

MPs revive parliamentary clubs group after campaign by CIU



Pictured, left to right: Ken Roberts CMD ACM (Union President), Nathan Clarke (NEC Member), Bob Russell CMD (Union Vice-President), Kenneth D Green CMD ACM (Union General Secretary), Kim Leadbeater MP, Wendy Morton MP, Peter Bedford MP (seated), Liz Twist MP, Lewis Atkinson MP, Warinder Juss MP, Gurinder Singh Josan CBE MP and Charles Littlewood (Chief Executive, ACC)

A vital parliamentary voice for the UK's will bring together MPs, on a cross-party members' clubs has been re-established after a period of hiatus, thanks to the efforts of the CIU and Peter Bedford, the Member of Parliament for Mid Leicestershire.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs provides a formal cross-party forum to discuss the unique challenges facing members' clubs across the country.

The move comes as the sector grapples with soaring energy bills, changing social habits, and other financial pressures.

The CIU has been leading the charge to revive the group, recognising that without a dedicated voice in Westminster, clubs risk being overlooked in key policy decisions.

Peter Bedford MP said: "Clubs play a vital community role across Mid Leicestershire and indeed the whole country.

"However they are struggling due to a tough economic climate. The APPG

will bring together MPs, on a cross-party basis, to support the sector and ensure clubs continue to play a positive role in our communities."

The newly reformed group will aim to highlight the social and economic value of non-profit members' clubs.

Kenneth D Green CMD ACM, CIU General Secretary, welcomed the revival of the APPG, stressing the importance of clubs having their say at Westminster.

"For too long, the unique status and contribution of non-profit members' clubs has been overlooked in parliamentary debates," he said.

"Our clubs provide affordable recreation, companionship and a sense of belonging. That is why it is absolutely vital that clubs have a voice in Parliament.

"The CIU is asking all our clubs to contact their local MP and ask them to join the APPG, so that together we can protect the future of our clubs."

For further information please contact CIU Head Office Manager Stephen Goulding who is coordinator for the Group at: sgoulding@wmciu.org

Buy a CIU Lottery ticket and support your Union



Please support the Union by buying a ticket for this month's CIU National Lottery Draw which takes place at 7pm on July 1 and on August 1.

As well as the winner receiving a cash prize, there will also be a five per cent revenue share for the winning member's club, while the Lottery will raise funds for the Union to continue its work in supporting its member clubs.

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

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Welcome to the July edition of *Club Journal*.

As you'll see from the front page, the Union has been engaging with MPs in order to re-establish the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs.

We are very grateful to Peter Bedford, the MP for Mid Leicestershire, who has taken the lead in getting this important Group back up and running, a move that will enable club organisations to communicate more effectively with the nation's lawmakers.

You can help greatly in this regard by getting in contact with your local MP and asking them to join the Group.

To show them just why clubs are so important to their local communities, why not also invite them down to your venue for any upcoming events you may be staging?

As the coordinator for the Group, I can be contacted by emailing me at: sgoulding@wmcui.org.

Talking of Parliament, in our 'HQ' section on page 16, we have a report on the Government's ongoing consultation on zero hours contracts.

They are requesting submissions from interested parties about the proposed changes, so if you'd like to make your views known, the closing date for the consultation is August 30.

Welcome

If you haven't yet taken advantage of the fantastic 'double-header' tickets for St. Leger Day in September and the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday in November, turn to page 25 for details on how to book.

The 'Club of the Month' for July is Hanslope Working Men's Club in Buckinghamshire.

It's a really impressive club which was founded in 1898 and continues to be a vital meeting place for local people.

The club has a real family ethos with many events geared towards young people, as well as all the traditional activities you'd expect at a social club.

For the full profile of the club, please see pages 12-15.

We also have listings of all the key live sporting fixtures coming up in July, including the remaining World Cup ties, the British Grand Prix, England's Tests against India and golf's Open Championship – plus a look ahead to the 2026/27 Premier League fixtures which have just been released.

I hope you enjoy this month's issue.

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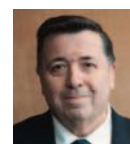
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Presentation for two Northumberland Branch stalwarts



Northumberland Branch Secretary David Clough (pictured left) and No.10 Division Executive Harry Chandler (pictured right) were recently presented with their certificates for 10 years service on the Northumberland Branch Executive

Hereford's Richmond Place Clubs hosts Ghost Con 2026



Ghost Con 2026 took place May 23/24 at Hereford's Richmond Place Club

The Richmond Club Place in Hereford staged a two-day comic festival on May 23-24 with hundreds of comic book fans and memorabilia collectors heading to the club.

Ghost Con 2026 saw a huge number of comic companies and suppliers filling the club with stalls selling their wares, with a special emphasis on collectable trading cards, games and comics.

Club Secretary Les Walker said: "It was a fantastic couple of days with our Concert Room absolutely packed across the two days as we welcomed comic enthusiasts from all over the country to the club."

News in brief



Grobby Ex-Services Club to host dinner evening alongside Peter Kay tribute act

The Grobby Ex-Services Club in Leicestershire has announced a special Entertainment Night in September featuring renowned Peter Kay tribute act Lee Lard.

The event, on Friday, September 11, will give members and guests the opportunity to enjoy a two-course meal and complimentary drink of prosecco ahead of the comedy show.

Tickets cost £30 and are available direct from the club.

CLUB NOTICES

Clubs withdrawn from the Union

Acregate Lane Labour Club

Bedworth Ex-Servicesmen's Social Club and Institute

Colchester Belle Vue Social Club & Institute

Wath Central WMC, Rotherham

Hebburn R.A.O.B. Club, Tyne & Wear

Preston & Eaglescliffe Institute

Tudhoe Victory Club & Institute Ltd

Kings Cliffe Ex-Services & Social Club

News in brief



Penydarren Social Club sets July date for big darts tournament with £3,400 prize fund

The Penydarren Social Club in Merthyr Tydfil will be hosting a major darts tournament on Saturday, July 25.

With a total prize fund of £3,400 available, the event is sure to attract many of the region's top darters vying for the £1,500 which will be awarded to the eventual winner.

