have been many NEC members and branch secretaries with whom I have worked over the years and have had a fantastic working relationship with them all. The branch secretaries do a lot of great work for our clubs.

I have also had a good relationship with club secretaries with regard to giving advice and assistance with all rules updates as and when required.

There have been many CIU officers I have looked up to over the years but two in particular stand out.

Firstly, Derek Dormer OBE. He was Vice-President when I joined and then, in 1981, became President.

He appeared to be a very important figure in the CIU movement and was a very strong character but always very respectful to staff.

He was someone that everyone looked up to. I could never call him 'Derek', even though he invited me to do so but always addressed him as 'Mr Dormer' – I suppose out of respect.

We have always stayed in contact and I attended his 90th birthday party a few years ago and was finally able to call him by his first name!

The other person I would mention is Kevin Smyth, who was General Secretary at Head Office for many

years. We had a good working relationship and worked closely together.

Kevin was the person who I could talk to whenever we had any problems in the Rules Department. We have also kept in touch.

Q: How important is the Rules Department to CIU clubs?

MR: It has often been said that the Rules Department provides a vital service for our clubs.

I always felt that this was true and that was the most satisfaction that I had working in the department.

At the end of each day I felt satisfied at the service I hoped I had given to our club secretaries.

I've always looked on the Rules Department as being an active part of the good management of our clubs, offering advice on rules as it does.

The department is involved in many other aspects of the CIU – meetings, NEC elections, Conference Weekends and affiliations – which all made my position even more interesting.

Q: Are there any particular highlights from your time at the CIU?

MR: A major highlight was when I had the great privilege of being one of the CIU representatives chosen to attend the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

This was in 2016 and I took my daughter, Michelle, along as my guest.

It was certainly a day to remember, from start to finish.



Maureen next to the Premier League trophy at the 2019 CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition

Q: What will you miss most about the CIU?

MR: I could never imagine that I would actually ever retire but due to a number of circumstances, I realise that this is the right time for me.

It will be strange not to talk about the CIU to my husband Robert almost every day, as has been the case for many years.

Indeed, I have been married to my husband for 41 years but have been at the CIU for 45 years!

I will miss the routine and my colleagues in the office, who, after all these years, have become friends.

We all have a good relationship and once staff are employed at Head Office, they tend to remain for many

years. I think that says something about our wonderful organisation.

Q: What are your retirement plans?

MR: My 'Things to Do' list seems to be getting longer as my family have plenty of plans for me. We have two small grandchildren and so are lined up for babysitting duties.

My plan, now I have the chance, is to become more involved with my church as well as charity organisations in my area.

Once COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted we would also like to do some travelling now we have the opportunity.

So, all in all, retirement should be ok!

Changes to the Head Office Rules Department

Vera Palazova replaces Maureen Ross as Rules Secretary from Thursday, July 1.

Annette Johnson continues in her role as Rules Administrator.

Head Office Manager Stephen Goulding commented: "I am pleased to confirm Vera's promotion. She has been with the CIU Head Office team for seven years and has the vision and IT knowledge to work with me to streamline and update the Rules Department. Once again, we have promoted from within and rewarded young talent."



Vera Palazova



Annette Johnson



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There is some understandable frustration surrounding this and the lack of informative updates, we have been pressing AVIVA to respond and provide a response to how they will propose to deal with claims.

The good news is we've had engagement from AVIVA & they're dedicated to reviewing these types of claims.

AVIVA have confirmed, subject to certain conditions, policy cover will apply in principle under Extension **2(b)(v) (Prevention of Access and Loss of Attraction)** for those clubs/policyholders whose premises were required to close by the Government regulations announced in March 2020, subject to proof of loss and applicable sub-limits.

AVIVA have informed us they will be writing to policyholders who have already submitted claims or complaints to provide them with an update. They will be informing them that, subject to proof of loss and applicable sub-limits, they will be covered in principle under Extension **2(b)(v)** provided that their insured premises were required to close by the Government regulations announced in March 2020, they will explain what supporting evidence is required in order for claims to be validated and settled in a timely manner.

Business Interruption AVIVA Claim Guide.

AVIVA have provided a guide as to the evidence of the interruption to your business and substantiation of the loss incurred. This is normal practice and a requirement of your policy. To progress your claim, please provide as much of the following information as possible:

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Details of the additional expenditure necessarily and reasonably incurred for the sole purpose of avoiding or diminishing a reduction in the turnover of your business;

Information on whether staff are still being paid their full salaries, and whether any staff have been furloughed;

Information on whether rent is still being paid (and, if so, at what rate);

Details of other payments you would normally make but are now not making (e.g. office overheads, business rates, etc.); and

Details of the actions that you have taken to minimise your loss.

Advice for new claims:

In the event you have not yet presented a loss, We are very keen to provide you with the necessary support and guidance to allow you to navigate your way through the claims process. We have provided a guide as to how the respective renewal dates correlate with the ability to pursue a claim for the respective lockdown periods.

