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Premier League announces live fixtures for opening weekend



The new Premier League season gets underway on Friday, August 5 with a total of five televised games showing across the weekend on BT Sport and Sky Sports

The live televised fixtures for the opening weekend of the 2022/23 Premier League season have been announced.

Crystal Palace and Arsenal will kick off the new Premier League season on Friday, August 5, live on Sky Sports at 8pm.

Newly promoted Fulham kick off their campaign back in the top flight on Saturday lunchtime at Craven Cottage against last season's runners-up Liverpool (live on BT Sport).

Everton welcome Chelsea for the Saturday evening teatime fixture game, with Sky Sports showing the game live.

The first Sunday of the season features both Manchester clubs.

United host Brighton at Old Trafford before champions City head to London to face West Ham. Both games will be live on Sky Sports.

At Calverton Working Men's Club, which is situated about seven miles from Nottingham, there is a real sense

of excitement about the prospect of Nottingham Forest returning to the top flight for the first time in 23 years and they are expecting a boost to trade whenever Forest games are on TV.

"We had a big crowd in for the Play-Off Final in May and that was a fantastic day, even if we ended up with some minor damage to the furniture after one fan decided to celebrate Forest clinching promotion by dancing on a table!" says Club Secretary Geoff Briggs.

"There's no doubt that Forest being in the Premier League is going to be good for the club given that we have some very passionate Forest fans amongst our membership.

"We'll certainly be expecting a boost in trade whenever Forest games are televised so we're really looking forward to the new football season.

"It's going to be fascinating to see how Forest get on amongst the big boys of the Premier League."

Club of the Month: Midland Band Social Club



This month's 'Club of the Month' is Midland Band Social Club in Kettering.

The club was recently crowned 'Club of the Year' by the Northamptonshire Branch of the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) thanks to its fine selection of cask ales and the club has a full programme of social and sporting activities to ensure that the club is busy seven days a week.

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Welcome to the July issue of *Club Journal*.

It's clear that rising energy costs continue to be a major concern for all our clubs and the situation has been made even worse by unscrupulous operators who present themselves to clubs as energy brokers who will be able to get great deals if club officials will just sign on the dotted line.

After doing so, many clubs have found themselves receiving legal notices asking them to pay large sums of money.

As you will read on page 15, the CIU's Legal Advisor, Allyn Walton, acting through the CIU and on behalf of over 16 Clubs in the UK, has stopped approximately £150,000 of threatened court proceedings to recover so-called 'lost commissions' by energy brokers.

In his article, Allyn sets out the legal basis for these victories against rogue energy brokers and I would urge any club finding themselves in a similar situation to get in contact with Head Office and we will put you in touch with Allyn for advice.

You will benefit from getting his services at a discount of approximately two-thirds less than a High Street solicitor.

Elsewhere in this issue, we bring news of the relaunch of the Club

Welcome

Outings section which was a casualty of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Club Outings gives clubs the opportunity to advertise their facilities to CIU members.

One of the great benefits of being a member of a CIU club is undoubtedly the opportunity to visit the Union's network of affiliated clubs spread across the UK.

Whichever town, city or region you happen to be in, there's a good chance that a Union-affiliated club will be close by and ready to welcome CIU members.

For more information on entering your club in the Club Outings section, please see pages 26-27.

Meanwhile, this month's 'Club of the Month' is Midland Band Social Club in Kettering which celebrated its 125th anniversary at the end of last year.

It has also recently been crowned as 'Club of the Year' by the Northamptonshire Branch of the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA).

You can read the full profile of the club on pages 10-13.

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Gwen Evans receives the Certificate of Merit



A presentation was held at New York & Murton Social Club on March 10 to award Club Secretary Gwen Evans with a Certificate of Merit. Pictured, left to right: Ronnie Wonders (No.8 Division Executive), Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary), Gwen Evans (New York & Murton Social Club Secretary and recipient of the Certificate of Merit), Ken Sayers (No.7 Division Executive) and Alan Hardy (Northumberland Branch President)

OBITUARY

Roy Bray

Epsom Common Working Men's Club is sad to announce the passing of their senior member Roy Bray.



Roy had been a member of the club since his demob date after serving his National Service in post-war Germany.

Roy joined the Committee in 1970 and served the club, firstly as a Committee Member and subsequently as President.

He was awarded his 50-year service badge in 2020.

Roy also presided as Father Christmas to generations within the club and will be sorely missed by all members of the club and everyone who knew him.

The club shares its condolences with his son and family.

Corringham Social Club event raises over £2,000 for Barts Health Trust

On March 5, a charity band night was held in the Corringham Social Club in Stanford-le-Hope, Essex to raise funds for research into adrenocortical carcinoma (cancer of the adrenal glands) which is being conducted by Dr Scott Akker at the world-famous Barts Health Trust in London.

The fundraising night – which was very well supported by members – was organised by the parents of Jo-Anne Baldock who sadly passed away from this disease at the age of 29 in 2016 just a few months after being diagnosed with the extremely rare form of cancer, leaving behind her husband and two children.

Despite the efforts of the staff at St Bartholomew's Hospital, there was nothing that could be done to combat the disease.

"Thank you so much for your amazing fundraising," said Sophie Wallace of Barts Health Trust following the presentation of the cheque.

"Your band night raised an incredible £2,145 in memory of Jo-Anne Baldock which will support the research being done by Dr Akker.

"Your donation will make Barts Health an even better place for current and future patients and, of course, the remarkable staff who work there."