Registration on the day is from 11.30am for a midday start.

For more information, call Kerry on 07983436446 or Ashley on 07583927641.



'Double Trouble' for Chandlers Ford Central Club with tribute to Jethro and Donald Trump

Members of Chandlers Ford Central Club in Hampshire will be enjoying some 'Double Trouble' in July as top impressionist Mike Osman – whose clips have had over 16 million views on TikTok – brings his show featuring the unlikely pairing of Donald Trump and Cornish comedian Jethro to the stage on Friday, July 17.

Tickets are available directly from the club and cost £5 for members and £10 for non-members.

Kettering Midland Band Club scoops CAMRA award



The Midland Band Social Club has been named CAMRA Club of the Year for Northamptonshire

The Kettering Midland Band Social Club has once again been recognised for its superb cask ale offering with the Northamptonshire Branch of the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) naming it the Club of the Year.

This is the fifth successive year that the club has won this accolade and saw CAMRA officials visiting the club in May to present the award to Bar Manager Dave Bellamy and his team.

Alnwick WMC hosts defibrillator training session



Alnwick WMC hosted a defibrillator familiarisation session in May

Alnwick Working Men's Club in Northumberland hosted a very busy defibrillator familiarisation session in May in conjunction with the Stephen Carey Fund, the charity which provides defibrillators and emergency life saving skills training throughout the region.

Donations and a bar collection raised £150 to help the charity with its lifesaving work.

Sheerness East hosts 2026 Sheppey Darts Classic



The 2026 Sheppey Darts Classic was held on the weekend of June 6/7 and saw competitive Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Pairs and Youth events taking place

The Sheppey Darts Classic – held at Sheerness East Working Men's Club – returned for its 2026 edition on June 6/7, delivering a weekend of high-quality arrows, emerging youth talent and a draw that tested the top competitors to their limits.

Organisers hailed the event as a resounding success, thanks in no small part to a record youth turnout and a wave of support from the local island community.

The Saturday saw 27 pairs enter the competition.

An all-Island final saw the duo of Hayden Robbie and Ryan Hope claiming the title.

However, the real story of the day was the youth competition. An astonishing 27 young players entered, blowing tournament organisers away and signalling a bright future for the sport in Sheppey.

The youth final was a battle between local hero Tom Bristow (sponsored by Sheerness East) and Medway's Harry Legg. In a thrilling contest, it was Bristow who emerged as the 2026 Youth Champion.

Organisers have confirmed that next year's youth pot will remain at £100 for the winner and £50 for the runner-up, courtesy of the Sheerness East Club, with a high-score challenge also returning.

Sunday shifted focus to the main singles events, featuring 54 runners in the Open and 10 in the Ladies' competition, which was run separately.

The Ladies' final saw Millie Neve Packer-Wood beating Sheerness East's Emma Martin.

The Open draw stacked a host of top-tier talent against one another.

Local Sheppey Super League players Conan Whitehead (sponsored by Sheerness East), Lewis McGurn, Hayden Robbie, Ryan Hope, Nick Cocks, John Hetterley and Jack Ingram were all drawn to play each other, while Josh Payne sat comfortably at the top of the bracket.

The semi-finals produced fireworks as Nick Cocks took out local favourite Conan Whitehead, while Josh Payne dispatched Dean Harrison.

The final pitted Cocks against Payne in a battle of heavy scoring and clinical finishing. Ultimately, Payne's relentless heavy scoring proved the difference, as he defeated Cocks to become the 2026 Sheppey Classic Open Winner, pocketing £500. Nick Cocks receiving £250 as the runner-up.

The organisers sent their thanks to event supporters Medway Darts and S&D Darting Dynamics Ltd and to Club Manager Paula Smith for her hard work during the tournament.

News in brief

Bedlington Station Working Men's Social Club to host Onion & Leek Show on August 29

Bedlington Station Working Men's Social Club has announced that its Open Onion & Leek Show will take place on Saturday, August 29.

There will be prizes of £400 (1st place), £175 (2nd place) and £125 (3rd place) for the prize-winning onions.

In the Leek competition, there will be prizes of £150 (1st place) and £100 (2nd place) under CIU rules and £150 (1st place) and £100 (2nd place) under Pot Leek Society rules.



Cardiff's Canton Liberal Club to welcome the Angels of Abba on Saturday, August 29

The Canton Liberal Club in Cardiff has lined up a special act for the August Bank Holiday Weekend with the Angels of Abba set to perform at the club on August 29.

The tribute act promises all the biggest hits from the Swedish supergroup, including Mamma Mia, Waterloo, SOS and Winner Takes It All.

Tickets are now on sale at the club for this unmissable event.

OBITUARY

William Ingram

The Union sadly announces that William Ingram, known by many as Billie, passed away on May 1.

Billie was a well-known clubman who served as President of Barrow WMC and Vice-President of the South Yorkshire Branch for some 30 years until he stepped down due to ill health in 2020.

Billie will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

The Union sends its condolences to his family.

News in brief



Idle WMC set to be entertained by Mike Andrew as Robbie Williams in July

Top tribute artiste Mike Andrew will be appearing at Idle Working Men's Club in Yorkshire on Friday, July 31.

Mike will be presenting his highly authentic Robbie Williams tribute show which will feature all the main hits made famous by the Stoke superstar.

Tickets are £8 and are available from behind the bar or at the website: wegottickets.co.uk



King Street Social Club to host Big Family Night out on August Bank Holiday Weekend

King Street Social Club in North Shields will be hosting a Big Family Night Out from 5pm to 10pm on Saturday, August 29.

The evening will feature some spectacular entertainment, including live music, fire-breathers and a comedy hypnotist.

Tickets are available from the club.

Pair honoured at Durham's Stanley Empire Club



Pictured, left to right: Durham Branch Secretary Aidan Hindson, Stanley Empire Club Chairman Billy Johnson and Durham Branch Vice-Chairman Dougie Macdonald

A presentation evening held at Stanley Empire Club on June 3 was attended by Durham CIU Branch Secretary Aidan Hindson and Durham CIU Vice-Chairman Dougie Macdonald.

