

Carlton Social Club pays tribute to stalwarts David and Isabella

Carlton Social Club in Wakefield has marked the retirement of President David Crichton and his wife Isabella after a remarkable 30 years of service to the club by the pair.

David held various positions in the club, from Committee Member, Trustee, Vice-President and then President up to his retirement.

Isabella also held various roles in the club as Committee Member, Trustee and Assistant Secretary up to her retirement.

David and Isabella were presented with a bouquet and a gift set from the Club Committee at the club's recent AGM.

Club Secretary Steve Kearnan said: "David and Isabella have been the backbone of this club for so many years and I don't think their contribution will ever be matched.

"To serve 30 years, just for the love of the club, speaks volumes of their character and their unstinting work has ensured that this club remains a vital part of our local community.

"I have been Secretary of the club for 22 years and I don't think I would have lasted anywhere near this long without



David and Isabella Crichton have retired after many decades of service at Wakefield's Carlton Social Club

their wisdom and support.

"After such sterling service, they deserve their retirement and hopefully will still come and see their many friends and enjoy the club they have helped to make such a success."

A special night will be held on July 15 to mark this fantastic achievement and representatives from the CIU will be in attendance to thank them for their service.

Entries now open for the 'CIU Club of the Year 2023'



The Club Awards 2023 are taking place in November in Leicester and your club could be part of this annual celebration of clubland.

One of the most prestigious categories is the 'CIU Club of the Year' award which will be presented on stage to the winners by Union President George Smith, Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM.

• **For more information on nominating your club for 'CIU Club of the Year', see page 22**

Club of the Month: Biggin Hill Social & Sports Club

This month's 'Club of the Month' is Biggin Hill Social & Sports Club in Kent.

The club continues to be at the heart of the local community and boasts great facilities and an impressive programme of live entertainment.

• **For the full profile of the club, see pages 12-16**



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Welcome to the June edition of *Club Journal*.

Well, Conference Weekend may have come and gone for another year but planning is already underway for Blackpool 2024 with the dates confirmed for next year.

The Union's 160th Annual Meeting will be taking place on Saturday, April 20, 2024 with the Beer & Trades Exhibition held, as usual, on the day before – Friday, April 19, 2024.

Please do put these dates in your diary now and we will, of course, bring you further details nearer to the time.

Just a reminder that if you want to catch up on this year's Conference Weekend, you can download an audio file of the Annual Meeting as well as the official photographs from across the weekend on the Union's website:

www.wmciu.org.uk

On the subject of this year's AGM, in this month's magazine we have an edited version of the speech given by award-winning writer and broadcaster Pete Brown.

Pete, who recently published his book *Clubland: How the Working Men's Club shaped Britain*, was one of the guest speakers at this year's AGM and offering some fascinating insights into what he discovered while researching and writing the book.

He offered plenty of food for thought to clubs looking to attract new

Welcome

members through their doors and highlighted five key areas on which clubs should concentrate.

See pages 20-21 for the full article.

This month's 'Club of the Month' is Biggin Hill Social & Sports Club in Kent which is positively thriving thanks to sound financial management, modern, comfortable facilities and a fantastic line-up of live entertainment.

Like many CIU clubs, they really made the most of the extra Bank Holiday during Coronation Weekend as they celebrated this national occasion.

See pages 12-16 for the profile of the club.

This month will see the latest batch of CIU officials completing their Award in Club Management (ACM) when they attend the Unit 3 day course at the Mildmay Club on June 10, with earlier day courses having been held in April and May

If you would like to bring the ACM course to your club – or share the course with other clubs in your area – you will need a minimum of 10 candidates who are prepared to attend day courses on three Saturdays of your choice.

For more details, see page 11.

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Presentation held at Chirton Social Club



Chirton Social Club held a ceremony in March to make service presentations to three stalwart Committee members – Billy Barber, Kevin Downie and Ken Herron. Pictured, left to right: Mac Brunton (Chirton Social Club Vice-Chairman), Ann Barber, Billy Barber (Chirton Social Club Committee Member and Long Service Award recipient), Judith Downie, Kevin Downie (Chirton Social Club Committee Member and Certificate of Merit recipient), Sandra Herron, Ken Herron (Chairman of Chirton Social Club and Distinguished Service Award Recipient), John Patterson (Chirton Social Club Secretary), Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary) and Ronnie Wonders (No.8 Executive Committee Member)

Sky Sports signs new Football League deal

Sky Sports has signed a new five-year deal with the English Football League (EFL).

The new agreement means that over 1,000 matches will be broadcast each season – a record number of games for any club football agreement.

Running from the 2024/2025 season to 2028/29, the deal will see 1,059 EFL matches show live across existing Sky Sports channels or live via a Sky Sports streaming destination available on TV and mobile devices.

Each League weekend fixture round will see 10 live EFL fixtures shown. Five matches will be shown from the Sky Bet Championship and supporters of Sky Bet League One and League Two teams will now benefit from greater coverage than ever before with five of their games being broadcast live.

Fans will be also able to watch every match – again, for the first time ever – from the Carabao Cup and EFL Trophy.