Through a variety of fundraising events over the years, Jo-Anne's family have now raised over £9,000 for Barts Charity, the foundation which supports the hospitals of Barts Health NHS Trust (St Bartholomew's, The Royal London, Mile End, Whipps Cross and Newham).



A charity band night was held in March at Corringham Social Club in Essex to raise funds for Barts Health Trust

News in brief



Walderslade Working Men's Club announces August date for Open Darts Tournament

Walderslade Working Men's Club in Chatham, Kent will staging its latest Open Darts Tournament on Saturday, August 27.

The tournament will take place from 12.30pm on the day and is open to all with no age limit put in place.

The entry fee is £10 per player.

For further information on the tournament, contact the club on: 01634 864627

Honours for Alan Rowlands and Barry Stretton



Grangemoor Working Mens Club in Burntwood recently celebrated twin milestones reached by two club stalwarts, Alan Rowlands and Barry Stretton.

The pair received their Distinguished Service Award (DSA) certificates and badges having each notched up 50 years of service to the club.

Pictured, left to right: Alan Rowlands (DSA recipient), Barry Stretton (DSA recipient), Sam Stretton and Jack Haughey CMD ACM (West Midlands Branch Secretary and NEC Member)

Allan Baker and Dave Gravel CMD receive 21-Year Branch Awards



Allan Baker (President of Doncaster Branch and Carcroft Village Social Club) and Dave Gravel CMD (NEC Member and Doncaster Branch Secretary) were recently presented with the 21-Year Branch Award at the Doncaster Branch Council meeting held at Broughton WMC. Pictured, left to right: Roy Butler (Doncaster Branch Vice-President), Allan Baker and Dave Gravel CMD

Easter charity bonanza at Maidstone WMC



Maidstone Working Men's Club in Kent staged a special Easter Evening on April 9 and raised money for its three nominated charities: Guide Dogs For the Blind; the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust and the Heart of Kent Hospice

The club held its annual Easter Egg Raffle – a key tradition for club members – for its nominated charities for the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

There was also an Easter Bonnet Parade which gave many members and their children the opportunity to decorate hats with Easter-themed decorations and parade around the club.

A total of 27 Easter Eggs were raffled this year, raising a record-breaking total of £575.

The three charities which benefited from the event were: Guide Dogs For the Blind (Maidstone Branch); the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust and the Heart of Kent Hospice.

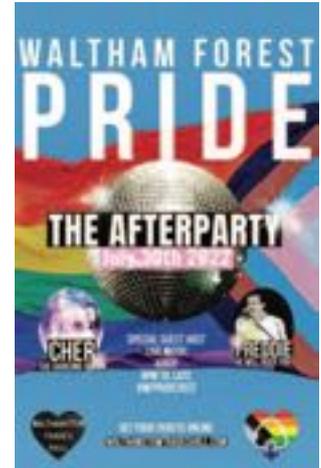
Club Secretary/ Treasurer Brian Hickmott said: "The evening was a great success and there was also a disco to complete the occasion which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

"All three of these charities are very close to our hearts and we have made annual donations to each of them over many, many years."



Many children attended the Easter festivities at Maidstone WMC back in April

News in brief



Walthamstow Trades Hall to host spectacular after party following local Pride event

Walthamstow Trades Hall will be hosting an after party following the Waltham Forest Pride event being held on July 30.

The main series of events celebrating LGBTQI+ will take place at Fellowship Square, a new public space named in honour of famous designer William Morris, from 12 noon to 8pm.

Soon after, the party will get underway at the Trades Club with Lisa Mills presenting her Cher tribute act, followed by 'He Will Rock You' featuring all the biggest Queen and Freddie Mercury hits.

The club will be donating 50 per cent of all ticket sales for the party to local charity eLop LGBT Mental Health and Wellbeing.

For tickets, visit:

www.wegotickets.com/event/549314

Meanwhile, the club's longstanding Saturday night bingo caller, Eileen Smith (pictured below), has retired from the role at the age of 91 after 17 years in the role.

Eileen was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a box of chocolates by club members to thank her for helping to entertain them over the years.



CLUB NOTICES

Club name changes

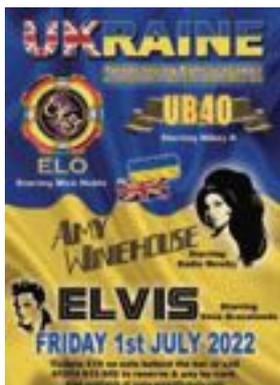
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News in brief



Idle WMC put on major 'fundraising extravaganza' for Ukraine Ambulance Aid
 Idle Working Men's Club held a live fundraising extravaganza on Friday, July 1.

There were four live tribute acts on the night with artists performing the hits of ELO (Mick Noble), Amy Winehouse (Sadie Newby), UB40 (Mikey B) and Elvis (Dave Gracelands).

The club expressed its gratitude to the artistes who all gave their time and talents free of charge. All proceeds from the event went to the Ukraine Ambulance Aid.

It has certainly been a busy time at the club in recent weeks with the club also staging a highly successful Ladies Night, on Friday, June 17, featuring drag artist Angel Delight.

