

Union President salutes hard work of clubs as June 21 heralds return to normal conditions

Ahead of June 21, when club life is set to return to normal with the removal of all Coronavirus restrictions, Union President George Smith has paid tribute to the hard work and commitment of club members across the country who have steered their venues through 15 months of major disruption.

“It’s a real testament to the calibre of officials running CIU clubs throughout the country that they have managed to battle through this dark time and come out the other side in such a strong position.

“During the pandemic, when the country was put into lockdown and our clubs were forced to shut their doors, many of our clubs instantly sprang into action to work alongside local community organisations to help vulnerable people in their area.

“As you will have read multiple times in the pages of the *Club Journal* over the past year, many of our clubs became food distribution centres and enlisted their members to deliver vital food packages to those sheltering from the virus who perhaps did not have close family and friends to rely on for supplies.

“In addition, our clubs have been used as COVID testing stations and even, in some cases, vaccination centres, as the UK has fought back against the virus.

“Against this backdrop, clubs – when allowed to open between lockdowns – have also had to adapt their trading conditions to meet the Government restrictions, investing significant club funds into COVID security measures in order to keep



Union President George Smith

their members safe.”

Mr Smith welcomed the imminent end of restrictions which will allow club members to meet and enjoy themselves under normal conditions.

“The finances of many of our clubs are very finely balanced,” he said.

“Social distancing measures, reduced capacity and table service-only restrictions put a major dent in the ability of clubs to meet the costs of being open.

“For example, many clubs rely on vital income from hiring out function rooms for private parties but that source of income has been missing since the start of the first lockdown and will only return after the restrictions end on June 21.

“It has been very heartening to see members once again flocking back into their clubs since inside service returned on May 17 and that sense of optimism can only grow as the restrictions fall away in the coming weeks.

“Clubs have been very grateful for the Government’s financial support that has come their way during the pandemic in the form of grants and loans.

“It’s very important that, going forward, the Government recognises how vital non-profit making members’ clubs are to their local communities, including providing social fellowship to otherwise isolated people, and give us the chance to recover fully.

“As a Union, we will continue to press the Government at the highest level on the key issues which affect our member clubs’ ability to serve their members and local communities and ensure that our member clubs’ collective voice is heard by the powers-that-be.”

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Welcome to the June issue of *Club Journal* as CIU clubs wait in anticipation for June 21 when all Coronavirus restrictions are set to end.

This is (hopefully) the final stage in the reopening process that began back in April with outside service allowed and continued with inside service being permitted from May 17.

As our President notes in the front page story, there is a real sense of optimism throughout our sector now that members have been allowed through their clubs' doors and that positivity can only grow stronger as life returns to normal later this month.

In our feature on pages 10-12, we talk to three clubs who reopened for the first time on May 17 and discover just how delighted their members are to be back in the fold after such a long absence.

Meanwhile, our 'Club of the Month' for May is Walthamstow Trades Hall in East London which has really hit the ground running since reopening in May.

As we reported last month, the club was awarded £80,000 by Arts Council England through the Cultural Recovery Fund, a recognition of its importance to the cultural life of the local community.

The club, which was established in 1920, is constantly looking at ways to

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bring more people in through its doors with the result that it has a wide-ranging programme of activities and events going on throughout the year.

To read the full profile of this flourishing club, see pages 14-17.

At Head Office, plans continue apace for Conference Weekend in September and we hope that as many club delegates as possible from around the country will head to Blackpool to attend the Annual Meeting and Trade Show in order to help shape the future direction of the Union.

Along with many key club suppliers, including Dransfields and Heineken UK, the CIU will have its own stand at the Trade Show and our team will be delighted to show you the many services we provide for our member clubs.

As ever, please keep your stories and pictures coming in so we can spread the good news from around the Union in the pages of the magazine each month as 'normal' service is resumed in our clubs.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

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Wadsley Bridge WMC stages reopening party

Wadsley Bridge Working Mens Club in Sheffield staged a Grand Reopening Night on May 17 and were rewarded with a mass turnout of members eager to support the club.

The club, which is renowned for its live entertainment, welcomed back members for inside service with a performance in the Concert Hall by local act Sirocco Duo, along with bingo, Super 5, and Play Your Cards Right sessions.

To mark the occasion there was 50p off all drinks for members and a glass of free bubbly on entry.

The club has recently launched a new-look website which includes a downloadable calendar with all the events and activities scheduled to take place.

Members can integrate the calendar on to their computer or smartphone to ensure they never miss an upcoming act.

The club is now open from 12pm-11pm, Monday to Thursday; 12pm to 11.30pm, Friday to Saturday and 11.15am to 11pm on Sundays.



The club's Reopening Extravaganza on May 17 was a major success



The club is gearing up for a very busy summer

OBITUARY

Rob Jakes

With much sadness, Baddesley Ensor Working Mens Club announces that our Chairman, Rob Jakes, has sadly passed away, aged 60.



Rob was our Chairman for seven years and also served as Vice-Chairman for 10 years.

During the pandemic, Rob supported many residents with meal deliveries and shopping deliveries.

His funeral took place on Thursday, April 8, 2021.

We, as Rob's Committee, send our deepest condolences to all of Rob's family and friends.

Roland Dewis

With a heavy heart, Bedworth Ex-Servicemen's Social Club announces the passing of a beloved friend, Committee Member and Trustee of the club, Mr Roland Dewis.

Roland, who joined the Committee in 1973, became a popular figure within the club and as a builder by trade even built the extension to the club.

