

## Union mourns as President George Smith passes away



Union President George Smith passed away in May

It is with great sadness that the Union announces that President George Smith passed away in May.

George, who was born in Sunderland and was a former shipyard worker on both the rivers Wear and Tees, first became part of the CIU in 1965 when he joined the South Hylton WMC on the outskirts of Sunderland.

He was also a member of the Pennywell Comrades WMC where his father was one of the founder members.

In January 1977, George joined Billingham Trade Union Social Club on Teesside, having moved to the area to work at the Haverton Hill shipyard on the Tees.

In 1979, he was elected to the club committee, in 1991 he was elected as Chairman and in 1994 he became Secretary of the club.

George was elected to the Durham Branch in 2003 and was elected to the position of Branch Secretary in April 2014.

George subsequently served on the NEC for many years before being elected as Union President in December 2019 and won his third successive Presidential election in December 2023.

Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM said: "It was a pleasure and a privilege to work alongside George for many years at the national level.

"He was utterly committed to the club movement and was hugely respected across Durham Branch and throughout clubland.

"I'm sure I speak for the whole Union when I say that George will be very much missed as a friend and colleague."

## Club of the Month: The Oatlands, Harrogate



June's 'Club of the Month' is The Oatlands in Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Founded in 1899 as Oatland Mount Working Men's Club, the venue will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary this November with a special weekend of live comedy and music.

The community-centred club is positively thriving at the moment with a year-round programme of exciting events and activities and has invested significantly in modernising its facilities to attract new members through its doors.

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Welcome to the June edition of *Club Journal*.

As you will see from the tribute on the front page, it is a very sad time for the Union following the news that our President, George Smith, passed away in May.

All the staff at Head Office will miss George's leadership and his passionate belief in the club movement.

Our thoughts are with his family and his many friends throughout clubland.

Following the Award in Club Management (ACM) Unit 1 day course held at the South East Midlands Branch in May, there are two more day courses coming up in June and July covering Units 2 and 3.

Remember, candidates can take the separate units in any order, so don't worry if you have missed the Unit 1 course as you will be able to attend this course at a future date.

For further information, contact Senior Head Office Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick at: [Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org](mailto:Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org).

This month's 'Club of the Month' is The Oatlands in Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

The club is celebrating its 125th Anniversary, having been founded in 1899 and will be marking this incredible milestone with a two-day party this coming November.

With over 1,100 members, the club

# Welcome

is going from strength to strength at the moment and has a full programme of entertainment and events to entice people through its doors.

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

Elsewhere in the issue we have an article from Ian Adderley of the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) taken from the excellent speech he made at our Annual Meeting back in April in Blackpool.

Ian talks about the function of the FCA pertaining to the governance of clubs, as well as highlighting the information that is available on the FCA website to help clubs ensure that they are meeting the requirements set out in law.

You can find the article on pages 16-18.

Lastly, this month sees the re-launch of the CIU Racing Club which has been in hiatus since the pandemic.

The Union has partnered with Arena Racing Company (ARC) to give CIU club members some great discounts for tickets to ARC's 16 racecourses.

Please see page 11 for full details of the great deals available.

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## Elton Fold WMC raises £9,900 for two charities



Pictured, left to right: Jack Rogerson (Club President), Karen Krepel (Club Manager), Paula Rogerson (Club member and event organizer), Andrew McDermott (MNDA representative) and Dean Fist (Committee member). Seated is John (Jed) Stoney (former Club Secretary who is suffering from Motor Neurone Disease)

Members of Elton Fold Workmens Club in Bury have been incredibly busy in recent months raising funds for charity.

An event was held at the club on April 20 to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) after the club's Secretary, Jed Stoney, was diagnosed with MND and had to stand down.

The event saw singer CJ Stewart performing some top hits from the '50s and '60s, and a charity raffle and auction.

Video messages from several sporting stars were also shown on screens on the night, including Rugby League's Kevin Sinfield and former England Manager Sam Allardyce.

The evening raised the magnificent total of £5,000 for the MNDA.

Also in April, a group of club members undertook a sponsored walk, in two stages, from Bury to Blackpool, a journey of 47 miles, in aid of Christie's Cancer Hospital.

The walk, arranged by Paula Nelson, the daughter of club President Jack Rogerson, raised £4,900.



A group of members of Elton Fold Workmens Club walked the 47-mile distance from Bury to Blackpool to raise money for the Christie Cancer Hospital. Above: The intrepid walkers at the finishing point in front of the Blackpool Tower

## OBITUARY

### Trevor Baker

South East Metropolitan Branch is sad to announce that Branch President Trevor Baker has passed away.

Trevor was a loyal servant of the club movement and was presented with his Certificate and Gold Bar on the occasion of his 41 years of service on the Branch Committee in 2017.



### Dave Legge

South East Metropolitan Branch also regrets to announce that Branch Committee Member Dave Legge has passed away.

Dave was presented with the Distinguished Service Award having served over 50 years for Epsom Common WMC, serving as Committee Member, Vice-President and President.