During the evening, Neil Pearson, a former Club Secretary, was presented with a 10-year long service badge in recognition of his dedication and commitment to the club.

Chairman Billy Johnson was also honoured with a 25-year long service badge for his outstanding service.

The event was extremely well attended, with a great turnout from club members and representatives from Committees of surrounding CIU clubs.

The evening provided an excellent opportunity to recognise the hard work and commitment of both recipients while bringing together members from across the local CIU community.

Aidan Hindson and Dougie Macdonald also congratulated the current Secretary and Committee for their dedication and hard work in helping to put the club in its current excellent position. They praised the efforts of everyone involved in ensuring the continued success and strength of the Stanley Empire Club.



Pictured, left to right: Durham Branch Secretary Aidan Hindson, Stanley Empire Club's Neil Pearson and Durham Branch Vice-Chairman Dougie Macdonald

Higham Ferrers WMC host First Responders at charity event



The team from Nene Valley Community First Responders at Higham Ferrers Working Men's Club

Higham Ferrers Working Men's Club in Northamptonshire hosted an all-day 'Respond for Responders' charity event in June which raised money for Northants Search & Rescue, the Firefighters Charity and the Nene Valley Community First Responders.

Attendees were able to chat to representatives of each of the organisations about their vital work and have a close look at their kit, including virtual reality training equipment and emergency vehicles.

Little Lever WMC set for the Frank and Dean Show in July



Little Lever Working Mens Club will be welcoming Alan Beck to the club on Saturday, July 18 as he stages 'The Frank and Dean Show', which will see him perform his tribute to Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin.

Advance tickets cost £5 for members (£7 for non-members), while tickets on the door are £7 for members (£9 for non-members).

Looking further ahead, the club has lined up a number of impressive tribute acts for the second half of the year, including: UB40 tribute act Ibali on Saturday, October 14; Ricky Aron as Elvis Presley on Saturday, October 31 and Feel Diamond on Saturday, November 14.

Meanwhile, on Christmas Eve, Gilly Bee will be performing her highly rated tribute to the music of Pink.

News in brief



Nottingham Oddfellows Club in Leicester to welcome The Trent Sisters on August 2

The Trent Sisters – Palma Violet, Lushies Lips and Foxie Cummings – will be bringing their inimitable brand of comedy and music to the Nottingham Oddfellows Club in central Leicester on Sunday, August 2.

The event promises live vocals, cabaret, stand-up and insult comedy, dance, hosting, bingo, DJ/disco, karaoke, lip-synching, and interactive adult games, along with multiple costume changes.



Members of Totton Recreation Club enjoy night with Thomas Gabbini as Elvis

Thomas Gabbini brought his Elvis Presley tribute act to Totton Recreation Club in Southampton at the end of May.

Thomas has been a top 10 finalist in the European Elvis Tribute competition and thrilled the busy audience at Totton with a set which spanned from the early days of Elvis' career in the 1950s all the way up to the 1970s.



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The Club, Hanslope
was founded in 1898

Hanslope Working Men's Club

Hanslope Working Men's Club in Buckinghamshire – known as 'The Club, Hanslope' to locals – was founded in 1898 and continues to be a cherished part of village life. Indeed, it has tripled its membership and revenue in the past eight years thanks to its forward-looking leadership

Situated on the High Street of the Buckinghamshire village of Hanslope, just eight miles from Milton Keynes, lies Hanslope Working Men's Club – known simply as 'The Club, Hanslope' to locals – has not only preserved a rich heritage which stretches back to 1898 but has fully adapted to the 21st century.

Every great club starts with a great committee, and Hanslope WMC is no exception. Treasurer Millie Mitchell ACM is quick to praise the team she works alongside, describing them in glowing terms.

"Our committee is second to none," she says. "We seem to work

together like a well-oiled machine and it really helps that we have a real mix of backgrounds, professions and skills.

"We believe this has led to the huge success we have seen over the last eight years since this committee has been in charge.

"In that time, we have tripled membership and revenue. We came out of COVID unscathed due to our diligence and forward thinking.

"That means implementing modern events, technologies and experiences for our members whilst retaining our links to our history and honouring our traditions."

That success has allowed the club to invest significantly in its future.

"We recently carried out the renovation of our lounge and bar, completed last January and it looks beautiful and has been really popular with the members.

"It was time for an update and we were fortunate enough to be in a position where we could invest in our facilities."

The facilities are certainly impressive and include a Members Bar; upstairs Games Room with a pool table and dartboard; a large Lounge at the rear of the building with a dancefloor and projector

screen; and a large garden with a covered seating area and adjoining car park.

The club is very much at the heart of the village and makes huge efforts to engage with local people of all ages.

“Our committee is really community focused and we really try and facilitate things within the village and give local groups the opportunity to meet in the club,” says Millie.

Recently, the club hosted a vital training evening teaching locals how to use a defibrillator and severe bleed kit.

“We got people in to run the course for free and invited everyone in the village, including all the local groups we could think of – the scouts, the local football teams, etc – to come in and gain some knowledge of how to use the equipment and perhaps save a life at some point in the future.”

While steeped in tradition, Hanslope WMC has a distinctly modern, family-focused atmosphere.

The club has worked hard to ensure that families feel welcome, and the results speak for themselves.

“It’s lovely to have such a broad spectrum of things that you can offer,” says Millie.

“And it’s great to see the children really feel comfortable here. We really

try and make it so there’s something for everyone at the club, and families are a big proportion of our membership base.”

The club runs a packed calendar of events for younger members.

“We do all sorts of kids events throughout the year,” says Millie.

“Parties for the big occasions like Christmas and Easter, plus we recently had a kids’ bingo event which was fantastic fun.

“It’s important to have these sorts of events as they are the members of the future.”

When asked about preconceptions people might have about members’ social clubs, Millie acknowledges the challenge but relishes the normal

reaction when newcomers walk through the door.

“It’s always pleasing when someone steps inside the club for the first time and says, ‘It’s not what I expected’ and then goes on to have a fantastic experience.