Each season, Sky Sports will broadcast a minimum of:

- 328 Sky Bet Championship matches
- 248 Sky Bet League One matches
- 248 Sky Bet League Two matches
- All 15 Play-Off matches
- All 93 Carabao Cup matches
- All 127 EFL Trophy matches



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OBITUARY

Ronnie Coulthard

It is with great sadness that the Sunderland National Reserve Club announces the passing of its well-respected Treasurer Ronnie Coulthard.

Ronnie was a member of the club for 57 years, having joined in May, 1966.

Ronnie passed away on May 2, 2023 and will be greatly missed by all his colleagues and friends at the club.

News in brief



Sarisbury Green Social Club announces Race Night event in aid of children's charity

Sarisbury Green Social Club in Hampshire is staging a Race Night in aid of a local charity.

The event will take place on Saturday, August 27 and will raise funds for the Dreams Come True charity which supports seriously ill children and their families.

Members will be able to win prizes by being an owner, trainer or horse for a £2 stake.

The club will also be holding a special quiz on the night with further prizes up for grabs.



Boxing event staged at Hereford's Richmond Place Club is a roaring success

The Richmond Place Club in Hereford enjoyed a busy night in April when it staged a major boxing event for the Hereford Boxing Academy (HBA).

"This is the first boxing event we have held for a number of years and it was a very busy night for the club which everyone greatly enjoyed. We are hoping to stage regular events with HBA at the club going forward," said Club Secretary Les Walker.

News in brief



Baddeley Green WMC wins award as Staffordshire's 'Social Club of the Year'

Members of Baddeley Green Working Men's Club in Stoke-on-Trent are celebrating after scooping a top local award.

The club received the David Deakes Memorial Award for 'Sports & Social Club of the Year' at the Pride of Staffordshire Awards 2023.

This award is certainly very well deserved with the club continuing to go from strength to strength thanks to a busy schedule of events, including a series of top tribute acts, singers, bands and charity events.

Coming up later in the year are tributes to AC/DC, Celine Dion, Take That, Queen, Ed Sheeran and Abba while a recent charity benefit for the local Air Ambulance raised well over £2,000 and was yet another sell-out event with over 200 people attending.

Meanwhile, members turned out in droves for the club's Coronation Weekend celebrations which included the 'Ultimate Family Indoor Street Party' on Sunday, May 7.

Entertaining the audience were The Laughing Legends who performed some classic songs from across the eras.

The club was festooned with plenty of Union Jack bunting and other patriotic decorations with events taking place from the Friday to the Bank Holiday Monday.

Last month also saw the club staging a fun Bowls competition with members – bowlers and non-bowlers alike – competing alongside each other for the Reg Grocott Memorial Trophy.

The club's monthly Northern Soul & Motown nights continue to be a big draw.

John Stacey bows out after 30 years of service



John Stacey, the President of East Stanley Working Men's Club in County Durham, has retired after 30 years of service to the club and a party was held in April to mark the occasion. In attendance was Union President George Smith, along with John's club colleagues, friends and family. Pictured, left to right: Union President George Smith, John Stacey, Ian McAninly, Steve Richardson (East Stanley WMC Secretary) and Dougie Macdonald (Durham Division 7 CIU Representative)

California Club celebrates Coronation in style



There was a magnificent turnout at the California Club in Ipswich during Coronation Weekend with members enjoying live music, BBQ food, a children's bouncy castle and a beer and cider festival over the Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday

VE Day anniversary party held at Stoke Golding



On the Sunday of Coronation Weekend the Stoke Golding Club staged a party celebrating 78 years since Victory in Europe Day

The Stoke Golding Club in Nuneaton staged a spectacular VE Day Anniversary party on Sunday, May 7 as part of their Coronation Weekend celebrations.

Marking 78 years since the end of the Second World War in Europe, the party saw members dressed in 1940s outfits with prizes handed out for the best costumes.

Also present were a number of vintage military vehicles brought along for the afternoon by military history enthusiasts.

There was a fantastic turnout by members on the day as they enjoyed drinks, food and live music in the Spring sunshine.



News in brief

Liam Smith and Chris Eubank Jr rematch postponed but big fight night goes ahead

Liam Smith's rematch with Chris Eubank Jr, rescheduled for July 1, has been put on hold as the Liverpudlian is yet to recover fully from injury.

However, the big July 1 Manchester show will still go ahead on Sky Sports but is now headlined by the undisputed title clash between top female boxers Savannah Marshall and Franchon Crews-Dezurn.

The rest of the bill will stay the same with rising light-heavyweight star Ben Whittaker back in action along with Callum Simpson.

The co-headline bout remains in place, with former middleweight world titlist Marshall challenging undisputed super-middleweight champion Crews-Dezurn for the unified WBO, WBA, WBC and IBF world 168lb titles.

It will be Marshall's second consecutive undisputed championship fight after her groundbreaking clash with Claressa Shields at the O2 Arena last year.

It means Marshall is on track to land a record-setting one-two this summer as she follows October's sell-out of the O2 in London – the UK's largest arena – by headlining a sold-out show at the AO Arena Manchester – the UK's second-largest arena.

She becomes the first female boxer to headline the UK's two largest arenas in back-to-back events.

Eubank Jr's promoter Kalle Sauerland of Wasserman Boxing said a new date for the Smith v Eubank Jr rematch will be announced imminently.