His devotion to the club and his infectious smile will be very sadly missed by members and staff alike.

Rest in peace Roland – you will always be in our hearts.

News in brief

Fixture list for new Premier League season set to be published on June 9

The 2021/22 fixture list for the Premier League is set to be released on Wednesday, June 9 at 9am.

The new season starts on August 14th which is just over a month after the final of UEFA Euro 2020.

The initial Premier League fixtures will be subject to change due to TV scheduling, with Sky Sports, BT Sport, Amazon Prime Video and BBC Sport set to broadcast games next season.

News in brief

Harbury Village Club reopens with a bang as it unveils loyalty scheme

The Harbury Village Club in Warwickshire has introduced a loyalty card scheme for its members.

Members can ask for a card behind the bar and receive one stamp for every pint they buy. After 10 stamps are collected, they receive a free pint.

Meanwhile, the club has also relaunched its live sport offering since reopening in May and will be showing the key sporting events on its big screen.

The club has introduced a Happy Hour during selected fixtures on Saturdays and Sundays with a 'Buy one drink, get one half price' offer.



Inch's Cider, made with 100% British apples, is launched by Heineken UK

Heineken UK has added a new 'sustainable' cider brand – Inch's – to its portfolio.

The drink (4.5% abv) is made from 100% British apples from within 40 miles of the supplier's Herefordshire mill, with all the waste from the apples being converted into green energy.

Heineken said it wanted to use the brand to "recruit younger consumers into the category" by "delivering the widespread appeal of a modern, refreshing cider" and that the cider is "perfectly balanced between sweet and dry for a great tasting refreshment", said Heineken.

"From sourcing to sustainability, we are progressive cider makers on a mission to do things properly in pursuit of a great tasting British cider that goes that little bit further to do the right thing," said Heineken UK Cider Marketing Director Rachel Holms.

Rising rock band head home to Acomb WMC



Skylights will play at Acomb WMC on December 16

An up-and-coming rock band are preparing for a homecoming gig at Acomb Working Mens Club in York as part of a nationwide tour.

Skylights, a four-piece band who have been compared to Oasis, are set to embark on a UK national tour in August, playing gigs in Scotland, Ireland and England, culminating at Acomb WMC on December 16.

Turnbull Smith, guitarist in the band, said: "It was really important for us to have a show in the area we grew up in.

"Our first gigs were full of the people of Acomb – without them we wouldn't be lucky enough to be where we are now. This is a thank you to them."

Skylights' latest single 'Darkness Falls' went into the vinyl charts at No.11 alongside established artists such as Keith Richards and New Order.

Tanfield Lea WMC unveils new-look Bar



Tanfield Lea WMC underwent refurbishments during lockdown

Tanfield Lea Working Mens Club reopened on May 17, giving members the chance to see the refurbishments of the Bar which were carried out during lockdown.

With social distancing regulations in place, the Bar seats 39, the Lounge has a seated capacity of 48 and the Function Room seats a further 70.

New era for Lysaght Club in West Somerset



Members enjoy a drink on the grassy area at the front of the Lysaght Club

The Lysaght Club in Old Cleeve near Minehead was a hive of activity during the last lockdown with a series of improvements undertaken at the West Somerset venue.

The club – which reopened on May 21 – has a new-look dining room plus tables and benches outside to enable members to enjoy a summer drink overlooking the club's orchard and boules pitch.

Meanwhile, the skittle alley has been decorated with a new darts area and comfortable seating added.

There will be a new Friday night dinner menu running from 6pm to 8.30pm and served up by local caterers Jen's Pantry with a wide variety of bar snacks and full meals served in the dining room.

A takeaway service will also be available.

The club is run and staffed by volunteers and opens Friday and Saturday nights plus Sunday lunchtimes.



The club now offers eat-in meals on Friday evenings courtesy of catering firm Jen's Pantry

News in brief



Heineken UK expands Old Mout cider range with Watermelon & Lime

Heineken is expanding its Old Mout cider range with the addition of a Watermelon & Lime flavour.

Old Mout's latest launch aims to tap into the growing popularity of exotic fruit flavours and taste combinations in the cider market.

Mout Watermelon & Lime contains the same 4.0% ABV as the other Old Mout variants, and is made from natural flavours, is gluten-free, and vegan-friendly.

Old Mout has been the fastest growing cider brand in the On-Trade over the last five years, continuing to grow despite COVID-19 and pub closures.

In addition, Old Mout has an ongoing partnership with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to protect half a million acres of habitat around the world.

The launch will be supported by a digital media plan on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube throughout the Summer, as well as support for the trade, including making bespoke POS launch kits available.

The new variant will also be poured at multiple music festivals this year.

"In 2019 our Old Mout Pineapple & Raspberry launch was an outstanding success and we're ready to do it all over again with the arrival of our new Watermelon & Lime flavour," said Heineken UK Cider Marketing Director Rachel Holms.

"Enjoying a flavoured cider over ice will be a huge pull for customers returning to the On-Trade, so our latest innovation – with its dynamic flavour combination and exceptional consumer taste test results – is the perfect option this summer."

News in brief

CLIC Sargent Charity event set for Friday, June 25 at Newton Aycliffe Working Mens Club

Newton Aycliffe Working Mens Club, known as 'The Big Club', is hosting a charity night on Friday, June 25 in aid of CLIC Sargent and the Mark Solan Charity.

A kids disco will be held from 7-9pm, followed by a performance by singer Jess Wilks with a raffle held during the evening.