The club has also recently relaunched its already popular Thursday Night Bingo under a new format which gives participating players more chances to win prizes

A very proud day for the Arrowsmith family



It was a family affair at West Denton Social Club on Wednesday, May 11 as father and son Charles and Kevin Arrowsmith received their Certificates of Merit. Pictured, left to right: Bill Stoker (No.4 Division Executive and NEC Member), Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary), Harry Chandler (No.10 Division Executive), Charles Arrowsmith (Club Committee and Certificate of Merit recipient), Sheila Arrowsmith, Kevin Arrowsmith (Club Committee Certificate of Merit recipient), Peter Buzzeo (Club Treasurer), Jimmy Orange (Club Chairman) and Alan Hardy (Northumberland Branch President)

Honours for David Legge of SE Met Branch



South East Metropolitan Branch Committee Member David Legge was recently presented with a 50-Year Distinguished Service Award (DSA) and a certificate marking 21 years' service on the South East Metropolitan Branch Committee. Pictured, left to right: Frank Wilde (SE Met Branch Committee Member), Sue Graham (SE Met Branch Secretary), Andrew Way (SE Met Branch Vice-President), David Legge (SE Met Branch Committee Member and recipient of DSA and 21-Year Branch Service Award), Dave Deluce (SE Met Branch Committee Member), Trevor Baker (SE Met Branch President), Chris O'Neill CMD ACM (SE Met Branch Committee Member and NEC Member) and Robin Docherty (SE Met Branch Committee Member)



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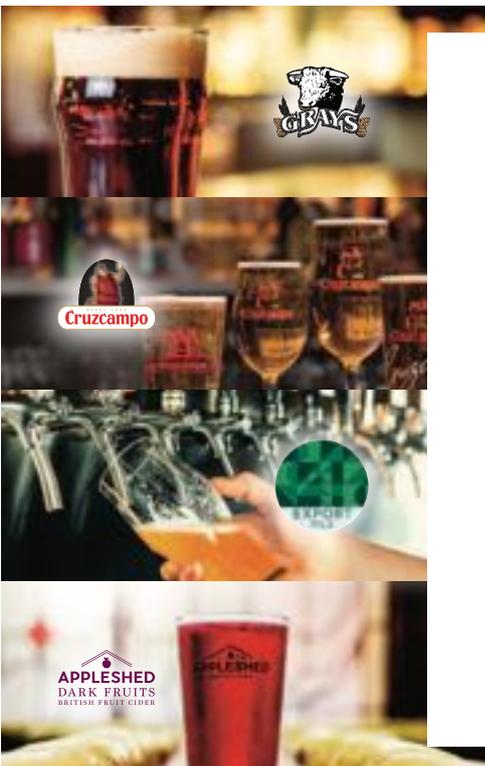
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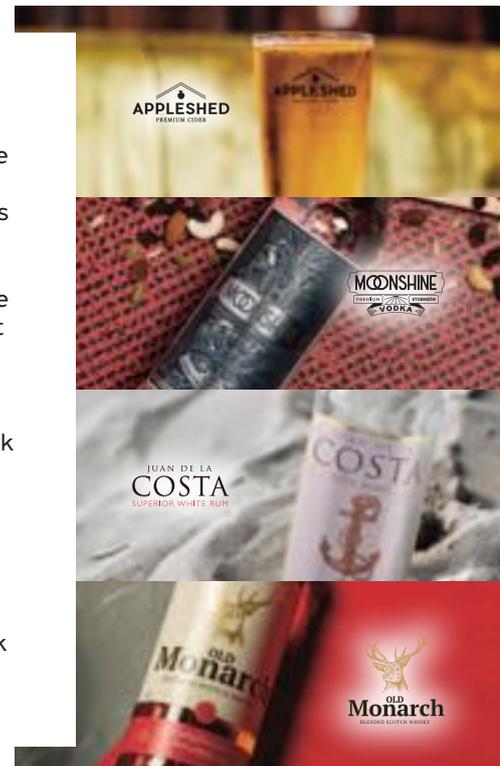
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Oleksandr Usyk v Anthony Joshua II heavyweight showdown set for August 20

Oleksandr Usyk and Anthony Joshua will meet for the second time on Saturday, August 20 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

The fight – which will see Joshua attempting to reclaim the WBA, IBF and WBO belts – will be shown on DAZN after Joshua signed a deal with them, thus parting company with Sky Sports who had broadcast all of the heavyweight’s previous pro fights.

His deal with Sky Sports expired after fighting Usyk in September 2021 – a bout which he lost by unanimous decision.

“I am entering a new phase in my career with a new training environment, new coaches and now a new broadcaster,” said Joshua.

“Negotiations at this level take time so I am pleased to have it all wrapped up and now I can fully focus on giving the fans and DAZN what they want, knockouts in the glamour division.”



Food now available sevens days a week at Sarisbury Green Social Club’s Bistro 108

Members and visitors to Sarisbury Green Social Club in Southampton can now enjoy freshly prepared food seven days a week following the recent opening of Bistro 108 on the club premises.

There is a full menu available throughout the week, including a range of breakfast options with club members and CIU Associate members receiving a 10 per cent discount off the published menu prices.

There will also be Sunday Roasts available on Sundays while from 12 noon to 3pm, Monday to Thursday, there will be a special deal for senior citizens with a main meal and dessert priced at £8.50.

Macmillan Mayhem returns to Greenhithe RBL



Greenhithe and Swanscombe Royal British Legion Social Club in Kent is staging its annual Macmillan Mayhem event on Saturday, July 9 for the first time since before the COVID-19 pandemic.

The all-day music festival will see a great line-up of live acts and DJs with seven bands playing music from across the eras.