He also completed over 21 years' service on the South East Metropolitan Branch Committee.



## News in brief

### Swardcliffe WMC to host top Elton John tribute act Eltonesque on Friday, June 28

Swardcliffe Working Mens Club in Leeds will be welcoming top tribute act Eltonesque on Friday, June 28.

As seen live on Channel 4's *The Last Leg* and heard on the Chris Evans Breakfast Show on Virgin Radio, Eltonesque are a five-piece band fronted by Pete Gallagher as Elton John.

Expect some of the top hits from across the decades of Elton John's career, including *Crocodile Rock*, *I'm Still Standing* and *Candle In The Wind*.

For more information, contact the club on: 0113 4691058

## News in brief



### Easington Colliery Club event to mark Miners Strike features on local ITV news programme

Easington Colliery Club in County Durham held a special commemorative event in March to mark 40 years since the start of the Miners Strike which affected so many of its members between March 1984 and March 1985.

The strike was an attempt by miners to prevent the then Government's plan to close coal mines across the UK.

Stephen Foster CMD ACM, NEC Member and Secretary of Easington Colliery Club, was one of the people featured in the ITV Tyne Tees report from the event and explained how club members rallied around the striking miners.

"During the Strike we had a soup kitchen (pictured, above) at the club five nights a week," he told ITV.

"Every Sunday we donated two free pints to the members and every single member who wasn't a miner donated their free pints to their friends who were miners.

"The club was the hub of the Strike in the area, especially for the women who were the unsung heroes of that time as they had to cope with making meals from nothing."

Local woman, Heather Wood, who had the idea to set up the soup kitchen at the club, added: "We knew what was happening in every house and it broke my heart because these were good people, strong people.

"They weren't asking for money, they were asking to fight to keep a job, to keep a job for future generations.

"The first thing on people's minds is 'what about the children? How are we going to feed the bairns?'"

Heather had an idea to support the many struggling families and so at Easington Colliery Club she set up the region's first miners' food kitchen.

She recruited volunteers and put notices up in the shops and support groups soon began to spring up across the North East as they followed the example shown by Easington Colliery Club and its army of volunteers.

## Tribute acts proving a winner for Saltash Social Club



The Piano Men – a tribute to the music of Billy Joel and Elton John – recently played to a packed crowd at Saltash Social Club

Saltash Social Club in Cornwall is continuing to attract big attendances for their ongoing live tribute nights.

In April, there were sellout performances by Oasis tribute Be Here Now and The Piano Men, a double-header tribute to the music of Elton John and Billy Joel.

The club has lined up several more top-rated acts for the rest of the year with tributes to ABBA (June 8); Adele (August 24); Neil Diamond (October 18); Britpop (November 9) and Foo Fighters (December 14).

## Egham USC set for 43rd Beer Festival in July

Following on from their successful Easter event, Egham United Services Club (EUSC) is staging its 43rd Beer Festival in July.

The event gets underway on Wednesday, July 24 with a 'preview' session from 3pm-11pm and continues from 10am-11pm on Thursday, July 25/Friday, July 26 and 12 noon-12 midnight on Saturday, July 27.

Entry to all day sessions between Thursday and Saturday costs £7 but there is a £1 discount for CIU and CAMRA-card carrying members and also guests of EUSC members.

As well as many cask ales, ciders and perries from across the UK, there will also be live entertainment and BBQ food available.

For more information, visit: [www.eghambeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.eghambeerfestival.co.uk)



## Chirton Club hosts event with '70s Toon stars



'Jinky' Jimmy Smith, Irving Natrass and Paul Cannell took part in an event at the Chirton Club in Newcastle organised by the Independent North Shields Supporters Association

Three ex-Newcastle United players took part in a special event at the Chirton Club in aid of the Independent North Shields Supporters Association.

Billed as 'The NUFC '70s Stars Talk-In', the event took place on May 6 and saw 'Jinky' Jimmy Smith, Irving Natrass and Paul Cannell chatting to supporters about their respective careers at St James' Park with support from comedian/host Gavin Webster.

Smith transferred from Aberdeen to Newcastle United in July 1969 for a fee of £80,000. He became a popular player amongst the club's supporters thanks to his elusive runs and all-round flair.

Natrass played primarily as a right back and signed with Newcastle at the age of 16 on an apprenticeship before moving up to the first team.

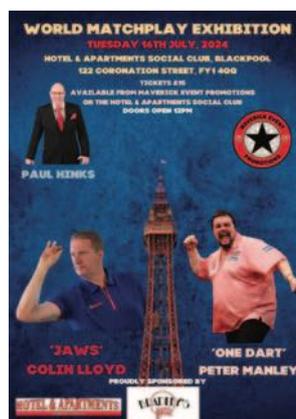
Cannell played as a forward for the Magpies between 1972 and 1978. He made 62 appearances and scored 18 goals, before moving to the United States. Cannell was a substitute in the 1976 League Cup Final, which Newcastle lost 2-1 to Manchester City.