The event is being organised by the friends and family of a local girl, Emily, who sadly succumbed to a rare aggressive form of cancer at the age of 12.



CIU clubs urged to get involved with Diabetes Awareness Week from June 14-20

Diabetes is predicted to become a huge crisis for the future health of the U.K.'s population. It is a health condition that can have a major impact on people's lives and once at an advanced stage, diabetes can cause a host of other health complications.

Diabetes afflicts more people in the U.K. than any other serious health condition. There are 4.6 million Type 1 sufferers and an estimated 12.3 million people are potential Type 2 diabetics.

For more information on diabetes or to stage an event in support of the charity, visit:

<https://www.diabetes.org.uk>

Welsh social club features in new film about Dream Alliance's unlikely Welsh National win

Twyn-Y-Ffald Constitutional Club will be the toast of Hollywood this year with the release of a new film.

The film – Dream Horse – centres on the incredible story of horse Dream Alliance, which was bred on a shoestring budget by Jan Vokes, the Bar Manager of Twyn-Y-Ffald Constitution Club and owned by a syndicate comprised in the main of club members.

The horse went on to become the winner of the Welsh Grand National.

Starring Owen Teale, Toni Collette and Damian Lewis, the film was released at the end of May in cinemas and will be available on streaming platforms on June 10.

Bedlington Station SC confirms wrestling dates



Bedlington Station Social Club will be hosting five professional wrestling shows in 2021

Bedlington Station Social Club has announced five live professional wrestling events for 2021.

The shows will be staged by the North-East based Contract Professional Wrestling stable – headed by local legend Brian 'Assassin' Bell.

The company trains some of the country's leading wrestlers as well as staging shows, including regular visits to Bedlington Station Social Club.

There will be bouts featuring male and female wrestlers with the matches announced closer to each date.

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'Elvis & Friends' tops the bill for Cotteridge Social Club's June live entertainment offering
Cotteridge Social Club in Birmingham has booked an impressive line-up of top tribute acts for June in order to attract members back into the venue.

The club's Reggae Night on June 5, featuring local group Ska Waddy, was sold out just weeks after being announced, while tickets are selling fast for several other acts set to play at the venue, including an Oasis Tribute night on June 12.

On June 26, the club's Elvis & Friends Night features Dave Dixon who appeared in the 2005 final of 'Stars in their Eyes' on ITV and was also a finalist in the European Elvis Championship 2013.



Cricket's Australia v England Ashes Series schedule confirmed for 2021/22

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Cricket Australia (CA) have confirmed the schedules for the Ashes series in Australia this winter.

Joe Root's Test side will begin their five-match series at the Gabba in Brisbane on December 8 before moving to Adelaide for a day-night Test starting on December 16.

The traditional Boxing Day and New Year's Tests will follow at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (26-30 December) and Sydney Cricket Ground (5-9 January) respectively, with the final Test scheduled for Perth's Optus Stadium (14-18 January).

England will be aiming to regain the urn and claim their first series win in Australia since Andrew Strauss' team triumphed 3-1 in 2010/11. Australia are the side in possession courtesy of a 4-0 victory in 2017/18, with the 2019 series in England finishing 2-2.

The 2021/22 Ashes Series schedule

1st Test: 8-12 December - Gabba, Brisbane

2nd Test: 16-20 December - Adelaide Oval, Adelaide (day/night)

3rd Test: 26-30 December - MCG, Melbourne

4th Test: 5-9 January - SCG, Sydney

5th Test: 14-18 January - Optus Stadium, Perth

Heineken's top tips on boosting Euro 2020 trade



Heineken is the Official Beer Partner of UEFA Euro 2020

Heineken, the official beer partner of UEFA Euro 2020 and Preferred Supplier to the Union, has released advice to help hospitality businesses attract customers during the tournament.

During the World Cup in 2018, £4.7 billion worth of drinks were sold (the equivalent of 546 million pints of beer) over an eight-week period, so clubs would be wise to ensure they are ready for the increased trade.

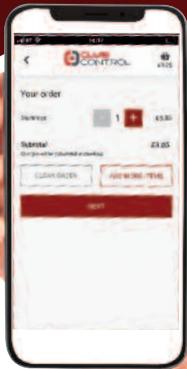
Heineken's tips for the tournament:

- Position TV screens in well-lit and open spaces, outside where possible, to maximise space and promote social distancing while ensuring all tables have a clear view of the game. Check your speakers and volume in advance to ensure fans can hear every moment of the action.
- Take advantage of tech innovations, including order and pay services to manage table bookings, speed up service and take pre-orders. Its research show that once table-service restrictions are lifted (June 21), 77% of consumers don't want to queue at the bar while enjoying sport.
- Focus on the pinch points: ensure staff are fully trained on the till systems so they can easily process any out of stocks or new lines.
- 51% of customers want food before the game starts and 37% after the match finishes, so offering food and drink deals (if you have the facilities) such as simple 'burger and drink' promotions will help extend your trading period and increase spend per head.
- With 50% of UK consumers now moderating their alcohol intake, offer an alcohol-free option, such as Heineken 0.0.
- Social posts ahead of match days or events will remind people of your club as a sports destination, generating buzz. It is recommended that each specific sporting event gets at least two posts in the lead up to matchdays and that you state all the details clearly on the day of the game.