Please email the respective email addresses as explained below at your insurers AVIVA, with your policy number details, indicating you wish to present a claim for Business Interruption and have suffered a financial loss as a result which will ensure a claim is registered and we will then be able to monitor progress.

This is only a guide and we will require insurers formal confirmation of policy indemnity prior to any claim being agreed.



Where your Renewal Date was between: 01/01/2020 and 20/03/2020

You will need to report claims to team2@aviva.com

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Where your Renewal Date was between 21/03/2020 and 30/04/2020

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- b. For any subsequent lockdowns after the first one, please use the email team2@aviva.com please ensure that the second policy Schedule contains the following Endorsement.

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2. To the first 12 months of cover under this policy.
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AVIVA understand there was a change to the cover which became effective from the beginning of May 2020. This added a specific exclusion which excludes any action taken with regards to the control or suppression of Disease or Virus therefore it is unlikely cover will apply here, however we would still encourage you to get in touch to allow us to identify and offer support if possible.

In this event, claims for the first Lockdown should be reported through to maven.claims@broadspiretpa.co.uk enclosing a copy of your old schedule beginning with **HOSP**. It is from AVIVA'S understanding that only the claim for the first lock down will be considered unless the second lockdown started prior to the expiration of your old HOSP Policy.

When sending emails to AVIVA, please also copy in the Higos claims team email address commercialclaims@higos.co.uk to ensure we have visibility and to allow us to provide the necessary support.

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The Main Bar at The Ashford

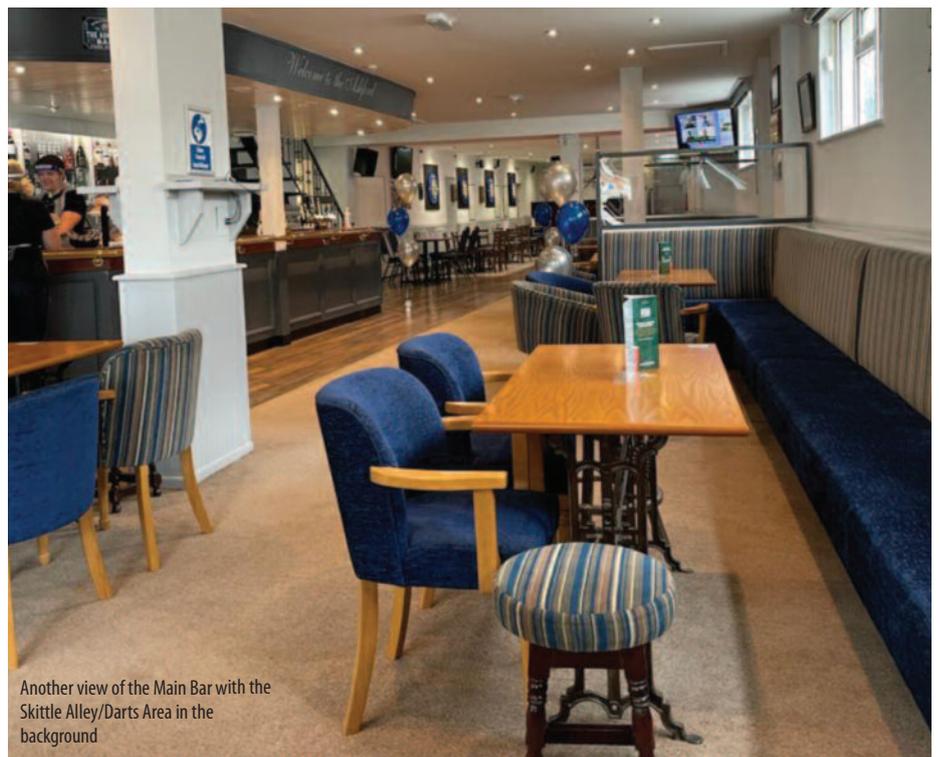
The Ashford Road Club, Swindon

Founded in 1896, the Ashford Road Club in Swindon has recently undergone a stunning transformation with a full refurbishment carried out by a team of volunteer club members

Just over 125 years ago – in March 1896 to be precise – a group of like-minded people in Swindon saw their dream of having their own space in which to socialise come to fruition as the doors of the Ashford Road Working Men’s Club opened for the first time.

You’d imagine the club’s founders would be incredibly proud to see the modern incarnation of the club – restyled as The Ashford – which has recently undergone a major refurbishment but continues to honour the many traditions which brought it into being in the first place.

Since the first lockdown in March 2020, the current nine-strong club Committee has pulled together with a team of volunteers to transform the inside of the building and the spectacular results were all there to see when The Ashford reopened for business on May 17.



Another view of the Main Bar with the Skittle Alley/Darts Area in the background

“Our members were absolutely delighted to come back into the club and see the transformation,” says Club Secretary Jenny Brownley.

“We got rid of the old colour scheme of burgundy, brown and beige and replaced it with a bright, fresh look which people have really responded to.