## Blackpool's H&A Club hosts darts exhibition

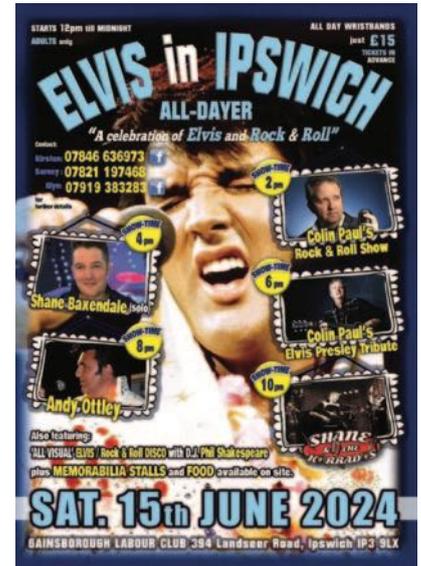
The Hotel & Apartments Social Club in Blackpool will be hosting a darts exhibition event in July to coincide with the PDC World Matchplay tournament coming to town.

The afternoon event on Tuesday, July 16 will see Colin 'Jaws' Lloyd and Peter 'One Dart' Manley alongside former referee Paul Hinks for a darts demonstration and the chance to talk to the former professionals about their careers.

Both players had glittering careers as pros with Manley winning the Las Vegas Desert Classic in 2003 as well as twice ranking No.1 in the world, while Lloyd won the 2004 World Grand Prix and the 2005 World Matchplay.



## News in brief



### Gainsborough Labour Club members get ready to rock to 'Elvis All-Dayer' in June

Ipswich's Gainsborough Labour Club is set for a bumper day of Rock 'n' Roll on Saturday, June 15 as it stages its 'All Day Elvis Bash'.

The event will see a day and evening (12 noon to 12 midnight) of non-stop Elvis tributes and Rock 'n' Roll classics by top tribute acts.

Among the acts performing are highly rated Elvis tributes Andy Ottley, Shane Baxendale and Colin Paul while there will also be an Elvis/Rock 'n' Roll disco plus stalls selling rock and Elvis memorabilia and food.

Tickets for the event cost £15.



### Former West Ham stars drop in on Dartford Social Club for Q&A session with members

Dartford Social Club in Kent welcomed two former West Ham footballers – Martin Ward and Julian Dicks (pictured, above) – for a special Q&A session in May.

Hammers fans were treated to some entertaining anecdotes from the pair about their time as players, with Julian talking in depth about his two spells at West Ham, as well as his later role on the coaching staff under Manager Slaven Bilic.

## News in brief



### England set for ICC T20 World Cup defence at tournament hosted by USA/West Indies

The England cricket team will be defending their status as T20 World Champions this month as the ICC T20 World Cup takes place in the USA/West Indies.

Two years ago it was Ben Stokes' side who held the trophy aloft after beating Pakistan in the final at the MCG in Australia.

The 2024 tournament is the first T20 World Cup with 20 teams competing as the likes of Canada, Uganda and co-hosts the USA compete for the first time at this level.

The majority of the matches are on West Indies soil, and if England are going to defend the trophy they'll do it without their hero of 2022 – Stokes – who will not be taking part this time around.

The second Super 8 stage starts on June 19, with the final on June 29 and all the matches will be showing on Sky Sports Cricket.

## OBITUARY

### Roger Tingley

Kent Branch is sad to announce that former Branch President Roger Tingley passed away in February.



In September of last year Roger was honoured for his 41 years of service to the Branch.

Roger also served Dunton Green Social Club in Sevenoaks for many decades, latterly as Club President, and received his 40-year Distinguished Service Award in 2014.

## New contactless pool table at Walthamstow Trades Hall



Walthamstow Trades Hall in East London has installed a new 'contactless' pool table in its Main Bar. The table, from CIU Preferred Supplier Dransfields, enables members wishing to play pool to pay more easily without the need to find the correct coinage, meaning there is a real potential to increase revenue