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Clubs move further towards normality as inside service begins

CIU clubs across the UK reported some very encouraging figures in the early days of inside reopening. *Club Journal* talks to three clubs – in Cambridgeshire, the West Midlands and Yorkshire – about how they have been faring since May 17



Left to right: Councillor Adrian Andrew, Deputy Leader of Walsall Council, Mayor of the West Midlands Andy Street and Dusan Popratnjak, General Secretary of Aldridge Social Club. The club has long been at the heart of its local community

According to the *Club Journal* survey that was conducted back in March, around 43 per cent of CIU clubs were expecting to reopen their doors on May 17, the date when, after a month of outside service only, clubs were able to offer inside service, albeit with several restrictions in place, including table service only, the rule of six and social distancing measures.

And while some clubs continue to wait until June 21 – when all restrictions in hospitality settings are set to be dropped – to reopen, others are reporting very high levels of trade as eager members resume club life after 14 months of disruption.

Aldridge Social Club in the West Midlands reopened on May 17 and trade has been holding up extremely well from the outset, according to the club’s General Secretary, Dusan Popratnjak.

“We’re a very community-orientated club so it has been wonderful to see many of our regulars coming in after such a long time away and hopefully the many local organisations and charities who use us as their base for meetings will soon be back as well,” he says.

“We actually hosted a wake on the Wednesday during the first week of reopening and another one the following week and it was very heartening that the club was able to help families commemorate their loved ones who’ve recently passed away.

“We’ve also been taking booking for private functions from late June onwards when the restrictions are set to be lifted so it’s pretty clear that people are confident about going out and socialising again and getting life back to normal.

“Private functions are a very important stream of revenue for the club so we’re looking forward to the restrictions being lifted completely. We already have three wedding receptions booked in for 2022 so things are taking shape in that regard.”

The club’s Lounge has been refurbished during lockdown, while several members of the club have volunteered their time to carry out a number of essential tasks elsewhere around the club, including redecorating the club’s Snooker Room, bar and corridors, re-tiling the roof and fixing the guttering.

“We’re very lucky to have such committed members who are willing to put so much time and effort into ensuring the club is up to date,” says Dusan.

“We want to keep trying new things

and we're currently looking at staging a regular Curry night on a weeknight evening whereby members order a meal from the Indian restaurant across the road and they'll deliver and serve it to you in our Lounge.

"We're also aiming to get our Northern Soul disco back up and running in June as that is something which is very popular with members and, of course, get our live entertainment schedule back up and running.

"As a club, we're basically working as hard as we can to put 2020 behind us and ensure that the club is as busy as possible going forward."

The Comrades Club in Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire, welcomed back its members on May 17 and have been extremely pleased with the support shown thus far.

"Our members were just so happy to be back in the club and had clearly missed it so much during the lockdowns," says Club Vice-President Mark Chandler.

"On that first Monday, you could

see that they were delighted just to sit down, order a drink and have a chat with their friends.

"I was actually quite shocked with the amount of people who came in during that first week as beforehand we didn't really know how it would go.

"We do have outside space but we decided to wait until inside service was possible before reopening and it has gone very well with lots of people coming into the club, having a drink and renewing their membership.

"We've also attracted some new members which augurs really well for the future. Our Facebook page has been really busy with a constant flow of messages asking about what's happening at the club and what activities and events are coming up.

"We had a singer on the first Sunday after reopening which proved very popular. People have not had much of a chance to experience live entertainment for months and everyone really enjoyed it.

"The club should have celebrated

its centenary on May 19, 2020, but obviously the pandemic put paid to the celebrations we had planned for last year.

"It's an important milestone for the club though so we'll be looking to mark the occasion at some point this year when the restrictions are fully relaxed.

"We've been compiling a history exhibition with photos and documents from the past 100 years of the club and it has been fascinating to look back on the club history."

Like many CIU venues, the Comrades Club opted to carry out a series of improvements during the periods of enforced closure, with the result that the club is in a great position to capitalise on the pent-up demand for private functions.

"The Committee put in a massive effort during lockdown to get the club ready," says Mark.

"It was a real team effort, from the President doing the electrics to other Committee members putting in new curtains in the Hall, painting various



The Comrades Club in Godmanchester has enjoyed some brisk trade since reopening

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rooms, installing a new false ceiling and organising for a new heating and air-conditioning system to be put in.

“Last year, we also created a beer garden in part of our car park with astroturf flooring and that has proven very popular when the weather is good.

“Our plan going forward is to make as much income as possible out of hiring out the Hall for private functions and that's why we've invested in the facilities.

“We're already taking bookings from the end of June onwards and it seems like there's going to be a big demand given that people have missed out for a year on being able to hold celebratory parties, be that birthdays, anniversaries or wedding receptions.

“The future looks really bright for the club on the private function front so we're just hoping that it carries on in that vein.”

Mark is also looking forward to the start of Euros this month given that watching live sport is a big part of club life at the Comrades.

“Football is massive at the club so the Euros are going to be great for us,” he says.

“We have a big projector screen in the Hall which we put up for the big games as well as three other screens around the club. In the normal season, we show all the Premier League games on BT Sport, Sky Sports and Amazon Prime Video and get a good following for those, but the England games coming up in June and July are going to be even bigger.”

Main Line Social Club in Leeds also reopened on May 17 and the eagerness of its members to reacquaint themselves with club life was clear from the outset.

“Our members couldn't wait to get back into the club,” says Club Secretary Keith Baxter. “We actually had a socially distanced queue on the wall outside ahead of opening time on that first Monday, which just shows how much everyone missed the club while it was shut.