The sun was shining in Warwickshire on Sunday, May 7 as the Stoke Golding Club staged its VE Day Anniversary party



Many club members dressed up in 1940's attire and military uniform for the festivities

News in brief



Sheerness East WMC used as filming location for video by Australian rock band DMA'S

Sheerness East Working Men's Club has featured as the filming location for a video by well-known Australian rock band DMA'S.

The filming took place in the club's Main Hall and Lounge with ladies from the 'Chair Yoga' class acting as extras in the video for the song Forever which was released in March.

Club Manager Paula Smith, who herself makes an appearance in the video, said: "We thought very little about it at the time as we often have local schools and colleges or local singers and groups using our venue to make videos for school work or to promote themselves with agents.

"But when we saw the final version of the video on YouTube, we realised that DMA'S are a very famous band around the world.

"I have messaged the band and invited them in for a drink when they are touring the UK in June!"



Tanfield Lea WMC welcomes Newcastle United midfielder Rob Lee for Q&A event

England and Newcastle United midfielder Rob Lee recently took part in a Q&A event at Tanfield Lea Working Men's Club.

The event, on May 19, saw the 21-times-capped player reminiscing about his career which began at Charlton Athletic and included a stint at St James' Park where he was part of the side which won the First Division title in 1993.

Members were given the opportunity to chat to and take selfies with the Magpies legend.

The 'King' makes appearance at Fareham SC



Members of Fareham Social Club in Hampshire enjoyed a barnstorming musical performance by the 'King' on the evening of Saturday, May 6.

Having witnessed the Coronation of King Charles III on the club's big screen earlier in the day, members settled down to watch a live Elvis Presley tribute act by 'Brad as Elvis' (pictured, above).

This came after a Family Coronation Party, held on Friday, May 5, which saw a disco, raffle, games and bingo.

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Swindon's Ashford Road Club wins CAMRA award



Pictured, left to right: Jenny Brownley (Club Secretary), Sue Brunetti (Committee Member), Malcolm Brownley (Committee Member) and Claire Adsley (Bar Staff)

The Ashford Road Club in Swindon has been named as the 'Club of the Year' by the Swindon and North Wiltshire Branch of CAMRA (Campaign For Real Ale).

Club Secretary Jenny Brownley said: "The Ashford Committee are truly honoured to have accepted the award.

"It's a testament to all the hard work that's gone in to not only the club, but also to the Ales we now sell. Having already achieved the highest standards from Cask Marque, having the recognition of CAMRA is amazing."

The club sells three Greene King cask ales – Greene King IPA, Golden Hen and Old Speckled Hen.

News in brief



Shildon Elm Road WMC presents £1,000 cheque to Lifeline Community Action charity

The Elm Road Working Mens Club in County Durham recently donated a £1,000 cheque to the Lifeline Community Action charity.

The charity provides emergency aid and supporting services to families and individuals who find themselves in great need, giving help to some of the poorest families across the region.

This is the 13th consecutive £1,000 donation to good causes by the club which selects a charity and then conducts a series of fundraising activities across the club.

Once the £1,000 total is reached, the club selects another charity and the process begins again.

Presentations made at Farnborough Social Club in Kent



Farnborough Social Club in Kent held a presentation ceremony in May. The Certificate of Merit was presented to Clare Sayer CMD ACM while the Long Service Award was presented posthumously to Cyril Linney with his daughters receiving the award certificate.

Above left (left to right): Farnborough Club Secretary J Burke, Clare Sayer CMD ACM and Kent Branch President Roger Tingley. Above right (left to right): Farnborough Club Secretary J Burke, Christine Linney, Julie Linney and Kent Branch President Roger Tingley



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Distinguished Service Award – 50 Years

Colin North – Hanging Heaton WMC (Heavy Woollen Branch)

Distinguished Service Award – 40 Years

Billy Calvert – Hanging Heaton WMC (Heavy Woollen Branch)

Gordon Wallace – Usworth & Washington Gardeners Club (Durham Branch)

Long Service Award – 25 Years

John Pickwell – Bradley & Colne Bridge Club (Heavy Woollen Branch)

Jeff Waters – Bradley & Colne Bridge Club (Heavy Woollen Branch)

George Corker – Bramley Social Club (South Yorkshire Branch)

Raymond Morrell – Bradgate WMC (South Yorkshire Branch)

Raymond Needham – Bradgate WMC (South Yorkshire Branch)

Certificate of Merit – 10 Years

Keith Bates – Bramley Social Club (South Yorkshire Branch)

Hilary Scanlon – Bramley Social Club (South Yorkshire Branch)

Raymond Green – Bramley Social Club (South Yorkshire Branch)

Eileen Casey – Bramley Social Club (South Yorkshire Branch)

Centenary Award

Hanging Heaton WMC (Heavy Woollen Branch)

Bradley & Colne Bridge Club (Heavy Woollen Branch)

Hamsterley Tractor Boys raise £11,200 for charity



The Tractor Boys present the cheque for £5,200 to Prostate Cancer UK

Hamsterley & District Social Club in Bishop Auckland held a special event in April to present cheques to two charities after a fundraising campaign by the club's 'Tractor Boys'.

An amazing total of £11,200 was raised by the sale of calendars featuring members of the club alongside their vintage tractors and other agricultural equipment.