“What’s incredible is that the work was carried out by volunteers giving up their free time over a five-month period.

“We’re so grateful to them for working so hard and producing such an excellent end result that everyone is so proud of.

“Once the COVID restrictions are removed, we’re going to be giving all those volunteers a free night in the club to celebrate all their hard work and thank them for the hours they put in.”

A major part of the job was replacing the old lath and plaster ceiling with a new structured ceiling, a hugely labour-intensive task which produced a mountain of dust and rubble.

“The team of volunteers were there

for days on end taking the ceiling down and clearing the waste,” says Jenny.

“We then had the new ceiling fireproofed, insulated and plastered and new low-energy lighting installed throughout.

“The whole club, upstairs and downstairs, has been modernised and really has the ‘wow factor’ when people first see it.

“A local businessman, who owns a couple of large, high-end pubs in Swindon, recently came into the club for a drink and said that he was absolutely blown away by the quality of our refurbishment.

“We’ve also looked at our drinks offering across the board and how we present it,” she continues.

“Instead of having the old-fashioned optics with one or two choices of each spirit, we now have a wide-ranging collection of bottles of specialist whisky, gin and vodka for members to try.

“Likewise, we’ve expanded our wine selection and now have 12 to choose from.

“Although we’re a Free House,

we’ve forged a very strong partnership with our main supplier, Greene King, and they’ve been very supportive since we reopened in May.”

In addition to the Main Bar, the club’s Skittle Alley and Darts Room has also been updated with new surrounds for the competition-level dartboards and the flooring repaired and polished throughout.

Upstairs, the Function Room has been renamed The Carr Bar in honour of the Carr family who have been involved either as Treasurer or Secretary of the club for the last 70 years.

“We thought it was fitting to honour the Carrs who have given so much to the club over the years and without whom the club would probably not exist,” says Jenny.

There is also a new-look ‘Snug’ upstairs for those seeking a quieter corner of the club in which to relax, with comfortable leather Chesterfield sofas and a selection of board games on hand.

The club boasts five flatscreen TVs, and two large projector screens – one in the upstairs Function Room and



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the other downstairs at the back of the Skittle Alley – which ensure that the big-match atmosphere is always spot-on during major sporting occasions, such as the European Championships, especially with a surround sound system also installed.

Meanwhile, the brass plaque which used to adorn the exterior of the club's wall has been replaced with an identical replica and the original now takes pride of place on an interior wall.

“Apparently there has been a spate of thefts of similar plaques across the country as they have a historic value so it's now safely positioned inside the building,” says Jenny.

“The refurbishment has been a real success and drawn more people into the club.

“As a result of all these changes, we've had an unprecedented number of new members joining the club since we reopened in May.

“We're constantly looking at ways of improving things. For instance, we've never had any outside space before but that changed recently.

“We identified a three by two metre space to the right of the club that was not being used.

“We've painted the concrete floor dark green, put in a eight-seat table with a Hendrick's Gin parasol above it and that's now a nice area to sit in

The Ashford Road Club was founded in 1896



when the weather is good.”

Other aspects of the club's operations have been modified to appeal to as wide a demographic as possible.

“We're getting great numbers for our various activities and also finding that we're attracting a wider cross-section of people joining as members, including young families,” says Jenny.

“Take Bingo Night on a Thursday, for example. With the increased numbers coming in to to play bingo

our house prizes have gone up from £15 to £60.

“We've also made an effort to get better, higher-value prizes for when we do Open The Box or run our regular raffles.

“We now sell a lot more tickets and find that people are more likely to come into the club on those nights because they've heard about the amazing prizes on offer.

“We also hold regular Quiz Nights and are very proud that one of the

The upstairs Snug offers a quiet corner for members



world's greatest quizzers, Kevin Ashman, is a member of the club.

"We've also just created a 'Feel Good Friday' promotion whereby you receive a free cup of tea or coffee when you order from our snack menu between 12 noon and 4pm on a Friday afternoon."

Along with welcoming more people through the door to enjoy the range of activities and sports on offer, the club is also busy forging links with local businesses.

"Part of our strategy is to try and get smaller businesses from the local area involved with the club because COVID-19 has affected the way many of them operate," explains Jenny.

"We have a major opportunity to rent out our upstairs Function Room for business meetings and conferences during the day when the club is not open.

"It's a fantastic, modern, comfortable space and has a large projector screen so it's perfect if you have a business where people are home-based and you want to hold a regular corporate get-together.

"Marketing that side of things is going to be a major focus going forward once the COVID restrictions are lifted and we're also aiming to do well in terms of private functions once those are allowed."

The club continues to look at ways of doing more for its members and the local community, including installing a defibrillator at the club.

"Like everyone else, all of us on the club Committee were shocked by the sight of Denmark footballer Christian Eriksen having a heart attack during the Euros and that immediately spurred us on to plan to get a defibrillator installed at the club by the end of July," says Jenny.

"We have the money in the bank to buy one so we're pressing ahead with that as a matter of urgency as it could save lives in our community.