“The feedback has been great so far with members telling us how much they appreciate a proper pint of draught beer in the club after going so long without one.

“Our normal opening time is midday but we've pushed that back to 3pm for the time being and that seems to be working very well with

some really good trading figures.

“Obviously we're still operating under restrictions but we've tried to make things as normal as possible. On the first Thursday of that reopening week, we held our usual quiz and bingo session, and it was a really good night.

“We also booked live entertainment for that first weekend. Clearly, nobody in the audience is allowed to get up and dance but everyone really appreciated the chance to enjoy live performances.

“At the moment, we've booked solo singers for Saturdays and Sundays and we'll be looking to book bands when the restrictions are lifted in June and people can dance and sing along.

“We've just taken on a very experienced new Steward and Stewardess and they are looking to introduce cask ale to the club which is going to be another string to our bow.

“We'll be expecting some good crowds when the European Championships kick off on June 11, particularly for the England games.

“So, all-in-all, we're very pleased at how the club is going at the moment and are very optimistic moving forward.”



Life has returned to near-normality at the Main Line Social Club in Leeds with bingo, quiz nights and live entertainment back in the mix

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Walthamstow Trades Hall

Walthamstow Trades Hall

Walthamstow Trades Hall has long been recognised as one of East London's most vibrant cultural hotspots and was recently awarded £80,000 from the Arts Council's Recovery Fund

As many within the CIU will know, Walthamstow in East London is a key location in the early history of the organisation.

The Union's founder, Reverend Henry Solly, lived in the then village on the outskirts of London as a boy, his experiences there no doubt informing his later time as a social reformer and clergyman.

Scroll forward 200-odd years and Solly might struggle to recognise his old stomping ground which is now very much part of the capital.

However, if the Reverend were to walk into the Walthamstow Trades Hall, he would discover that the founding principles of the Union movement continue to flourish in this corner of the E17 postcode.

The club, founded in 1920, has long been a cultural touchstone for the local community, providing a diverse range of activities and entertainment. With a six-strong,

forward-looking Committee, headed by President John Lawrence, Vice-President Julia Spicer and Secretary Abby-Lee Widger ACM, the club has consolidated its importance to the area with members of all ages flocking

through its doors.

The current building was opened in 1973 and boasts a magnificent Main Hall which is the heart and soul of a club where live entertainment is king.

Pre-pandemic, this large space,



Club President John Lawrence with granddaughter Lacey Lawrence who is the club's administrator (photo: Dean Belcher)

which retains its original 1970s colour scheme and fittings and has a large, fully sprung dance floor, was in use seven days a week with members and guests enjoying a wide variety of engaging events, including live music, comedy, DJ nights, charity fundraisers and other eclectic cultural experiences, including the launch of the Penderyn Book Prize.

Indeed, the club's massive cultural contribution to the area – it's one of the few music venues of a significant size left in Walthamstow – has been recognised at Government level with Arts Council England recently awarding the club a grant of £80,000 from its Culture Recovery Fund which was instituted in order to help venues to recover from the damage wrought by COVID-19.

The grant was certainly not a given and was the result of 50-plus hours of combined work by Abby and Julia.

"The Arts Council has quite a complex framework that you have to follow to apply for the grant," explains Abby.

"As well as reading all the documentation we had to attend two meetings via Zoom and then learn how to use their online portal system and enter detailed information about the club, including budgets and cash flows through it.

"We felt we fitted the eligibility criteria for the grants really well because we've become such a well-known music venue in recent years so our reputation stood us in good stead with the Arts Council.

"In terms of the money, part of what you could apply for was to top up your reserves. We had actually used up all our reserves on carrying out some major structural work and internal upgrades which were essential such as installing security grills on the bar and getting the fire escape fixed.

"To operate safely and as a going concern you need to have appropriate reserves. Luckily, part of what you could apply for was to top them up."

The bottom line is that Walthamstow Trades Hall now has a war chest from which to reboot its live entertainment offering in the coming months.

"The whole point of that money is to give us a basis to trade from but the rest of the money is predominantly aimed at paying bands, DJs, performers, sound engineers, etc.," says Abby.

"In 2020, we received another grant from the London Recovery Fund to install a new sound system. It's a great system but obviously you need qualified people to operate it.

"We're lucky as a club that we have a wealth of professional creative people in the area and we always use local talent.

"Part of the Arts Council deal was that until we opened, we'd deliver entertainment in an alternative format. For a lot of venues that meant running online events but online isn't for us because our members and a lot of the local community don't have internet access. So what we did was stage some 'spontaneous' events in the car park.

"Essentially, it meant that we didn't advertise events in advance to ensure that people didn't congregate and potentially breach the social distancing rules.

"But we still put on bands, singing, drumming – different events for an hour or so on a Saturday or Sunday – which people could enjoy as they walked past. So local people were able to enjoy a cultural experience and it gave us a chance to promote the club."

Of course, getting the club ready for inside opening in May was a key priority, a process that involved an army of willing volunteers drawn from the membership.

"Half the battle of running a successful club is keeping on top of everything and we are lucky that so



The club is renowned as one of London's most vibrant venues for music and culture

(Photo: Thierry Bal)

CLUB OF THE MONTH

many members are willing to help out whenever something needs doing,” says John Lawrence, Club President since 2018 and a member for the past 40 years.

John has led from the front in changing the philosophy of the club and making it more accessible to a more diverse cross section of members, rather than just relying on a hardcore of older members.