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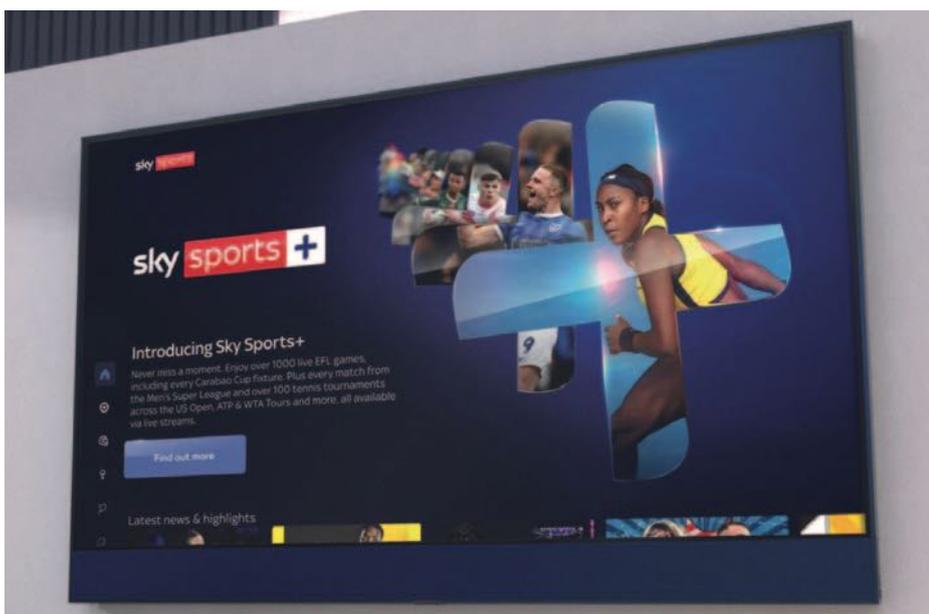
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## Launch of Sky Sports+ set to offer more live football



**Sky Sports+ will launch on August 10, the opening day of the EFL season, with every EFL match in the Championship, League One and League Two broadcast. The service will also show every game from the Carabao Cup and EFL Trophy throughout the season**

Sky Sports are launching a new service – Sky Sports+ which will show more English Football League matches next season, including every match in the Championship, League One and League Two on the opening day of the 2024/25 season.

Launching in August, Sky Sports+ will show all 36 EFL matches across the three divisions, including the Saturday 3pm kick-offs.

Sky Sports+ comes at the start of a new long-term and landmark partnership with the EFL which will see the broadcaster showing over 1,000 EFL games each season, featuring every team more than 20 times and every Championship club on at least 24 occasions.

Jonathan Licht, Managing Director at Sky Sports, said: “Exceptional sport, covered in an innovative and compelling way, has been a big part of our history.

“With the introduction of Sky Sports+, we are now able to offer sport fans more choice and an even better experience when watching the live action.

“For the first time, we will broadcast every game live from across the EFL on the opening weekend. It’s going to be a huge moment for football fans up and down the country and is a fitting way to kick off our ground-breaking new partnership with the EFL.

“And this is just the beginning; Sky Sports+ unlocks the potential for us to keep evolving and finding new ways to deliver brilliant sport to our customers.”

Damian Saunders, Managing Director at Sky Business Hospitality, said: “The launch of Sky Sports+ is great news for our hospitality customers.

“Venues with Sky Q will have more freedom to choose which match they show, meaning they can select the games that matters most to their customers.

“With all 72 teams from across the EFL shown at least 20 times throughout the season – plus every game from the entirety of the Carabao Cup and EFL Trophy – venues can now offer a more localised, personalised sports viewing experience to help boost trade throughout the week.”

Sky Business customers with Sky Sports will receive the new dedicated Sky Sports+ TV channel. To access the full Sky Sports+ live streaming experience, Sky Business customers will need a connected Sky Q box.

The new service will also increase Super League rugby, PGA Tour golf, ATP and WTA tennis tour coverage with a promise of a 50 per cent increase of live sports across the year.

For more information, visit: [skyforbusiness.sky.com](https://skyforbusiness.sky.com)

## CLUB NOTICES

### Club name changes

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(Heavy Woollen Branch)

From: Dartford Working Men’s Club  
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(Kent Branch)

From: California Social Club  
To: California Social Club Ltd  
(North East Met Branch)

From: Bocking Working Men’s Club  
To: Bocking Working Men’s Club Ltd  
(West Yorkshire Branch)

From: Arundel Ex-Servicemen’s Club & Institute  
To: Arundel Ex-Servicemen’s Club & Institute Ltd  
(South Yorkshire Branch)

From: Caerphilly Municipal & General Workers Social Club  
To: Caerphilly Municipal & General Workers Social Club Ltd  
(South Wales Branch)

From: Brookside Commercial Social Club  
To: Brookside Commercial Social Club Ltd  
(Wakefield Branch)

From: Ponders End Working Men’s Social Club  
To: Ponders End Working Men’s Social Club Ltd  
(North East Met Branch)

From: Comrades Club (Epsom)  
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**Stuart Grimshaw – Stanhill Social Club**

## Certificate of Merit

**Northumberland Branch**

**Malcolm Brunton – Chirton Social Club**

## OBITUARY

### **Norman Yates**

Norman Yates, the former Branch Secretary of Leicestershire and Union National Executive Member, passed away at the age of 94 on May 17.

Norman served the CIU for over four decades and was the Union's National Executive Finance Committee Chairman.

He spent 16 years as Leicestershire Branch Secretary, taking over the role from Jim Robinson in 1994, and was part of the Branch Executive for 37 years, serving as both Vice-President and President.

Having won election to the NEC in the mid-1990s, Norman served on several major committees, including five years as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

He was also a prominent member of the CORCA Committee for many years before retiring as Branch Secretary and NEC Member in 2010.