Over the last five years, this popular event has raised over £20,000 with every single penny going to Macmillan Cancer Support, the charity which helps cancer sufferers and their families.

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Frederick Glancy – E57 Social Club

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Certificate of Merit – 10 Years

South Yorkshire

Michael Pugh – Goldthorpe Reform WMC

Wessex

Colin Harris – The Crofton Club

Samone Swaffield – The Crofton Club

Dennis Goodridge – Nursling & Rownhams Social Club

Durham

Michael Lewis – Leam Lane Social Club

Alexander Rayner – Leam Lane Social Club

George Defty – North Biddick Social Club

Branch Award – 10 Years

Northumberland

Dennis Wheadon

North East Metropolitan Branch

Sean Belton CMD

Centenary Award

Remembrance Club – West Midlands Branch



Pictured, left to right: Mark Turner (Club Assistant Bar Manager), Dave Bellamy (Club Bar Manager) and Bernie Peal (Chairman of Northamptonshire CAMRA)

Midland Band Social Club

Founded in 1896, Midland Band Social Club in Kettering continues to be a key social hub for the local community and recently received a major accolade from CAMRA for its range of real ales

Established in 1896, Midland Band Social Club in Kettering has been a much-loved part of the local community ever since.

And, just in case you were wondering about the club's name, there is no band currently resident at the club, as Club President Bob Mullen explains: "The musical origins of the club have been lost in the mists of time as we have no records of the actual band which presumably gave the club its name – it's a mystery!"

Whatever the origins of the club, 125 years after it opened its doors for the first time it is showing absolutely no signs of losing its relevance.

"We celebrated our 125th anniversary at the end of last year and we do have a lot of archive photographs and documents which



Members gather outside the club in 1914

shed a bit of light on club life in its early days,” says Bob.

“In the 1920s, for example, you wouldn’t be allowed in the club unless you were wearing a collar and tie – thankfully those days are long gone.

“We were delighted to reach the milestone with the club in such good shape and still providing camaraderie and enjoyment for so many people in the local community.”

In recent years, the club has become renowned for serving some of the finest cask ales in the area and in June was named as ‘Club of the Year’ by the Northamptonshire Branch of the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA).

“We’re absolutely delighted to win this accolade from CAMRA,” says Bob. “It’s a major achievement for the club and the credit goes to our Bar Manager Dave Bellamy, the Assistant Bar Manager Mark Turner and the rest of the team who are doing a brilliant job.

“We have nine handpulls in the

Main Bar and four in the Function Room with a wide selection of ales available, including our own ‘Kettering Midland Band County Bitter’ which is produced by the Potbelly Brewery who are based just down the road.

“There’s always a mix of different local and national ales available so the club has become a real destination for drinkers who want a superb pint of ale.

“We also have a superb variety of drinks for non-ale drinkers and across the board we do our absolute utmost to keep the prices down as much as possible for members.

“We’re not tied to any particular brewery but have forged a good relationship with Molson Coors who have been very supportive.

“Dave has been in the role of Bar Manager for four and a half years and I can’t praise him highly enough for what he does for the club and the innovations he’s introduced to encourage people in.

“He sorts out the acts for our live entertainment nights, which take place twice a month, runs the bingo every Sunday, karaoke on Thursday nights, monthly Quiz Nights and has relaunched the Carvery in the Function Room on Sunday afternoons.

“We generally have live entertainment twice a month and we’ve upped the quality of the acts so everyone is really keen to come along to see them perform. Alongside that, there are regular discos featuring Northern Soul and Motown, plus a monthly acoustic ‘jam night’ which is open to all musicians.”

Food has become a big attraction at the club right across the weekend with the aforementioned Carvery proving a massive hit with members.

“The Carvery is really, really popular with booking essential,” says Bob.

“We have around 80 people coming in for a great Sunday lunch every week and we now also do lunches on



Members enjoy an England football match in the club's Concert Hall

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Fridays and Saturdays.”

All this activity has created a real buzz around the club with the result that membership levels have been steadily rising with 800 members now on the books.

“We’re open from 12 noon to 11pm on weekdays and 11.30am to midnight at the weekend. Obviously Friday, Saturday and Sunday are the busiest days but we do a healthy amount of trade throughout the week and that’s helped by having various events and activities happening midweek.

“We redecorated the club and replaced the furniture during the first lockdown so when we reopened after the pandemic, it was all looking good for the members to return. Like many clubs, trade was a bit slow at first but now we’re back to normal life.

“We’re very pleased with the number of new people who have come into the club and we have a hardcore of around 300 members who come in on a weekly basis, while the others visit less frequently,” says Bob.

Meanwhile, on June 3, the club held a special free members night to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebration with sausage and

The modern-day club



chips, live music and a disco to round the evening off.

“We do a free Members Night every year so thought we would tie it in with the Jubilee this year and it was fantastically well supported,” says Bob.

“Coming up in September we will be hosting ‘Kettstock’ which is a brilliant two-day charity musical event with a total of 12 bands playing

over a Friday and Saturday.

“It has traditionally been an annual event but obviously we missed a couple due to the pandemic so there’s a big sense of anticipation about this year’s festival.

“It’s put together by a Committee member, Dave Endersby, with a friend of his from London with all the money raised going to a nominated charity. This year it will go to the



The club's Beer Garden

Ukraine Appeal.

“They always ensure there’s a real mix of different styles of music so there’s something for everyone to enjoy.

“Looking further ahead, we’ll be staging an Oktoberfest night in October with beer steins and traditional Bavarian music.