“We want our members to be proud of their club and be eager to bring in their friends and family and show it off.

“One of the ways you can do that is by it looking lovely and being a comfortable space that you want to spend time in.”

Hanslope WMC has long been a favourite among cask ale enthusiasts and has earned plaudits from the local branch of the Campaign For

The Club Hanslope

Est. 1898

A packed Bingo Night at the club





Real Ale (CAMRA).

“Cask ale is really popular with our members,” says Millie. “We always have three ales and put on a varied selection of real ales throughout the year.”

The club’s commitment to quality is unwavering, thanks largely to Bar Manager Pauline Garlinge.

“She’s incredible,” says Millie. “We’re very, very lucky to have someone so meticulous running the bar and ensuring that the beer – and the rest of our drinks offering – is just top quality across the board.”

This dedication has paid off handsomely with the club a regular inclusion in the prestigious CAMRA Good Beer Guide.

Their entry means that a steady flow of cask ale enthusiasts visit the club regularly from far and wide.

The annual beer festival, held on May 1-4 in 2026, is another highlight for beer lovers.

“This year we had around 18 ales available – as well as the three on the Bar – and there was food and live

music throughout the festival.”

The event also serves as a recruitment tool.

“We open to the public over the festival which means it’s an opportunity for people who aren’t members to come in and experience the club.”

Other special events held at the club include regular live music acts and comedy events.

Indeed, for the third year running, Hanslope WMC has been asked to host the semi-finals of the British Comedian of the Year contest.

“If you look at the list of other places that hold the various stages of the competition, they’re not small village social clubs,” says Millie.

“But we’re fortunate that one of our members is associated with the Blithering Idiot Group.

“He very kindly organises comedy nights for us, and we’ve had some really good names here.

“We always say to our members: ‘Where else can you leave your house, walk to your local club, watch proper

big-name comedians, have a fantastic night, and then not even have to get a taxi home again?’”

For sports fans, the club is also a ‘go-to’ destination.

“We show all the football and rugby on Sky Sports and TNT Sports on multiple screens around the club,” says Millie.

“There’s a significant number of members who really enjoy the sport, and it is definitely a draw.”

Darts has also seen a resurgence at the club with younger players drawn to the oche by the ‘Luke Littler effect’.

“We have two darts teams, one of which just won the league and we’re about to add a third team.

“We’ve recently added two new dart boards and recently held a junior darts tournament that was a huge success.

Two of the children that played in the event are now at a darts academy darts, so watch this space!”

Hanslope WMC is immensely proud of its CIU affiliation. Millie



Wine tasting evenings are regular events at the club

completed the CIU's Award in Club Management (ACM) a couple of years back with Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM as tutor, and found the three-part course invaluable.

"The ACM course was incredibly useful and really interesting," she says.

"I was really lucky because I got to do it with Ken, who is now President. The wealth of knowledge he imparted over the three day sessions was fantastic, and I use it day to day in

the club.

"I also refer back to the notes and the information that they gave us quite regularly.

"I'd really recommend it to other people who are getting involved with running their club."

The club also maintains close contact with the South East Midlands Branch. "Our Branch Secretary Angela Hudson ACM is fantastic and keeps us really up to date with local stuff that's going on. She's incredibly helpful," says Millie.

So, it all adds up to a very positive picture for Hanslope WMC with their membership currently capped at 850, meaning a fairly lengthy waiting list for prospective new members.

"We are really lucky to have this club and live in such a beautiful village," says Millie.

"We've got very supportive, happy members so it's a lovely club to be a part of."

With a dedicated committee, a refurbished venue, award-winning ale, a focus on families, and an enviable entertainment programme, Hanslope Working Men's Club – The Club, Hanslope – is a shining example of what a modern CIU club can be.



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National Executive Committee dates

The remaining NEC meetings at Head Office for 2026 will take place on:

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CIU Conference 2027 dates

Friday, April 16 – CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition

Saturday, April 17 – The 163rd Annual Meeting

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Consultation launched on zero hours contracts

The UK Government has launched a public consultation on reforming zero hours contracts, seeking to strike what it describes as “a balance between protecting workers from insecure employment and retaining flexibility for businesses and individuals who value it.”

The consultation, which will run until August 25, invites employers, workers and other organisations to submit evidence and views on how the proposed changes should work in practice.

Ministers say the reforms could benefit more than 18 million people, some of whom currently face uncertainty over their weekly hours and earnings.

According to the Living Wage Foundation, nearly six in ten workers with variable hours currently receive less than a week’s notice of their shifts. In the most severe cases, shifts are cancelled the night before or while workers are already travelling to their place of employment.

The Government’s proposals would entitle qualifying workers to reasonable notice of their shifts and compensation if shifts are cancelled, moved or curtailed at short notice.

Officials say this would prevent situations where workers travel into work or arrange childcare only to have shifts cancelled without pay.

The consultation will ask respondents about a range of potential

hours thresholds to help determine which workers would qualify for the new protections.

The Government has stated it wants to guard against unintended consequences from what it describes as a major change to the labour market.

Under the proposed changes, what ministers term “exploitative arrangements” – where employers take all the flexibility and workers bear all the risk – would be banned.

However, individuals who value the flexibility of a zero hours contract would still be able to choose one if they wish.

Business Secretary Peter Kyle said: “It’s not right that people can work regular hours but still have no certainty about their pay from week to week. These vital changes will mean more certainty for millions of people and will save the lowest paid workers hundreds of pounds.

“Banning exploitative zero hours contracts is totemic because this Government believes that people should be treated with dignity and respect at work.

“We’re consulting because we need to get the detail right to ensure these reforms work in practice and guard against unintended consequences from this major change to the labour market.”