“You can’t just live in the past and carry on doing what you’ve always done,” he says. “You have to adapt as a club or you go under. Obviously, the worry among the older, established members when you try and change things is that you’re trying to force them out.

“That couldn’t be further from the truth. We’re trying to ensure that everyone can feel part of the club. Our members really love this club and the fact that it’s a fun, safe environment.

“I can’t remember any trouble in the 40 years I’ve been a member and that’s part of the reason why the club continues to go from strength to strength. We have all ages of people in the club and want to make sure we’re welcoming to everyone.”

The club reopened on the week of May 17 and wasted little time in putting on live entertainment in that very first week with a comedy night



Vice-President Julia Spicer (seated) and Secretary Abby-Lee Widger ACM (photo: Dean Belcher)

on the Thursday, a reggae music night on the Friday and a local band, The Word, on the Saturday night.

“As we discovered when we reopened after the first lockdown, people are just so happy to get back into the club, even when the restrictions are in place,” says Abby.

“When we reopened in May, we were of course operating under restrictions in terms of capacity. We have a Fire Licence for 473 people but when open during COVID times

we’ve been operating at 118 capacity including staff and performers. Obviously, we’ll adapt as the restrictions lift and hopefully we can get back to normal conditions.”

Reopening has also been eagerly anticipated by the many local groups and charities who use the club as their base.

“We’re a big space in the heart of a large community,” says Abby. “We feel that the building should be used as much as possible by local groups.



Members help to tidy up the outside of the club ahead of reopening

“The local branch of the Women’s Institute – the ‘Stow Roses’ – have been meeting here for a number of years and have had to take their meetings online while we’ve been shut so it will be great to have them back.

“We also host two groups for carers and babies and they have been allowed to meet at the club for some weeks as the restrictions were relaxed earlier for them than for other activities.

“In normal times, ‘Natural Voices’ choir sessions are regularly held at the club and we also have dance classes running during the week.”

John adds: “We’ve got one of the best dance floors in the area. It’s fully sprung and very large with a glitter ball above it, so we can’t wait to start using it properly once the restrictions are removed.

“It’s great for all sorts of dancing – formal, disco or modern. Our Tea Dances on Monday afternoons were proving really popular before the pandemic.”

The club is keen to support members in putting on regular or

one-off events, such as charity fundraisers.

“It’s a win-win situation for the club,” explains Abby. “We’ve had some brilliant fundraisers, including Downright Excellent – a Down’s Syndrome charity – and the place was rammed and we raised over £2,500.

“We did similar benefit events for a local foodbank charity Eat or Heat and the CALM mental health charity. Those sorts of events come from members – everyone has a great time and you raise money for good causes.”

The pandemic has given the club a chance to step back and appraise how it operates, as well as exchange knowledge with other clubs in their branch.

“During the shutdown, we joined a North West Metropolitan Branch Whatsapp group and it has been incredibly useful for sharing information.

“It’s enabled us to find out what works for other clubs and get tips on things we can do here in the club to make things run more efficiently,” says Abby.

“As a result, we’ve recently taken on a new part-time administrator: John’s granddaughter Lacey.

“She has a long term connection with the club and totally gets what we’re trying to do.

“We also have a new General Manager, Kat Roberts, who has 25 years’ experience of running music pubs in the area and we’ve also modernised our till system.

“That has all happened in the last year so we’re really looking forward to taking the club to even greater heights.”

The last word, fittingly, goes to John: “We’re determined to keep the club moving forward; if you don’t keep looking ahead, you stagnate and we don’t want that to happen.

“We want to make sure the club is around for another 100 years.”

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Dancing is just one of the popular activities which takes place regularly at the club

(Photo: Veronika Spejgl-James)

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News in brief

Contracts and Handbook available from Branch Offices

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

The documents available are:

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

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

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

National Executive Committee dates for 2021

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

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

Annual Meeting 2021 dates

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

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

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

CIU racing events set for Autumn

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

The 2020 edition of the event was cancelled due to the pandemic but previously had been one of the best attended annual CIU events of the year with around 1,000 members enjoying a fantastic day of jump racing and hospitality at the 2019 raceday.

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

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

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



Wetherby is the venue for the CIU's annual raceday

John Batchelor steps down from NEC

John Batchelor, the NEC Member for Leicestershire and the Branch Secretary of the Leicestershire Branch, has retired from all CIU duties.

Please note that, due to John stepping down, the Leicestershire Branch will be closing.

All clubs currently within the Branch will be contacted regarding their new Branch.



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Heineken UK to give away 12 SmartDispense cellar systems

Heineken UK, the Preferred Supplier of beer and cider to the Union, is giving away 12 SmartDispense cellar systems over the next 12 months which will help the winning clubs to improve drinks quality, reduce waste and save time

Heineken UK is giving away 12 SmartDispense cellar systems over the next year.

The giveaway will see 12 lucky venues win a site survey, three years' worth of services, three years' worth of line cleaning and other additional benefits.

Heineken SmartDispense is an award-winning, industry-leading and sustainable business solution, connecting dispense technology with service and the insights that an operator needs to improve drinks quality, reduce waste and save time.

Now more than ever, it's crucial to provide members with an unbeatable experience and great service and SmartDispense ensures a fresh, cold, perfectly poured pint, every time.

SmartDispense has changed the way draught beer and cider is dispensed and served in the On-Trade.

By extending line cleaning intervals to six or even 12-weekly cycles (depending on the SmartDispense system type). Operators can reduce water, CO², beer and cider wastage by at least 83.3%.