“Then in December, we will have a series of Christmas evenings in the Function Room in December whereby members buy tickets and the club provides a Christmas dinner and live entertainment. We normally do four or five of those in the build-up to Christmas.”

On a day-to-day basis traditional bar sports are very popular at the club with darts, pool and Northamptonshire skittles played in the club, while the club has its own Bowls section which plays its fixtures at the Council-owned green just over the road from the club.

“The various sports teams are a real lifeline for the club as they provide new members and also ensure that you’re busy in midweek when they compete in the local

league competitions,” says Bob. “We like to encourage and support our sports teams as much as possible.”

Another mainstay of club life is bingo on a Sunday night with around 80 players taking part on a weekly basis.

“With the Carvery in the afternoon and the bingo in the evening, Sundays have become really busy and there’s always a great atmosphere with members really enjoying playing and having the chance to win prizes.”

Meanwhile, a coachload of members recently enjoyed a day trip to Skegness which included a trip to a brewery on the way back to the club.

“Again, this is another annual tradition which got waylaid by COVID so it was great to see so many people having a fantastic time,” says Bob.

“It’s free for the Over-65s so it’s a way of saying thank you to our older members.”

Bob is keen to pay tribute to the club’s 10-strong Committee which continues to work hard to keep the club moving forward and their members engaged with club life.

“We have a really good mix of people on the Committee – in terms of males and females and age-wise – and everyone works so hard to make the club as successful as it is,” he says.

“There’s always so much going on so it’s a tribute to my fellow Committee members that they’re so committed to the club that they’re prepared to put in the hours in and try different things for the benefit of our members.

“I’ve been the President of the club for 20 years and a Committee Member for 35 years and I’ve got to say that this is one of the best Committees I’ve ever worked with and I’m very proud of everything that has been achieved.”

It would appear that Midland Band Social Club not only has a proud history but a bright future.

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Pictured, left to right: South East Midlands Branch President Walter Greenaway presents Midland Band Social Club President Bob Mullen with his Long Service Award

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News in brief

The CIU Contracts and Handbook are currently being updated

The CIU Contracts and Handbook are currently being updated and will be available soon.

Look out for further information in the next edition of *Club Journal*.



HMRC produces MGD guide for clubs

HMRC has produced a Machine Games Duty (MGD) guide to distribute to every person in the country, who either has access to a gaming machine, supplies machines, Trade bodies linked to gaming machines, and premises with gaming machines.

This guide has now been completed and can be downloaded from: gov.uk/machine-game-duty or call 0300 200 3700 for more information.

National Executive Committee dates for 2022

The remaining dates for the monthly NEC meetings at Head Office in 2022 are: July 6/7; August 3/4; September 7/8; October 5/6; November 2/3 and December 7/8.

Annual Meeting 2023 dates confirmed

The dates for the 2023 Conference Weekend in Blackpool have been confirmed and are as follows:

Thursday, April 13 – NEC Meeting (Blackpool)

Friday, April 14– 31st CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition (Blackpool)

Saturday, April 15 – AGM (Blackpool)

Sky Bet Championship gets underway on July 29 with Huddersfield v Burnley



The 2022/23 Sky Bet Championship season will get under way on Friday July 29, when play-off finalists Huddersfield host relegated Burnley at the John Smith's Stadium, live on Sky Sports.

The following day, Norwich begin life back in the second tier with a trip to Cardiff, while newly-promoted Rotherham and Wigan start with home ties against Swansea and Preston respectively.

On Sunday July 31 at 12 noon, Sunderland host Coventry and then, on Monday August 1, Watford face Sheffield United at Vicarage Road, with both fixtures showing live on Sky Sports.

Live Championship Fixtures

Friday July 29, 8pm
Huddersfield Town v Burnley
Sky Sports

Saturday July 30, 5.30pm
Middlesbrough v West Bromwich Albion
Sky Sports

Sunday July 31, 12 noon
Sunderland v Coventry City
Sky Sports

Monday August 1, 8pm
Watford v Sheffield United
Sky Sports

CIU winning the war against rogue energy brokers



CIU Legal Consultant **Allyn Walton** explains how the Union has been successful in challenging energy brokers seeking to recover so-called ‘lost commissions’ from clubs

I am very glad to announce that, acting through the CIU and on behalf of over 16 Clubs in the UK, approximately £150,000 of threatened court proceedings to recover so-called ‘lost commissions’ by Energy Brokers have been stopped in their tracks.

Let me just put this in context. Many small businesses, including many of our own clubs, still seem to prefer to use Energy Brokers rather than Comparison Websites or direct contact with energy providers.

This means that an awful lot of clubs, as well as other businesses of course, are used to signing Letters of Authority (LOAs).

Many lawyers such as me and other advisors are continually warning people against LOAs because they give away too many powers, for example:

- For 12 months your club gives brokers carte blanche to enter into contracts, terminate existing ones etc, sometimes without even coming back to get your permission.
- They are meant to search the database on your behalf with a view to settling any disputes with existing suppliers but sometimes don’t bother.
- They regularly have cosy relationships with just a few suppliers who add in their commissions for **YOUR CLUB** to pay (more about that later).
- They believe they have the right to go back up to six years into the past to claim commissions they weren’t paid because they say you breached their contract.
- False incentives such as avoiding the Climate Change levy are often used to incentivise people into signing them.
- They have in some cases even set up fictitious law firms to make these threats on their behalf.