Further details on how to submit evidence are available at www.gov.uk



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Working for the good of our clubs

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 attend events such as the annual Beer & Trades Exhibition and Charity Raceday

Advice and Help for Clubs

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

Education

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

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

Charity

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

Lobbying on Behalf of Clubs

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

Rules

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





Events - CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition

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

The CIU Racing Club

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

CIU National Lottery Draw

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

CIU Official Website

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

Events - Dransfield CIU National Charity Raceday

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

PRS for Music Tariff

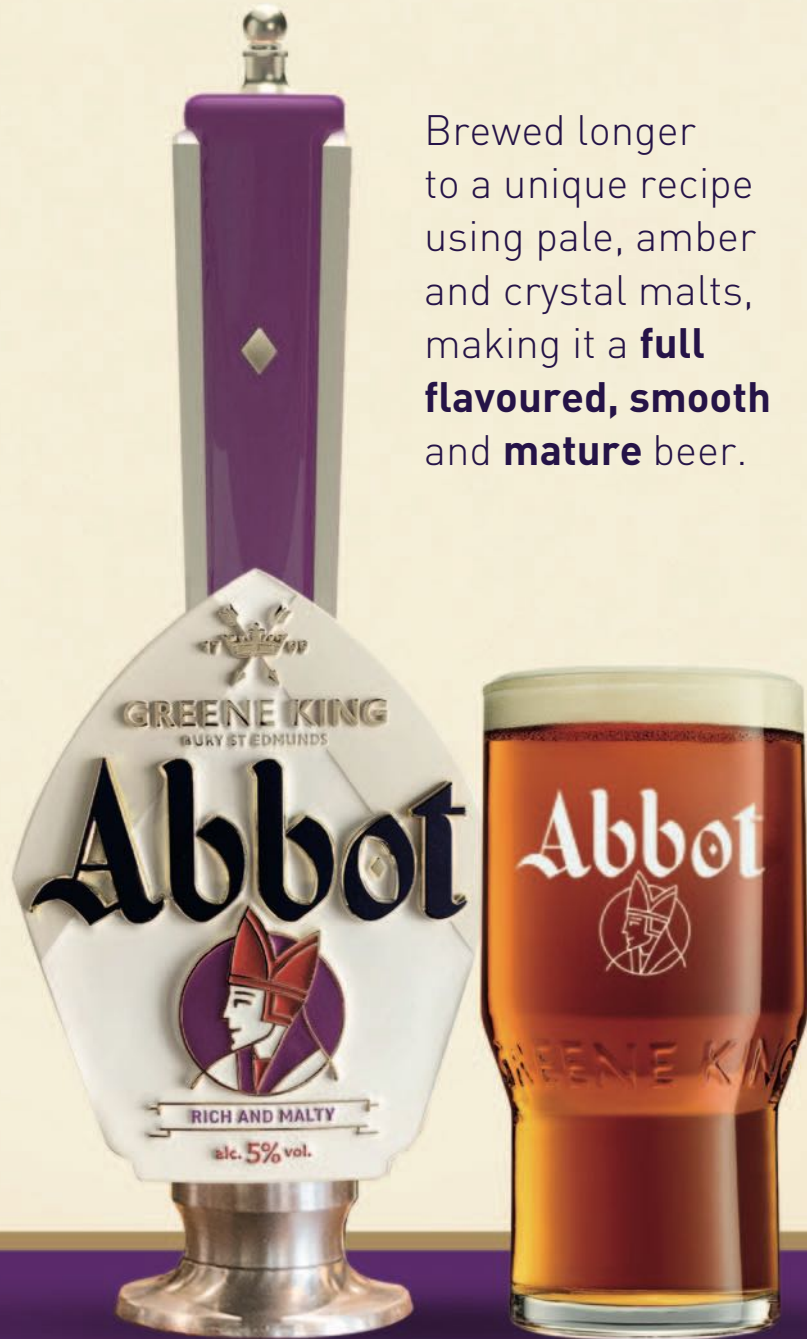
The CIU has negotiated a special discount for its clubs with the Performing Right Society (PRS for Music) which collects and distributes licence fees for the use of music on behalf of songwriters, composers and performers. The PRS for Music licence covers music played through radios, CDs, streaming on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



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Why not boost your club's administration skills with the CIU's ACM?

The Award in Club Management (ACM) enables CIU club officials to gain a thorough grounding in the skills associated with running a club. If you would like to host future ACM sessions at your club, or share sessions with clubs in your area, please get in touch with Catherine Fitzpatrick at Head Office



The ACM course is taught by experienced club administrators such as Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM

The Union's Award in Club Management (ACM) course is specifically designed for people running CIU clubs and aims to give club officials a thorough grounding in the key aspects of managing a club with maximum efficiency.

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 at the end of each unit, they receive the ACM.

The course is primarily aimed at

people who are going to be sitting on club committees and occupying positions of authority within clubs for the first time.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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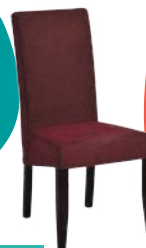


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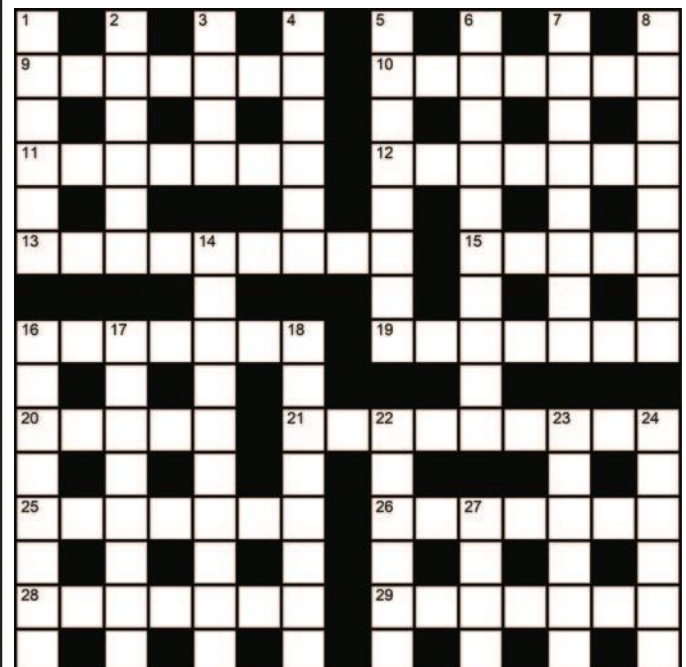
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Lutterworth Club