Norman also served as the Secretary of the Croft Club for 21 years.



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The Oatlands began life as the Oatland Mount Working Men's Club in 1899



# The Oatlands, Harrogate

As it celebrates its 125th Anniversary, The Oatlands in Harrogate, North Yorkshire is going from strength to strength with its 1,100-plus members enjoying a wide range of activities

Established in 1899, the Oatlands Mount Club in Harrogate, North Yorkshire will be marking its 125th Anniversary later this year and continues to be a much-loved and extremely busy venue at the heart of its local community.

With over 1,100 members ranging from the age of 18 to 80 and a busy schedule of activities and events taking place seven days a week, the club - known simply as 'The Oatlands' to locals - is as relevant as ever and looking to the future with confidence.

"We are always looking at ways to improve things for our members," says Club Secretary Lucy Hague.



The Oatlands has been named 'Club of the Year' by the Harrogate and Ripon Branch of CAMRA for two successive years, a testament to the expertise of Bar Manager Kate Shutt (pictured, left)

“As a club, we want to modernise or ‘futureproof’ ourselves and ensure we are becoming more sustainable with the changing times.

“As a result, we have recently invested in solar panels, the refurbishment of our Snooker Room, new toilets, and next year we will be having a complete redesign of the Bar using a company whose stainless-steel product is made using 80 per cent recycled content.”

Located in the Oatlands area in the south of Harrogate, the club benefits from a very loyal membership base but is also intent on bringing new members into the fold – hence the large banners outside the club which aim to coax in passers-by.

“Everything is going so well at the moment in terms of welcoming people of all ages into the club,” says Lucy.

“We’ve got so many life members, as well as families and younger people at the club so we have a really great mix of generations who are all happy to socialise together, something which

doesn’t happen that often in pubs.

“As a Committee, we feel it’s really important to listen to our members so you’re making a real effort to cater to everyone’s tastes and interests and we have a feedback box where members can talk about what they want to see happening or suggest events and activities.

“Our philosophy is to try new things out and see if they work.

“For example, the other month we booked a Rihanna/Beyoncé tribute act and I was perhaps a bit worried that older members might not be that familiar with that sort of music, but it turned out to be really good event which lots of people of all ages really enjoyed.

“It did bring in a younger crowd so I think it proves that it’s a great idea to have a real mix of entertainment that has a wide appeal.

“Someone else suggested we get an Elvis tribute act into the club as we’ve not had one before, so that is going to happen in October and members are really looking forward to that.

“We also have tributes to George Michael, Pink and Elton John coming up later in the year.

“We also have regular performances by live bands and singers, as well as children’s events at Halloween and Christmas, and one-off events such as the recent visit to the club by a medium.”

And naturally, as you’d expect, the club will be making a lot of noise to mark their remarkable milestone later this year.

“We’ll actually be celebrating the 125-year Anniversary this November and we are celebrating by having a weekend of entertainment on November 1/2,” says Lucy.

“We are going to have live bands and comedians, special discounts and competitions and we will be delving into the past history of the club.”

As well as live entertainment, the Concert Room is a hive of activity with the club eager to ensure that the large space is used as much as possible.

“It’s important to make the most of



The club's Main Bar

## CLUB OF THE MONTH

A huge variety of events are staged in the club's Concert Room



our large Concert Room and, as well as our own events, we hire it out to local groups and clubs,” says Lucy.

“So there’s a French group, a local business network, a dance group, a ukulele orchestra, plus Harrogate College use our stage for their theatre productions.

“It’s really a case of: ‘Okay, general trade is doing well, but how can we get more revenue coming into the club?’

“That means things like private functions – wedding receptions, birthday parties, anniversaries and wakes – which bring additional trade to the club.

“Things are going well and we want to ensure that we stay up to date and improve the efficiency of how we run things.

“For example, the new Bar which is being put in next year. The current one is actually fine and does the job but we have had a few comments from members.

“Like the fact that they can’t see all the products on offer and that there’s a bit of a bottleneck with staff

members due to the current design.

“So while we’ve got the money, we feel strongly that these are the things that we should be investing in.

“It’s important to get a quality job done which will last us for another 100 years and will help us serve drinks more efficiently and show the large range of different spirits and drinks we offer.”

While very proud of their heritage stretching back to Victorian times, the club continues to evolve as a venue.

“We want to welcome everyone,” says Lucy.

“That’s why we’ve steered away from our original name of Oatland Mount Working Men’s Club.

“The club was rebranded as ‘The Oatlands’ a few years back on the suggestion of one of our current Committee Members – Brian Rhodes.

“That has been a very positive thing as it removes a potential barrier to people coming into the club and reflects the diversity in our membership with women and families such an important part of the club.

We want to champion that diversity and say: ‘Come in, there’s something for everybody!’

“Once they do come in, they can see that it’s a friendly, safe venue with loads of fun things happening; that our bar prices are extremely reasonable compared to pubs in Harrogate and that it only costs £10 a year to become a member.”