So why does the law make this all possible, you might ask? *****WARNING***** three short legal lessons ahead...but well worth reading:

Lesson 1: Law of Agency

This law goes back to the early days of merchant shipping when a core set of rules were developed for the smooth functioning of business. In return for giving all these powers away, what is put in place is a relationship of ‘utmost good faith’ which must exist as between an agent (the Broker) and its principal (the Club). That’s why if you ever read a broker’s T&Cs, they attempt to specify otherwise on the grounds that a broker’s business is not regulated. You can safely ignore such attempts!

Lesson 2: Law of Crystallisation

At least so far as claims for lost commission is concerned, there is another legal principal which comes to Clubs’

assistance which also might account for a discrepancy often found between the version of the T&Cs that appears online as compared to the printed version supplied. In the online version (which remember may be inspected by the FCA at any time) the T&Cs make it clear that lost prospective commissions can’t be claimed from Clubs unless they have already been paid out by the energy companies to the broker and then reclaimed by them from the broker. This is known as accrual or crystallisation, which basically separates out legitimate claims from speculative ones.

Lesson 3: Law of Contract

The final tool that we can use, involves simple breach of contract. This occurs when the calculation of commissions supposedly payable is carried out on the basis of wholly exaggerated estimated energy consumption figures that inflates the amount to unrealistic and exorbitant levels.

That, in anybody’s eyes, would represent a breach of the actual contract no matter how the T&Cs are worded.

So what is all this leading to and can we really say that Energy Brokers are actually regulated after all?

Well, I would never go that far but what I can say is, it’s not all bad news:

- Brokers are not able to hide their commissions both in terms of their existence, calculation and especially the fact that they are to be added to the club’s invoiced energy bills for payment in addition to the energy supply.
- Commissions must be set out in writing and this has no relevance to whether energy broker's businesses are regulated or not.
- Most claims for lost commission have not accrued in law. This follows from the common law doctrine of crystallisation.
- Brokers acting under an LOA fail to discharge the most basic obligation under its terms when they don’t search the database. More times than not if they had done so they would have discovered the existence of an ongoing Energy Supply contract.
- When calculation of the prospective commissions supposedly payable is wholly exaggerated to unrealistic and exorbitant levels, this is a clear breach of their T&Cs.

My advice to clubs is **to resist payment of commission claims from old LOAs made by your broker**. There are no guarantees of course, but should they take the decision to issue proceedings I am also advising that clubs defend the same vigorously and seek to claim indemnity costs against the brokers by reference to the relationship of ‘utmost good faith’.

Why not get involved in the Festival of Clubs?

The Festival of Clubs celebrates the achievements of members' clubs across the UK and many of our fantastic Union clubs have led the way in a number of categories during recent years... why not join them?

This year's Festival of Clubs takes place on November 24, 2022.

Launched last November as the successor to the longstanding Club Awards, the Festival of Clubs is a series of events designed to celebrate Clubland in all its many guises and, as you'd expect, CIU clubs and officials will be very much to the fore at the event.

The CIU has its own category within the awards section of the event, the 'CIU Traditional Club of the Year' award which puts the spotlight on the outstanding work being done by Union clubs across the country.



CIU clubs were honoured at the inaugural Festival of Clubs event held in Doncaster last year

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Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday

The 2022 edition of the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday will take place on Saturday, November 12 at Wetherby Racecourse.

This is one of the highlights of the CIU's annual sporting calendar and sees clubs from all over the country heading to Yorkshire to enjoy a day in the Union's exclusive marquee adjacent to the racetrack.

It is always a bumper day for charity with the event raising over £40,000 for the CIU's chosen charities since it started at Wetherby in 2006, with both Wetherby Racecourse and their catering partner CGC Events Ltd donating £1 from every CIU package sold.

Nearly 1,000 CIU members came

along to the 2021 event and witnessed seven excellent races over the well-regarded jumps course, as well as some great food and drink.

Jonjo Sanderson, Chief Executive and Clerk of the Course at Wetherby Racecourse, is certainly looking forward to welcoming Union members to the venue in 2022.

"We really look forward to welcoming CIU members to Wetherby each November and giving them some fantastic Yorkshire hospitality while they enjoy top-class sporting action," he said.

"There will be seven National Hunt races on the day with some of the best horses and jockeys in the country competing."



There will be seven National Hunt races to enjoy at Wetherby on Saturday, November 12, 2022

We will be publishing details of the special CIU ticket packages in future issues of *Club Journal*.



Pictured, left to right: Wetherby Racecourse Chief Executive Jonjo Sanderson presents a cheque for £1354 to Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM, Union President George Smith and Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM at the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday held in November 2021



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MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON...



ACM day courses set for a return later this year

The Award in Club Management (ACM) day sessions will be making a return in 2022 and aim to give club officials the basic knowledge required to run their clubs. *Club Journal* gives an overview of the three-stage ACM qualification which covers such key areas such as Club Law, Finance and Administration

Since the earliest days of the CIU, education has been an important part of what the Union can offer to its member clubs.

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

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

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

Once a candidate has completed the course and been examined in all three units through a multiple choice examination, they receive the ACM.

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

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

The lectures are carried out by highly experienced lecturers from within the CIU who lead the day sessions and can draw from their knowledge of the club scene to illustrate the key points and explore real-life scenarios and problems.

Head Office will be rearranging new dates for the ACM day courses at various clubs across the country for the second half of 2022, so look out for further information in upcoming issues of *Club Journal*.