"As part of that process, we're also going to ensure that all our staff and Committee members are trained on how to use the defibrillator."

Jenny is keen to pay tribute to the members of the club's Committee who have all freely given their time to make the club a success.

"The Committee is really well balanced at the moment and we have a really good mix of people who are willing to get involved and do whatever is necessary for the good of the club," she says.

"They'll think nothing of taking rubbish to the tip, doing some weeding around the outside of the club or jetwashing the area outside the front, as well as taking on the vital administration tasks which are crucial for all clubs.

"But the key thing is that we are forward-looking as a Committee.

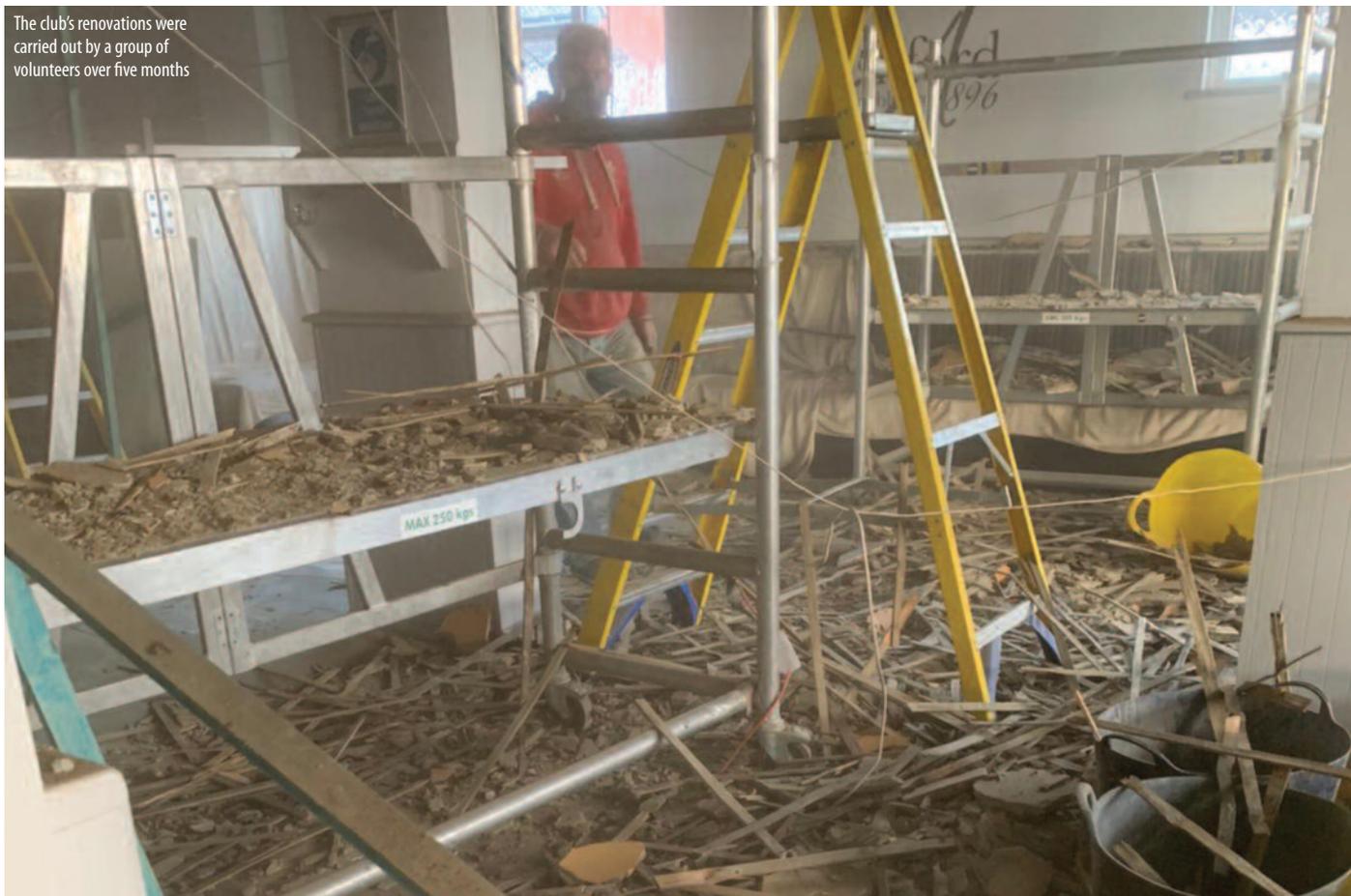
"We want to listen to our members and then, once a month, get together to have a brainstorming meeting to put forward our ideas for the future.

"It's a really exciting time for the club and we're determined to keep this momentum going."

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The club's renovations were carried out by a group of volunteers over five months



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News in brief

Contracts and Handbook available from Branch Offices

The CIU Contracts and Handbook have been updated and reprinted and are available to buy from your local Branch.