As all CIU clubs know, serving consistent great quality pints requires a lot of time and work behind the scenes. Additionally, maintaining and chilling draught beer and cider can be expensive and a contributor to a club's carbon footprint.

With consumers increasingly looking to align with a generational desire for sustainability, the pioneering SmartDispense system uses energy-saving innovation like green cooling technology to chill beer and cider more efficiently to around zero °C, whilst saving operators on their utility bills.

Commenting on the giveaway, Richard Stephens, Head of Technical Services at Heineken UK, said: "It has been an unprecedented past 12 months for the On-Trade, but the resiliency we have seen from clubs has been phenomenal.

"As hospitality approaches full reopening we thought there was no better time for bars to consider how they can be more sustainable with their draught system.

"With over 90% of On-Trade beer and cider sales coming from draught, your dispense system is the beating heart of your bar, so ensuring you have the latest and very best dispense system in place will give you that peace of mind.

"That's why we wanted to give operators the chance to win one of 12 SmartDispense systems for their outlet."

As a winner you can expect to benefit from the following:

- A free site survey of your outlet by Heineken SmartDispense technicians, to determine the right dispense system and brands for you.



The Heineken SmartDispense cellar system

- Three years of services, including a regular 24-point professional line cleaning service which delivers consistently great quality pints for your members whilst reducing the environmental impact of water and gas waste.

The service also saves you time and the cost of cleaning materials – for a 10-tap venue, this equates to about 1,500 pints of beer and cider, over 10,000 pints of water and over 156 line-cleaning hours saved per year.

- Access to the Heineken Buying Club – a service providing access to leading tools, services and suppliers at discounted prices, including everything from utilities, waste disposal, catering equipment and marketing tools. This is worth on average £5,000 of savings per outlet, per year.
- Free access to the Hello BEER app, a staff training programme covering everything from perfect pour training to cellar management – ensuring staff can deliver an excellent member experience, every time.
- Inclusion within Heineken's Green Pint campaign, a consumer awareness campaign to help you tell your members about your SmartDispense system and more sustainable pint offering.

You can also raise awareness of your Green Pint status with free window stickers and downloadable social media assets.

For the chance to win one of 12 SmartDispense systems, operators simply need to complete a short form in the link below to be entered into a monthly draw for the next 12 months:

<https://smartdispense.heineken.co.uk/win-smart/>

The CIU – 159 years of helping clubs to prosper

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

Advice and Help for Clubs

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

Education

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

Club Journal

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

Charity

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

Lobbying on Behalf of Clubs

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

Rules

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





Events - CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition

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

The CIU Racing Club

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

Sport & Games

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

CIU Official Website

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

Events - CIU National Charity Raceday

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

PRS Tariff

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



The Union's Annual Meeting – Saturday, September 11

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

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

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



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



Union President George Smith will chair the 2021 Annual Meeting



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



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



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



NEC Member Jack Haughey CMD ACM at the last AGM

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More exhibitors confirmed for the CIU Beer & Trades Show

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



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

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

With the Government recently setting out its roadmap to lift COVID-19 restrictions by June 21, the stage is set for delegates to attend Conference Weekend during the late summer.

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

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



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

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The position is paid weekly with 28 days annual leave. Living accommodation of a two bed flat forms part of the contract and is non negotiable.

All interested parties for this wonderful opportunity should send a copy of their CV and covering letter to the Secretary Michelle Brinkley by email or post unitedservicessecretary@btconnect.com

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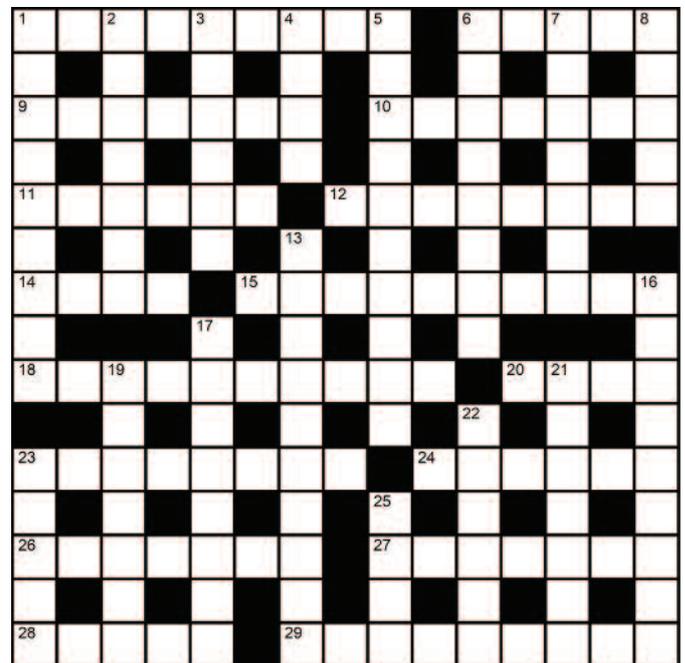
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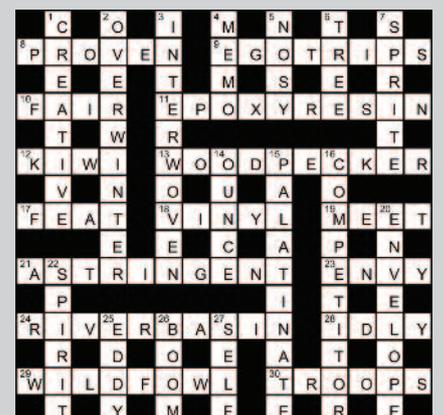
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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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- Graham Jones of Milnrow WMC





Friday, June 11, 8pm - ITV

Euro 2020: Turkey v Italy

After a year-long delay due to the pandemic, the European Championships get underway. A total of 24 teams will be playing across 51 matches in 12 cities. It all ends at Wembley Stadium with the final which takes place on Sunday, July 11. Will England, Scotland or Wales make a challenge for the title? Portugal are the holders, having beaten France in the 2016 Final.