Each unit of the ACM is completed in a one-day session held at a club



The lecturers on the course include General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM



Candidates are given a workbook for each unit which they can take back to their clubs with them to act as a reference

Unit 1

Law & Regulations

Includes:

- Laws and regulations under which social clubs run by volunteers operate
- Main official bodies and categories involved in the licensing process
- The licensing objectives

Unit 2

Law & Regulations (Part 2)

Includes:

- Resolving club disputes
- Procedures for conducting meetings
- Suspensions and expulsions
- Betting, gaming and lotteries

Unit 3

Management, Finance & Administration

Includes:

- Financial control
- Club banking
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- Stock taking

Testimonial

“The ACM is an excellent course and I would thoroughly recommend it to anyone who is involved in running a members’ club.”

– Tricia Banachowicz ACM, Secretary, Leigh Park Trade Union Working Men’s Club, Havant, Hampshire

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Club Outings set for return to the pages of *Club Journal*

Having been missing from our pages since the start of the COVID pandemic, Club Outings will be making a comeback next month, so make sure your club is featured by filling in the form opposite

One of the great benefits of being a member of a CIU club is undoubtedly the opportunity to visit the Union's network of affiliated clubs spread across the UK.

Whichever town, city or region you happen to be in, there's a good chance that a Union-affiliated club will be close by and ready to welcome you in for a reasonably priced drink.

Whether you're on holiday, enjoying a trip to the races, attending a football match or organising a club coach trip, knowing where the local Union club is situated is always extremely handy and ensures that you won't have to take your chances in an anonymous pub.

That is why *Club Journal* is reintroducing our popular Club Outings section which gives CIU clubs the chance to let our readers know they have a friendly oasis to visit when on their travels in a different part of the country.

Club Outings took an enforced break during the COVID-19 pandemic when clubs were forced to shut their doors for long periods and travel was not an option for most people.

Now it is set to return so please fill in the form on the opposite page if you would like to advertise your club's facilities to the *Club Journal* readership and ensure that they don't have to miss out on the club experience just because they're not able to attend their 'home' club.

As well as the printed version in the magazine, we'll also be launching an online version of Club Outings on the Union's official website to ensure that listed clubs can include the latest live entertainment and events taking place at their club.





How to ensure your club is featured in Club Outings

OPTION 1

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Price: Free (per month)

OPTION 2

All elements of Option 1, plus:

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OPTION 3

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CIU Club Members travel the country watching football, going to the races or just visiting other member clubs. With a range of advertising opportunities, why not get in front of CIU affiliated members?

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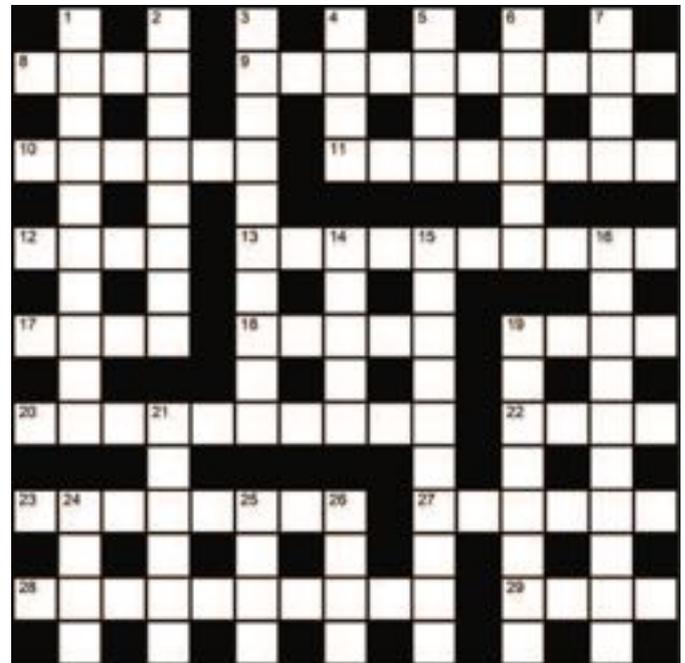
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- 9 Hazy quality made by outlines (10)
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- 11 Helix that's not circumscribed by foreign stone (8)
- 12 Dash of serious cuddling! (4)
- 13 Deny former epic the chance to be a shady convenience (10)
- 17 Missing link found in Furness, say (4)
- 18 It holds tomatoes (or Major Tum!) (5)
- 19 Body-building block used in prison (4)

- 20 Contact then leave? That's precarious! (5-3-2)
- 22 Wine tasting like a horse's ankle? (4)
- 23 Ode hints vicariously at pleasure seeker (8)
- 27 Scrub rice container for words in red (6)
- 28 Jet pilot acting like a whizzkid? (4-6)
- 29 Adept re-examination of Holly, say (4)

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- 1 Coffee brewed in a conic cuppa! (10)
- 2 Encourage me, blonde, as it were (8)
- 3 Not there in Rome, with a bad, innate bias (2,8)
- 4 Glib exclamation includes a goat (4)

- 5 Tribe drops a bit of a danger (4)
- 6 Oldies confused at Tristram's mate (6)
- 7 Test failure? Let it stand! (4)
- 14 Sound comparison that's got currency? (5)
- 15 I go with a used car in order to put you off (10)
- 16 Mason's chipper, eh? With codes to chill out by? (4,6)
- 19 Lives with hot, but basic cooking (8)
- 21 In cambric, lo! The dress! (6)
- 24 Draw a veil over wickedness (4)
- 25 Lazy tickover? (4)
- 26 Put history in context (not that it is ever) (4)



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- Mrs KJ Bradley of Remembrance Club





Saturday, July 9, 2.30pm – Sky Sports

Super League: Magic Weekend

Magic Weekend returns to St James' Park in Newcastle with a full round of Betfred Super League clashes taking place over two days at the iconic football stadium. The weekend action gets underway on day one with Wakefield Trinity taking on Toulouse, followed by St Helens v Wigan Warriors and Leeds Rhinos v Castleford Tigers.