The idea came about when photographs were taken after a tractor rally at the club, where one of the members made an elaborate pose and was nicknamed Mr April.

It was then suggested they make a charity calendar and sell copies for charity.

The money was split between Prostate Cancer UK and The Alzheimer's Society with the two charities each receiving a cheque for £5,200.

The club is the base for regular tractor rallies with a number of vehicles meeting at the club and then travelling around Teeside.



A further £5,200 was donated to the Alzheimer's Society

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Sports broadcaster BT Sport changing name to TNT Sports in July after merger deal

BT Sport is changing its name to TNT Sports next month, meaning its live Premier League and Champions League football fixtures will be shown on a new channel from the 2023/24 football season.

The change is the result of BT Sport and Warner Bros Discovery striking a deal to merge the BT Sport channels with Eurosport UK.

Marc Allera, the CEO of BT's Consumer Division, said: "We've announced that we're making another important move in our plans with Warner Bros Discovery to bring together the best of BT Sport and Eurosport under one roof.

"TNT Sports is the new name that will replace BT Sport, from July 2023. This marks the next logical step for BT Sport as well as the broader transformation of BT's Consumer business.

"Once launched, it'll become a hugely exciting new premium sports offering for customers.

"I'm really proud of our teams, who have been working at pace to create a more efficient platform that'll see this new sports brand in the UK and Ireland brought to life for the first time before the start of the 2023/24 football season."



Cleveys Working Men's Club looking forward to top Jersey Boys tribute act in November

Cleveys Working Men's Club will be hosting one of the UK's top Jersey Boys tribute acts later this year.

The Jerseys will be coming to the 'Top Club' on Friday, November 24 fresh from their UK theatre tour.

Tickets go on sale at the club from this month and cost £7 each.

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London date in June for Unit 3 ACM day course

Candidates can attend the Union's Award in Club Management (ACM) Unit 3 day course at the Mildmay Club in North London on Saturday, June 10 and gain the essential skills and knowledge to run their clubs

With Unit 1 and Unit 2 Award in Club Management (ACM) day courses having taken place in April and May, delegates have the opportunity to attend a Unit 3 course in June.

The course will be held on Saturday, June 10 at the Mildmay Club & Institute in Stoke Newington, London.

Specifically designed for CIU clubs, the ACM qualification gives club officials a thorough grounding in the key aspects of running a modern and efficient club.

The qualification consists of three self-contained units, each taking one day of classroom-based study to complete and costing £30 per unit.

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

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

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

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

The lectures are carried out by highly experienced lecturers from within the CIU – including General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Union Vice-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.

There is no requirement to take the



The Mildmay Club & Institute in Stoke Newington, London will be hosting a Unit 3 Award in Club Management (ACM) day course on Saturday, June 10

units in any particular order as each unit is self-contained.

The CIU's Education Programme is certainly one of the tools which can help clubs to build a brighter future and if your club is interested in hosting a day course, please get in touch.

If you have a minimum of 10 participants, the ACM course will come to you and the three self-contained units will be delivered

by Union lecturers over three Saturdays of your choice, at your club.

You could also team up with clubs in your branch area and each host a single day course.

For further information on the ACM day courses, please contact Senior Head Office Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick on 020 7226 0221 or email her at:

Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org

ACM Day Course

Saturday, June 10

Mildmay Club & Institute, London, N16 9PR

Unit 3 – Cost £30, including course book

To book a place on the course, contact Senior Head Office Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick on 020 7226 0221 or email: Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org



The club enjoyed an extremely busy Coronation Weekend in May



Biggin Hill Social & Sports Club

Biggin Hill Social & Sports Club is a thriving club in Kent with 1,000 members enjoying a year-round programme of events and activities, including regular live entertainment and sports

Situated in Kent, just a mile or so away from the famous former RAF Battle of Britain airfield, Biggin Hill Social & Sports Club is a thriving community venue with 1,000 members enjoying first-class facilities, year-round activities and regular live entertainment.

The club's philosophy, as articulated by Club Secretary Pete Melbourne, is all about meticulous financial management in order to enhance the day-to-day club experience for its members.

"As a members' club we're not here to make huge profits and any surplus is invested back into the club's facilities and to ensure we have cash reserves," he says.

"Financially, the club is on a very strong footing and that has been the



The club is situated in Kent near to the Biggin Hill airport and historic Battle of Britain RAF base

case for many years now with the club run very efficiently as a business.

“We have dedicated profit margins across each product line which we maintain so that if the price from the supplier goes up, our prices go up to maintain the margin.

“We enjoy a great relationship with our two breweries and our bar prices are very reasonable with our biggest seller, Carlsberg Pilsner, priced at £3.25 a pint.

“Our operating ethos when we started under this new regime was to have enough money in the bank to refurb and to pay for it ourselves rather than having to take out loans as had happened in the past.

“We have been debt-free now for 30 years and so tend to refurb in 10-12 year cycles. The last two have cost in the region of £120,000 and we’ve been able to cover that cost ourselves.

“During our last refurb, during the Covid lockdowns, we transformed our Main Bar alongside other improvements.

“We bought new lighter-coloured furniture, put in a new light grey

colour scheme with new carpet and walls and remodelled the bar to make it more open and give staff more room in which to work.