The documents available are:

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

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

To buy any of these documents please contact your local Branch Office.

National Executive Committee dates for 2021

The dates for the 2021 meetings of the NEC are as follows:

July - 7; August - 4; September - 9; October - 6; November - 3; December - 1.

Annual Meeting 2021 dates

Thursday, September 9 – NEC Meeting/Executive Dinner (The Grand Hotel, Blackpool)

Friday, September 10 – Beer & Trades Show (Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool)

Saturday, September 11 – AGM (The Grand Hotel, Blackpool)

Correction: Leicestershire Branch

In the June edition of the *Club Journal* we stated that John Batchelor has retired from all Union duties.

It is the Derbyshire Branch that has closed and Head Office is contacting all those clubs with details of their new Branch.

Leicestershire Branch remains open for business as usual.

Nathan Clarke has been co-opted to replace John Batchelor on the National Executive Committee and he is featured on the page opposite (page 19).

CIU racing events set for Autumn



With Coronavirus restrictions scheduled to end on July 19 and the reintroduction of spectators to sporting events continuing across the UK, the Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday is set to go ahead on Saturday, November 13 at Wetherby Racecourse.

The 2020 edition of the event was cancelled due to the pandemic but previously had been one of the best attended annual CIU events of the year with around 1,000 members enjoying a

fantastic day of jump racing and hospitality at the last event.

Full details of the ticket packages for CIU members will be published in *Club Journal* nearer the event.

Meanwhile, Dransfields CIU Greyhound Racenight, normally staged in September, will now take place in October at Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium.

Further timing and tickets details for the racenight will be announced in *Club Journal*.

Nathan Clarke joins the NEC

Nathan Clarke, who is the new representative for Derbyshire and Leicestershire clubs on the NEC, introduces himself to *Club Journal* readers

My name is Nathan Clarke and I have the honour to be co-opted on to the NEC.

I will be taking over the position of NEC member for Leicestershire and Derbyshire after the retirement of John Batchelor.

On behalf of all Derbyshire and Leicestershire Clubs, I wish John a happy and safe retirement.

I am currently serving as Club Secretary of Groby Ex-Servicemen's Social Club Ltd and will always remember the day when I became a member of my club and the CIU, my dad presenting me with a club Membership Card, along with the Associate and Passcard, for my 18th birthday, which I received with privilege.

I am a man with passion for the CIU and a guy who is dedicated to following rules and always seeking to find a solution to any problems which may crop up.

Throughout my tenure I will endeavour to visit all the clubs in my area and will be available on my mobile or email should you need any help.

I hope to meet many of you at Conference Weekend in Blackpool in September, a date in the diary which I am greatly looking forward to.

A key priority for me as an NEC member will be to build strong relationships with Head Office, NEC colleagues, branches and clubs throughout the country.

Please continue to stay safe as we pull through this testing time.



Nathan Clarke

Matthew Clark adds English winery Balfour to its latest portfolio of wines

Drinks supplier Matthew Clark has produced its wine list for 2021/22 and has added Balfour, a family-run English winery in Kent, to its portfolio.

Balfour has produced sparkling wine since 2002 and have since expanded into White, Red and Rosé still wines.

Richard Masterson, Wine Buyer for Matthew Clark, said: "Richard and Leslie Balfour-Lynn have created a centre of excellence at the Hush Heath Estate on which Balfour's winemakers produce a range of great wines highlighting the diversity of styles now produced in England."

The company points out that English wine saw a double-figure sales growth within the UK market in 2020 against the backdrop of a slight contraction in the wine category as a whole in the last five years.

With this in mind, Matthew Clark believes that there is an opportunity to increase sales of British wine.

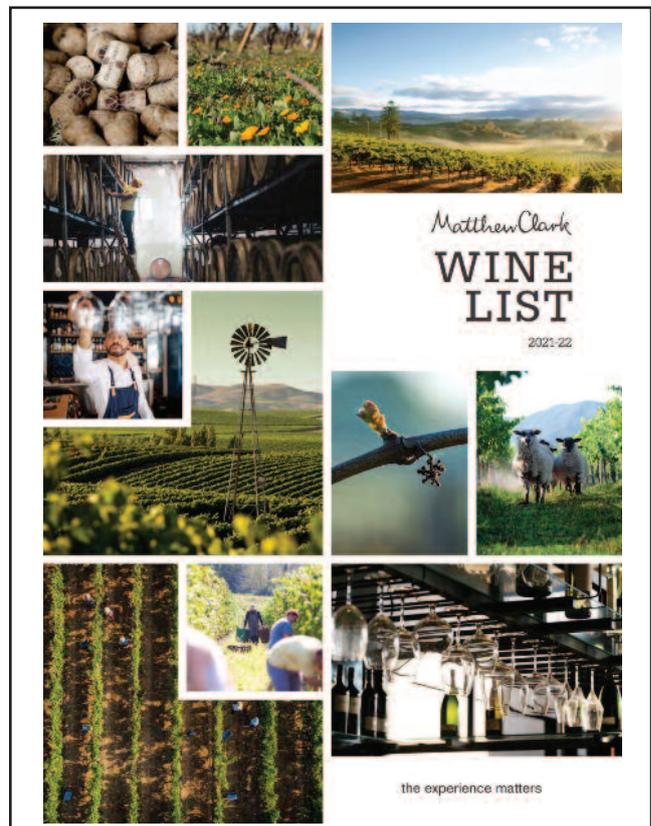
Elsewhere in the list, the company has extended its range to include the newly minted Rosé Prosecco DOC.