Charity is another important aspect of life at the club with regular events and fundraisers taking place.

“We support a range of local charities, having raised over £600 for the St Michael’s Hospice at our Cheltenham Raceday. We supported food banks over the Christmas period, and donate money to Follifoot Park Disabled Riders and Vision Support Harrogate,” says Lucy.

“We’ll also be having a Royal Ascot Day on June 22 where we’ll be raising money for St Michael’s Hospice, with Heineken and Carlsberg both helping to support the event.

“We do this every year - normally on Ladies Day, which is the Thursday of Royal Ascot – but this year England



The Club Committee. Pictured, left to right: Gordon Selby (Housing Manager), Lucy Hague (Secretary), Brian Rhodes (Trustee), Lesley Watson, Ivor Stainton, George Elmes (Vice-President), Rob Jackson (Trustee), Mark Bowers, Simon Williams (President), David Dorsey (Treasurer). Absent from photo: Andrew Milestone (Assistant Secretary)

are playing Denmark in the Euros on that day at 5pm and people will be coming into the club to watch the game, so our Raceday has been moved to the Saturday of Royal Ascot.

“It’s great to do something for St Michael’s which is just down the road from the club and we know a lot of people who have personally been involved with the fantastic work they do at the hospice.

“In fact, most of the charities we get involved with come from a personal involvement with someone at the club.

“One of our members suffered a really bad accident and lost the use of his legs and that led to a fundraiser

for the Air Ambulance.

“A grandparent of one of our members lost their vision and was helped by Vision Care Harrogate so that was another good cause we wanted to raise funds for.”

The club sponsors a local football side – Harlow Hill FC – and that has been another positive move with the footballers coming into the club after their matches, along with their supporters and the opposition.

The Oatlands is also renowned for its cask ale offering and has just been named the ‘Club of the Year’ by the Harrogate & Ripon Branch of the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) for the second successive year, as well

as being featured in CAMRA’s *Good Beer Guide*.

“We’re absolutely delighted to be recognised by CAMRA and cask ale is a huge thing for the club,” says Lucy.

“The awards are testament to the expert way our beers are kept and served by the bar team which is headed up by Manager Kate Shutt.”

With so many reasons for members to visit the club on any given day, Lucy is looking forward to a busy summer at the club.

“We’re going to make the most of the Euros, Wimbledon and the Olympics and promote it under a ‘Summer of Sport’ banner with some special cocktails around the tennis.

“We’ll also be aiming for some outdoor events such as barbecues and live music but obviously that will be dependent on the Great British Weather.”

Whatever the weather, things are certainly looking bright for The Oatlands and its ever-growing band of happy members.



The club's pool area in the Bar

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# The FCA and CIU clubs

In his speech at the 160th Annual Meeting in Blackpool, **Ian Adderley** of the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) explained the function of his organisation with regard to the governance of Union clubs



## An undesirable scenario

I want to start by setting the scene.

So, imagine a Wednesday evening: You're in your committee meeting, your secretary is new, you've just found out your longstanding treasurer has resigned but the accounts are done and they've already been presented to the AGM.

A letter arrives from the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). It says that you've not submitted your annual returns and accounts.

The new secretary puts that to one side to deal with later. Sounds familiar already, doesn't it?

A second letter arises from the FCA. This time it says the club may be cancelled in a few months time if it isn't submitted.

That's something for the new treasurer, thinks the secretary. A third letter arrives some months later. This time it explains that the club has been cancelled.

So what does this mean for your club? Well, unfortunately, it means it's no longer a body corporate. It's no longer a legal person. It throws into question things like: 'Who owns the property?' The alcohol licence is now in the name of a body corporate that doesn't exist.

So you discuss this at the committee meeting. How did this happen? Didn't the treasurer normally deal with this? Was it the secretary? Can we appeal? Can we get registration back? What could we have done differently?

## Cancellation has consequences

Cancellation is unfortunately not reversible and it has consequences. So you go to the CIU, they help you get a new registration with a new name, new licence, new rules, maybe new contracts with suppliers.

And you still have to submit those annual returns and accounts.

Unfortunately, some of you may have experienced this pain in the last calendar year.

We cancelled the registration of 485 societies, not all clubs. That's across the range of societies.

## Avoiding cancellation

So the question is: 'How can this be avoided?'

If we take the same scenario but this time it's a little bit different. The treasurer has stood down but the club has a few of its committee registered on the Mutuals Society Portal – the secretary, chair and another committee member.

They all registered when they got the letters or the communications from either us or the CIU encouraging them to sign up. So they all get email reminders telling them that the annual returns and accounts are due.

They get the email reminder, they discuss it at the committee and they agree something should be done.

A few weeks pass and they get another email reminder about submitting the accounts and this time they agree something must be done.

It's agreed the chair will log in and submit the returns and accounts. The accounts having already been prepared.