“It has made the whole room brighter and more welcoming.”

No wonder then that the club has bounced back so well post-Covid with members eager to get back through the doors and enjoy everything that the club has to offer.

Interestingly, the club’s membership is currently capped at 1,000 members.

“We have actually had a cap in place for about 12 years. It was initially set at 850 but we have increased the upper limit increased to its current level,” says Pete.

“We are going to monitor it and see how it goes in terms of safety and comfort and if we feel that we’ve overdone it, we’ll drop the cap down again.

“Biggin Hill has around 10,000 residents so around 10 per cent of the people in this postcode are members of our club.”

As you may have guessed from the



Top darts pro Kevin ‘The Artist’ Painter (far left) took part in an event at the club in January

name of the club, sport is an important part of the club experience with darts, pool and snooker all popular with members.

“We run two to three darts teams in the winter and summer leagues and we have an annual darts evening with an ex-professional player coming along to the club to do an exhibition and have a chat with the members,” says Pete.



Live entertainment is a regular feature at the club

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“This year’s guest was Kevin Painter and it was a great night of entertainment for everyone who came along.

“We’re very much a football-oriented club and in recent years we’ve actually run our own men’s team although that is in hiatus at the moment with the previous core of players getting older and having less time to commit to playing regular football.

“But live football is very popular in the club and we have three Sky Sports boxes as well as BT Sport – plus Amazon Prime Video when they have games – and a three-metre HD screen.

“A lot of planning goes into showing the Premier League games. The London clubs are well supported by our members with Crystal Palace leading the way given that Selhurst Park is only about 30 minutes down the road from the club.

“We look ahead at the fixtures

schedule to make sure we have the right staffing levels on for the games which are likely to generate the most interest amongst our membership.

“When the big rugby tournaments come around such as the Six Nations or the upcoming World Cup in September and October, we will also be showing the England games.

“But outside of the major rugby occasions, it’s football which takes precedence.

“We currently sponsor Bromley Town Ladies FC as we have an association with the team in that the two guys who run the side are members of the club.

“They compete in the national leagues so it’s a very good standard of football and they have a long-term plan to get to the top level.

“We started off sponsoring their training tops and have progressed to being the side’s main shirt sponsor.

“In return, we get two season tickets for the club which we make avail-



The Typically Tina Turner tribute act performed at the club in May able to members and receive invitations to their annual presentation. The main thing is that the club is putting something back into the community.”

Meanwhile, the club boasts an impressive programme of live entertainment with bands, singers, comedians



The members enjoyed a performance from an Elvis Presley tribute during Coronation Weekend

and tribute acts performing at the club on a weekly basis.

“A lot of work goes into bringing some great acts to the club,” says Pete. “We find that tribute acts are the most popular type of live entertainment and the members have enjoyed some brilliant nights over the years.

“We’ve had Limehouse Lizzie, who are the world’s top Thin Lizzy tribute act; Ultimate Elton; Rolling Stone’d and Typically Tina (Turner).

“Many of them are theatre acts but it’s actually more financially viable for them to come and play in a club where there aren’t as many overheads and they are just brilliant performers.

“When we first started getting the bigger acts in about five years ago, we did about five tribute nights a year and actually sold tickets. But we found that it was more trouble than it was worth and it actually works better for us not to make them ticketed events.

“They are always very busy but not uncomfortably so and the members – and their guests who they’ve signed in – really appreciate the quality of event

which the club is putting on for them free of charge.

“I remember visiting Northern social clubs in the 1970s and 80s and being in awe of the live entertainment they put on. I used to say to myself: ‘We’ve got nothing like this down South’.

“But as the club has grown over the years we’ve been able to provide that same level of live entertainment.

“We actually have all our live entertainment slots filled from now until the end of the year and are working on sorting out 2024.

“All the acts are up on the ‘What’s On’ section of our relaunched website so members can plan ahead and make sure they don’t miss out.”

Last month saw the club’s members enjoying a weekend of patriotic fun as they celebrated the Coronation Weekend with a huge party - and naturally live entertainment was a big part of the occasion.

“Our Coronation Day party was a great event and the club was really busy,” says Pete.

“The whole club was decorated with bunting and flags and we fin-

ished off the day with an Elvis tribute act to keep the ‘King’ theme going.

“It was a great performance by Mario Kombou as Elvis. He has performed at the club before and was so good that we thought he would be the perfect act for Coronation Day.

“He’s another of our theatre acts and was the lead role in the West End musical Jailhouse Rock.

“We wanted to make it an even more special day for our members so we offered discounted drinks from 10am to 6pm including selected beers at £2 a pint and shorts at £1 a measure.”

It was a true community event with family and friends getting together to mark a historic day and demonstrated why the club can be proud of being a multi-generational venue with people of all ages welcomed through its doors.

“If you look at the age profile, we have a really good balance with a lot of kids who’ve grown up visiting the club with their parents joining the club when they turn 18,” says Pete.

“I believe that members’ clubs are a great place for that age group as the

The club was refurbished during the COVID-19 lockdowns



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self-policing nature of a club like ours means that things never get too boisterous and people of all ages can come in and enjoy themselves in a safe, friendly environment.