Bottega has release two new wines in this emerging category, Prosecco Rosé DOC Brut and Poeti Prosecco Rosé DOC, both of which are exclusive to the On-Trade through Matthew Clark.

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The Union's Annual Meeting – Saturday, September 11

CIU club delegates from across England and Wales will be assembling at the Union's 2021 Annual Meeting in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel in Blackpool on Saturday, September 11

The Union's 2021 Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 11 in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel in Blackpool.

The venue, situated on Blackpool's North Promenade, is very close to the town centre and has a tram stop opposite its main entrance.

This year's Annual Meeting will be the first chance for delegates to debate and vote on the CIU constitution since April 2019 with the 2020 Conference having been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



The 2021 Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 11 at Blackpool's Grand Hotel



Union President George Smith will chair the 2021 Annual Meeting



The Royal Suite at the Grand Hotel in Blackpool will be the venue for the 2021 Annual Meeting



Union Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM will deliver his address at the 2021 AGM



Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM on the podium at the 2019 Annual Meeting



NEC Member Jack Haughey CMD ACM at the last AGM

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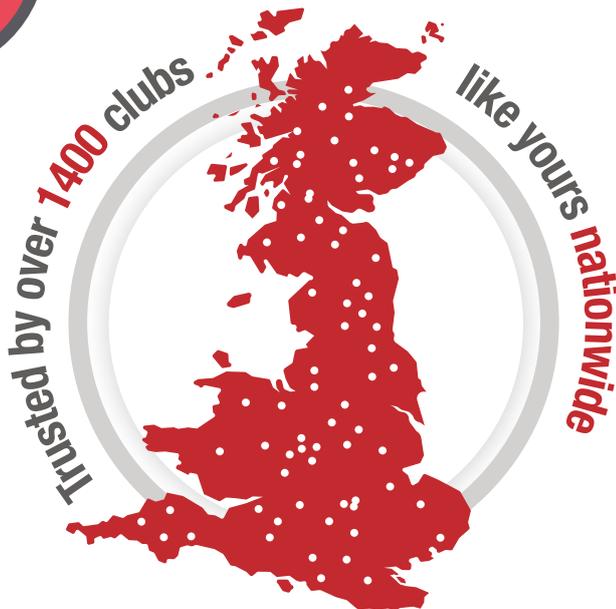
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Key suppliers line up to exhibit at the CIU Beer & Trades Show

The 29th Beer & Trades Exhibition is being staged on the afternoon of Friday, September 10 in the Norcalympia at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool with a number of key suppliers attending



The 2021 CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place on Friday, September 10

The Union's 29th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place on Friday, September 10 as part of the rescheduled Conference Weekend for 2021.

With the Government recently setting out its roadmap to lift COVID-19 restrictions by July 19, the stage is set for delegates to attend Conference Weekend during the late summer.

The event is the UK's biggest trade show for members' social clubs with an array of products and services on display which are all targeted at helping clubs to boost trade, save money and bounce back from the various lockdowns which have been imposed over the past year, while taking part in some fun activities along the way.

Already several key club suppliers have confirmed their presence at the 2021 show – so make sure to put the event in your diary now.



The Norcalympia at the Norbreck Castle Hotel is the venue for the CIU Trade Show

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The CIU – 159 years of supporting clubs and members

Here's an in-depth look at the many services and benefits offered by the CIU to our affiliated clubs, including legal advice, the chance to learn about club law and finance through the Union's Education Programme and the opportunity to take part in national and regional competitions in a variety of sports and games

Advice and Help for Clubs

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

Education

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

Club Journal

Club Journal is the Union's official monthly magazine and is a must-read for CIU members. Each month the magazine features news from around the branches, club profiles, opinion columns from leading Union figures, business-building advice from the experts, sporting news and results, plus details of the CIU Racing Club discounts available to members. Each affiliated club receives one free copy of the monthly magazine while an annual subscription of 12 issues costs £7.50.

Charity

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

Lobbying on Behalf of Clubs

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

Rules

The CIU Rules Department deal with all matters relating to rules on behalf of clubs, the Union and the Branches. The preparation of all rule changes for the approval of the club members, the registration with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the printing through the Union's printer, are all dealt with at Head Office. Head Office also deals with clubs' affiliation to the Union. The Union has produced a Generic Rules Book especially to help clubs which are currently unaffiliated to the CIU.