Thursday, July 14, 9am – Sky Sports

Golf: The Open Championship

The Open Championship returns to St Andrews, widely regarded as 'The Home of Golf' and a venue which has hosted this illustrious tournament 29 times. The current champion is Collin Morikawa, who won the 149th Open at Royal St George's. Among the bookies' favourites for the 2022 title are Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth.



Sunday, July 31, 5pm – ITV

Football: FA Charity Shield - Liverpool v Manchester City

The traditional curtain-raiser to the new football season sees the winners of the previous Premier League season, Manchester City, take on FA Cup holders Liverpool at Wembley Stadium. The current holders are Leicester City, who defeated Manchester City 1–0 last year.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

International cricket takes centre stage in July as England face India and South Africa while there are also some big fixtures coming up in Super League plus rugby union action from the Southern Hemisphere tours

Wednesday, July 6, 8pm

BBC

UEFA Women's EURO 2022: England v Austria

Thursday, July 7, 6pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Twenty20 Cricket: England v India

Saturday, July 9, 10.55am

ITV

International Rugby Union: Australia v England - 2nd Test

Saturday, July 9, 1pm

ITV

Horse Racing: York

Saturday, July 9, 2.30pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Twenty20 Cricket: England v India

Saturday, July 9, 2.30pm

Sky Sports

Super League: Wakefield Trinity v Toulouse

Saturday, July 9, 4pm

ITV

International Rugby Union: South Africa v Wales - 2nd Test

Saturday, July 9, 4.45pm

Sky Sports

Super League: St Helens v Wigan Warriors

Saturday, July 9, 7pm

Sky Sports

Super League: Leeds Rhinos v Castleford Tigers

Sunday, July 10, 1pm

Sky Sports

Super League: Huddersfield Giants v Salford Red Devils

Sunday, July 10, 2pm

Sky Sports F1

F1: Austrian Grand Prix

Sunday, July 10, 2.30pm

Sky Sports Cricket

Twenty20 Cricket: England v India

Sunday, July 10, 3.15pm

Sky Sports

Super League: Catalans Dragons v Warrington Wolves

Sunday, July 10, 3.15pm

Sky Sports

Super League: Hull Kingston Rovers v Hull FC

Monday, July 11, 8pm

BBC

UEFA Women's EURO 2022: England v Norway

Tuesday, July 12, 1pm

Sky Sports Cricket

International ODI Cricket: England v India

Thursday, July 14, 9am

Sky Sports Golf

Golf: The Open Championship

Thursday, July 14, 1pm

Sky Sports Cricket

International ODI Cricket: England v India

Friday, July 15, 9am

Sky Sports Golf

Golf: The Open Championship

Friday, July 15, 8pm

BBC

UEFA Women's EURO 2022: Northern Ireland v England

Saturday, July 16, 9am

Sky Sports Golf

Golf: The Open Championship

Saturday, July 16, 10.55am

ITV

International Rugby Union: Australia v England - 3rd Test

Glorious Goodwood –
Tuesday, July 26,
1pm, ITV



Saturday, July 16, 4pm
ITV

International Rugby Union: South Africa v Wales - 3rd Test

Sunday, July 17, 10am
Sky Sports Golf

Golf: The Open Championship

Sunday, July 17, 11am
Sky Sports Cricket

International ODI Cricket: England v India

Tuesday, July 19, 1pm
Sky Sports Cricket

International ODI Cricket: England v South Africa

Friday, July 22, 1pm
Sky Sports Cricket
International ODI Cricket: England v South Africa

Sunday, July 24, 11am
Sky Sports Cricket
International ODI Cricket: England v South Africa

Sunday, July 24, 1pm
Sky Sports F1
F1: French Grand Prix

Tuesday, July 26, 1pm
ITV

Horse Racing: Glorious Goodwood - Day 1

Tuesday, July 26, 8pm
BBC

UEFA Women's EURO 2022: Semi-Final 1

Wednesday, July 27, 1pm
ITV

Horse Racing: Glorious Goodwood - Day 2

Wednesday, July 27, 6.30pm
Sky Sports Cricket
Twenty20 Cricket: England v South Africa

Wednesday, July 27, 8pm
BBC
UEFA Women's EURO 2022: Semi-Final 2

Thursday, July 28, 1pm
ITV
Horse Racing: Glorious Goodwood - Day 3

Thursday, July 28, 6.30pm
Sky Sports Cricket
Twenty20 Cricket: England v South Africa

Friday July 29, 8pm
Sky Sports Football
Championship Football: Huddersfield Town v Burnley

Saturday July 30, 5.30pm
Sky Sports Football
Championship Football: Middlesbrough v West Bromwich Albion

Sunday July 31, 12 noon
Sky Sports Football
Championship Football: Sunderland v Coventry City

Sunday, July 31, 2.30pm
Sky Sports Cricket
Twenty20 Cricket: England v South Africa

Sunday, July 31, 5pm
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FA Community Shield: Liverpool v Manchester City



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