“We’re a family-friendly club and members are very welcome to bring along their children, although they obviously have to make sure they’re supervised at all times.”

Adding to the allure of the club, particularly with summer now here, is the garden.

“Our Steward, Kevin Whitehead, who took over at the club following the Covid lockdowns, is a very keen gardener and has transformed the outside area since he arrived, putting in beautiful flower beds and plants trailing across the fence,” says Pete.

“Our members are absolutely delighted with how it looks and it adds another attraction to the club.

“It even has a log cabin-style smoking shelter to ensure that members can enjoy a cigarette protected from the elements all year round.

“It looks even more inviting now as a lady member recently volunteered her services to paint all the fencing in

a very attractive shade.”

Charity events are held at the club regularly throughout the year with the main beneficiary being the Chartwell Cancer Trust.

“The founder of the Trust, Mick Douglas, is a former member of our club and the amount of work they do across the region is incredible,” says Pete.

“Mick set up the Trust in 2005, naming it after the Chartwell Unit at the Princess Royal University Hospital in Maidstone.

“In fact, the club has been involved with the Chartwell Unit before the Trust was founded.

“That association came about as it was where my father was being treated for cancer and we embarked on a fundraising campaign to buy an ECG machine for the Unit.

“As it happened, the Unit subsequently received funding for their own ECG machine but told us that they would like to open up the visitors room and build a special garden where patients could receive family members and even enjoy some time with their family pet in the fresh air.

“The club raised the £10,000 required very quickly and it is now an integral part of the Unit and something which really enhances the quality of life for the patients.

“We’ve been committed to the Chartwell Cancer Trust for many years now with a whole host of fundraisers staged at the club and that’s something which will continue.

“In recent months, we’ve done a Race Night, a Comedy Night and the aforementioned Darts Exhibition Night, all in benefit of the Trust.”

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National Executive Committee dates for 2023

The dates for the remaining monthly NEC meetings at Head Office in 2023 are: June 7&8; July 5&6; August 2&3; September 6&7; October 4&5; November 1&2 and December 6&7. Selected NEC meetings will be held via Zoom in order to save costs.

Annual Meeting 2024 dates

The dates for the 2024 Conference Weekend in Blackpool have been confirmed and are as follows:

Thursday, April 18 – NEC Meeting

Friday, April 19 – 32nd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition (Norbreck Castle Hotel)

Saturday, April 20 – The 160th Annual Meeting (venue TBC)

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Conference Weekend 2023 – download the audio and pictures



An audio recording of the 2023 Annual Meeting held in April is available on the Union's website: www.wmciu.org.uk

As those who attended will no doubt agree, Conference Weekend in April was certainly a busy and worthwhile couple of days for the delegates with a number of Union-organised events taking place at Blackpool in April

The main event was, of course, the Annual Meeting on April 15 which saw club representatives from all over the country playing a full part in the Union's democratic process and listening to speeches by the President, General Secretary and guest speakers Paul Maynard, the Member of Parliament for Cleveleys and Blackpool North and award-winning author and broadcaster Pete Brown.

In last month's issue we published the edited Official Minutes of the 159th Annual Meeting but if you would like to listen to a full, unexpurgated recording of the event, you can download an audio file from the Union's website and listen via your computer, tablet or smartphone.

The website also has all the images taken by the Union's official photographers over the weekend, including those captured at the 31st Beer & Trades Exhibition at the

Norbreck Castle on April 14.

The audio file and photographs can be downloaded from:
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Meanwhile, planning for the next Conference Weekend is already

underway with the date for the 160th Annual Meeting recently announced as Saturday, April 20, 2024.

Be sure to put that date in your diary and we hope to see you at Blackpool 2024.



Pictured, back row, left to right: Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM, Anne-Marie Hunter (Deputy Mayoress of Blackpool), Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM. Front row, left to right: Councillor Peter Hunter (Deputy Mayor of Blackpool), Union President George Smith and Paul Maynard MP

Attracting new people to clubs

Award-winning writer and broadcaster Pete Brown, author of *Clubland: How The Working Men's Club Shaped Britain*, was a guest speaker at this year's Annual Meeting in Blackpool where he revealed his five-point plan for attracting a younger demographic to CIU venues

The traditional working class are well-represented in working men's clubs.

On my travels around the country researching my book, it was rare for me to meet a committee member younger than retirement age.

It's their kids – the emerging service workers – who are absent.

Emerging service workers are the youngest and most affluent group of the working class with an average age of 32 and an average income of £21,000.

A fifth of them are from ethnic minorities. Socially and culturally, they are quite different from their parents.

And if you want to survive, you need to get them in.

I want talk about how you might do that. Here are five ideas I've picked up on my travels.

1. Embrace Social Media

This is the biggest failing across clubland, and the easiest problem to fix. Out of the 1,500 clubs that are listed in the directory on the CIU's website, just 65 have links to their own club website.

Rather more than that have a *Facebook* page, but many of the pages I visited were last updated around 2015.

Hardly any clubs are on *Twitter* I didn't think it was worth my time bothering to check *Insta* and *Tik Tok*.

This is the biggest problem you face because those younger emerging service workers live their social lives online – this is where they build communities and friendships.