Saturday, June 26, 1pm - ITV

Horse Racing: Northumberland Plate Meeting

This is the most famous race meeting of the year at Newcastle Racecourse, featuring the Northumberland Plate, a two-mile heritage handicap worth £150,000, as well as the Chipchase Stakes, a Group 3, six-furlong sprint. Caravan of Hope, trained by Hugo Palmer, was the winning horse in the 2020 edition of the Northumberland Plate.



Saturday, June 26, 3pm - Sky Sports

Lions Tour: British & Irish Lions v Japan

Edinburgh is the venue for this first outing of the 2021 Lions, a team composed of the best rugby union players drawn from the ranks of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. After this warm-up match against an exciting Japanese side, the squad heads to South Africa for a three-Test series against the World Champion Springboks.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

The much-anticipated UEFA European Championship gets underway on June 11 with England, Scotland and Wales among the 24 nations taking part in the event. There is also top action in rugby, cricket and racing

Sunday, June 6, 1pm

Sky Sports F1

F1: Azerbaijan Grand Prix

Thursday, June 10, 7.45pm

Sky Sports

Super League: Castleford Tigers v Hull FC

Friday, June 11, 7pm

ITV

Euro 2020: Turkey v Italy

Friday, June 11, 7.45pm

Sky Sports

Super League: Leeds Rhinos v St Helens

Saturday, June 12, 2pm

ITV

Euro 2020: Wales v Switzerland

Saturday, June 12, 8pm

ITV

Euro 2020: Belgium v Russia

Sunday, June 13, 2pm

BBC

Euro 2020: England v Croatia

Sunday, June 13, 7pm

Sky Sports F1

F1: Canadian Grand Prix

Monday, June 14, 2pm

BBC

Euro 2020: Scotland v Czech Republic

Monday, June 14, 8pm

BBC

Euro 2020: Spain v Sweden

Tuesday, June 15, 1pm

ITV

Horse Racing: Royal Ascot - Day 1

Tuesday, June 15, 8pm

ITV

Euro 2020: France v Germany

Wednesday, June 16, 5pm

BBC

Euro 2020: Turkey v Wales

Wednesday, June 16, 7.45pm

Sky Sports

Super League: Wakefield Trinity v Castleford Tigers

Thursday, June 17, 5pm

ITV

Euro 2020: Denmark v Belgium

Thursday, June 17, 7.45pm

Sky Sports

Super League: St Helens v Warrington Wolves

Thursday, June 17, 8pm

BBC

Euro 2020: Netherlands v Austria

Friday, June 18, 2pm

BBC

Euro 2020: Sweden v Slovakia

Friday, June 18, 5pm

BBC

Euro 2020: Croatia v Czech Republic

Friday, June 18, 5pm

Sky Sports

Super League: Catalans Dragons v Leeds Rhinos

Friday, June 18, 8pm

ITV

Euro 2020: England v Scotland

Saturday, June 19, 1pm

ITV

Horse Racing: Royal Ascot - Day 5

Saturday, June 19, 2pm

BBC

Euro 2020: Hungary v France



Saturday, June 19, 5pm

ITV

Euro 2020: Portugal v Germany

Saturday, June 19, 8pm

BBC

Euro 2020: Spain v Poland

Sunday, June 20, 5pm

ITV

Euro 2020: Italy v Wales

Monday, June 21, 8pm

BBC

Euro 2020: Finland v Belgium

Tuesday, June 22, 8pm

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Euro 2020: Croatia v Scotland

Tuesday, June 22, 8pm

ITV

**Euro 2020: Czech Republic v
England**

Wednesday, June 23, 5pm

ITV

Euro 2020: Slovakia v Spain

Wednesday, June 23, 5pm

ITV

Euro 2020: Sweden v Poland

Wednesday, June 23, 8pm

BBC

Euro 2020: Germany v Hungary

Wednesday, June 23, 8pm

BBC

Euro 2020: Portugal v France

Saturday, June 26, 12.30pm

ITV

**Horse Racing: Northumberland
Plate Day, Newcastle**

Saturday, June 26, 2.30pm

Sky Sports Main Event

**Rugby Union: British & Irish
Lions v Japan**

Saturday, June 26, 5pm

BBC/ITV

Euro 2020: Round of 16

Saturday, June 26, 8pm

BBC/ITV

Euro 2020: Round of 16

Sunday, June 27, 5pm

BBC/ITV

Euro 2020: Round of 16

Sunday, June 27, 8pm

BBC/ITV

Euro 2020: Round of 16

Monday, June 28, 12 noon

BBC

**Tennis: Wimbledon
Championship – Day 1**

Monday, June 28, 5pm

BBC/ITV

Euro 2020: Round of 16

Monday, June 28, 8pm

BBC/ITV

Euro 2020: Round of 16

Tuesday, June 29, 10.30am

Sky Sports Cricket

**International Cricket: England v
Sri Lanka – 1st ODI**

Tuesday, June 29, 8pm

BBC/ITV

Euro 2020: Round of 16



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