Bar Steward

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Reports To: **Club Secretary**

Location: **Lutterworth Club**

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Accommodation: **Option to live on-site premises**

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 - Manage and supervise a team of bar staff.
- Be accountable for all monies taken over the bar, including cash handling and banking procedures.
 - Restock beverages, garnishes, ice, and other bar supplies as required.
 - Assist bar staff during busy service periods.
- Remove empty bottles, rubbish, and used items daily to maintain a clean and safe environment.
 - Ensure all health, safety, hygiene, and licensing standards are maintained at all times.
- Adhere to all opening and closing procedures of the bar in accordance with club licensing laws and regulations.
- Refer any proposals relating to the discipline or dismissal of bar or door staff to the Club Secretary.
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Fixtures announced for the 2026/27 Premier League season

The reigning champions Arsenal will open their defence of the Premier League against newly promoted Coventry City on Friday, August 21 as the new season gets underway



The new Premier League season gets underway on Friday, August 21 with Arsenal v Coventry City at The Emirates

Champions Arsenal will host promoted Coventry City on the opening night of the Premier League season.

Mikel Arteta's side claimed a long-awaited title in May and will be seeking a strong start to their defence as they take on Frank Lampard's Coventry City, back in the Premier League for the first time since suffering relegation in 2001.

Fellow promoted clubs Ipswich Town and Hull City begin with games against Sunderland and Manchester United respectively as they get ready for a return to the top flight.

Meanwhile Xabi Alonso begins his tenure as Chelsea manager with a short Monday night trip across West London to Fulham – also set to be under new management after the departure of Marco Silva.

There will be a total of six Premier League games live on Sky Sports across the opening round, including Andoni Iraola's first match in charge of Liverpool.

The Reds go to Newcastle United

on Sunday, August 23 in a 4.30pm kick-off.

London derbies Brentford v Spurs (Saturday August 22, 5.30pm) and Fulham v Chelsea (Monday August 24, 8pm) are also among the highlights of the opening round of fixtures, live on Sky Sports.

Man City's new era after the departure of Pep Guardiola begins at the Etihad Stadium against Bournemouth at 2pm on Sunday August 23.

Kicking off the season on TNT Sports and HBO Max will be Hull City welcoming Manchester United in a huge clash for the newly promoted side on Saturday, August 22, at 12.30pm.

Looking further ahead, TNT Sports and HBO Max will also be broadcasting two full rounds of midweek fixtures during a crucial time of the season.

The first of these will be in February and will be followed by another in March, ensuring some busy midweeks in clubs showing the games.

Opening weekend fixtures

Friday, August 21, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League
Arsenal v Coventry

Saturday, August 22, 12.30pm, TNT Sports
Hull v Manchester United

Saturday, August 22, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League
Brentford v Tottenham Hotspur

Sunday, August 23, 2pm, Sky Sports Premier League
Brighton v Aston Villa

Sunday, August 23, 2pm, Sky Sports Main Event
Manchester City v Bournemouth

Sunday, August 23, 4.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League
Liverpool v Newcastle United

Monday, August 24, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League
Fulham v Chelsea



Sunday, July 5, 2pm, Sky Sports F1

Formula 1: British Grand Prix

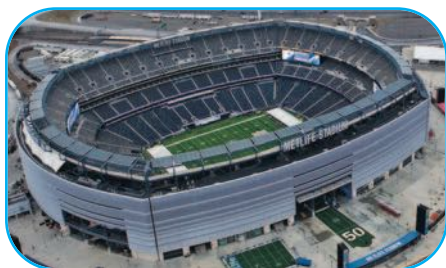
Silverstone hosts the British leg of the Formula 1 season in what is sure to be a thrilling spectacle. The 2025 edition saw Max Verstappen of Red Bull Racing taking pole position for the race. But McLaren's Lando Norris was victorious in the end, just ahead of his teammate Oscar Piastri, for his team's first win at Silverstone since 2008.



Thursday, July 16, 6am, Sky Sports Golf

Golf: The 154th Open

The Royal Birkdale Club hosts the Open Championship for the 11th time as the world's best players battle it out on an unforgiving landscape which is guaranteed to test the competitors' skills to the maximum. Last year saw the USA's Scottie Scheffler recording four sub-70 rounds, for a total of 267, to win his first Open and fourth major by four strokes over fellow American Harris English.



Sunday, July 19, 8pm – BBC/ITV

FIFA World Cup 2026: Final

All eyes will be on New Jersey, USA as the two teams left standing go head-to-head for football's greatest prize. Four years ago it was Argentina who took on France in the showpiece event in Qatar, the teams producing a game for the ages with both sides producing exceptional performances before the South Americans won on penalties.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

The FIFA World Cup reaches its climax this month, the England cricket team take on India in one-day and T20 matches and in the final golf major of the season, Royal Birkdale hosts the 154th Open

Wednesday, July 1, 6pm, Sky Sports Cricket

International Cricket: 1st T20 – England v India

Thursday, July 2, 5pm, BBC/ITV

FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 32

Thursday, July 2, 9pm, BBC/ITV

FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 32

Thursday, July 2, 1am, BBC/ITV

FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 32

Thursday, July 2, 8pm, BBC/ITV

FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 32

Friday, July 3, 11.30am, Sky Sports Golf

Golf: BMW International Open

Friday, July 3, 12.30pm, Sky Sports F1

Formula 1: British Grand Prix – Practice

Friday, July 3, 6.30pm, Sky Sports Cricket

T20 Blast: Notts Outlaws v Lancashire Lightning

Friday, July 3, 12 midnight, BBC/ITV

FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 32

Friday, July 3, 7pm, BBC/ITV

FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 32

Friday, July 3, 11pm, BBC/ITV

FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 32

Saturday, July 4, 12 noon, Sky Sports Golf

Golf: BMW International Open

Saturday, July 4, 2pm, Sky Sports Cricket

International Cricket: 2nd T20 – England v India

Saturday, July 4, 3pm, Sky Sports+
Super League: Hull Kingston Rovers v Kingston FC