If they're going to go out and meet up in the real world, this is where they decide where to go and make arrangements. If you're not in this digital space, then to them you simply don't exist.

I'm no fan of *Facebook*, but 66 per cent of the entire UK population use it.

A fifth of those are aged 55 and over, so if a club isn't on *Facebook*, it's not even reaching a chunk of its core audience, let alone potential new members.

2. Promotion to Community Groups

Every town and village has associations such as yoga groups, mother and baby groups, play groups, weight-watchers, sports clubs, wargaming clubs, scouts and guides.

There are also people wanting to hold jumble sales, craft markets, beer festivals and coffee mornings, people who want to practice singing, form a band, or hold an art class.

Years of austerity have left communities without communal spaces such as youth clubs and community centres.

Public libraries, to our shame as a nation, are disappearing faster than any other community asset.

Many working men's clubs are now closed during the day, and even on weekday evenings, most have concert rooms and lounges that are empty with the lights off. I think I can see a solution to many problems here.

3. Create Some Atmosphere

Some clubs I've been to have strip lighting so bright it exposes your soul. Guys, mood lighting is your friend.

Working men's clubs used to be places where men went when their houses weren't pleasant spaces to spend much time.

But now your biggest competition is people's homes. If your front room is more comfortable and nicer to be in than the club, why would you ever go

to the club?

Lounge bars were named after comfortable rooms in houses, not airport departure lounges.

4. Hold Open Days

At one club I visited in the North West, the average age of the committee was about 77.

They freely acknowledged that if they didn't recruit new members soon, they were done.

"So how are you going to recruit new members then?" I asked.

They looked at me blankly, until one of them said they didn't know.

"Have you thought about putting a sign up outside saying 'New members welcome?'"

"Ooh, that's interesting. Hmm, well, I'm not sure. Maybe we could discuss that at a committee meeting."

I've spoken to so many people who, like me, walked into working men's clubs for a birthday party or something and been amazed by what they've discovered there, after living nearby and not knowing it was there for years.

I found so many stories in local and regional press about clubs closing down.

I'm sure the same journalists would be just as responsive to a story about a club opening itself up and inviting people in to have a look rather than closing down.

5. Food

Clubs have always competed with pubs, and pubs on average now make more money from food than they do from drink.

I know of two clubs that offer food. And that confuses me, because after stories about the turns, the most popular yarns in club history centre



Author and broadcaster Pete Brown was a guest speaker at the 2023 Annual Meeting in Blackpool on April 15

around that immortal phrase, “T’pies have come.”

Did you see the scrum when the pies arrived at the trade show yesterday {April 14}? Clubs used to be famous for it. Blackpool, where have t’pies gone?

I know not every club has the facilities to cook food on the premises.

Craft beer bars and brewery tap rooms make arrangements with food vans to come and park up outside – and charge them money to do so.

Why not clubs? Some pubs that have cutlery and a set of takeaway menus behind the bar, because it’s better to let someone order a pizza in and stay for two more drinks than watch them leave and go to a restaurant. Again, why not clubs?

So where does this leave the CIU?

Any individual club can only do what its members are capable of. There are thousands of clubs in this country. What makes the working men’s club movement unique is the union that binds them together and makes them

stronger than they would be alone.

To sign off, here are some non-political observations on the CIU.

Firstly, there’s that technology and social media question again.

The Union has no social media presence whatsoever, and neither do any of its key office-holders.

It wouldn’t cost much to sort this out. The CIU could then expand the help it gives clubs to include the new support they need in the 21st century.

If its clubs are to prosper, the CIU needs to extend the education it gives clubs. It could easily appoint people to provide training in social media and marketing, designing template posters and ads that clubs could download and adapt.

Even before that, it could offer computer literacy to the clubs that still do everything on paper. These are basic skills that clubs need to survive, that many don’t have.

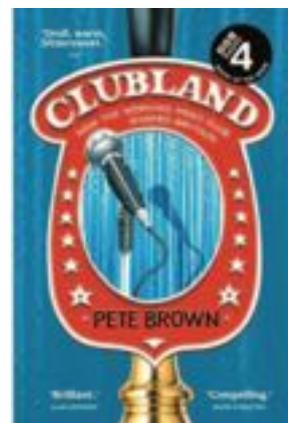
So I won’t get into the debates about the CIU today, even though I have my own views.

I was an outside observer until I

was elected on to the committee of the Mildmay Club.

But I will say that many individual clubs I’ve seen and the CIU itself are behind the times.

The steps needed for modernisation aren’t difficult. Get them right. Because in many ways, both working men’s clubs and the CIU are needed more than they ever were.