It's the first time the chair's done that. 'Have I done it properly?' the chair and the committee wonder. So one of the other committee members logs in, views that account submission and says: 'Yes, I can see it – it looks fine'. Press 'submit'. Done. The committee gets on with a difficult job of running the club.

Submitting annual returns may seem like an additional burden, but it's important.

First, it's required by law. Second, it's part of good governance. Third, the accounts tell members, suppliers, creditors and others about the financial performance of the club.

It tells members about your activity throughout that year.

The annual return form is a useful reminder to check that you've done the things that you should do. So with that done, the committee gets on with organising events and activities for its members and keeping everything running.

So now you're back at the club, the annual returns and accounts are submitted.

## The importance of rules

Let's take another example.

You've all got your rule books. A committee member looks at the rule book and says: 'This is old – let's update it'. And then rather than going to the CIU, the committee member says: 'I can do this myself'. And they start work to update it.

The committee looks at the updates and they agree them. You put them to a general meeting.

There's a bit of an argument about some of the changes. Some members aren't happy with them but nonetheless they get approved by the majority.

Now that committee member says we can use them straight away and off they go.

But one of those members that wasn't happy with the changes reports their concerns to the FCA.

And we then write to you and say: 'Are you following the rules that are registered with us and that appear on the Mutuals Public Register?'

And you say: 'No, we amended them two months ago – here's a copy.' We look at that and we come back to you



During his speech at the 160th Annual Meeting in Blackpool, Ian Adderley of the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) explained the advantages to Union club officials of registering on the FCA's Mutuals Society Portal

and we say: 'Well the rules are only valid once we've registered them.

'They're only in force once we've registered them and you can't use them until we've registered them.

'And that having looked at the amendments, we can't register them because they're contrary to the legislation'.

For most of you, that's the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. What many of you will have known as the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965.

### **The CIU Rules Department**

So now what? The committee meets and discusses and says: 'Let's contact the CIU Rules Department.' You contact them and they explain that they've got a model set of rules that have already been reviewed by the FCA.

You liaise with them, you use their rules, you put them to the members.

This time they pass without issue.

Well it's an AGM so I'm not going to guarantee there'll be nobody that objects to it.

But you work with the CIU and you get them submitted to the FCA and the FCA comes back and confirms that they're registered, they're now valid, they're effective.

And in this sits an important point: that you're not alone in this. You are busy volunteers running a club and that isn't easy.

There's licensing law to comply with, health and safety regulations and the law for societies more generally along with a range of other challenges in running a club.

### **Getting help from the FCA**

But there is help at the FCA. We've put together guidance on our website and it covers requirements for submitting accounts, rule amendments and everything else under the legislation.

We meet regularly with sponsoring bodies like the CIU who ask us questions and get answers. As tempting as it is for some, the wheel doesn't need reinventing.

We have more than 8,600 societies on our register and more than 300 are social clubs like yours which form part of the social and cultural fabric of the UK.

And from those early days in the 1860s through to today, the combination of your members' efforts and ambitions have directly helped and supported each other.

So social clubs are both statistically significant and socially important.

The FCA has several roles. Our role sees us regulating financial services but another role is as a registering authority for mutual societies like yours.

This is a function that was previously with the Registry of Friendly Societies and our predecessor the Financial Services Authority.

We want to maintain public confidence in the legal structures that you use. One of the ways we do this is by supporting those structures and acting to tackle them if we see harm.

## Limited liability

Working with the CIU, we've helped societies go through the useful process of converting from a working men's club under the Friendly Societies Act to one with legal personality and limited liability registered under the Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act.

We provided resources for societies on our website like the Mutuals Society Portal. So far, 11,000 people have registered on that. The portal's the quickest and easiest way to submit your annual returns and some other applications to us.

And you can have up to five people from your society linked to your society on the portal. And we send email reminders to those people about account submission deadlines.

We've also created a process for people to raise concerns about societies.

And we look into those. We have a system of oversight to check whether societies are complying with the law and we help to ensure that they do. This includes work like the annual return reminder letters.

We don't want to cancel societies. Our aim is to help them become, and to stay, compliant. That is our goal. We also want to help the public societies and their members understand the nature of our role.