Saturday, July 4, 4pm, Sky Sports F1
Formula 1: British Grand Prix – Qualifying

Saturday, July 4, 6pm, BBC/ITV
FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 16

Saturday, July 4, 10pm, BBC/ITV
FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 16

Sunday, July 5, 12 noon, Sky Sports Golf
Golf: BMW International Open

Sunday, July 5, 12 noon, Sky Sports Action
Super League: Wakefield v Castleford

Sunday, July 5, 2pm, Sky Sports F1
Formula 1: British Grand Prix

Sunday, July 5, 2pm, Sky Sports Cricket
Women's T20 World Cup: Final

Sunday, July 5, 2.45pm, Sky Sports Action
Super League: Leeds v Bradford

Sunday, July 5, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Action
Super League: Wigan v St Helens

Sunday, July 5, 9pm, BBC/ITV
FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 16

Monday, July 6, 8pm, BBC/ITV
FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 16

Tuesday, July 7, 5pm, BBC/ITV
FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 16

Tuesday, July 7, 6pm, Sky Sports Cricket
International Cricket: 3rd T20 – England v India

Cricket: England v India, 1st ODI,
Thursday, July 14, 12.30pm,
Sky Sports Cricket



Tuesday, July 7, 9pm, BBC/ITV
FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 16

Wednesday, July 8, 10am, Sky Sports
Main Event
Rugby League: State of Origin –
Queensland v New South Wales

Thursday, July 9, 6pm, Sky Sports
Cricket
International Cricket: 4th T20 –
England v India

Thursday, July 9, 8pm, Sky Sports+
Super League: York Knights v Hull
FC

Thursday, July 9, 9pm, BBC/ITV
FIFA World Cup 2026 Quarter-
Final

Friday, July 10, 7pm, Sky Sports
Cricket
Cricket: T20 Blast – Lancashire
Lightning v Yorkshire

Friday, July 10, 8pm, Sky Sports+
Super League: Wigan Warriors v
Warrington Wolves

Friday, July 10, 8pm, BBC/ITV
FIFA World Cup 2026 Quarter-
Final

Saturday, July 11, 2pm, BBC
Tennis: Wimbledon – Women's
Singles Final

Saturday, July 11, 3pm, Sky Sports+
Super League: Leigh Leopards v
Castleford Tigers

Saturday, July 11, 5.30pm, Sky Sports+
Super League: Hull Kingston
Rovers v Wakefield Trinity

Saturday, July 11, 6pm, Sky Sports
Cricket
International Cricket – 5th T20:
England v India

Saturday, July 11, 10pm, BBC/ITV
FIFA World Cup 2026 Quarter-
Final

Sunday, July 12, 1pm, TNT Sports
MotoGP: German Grand Prix

Sunday, July 12, 2pm, BBC
Tennis: Wimbledon – Men's
Singles Final

Sunday, July 12, 3pm, Sky Sports+
Super League: St Helens v
Toulouse Olympique

Tuesday, July 14, 12.30pm, Sky Sports
Cricket
International Cricket: 1st ODI:
England v India

Tuesday, July 14, 8pm, BBC/ITV
FIFA World Cup 2026 Semi-
Final

Tuesday, July 14, 2.15pm, Sky Sports
Cricket
Cricket: T20 Blast Quarter
Finals

Wednesday, July 15, 8pm, BBC/ITV
FIFA World Cup 2026 Semi-
Final

Thursday, July 16, 6.30am, Sky
Sports Golf
Golf: The Open – Day 1

Thursday, July 16, 12.30pm, Sky
Sports Cricket
International Cricket: 2nd ODI –
England v India

Friday, July 17, 6.30am, Sky Sports
Golf
Golf: The Open – Day 2



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Saturday, July 18, 6.30am, Sky Sports
Golf

Golf: The Open – Day 3

Saturday, July 18, 10.30am, Sky Sports
Cricket

Cricket: T20 Blast Finals

Saturday, July 18, 3pm, Sky Sports+
**Super League: Warrington Wolves
v Hull Kingston Rovers**

Saturday, July 18, 10pm, BBC/ITV
**FIFA World Cup 2026 Third Place
Play-Off**

Sunday, July 19, 8am, Sky Sports Golf
Golf: The Open – Day 4

Sunday, July 19, 10.30am, Sky Sports
Cricket
**International Cricket – 3rd ODI:
England v India**

Sunday, July 19, 1pm, Sky Sports
Action
Darts: World Matchplay – Day 1

Sunday, July 19, 2pm, Sky Sports F1
Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix

Sunday, July 19, 8pm, BBC/ITV
FIFA World Cup 2026 Final

Monday, July 20, 7pm, Sky Sports
Action
Darts: World Matchplay – Day 2

Tuesday, July 21, 7pm, Sky Sports
Action
Darts: World Matchplay – Day 3

Wednesday, July 22, 6pm, Sky Sports
Cricket
**Cricket: The 100 – Southern Brave
v Welsh Fire**

Wednesday, July 22, 7pm, Sky Sports
Action
Darts: World Matchplay – Day 4

Thursday, July 23, 6pm, Sky Sports
Cricket
**Cricket: The 100 – London Spirit v
Manchester Super Giants**

Thursday, July 23, 7pm, Sky Sports
Action
Darts: World Matchplay – Day 5

Thursday, July 23, 8pm, Sky Sports+
**Super League: Hull FC v Hull
Kingston Rovers**

Friday, July 24, 7pm, Sky Sports
Action
Darts: World Matchplay – Day 6

Friday, July 24, 8pm, Sky Sports+
**Super League: Wakefield Trinity
v Castleford Tigers**

Saturday, July 25, 5.30pm, Sky Sports
Cricket
**Cricket: The 100 – Welsh Fire v
MI London**

Saturday, July 25, 5.30pm, Sky
Sports+
**Super League: Leigh Leopards v
Warrington Wolves**

Saturday, July 25, 7.30pm, Sky Sports
Action
Darts: World Matchplay – Day 7

Sunday, July 26, 2pm, Sky Sports F1
**Formula 1: Hungarian Grand
Prix**

Greene King stages first free trade event

Preferred Supplier Greene King staged its first-ever Free Trade Event back in April in Norwich which aimed to help operators reduce costs, improve performance and grow trade



Attendees were able to sample Greene King's comprehensive drinks range

Greene King hosted its first-ever Free Trade Event on April 29, welcoming more than 250 customers and 30 exhibitors to Norwich for a day focused on discovery, insight and connection.