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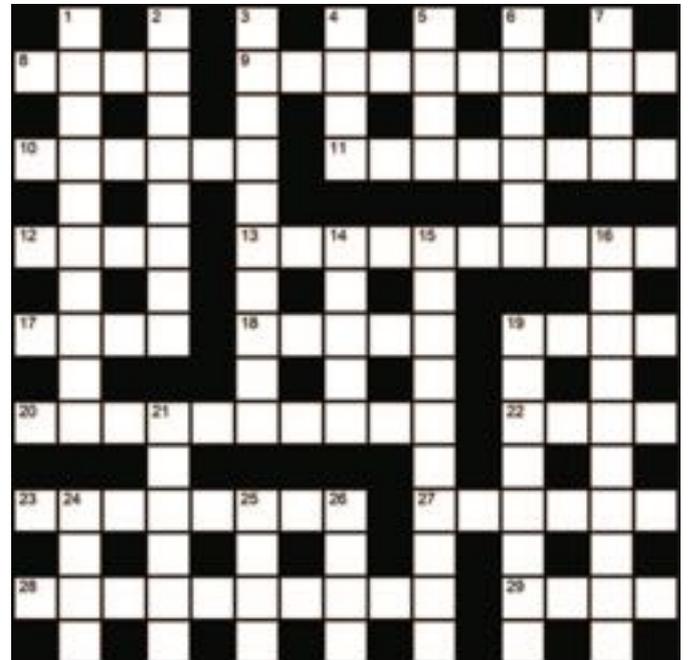
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The Premier League might have finished but there is plenty of sporting action coming up this month, including the start of the Ashes Series between England and Australia, which gets underway on June 16

Sunday, June 4, 2pm
Sky Sports F1

Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix

Sunday, June 4, 2pm
Sky Sports

Super League: St Helens v Huddersfield Giants

Sunday, June 4, 4pm
Sky Sports

Super League: Hull FC v Warrington Wolves

Friday, June 9, 8pm
Sky Sports

Super League: St Helens v Wigan Warriors

Saturday, June 10, 1pm
Eurosport

Tennis: French Open – Women's Singles Final

Saturday, June 10, 5pm
Sky Sports

Super League: Warrington Wolves v Huddersfield Giants

Saturday, June 10, 8pm
BT Sport

UEFA Champions League Final

Sunday, June 11, 1pm
BT Sport

MotoGP: Italian Grand Prix

Sunday, June 11, 1pm
Eurosport

Tennis: French Open – Men's Singles Final

Thursday, June 15, 3pm
Sky Sports Golf

Golf: US Open - Day 1

Friday, June 16, 10.30am
Sky Sports Cricket

The Ashes: England v Australia - 1st Test, Day 1

Friday, June 16, 7.45pm
Channel 4

International Football: UEFA EURO 2024 Qualifier - Malta v England

Friday, June 16, 3pm
Sky Sports Golf

Golf: US Open - Day 2

Friday, June 16, 7.45pm
S4C

International Football: UEFA EURO 2024 Qualifier - Wales v Armenia

Saturday, June 17, 10.30am
Sky Sports Cricket

The Ashes: England v Australia - 1st Test, Day 2

Saturday, June 17, 5.30pm
Sky Sports Golf

Golf: US Open - Day 3

Sunday, June 18, 10.30am
Sky Sports Cricket

The Ashes: England v Australia - 1st Test, Day 3

Sunday, June 18, 1pm
BT Sport

MotoGP: German Grand Prix

Sunday, June 18, 6pm
Sky Sports Golf

Golf: US Open - Day 4

Sunday, June 18, 7pm
Sky Sports F1

Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix

Monday, June 19, 10.30am
Sky Sports Cricket

The Ashes: England v Australia - 1st Test, Day 4



Golf: US Open,
Thursday, June 15, 3pm,
Sky Sports Golf

Monday, June 19, 7.45pm
Channel 4

**International Football: UEFA
EURO 2024 Qualifier - England v
North Macedonia**

Monday, June 19, 7.45pm
S4C

**International Football: UEFA
EURO 2024 Qualifier - Turkey v
Wales**

Monday, June 19, 7.45pm
Viaplay Sports

**International Football: UEFA
EURO 2024 Qualifier - Northern
Ireland v Kazakhstan**

Tuesday, June 20, 10.30am
Sky Sports Cricket

**The Ashes: England v Australia -
1st Test, Day 5**

Tuesday, June 20, 2pm
ITV

**Horse Racing: Royal Ascot -
Day 1**

Tuesday, June 20, 7.45pm
Viaplay Sports

**International Football: UEFA
EURO 2024 Qualifier - Scotland v
Georgia**

Wednesday, June 21, 2pm
ITV

Horse Racing: Royal Ascot - Day 2

Thursday, June 22, 2pm
ITV

Horse Racing: Royal Ascot - Day 3

Friday, June 23, 2pm
ITV

Horse Racing: Royal Ascot - Day 4

Saturday, June 24, 2pm
ITV

Horse Racing: Royal Ascot - Day 5

Sunday, June 25, 1pm
BT Sport

MotoGP: Dutch Grand Prix

Wednesday, June 28, 10.30am
Sky Sports Cricket

**The Ashes: England v Australia
- 2nd Test, Day 1**

Thursday, June 29, 10.30am
Sky Sports Cricket

**The Ashes: England v Australia
- 2nd Test, Day 2**

Friday, June 30, 10.30am
Sky Sports Cricket

**The Ashes: England v Australia
- 2nd Test, Day 3**

Saturday, July 1, 10.30am
Sky Sports Cricket

**The Ashes: England v Australia
- 2nd Test, Day 4**

Saturday, July 1, 7pm
Sky Sports Box Office

**Boxing: Savannah Marshall vs
Franchon Crews-Dezurn**

Sunday, July 2, 2pm
Sky Sports F1

Formula 1: Austrian Grand Prix



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