Events - CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition

Normally staged during Conference Weekend, the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition provides a great opportunity for club delegates to attend a free trade show which is specifically targeted at the needs of CIU clubs. The show provides a great day out for club men and women, as the many exhibitors – including several of the CIU’s Preferred Suppliers such as Dransfields, Heineken UK, Higos and Matthew Clark – show attendees how they can help increase profits and save money on running costs at their clubs.

The CIU Racing Club

In normal times, the CIU Racing Club enables clubs to take advantage of special discounted tickets for club outings to a variety of racecourses across the country. When spectators are allowed back into racecourses, *Club Journal* will publish a list of fixtures for race meetings throughout the year for which CIU members can obtain their discounted tickets, as well as giving details of exciting ‘one-off’ offers and packages, including racedays at some of the country’s top racing venues, including Chepstow and Haydock Park.

Sport & Games

The Union is one of the biggest organisers of sporting competitions in the country with trophies being competed for at both a National and Branch level. The following Indoor Championships are held annually within the CIU: Team Darts, Team Pool, Team Snooker, Individual Snooker, Individual Darts, Individual Pool, Dominoes 5s and 3s, Dominoes Straights and Cribbage Pairs. Many nationally ranked snooker and darts players first honed their skills at their local CIU club.

CIU Official Website

The CIU’s official website (www.wmciu.org.uk) provides a wealth of information regarding the activities going on throughout the Union, as well as contact details for Head Office and Branch personnel. It also has a ‘Breaking News’ section which will keep you abreast of the latest Government information on financial support for clubs during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as links to the Union’s Preferred Suppliers. It also has a database of all the clubs affiliated to the CIU.

Events - CIU National Charity Raceday

Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday is an annual event, held at Wetherby Racecourse in November. This is one of the highlights of the CIU calendar and the 2019 event saw 1,000 Union members enjoying a fantastic day out as they raised over £1,700 for the CIU’s Education Programme. The CIU marquee is situated next to the Winners Enclosure, with discounted beer and hearty food on offer. The CIU also runs an annual Greyhound Racing night in Sheffield.

PRS Tariff

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



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The ideal candidate will have previous experience, good people skills and a pleasant manner.

Duties include ordering bar stocks, stock control, accepting deliveries, pipe cleaning, staff care, fire alarm and burglar alarm control.

Hours of work will cover the club opening times, plus any functions etc.
The salary is negotiable.

For further information, or to apply, please contact:

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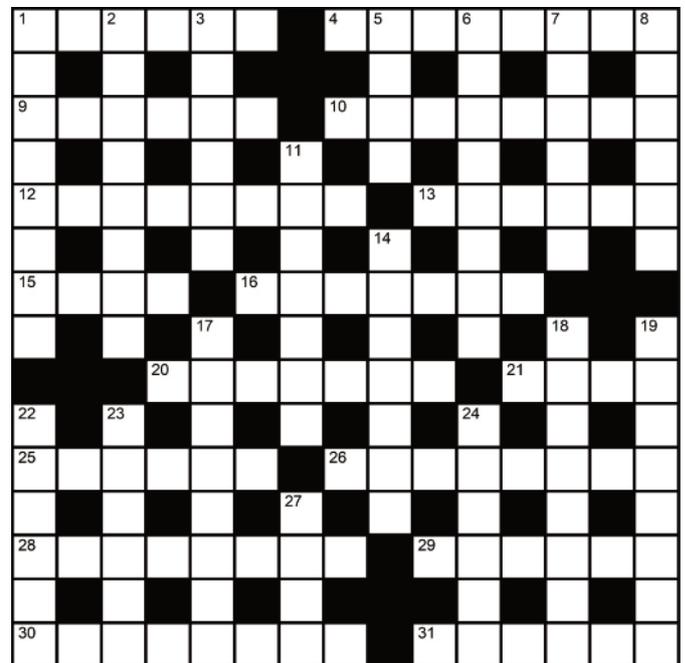
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- 3 Eye chart, not at variance with being bright and genial! (6)
- 5 Monster dog replaced from within (4)
- 6 Very luxurious, for Cassiopeia! (4-4)



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Send your entry to Club Journal Crossword, Alchemy Contract Publishing, 59/60 Thames St, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1TX. **Deadline July 25.**

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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

- David Jandrell of Cwmcam WMC
- Vanessa Jones of Yardley Ex-Servicemens
- Mr Peter Lindley of Scissett Working Mens
- Linda Anderson of West green WMC
- Ron Kane of Putney Working Mens Club





Sunday, July 11, 8pm – BBC/ITV

Euro 2020: Final

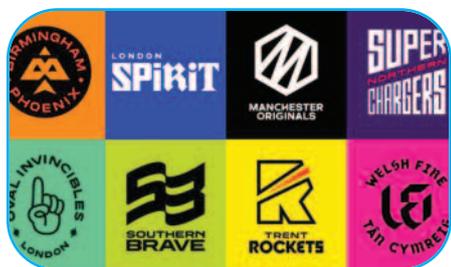
Action from Wembley Stadium as the two teams left in the competition battle it out for the trophy in this showpiece event. The old Wembley Stadium – which was demolished in 2002 – hosted the Euro 1996 decider. Germany were crowned European champions for a third time thanks to Oliver Bierhoff's golden goal against the Czech Republic.