The event brought together independent operators and leading suppliers from across the industry, showcasing a broad range of drinks categories alongside Greene King Free Trade's Value Hub partners.

Attendees were able to sample new and upcoming products, explore fresh ideas for their venues and take advantage of exclusive offers designed to support business growth.

The event also highlighted the strength of Greene King Free Trade's offer, which is designed to help independent operators reduce costs, improve performance and grow their businesses.

From a comprehensive drinks range and nationwide delivery to expert technical support and access to Value Hub savings, Greene King Free Trade provides an integrated package of support built around the needs of modern on-trade operators.

A key focus of the day was creating opportunities for customers to connect, share experiences and learn from one another, as well as from Greene King Free Trade's expert team.

Insight sessions also provided practical advice on improving performance, including new approaches to category development and merchandising.

Providing conversations and connections were at the heart of the event, helping customers explore new opportunities and see first-hand how working with Greene King Free Trade's team can unlock both

commercial and operational benefits.

Claire Bates, Free Trade Marketing Manager at Greene King, said: "It was fantastic to see such a strong turnout for our first Free Trade Event and to bring together so many of our customers and partners in one space.

"The energy throughout the day really showed the value of creating opportunities to connect, share ideas and discover new ways to grow.

"We're committed to supporting our free trade customers with more than just product supply – from helping reduce costs through initiatives like Value Hub, to providing insight, expertise and reliable service that operators can depend on, and the event reflects that ongoing commitment."

For further information about Greene King, go to:
www.valueforvenues.co.uk/greene-king-freetradeevent



Connor McRae used his impressive voice to perform some classic ballads from across a variety of genres. A key focus of the days was creating opportunities for customers to connect, share experiences and learn from one another



The Free Trade Event is set to become an annual fixture for operators

Awards entry deadline extended for CIU clubs

CIU clubs have a proud tradition of success at the Club Awards, celebrating the very best of the Union's community-focused clubs. *Club Journal* is delighted to announce that, following numerous requests, the deadline for entries has been extended to Friday, August 14

So what makes a winner? Take a look at CIU club success stories from 2025. Here's what they won – and why.

CIU Club of the Year 2025 **Northern – High Green Club,** **South Yorkshire**



High Green Club

High Green, now in its 126th year, hosts live concerts every Friday and Sunday, bingo sessions, local games and snooker leagues. It offers a breadth of reasonably priced beers, wines, and spirits, welcoming members, players and visitors to its vibrant community hub.

Southern – Sheerness East Working Men's Club

Sheerness East is a true community hub, hosting blood donation sessions, dementia support, youth darts, and a deaf group. Events such as Easter parties and huge darts tournaments



Sheerness East



New Eltham Social Club

raise funds for charity, and the club fosters inclusion, providing social, and recreational opportunities for all ages.

Community Club of the Year **New Eltham Social Club**

Founded in 1892, the club blends its long-standing CIU traditions with a modern approach, becoming a thriving, award-winning hub for its 1,660 members.

Club Secretary of the Year **Lucy Hague, The Oatlands**

Lucy has led bar team recruitment, implemented dual pricing and



The Oatlands

automated membership cards, chaired the Bar Sub-Committee, reduced wastage and increased margins while maintaining member discounts.

Bar Manager of the Year **David Bellamy, Midland Band Social Club**

David has led his club to four consecutive CAMRA Northamptonshire Club of the Year awards consistently delivers outstanding service.

Family Club of the Year **Groby Ex-Servicemen's Club**

The vibrant heart of its Leicestershire village and with excellent facilities, family members of all ages are welcomed seven days a week.



Charity Club of the Year *Skegness Ex-Service Club*

In 2025 fundraising included over £10k for Prostate Cancer UK, and thousands of pounds for the Poppy Appeal.

Charity Club Special Award *Beechwood Easterside & District Social Club*

The club was praised for a unique community Fundraising Night which raised over £27k to help a member diagnosed with terminal cancer make more family memories.

Turnaround Club of the Year *Brookside Commercial Club*



The club saw a dramatic reversal from a £3k operating loss to a £40k profit.

Racing Club of the Year *Beechwood Easterside & District Social Club*

Horse racing is a permanent fixture on the club's screens, and 2025 saw seven coaches ferry almost 400 members to Thirsk Races.

Darts Club of the Year *Clacton Railway Club*

The club's Youth Darts Academy now boasts over 50 children, building darts proficiencies alongside maths and social skills.

HOW TO ENTER

Enter online at www.clubawards.co.uk OR:

Type up your entry using the information requests below, and email the document to

sean@alchemymedia.co.uk OR:

Post it to: Club Awards/ACP, Link Spaces, Botanica, Ditton Park,
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CLUB INFORMATION

Your name and role in club: _____

Club name & address: _____

Contact phone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Website and/or Social Media links: _____

Year club founded: _____

Number of members: _____

Approximate club turnover (not for publication): £ _____

YOUR CATEGORIES

List which categories you wish to enter. Not sure? Type in 'Let the Judges Decide'.

YOUR ENTRY

Throw a spotlight on your/your club's achievements over the past 12 months? What makes it so special? Please provide as much information as possible to support your entry, and information supporting the categories you have chosen. Minimum 250 words; Maximum - 2,000 words. Supporting information could include, for example:

Biggest Successes and achievements; Greatest moments; Best Business Initiatives/Innovations; Role in the community

NOMINATING INDIVIDUALS?

Please send in: their name, role in the club and why they are being nominated?

DEADLINE AUGUST 14, 2026. GOOD LUCK!

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