Saturday, July 17, 3pm – BBC

Rugby League: Challenge Cup Final – St Helens v Castleford Tigers

St Helens take on Castleford Tigers in the Wembley showpiece with the Saints seeking their first Challenge Cup Final success since 2008. Meanwhile, the Tigers have won the Challenge Cup four times but their most recent triumph was way back in 1986. This will undoubtedly be a passionate encounter.



Saturday, July 24, 2.30pm – Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: The 100 – Trent Rockets v Southern Brave

A new competition kicks off featuring eight city-based teams, both men's and women's sides, competing over a month in July and August. As the name suggests, this is a one-hundred-ball, limited overs format, with games lasting around two and a half hours.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

A packed summer of sport continues with the Euro 2020 Final, the start of the Test series between the British & Irish Lions and South Africa, Rugby League's Challenge Cup Final and The Open Championship

Wednesday, July 7, 7pm

Sky Sports

Rugby Union: Sharks v British & Irish Lions

Thursday, July 8, 1pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: England v Pakistan - 1st ODI

Saturday, July 10, 10.30am

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: England v Pakistan - 2nd ODI

Saturday, July 10, 2.30pm

BBC

Tennis: Wimbledon 2021 – Women's Singles Final

Saturday, July 10, 5pm

Sky Sports

Rugby Union: Bulls v British & Irish Lions

Sunday, July 11, 2.30pm

BBC

Tennis: Wimbledon 2021 – Men's Singles Final

Sunday, July 11, 8pm

BBC/ITV

Euro 2020: Final

Tuesday, July 13, 1pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: England v Pakistan - 3rd ODI

Wednesday, July 14, 7pm

Sky Sports

Rugby Union: South Africa A v British & Irish Lions

Thursday, July 15, 6.30am

Sky Sports Golf

Golf: The Open – Day 1

Friday, July 16, 6.30am

Sky Sports Golf

Golf: The Open – Day 2

Friday, July 16, 6.30pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: England v Pakistan - 1st Twenty20

Saturday, July 17, 9am

Sky Sports Golf

Golf: The Open – Day 3

Saturday, July 17, 3pm

Sky Sports

Rugby League: Challenge Cup Final – St Helens v Castleford Tigers

Saturday, July 17, 5pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: Vitality Blast 2021 – Lancashire v Yorkshire

Saturday, July 17, 5pm

Sky Sports

Rugby Union: Stormers v British & Irish Lions

Sunday, July 18, 9am

Sky Sports Golf

Golf: The Open – Day 4

Sunday, July 18, 10am

ITV/Eurosport

Cycling: Tour de France – Final Day

Sunday, July 18, 1pm

Sky Sports F1

Formula 1: British Grand Prix

Sunday, July 18, 4pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: England v Pakistan - 2nd Twenty20

Horse Racing:
Glorious Goodwood:
Day 1, Tuesday, July
27, 2pm, ITV



Tuesday, July 20, 4pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: England v Pakistan - 3rd Twenty20

Thursday, July 22, 6.30pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: The 100 – Oval Invincibles v Manchester Originals

Friday, July 23, 12 Noon

BBC

Olympics: Opening Ceremony

Friday, July 23, 6.30pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: The 100 – Birmingham Phoenix v London Spirit

Friday, July 23, 7.45pm

Sky Sports

Super League: Leeds Rhinos v Salford Red Devils

Saturday, July 24, 2pm

ITV

Horse Racing: King George Weekend, Ascot

Saturday, July 24, 2.30pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: The 100 – Trent Rockets v Southern Brave

Saturday, July 24, 5pm

Sky Sports

Rugby Union: 1st Test: South Africa v British & Irish Lions

Sunday, July 25, 6pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: The 100 – Manchester Originals v Birmingham Phoenix

Tuesday, July 27, 2pm

ITV

Horse Racing: Glorious Goodwood – Day 1

Tuesday, July 27, 6.30pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: The 100 – Welsh Fire v Southern Brave

Wednesday, July 28, 6.30pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: The 100 – Manchester Originals v Northern Superchargers

Thursday, July 29, 6.30pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: The 100 – London Spirit v Trent Rockets

Friday, July 30, 7.45pm

Sky Sports

Super League: Warrington Wolves v Wigan Warriors

Saturday, July 31, 11am

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: The 100 – Welsh Fire Women v Manchester Originals Women

Saturday, July 31, 2.30pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: The 100 – Welsh Fire v Manchester Originals

Saturday, July 31, 5pm

Sky Sports

Rugby Union: 2nd Test: South Africa v British & Irish Lions

Saturday, July 31, 6pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: The 100 – Northern Superchargers v Oval Invincibles



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