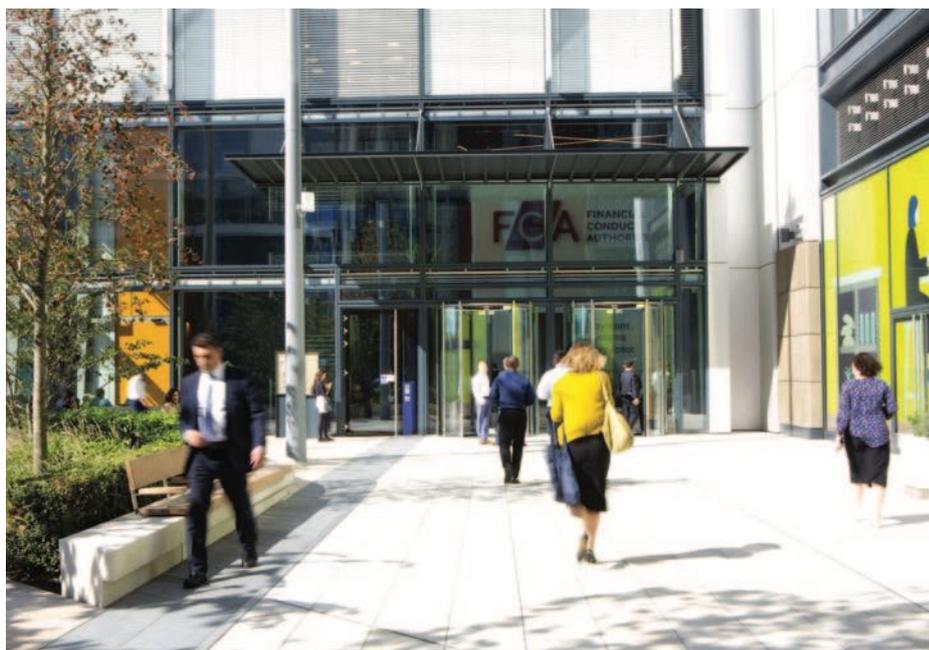
## Guidance on the FCA website

And for that we've published information on our website, produce guidance, and engage with organisations like the CIU.

Today we register hundreds of rule amendments each year and respond to thousands of inquiries as well as support people using the Society Portal. We also occasionally have to use our powers where we need to.

We can call special meetings of societies. We can appoint inspectors, require accounts to be audited, prosecute, suspend, or cancel societies.

But we try to carefully balance. We



The goal of the FCA is to help societies, including clubs, to become, and stay, compliant. Its Mutuals Society Portal is a very useful resource for clubs and is the easiest and quickest way to submit annual returns and other applications to the FCA

do not want to and do not step into the running of a club or the day-to-day decision making.

We do not determine disputes between members of the club or members in the society. I think we'd be far busier if we did but the club should be running in line with the rules and the guidance.

And if we see breaches of legislation then we may act. But we also want to support people in terms of our expectations of clubs.

It's simply that they're legally compliant. Running a compliant club helps reduce unjustified complaints, reduce disputes, reduce legal and other costs.

Good governance and compliance is good for business. Though it takes time, it adds value.

When all is well, you'll be pleased that you probably won't hear much from us when you're complying with your registered rules, when you're submitting your annual returns and accounts on time.

Sometimes you won't really hear from us. We know people are busy. We know it's hard when you're volunteering your evenings and weekends to keep things running. If we contact you though, please do engage with us as ignoring us doesn't make us go away.

Following the legislation and our guidance should mean that you're free to get on with a difficult job of keeping the club ready. We and the CIU can help you get things right.

## In conclusion

So if I end by suggesting a few actions to take away with you.

The first one is to get a few people from the club registered on the Mutuals Society Portal. It's quick and easy to do.

The second is to check if you're using the right rules, those registered with us on the Mutuals Public Register.

And if you are not, you have a Rules Department at the CIU.

And have a look at the guidance and the support that's available to you on our website: [www.fca.org.uk](http://www.fca.org.uk)



# Sign up for ACM day courses in June and July

There will be two Award in Club Management (ACM) day courses taking place in June and July in the South East Midlands Branch Office. Why not sign up and gain some crucial knowledge and skills?

There are two further Award in Club Management (ACM) day courses taking place at the South East Midlands Branch Office in June and July (Unit 2 and Unit 3 respectively), following the Unit 1 day course held on May 18.

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

The qualification consists of three self-contained units, each taking one day of classroom-based study to complete and costing £30 per unit and the units do not need to be taken in order.

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 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 the rules and regulations surrounding gaming machines in clubs.

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

Sign up now and you could be on your way to earning the ACM.



The Award in Club Management day courses (Unit 2 and Unit 3) are taking place at the South East Midlands Branch Office during during June and July

## The Award in Club Management (ACM)

**Saturday, June 15**

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**Unit 2 – Cost £30, including course book**

**Saturday, July 13**

South East Midlands Branch Office (St James WMC)

**Unit 3 – Cost £30, including course book**

To book a place on either of these courses, contact Senior Head Office Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick on 020 7226 0221 or email: [Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org](mailto:Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org)

Please note the units can be taken in any order so candidates can attend a Unit 1 course at a later date, having completed Units 2 and 3

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## News in brief

**Updated CIU Contracts and Club Secretary's Handbook are available to buy from branches**

- Club Staff Accommodation Contract
- Contract of Employment – Bar Manager
- Club Staff Handbook
- Contract of Employment – Bar/Cleaning Staff
- Contract of Employment – Club Steward
- Club Secretary's Handbook
- Zero Hours Contract

They are each priced as follows - £5 per Handbook; £3 per contract.

Due to increased production and postage costs the price list will be reviewed over the coming months.

### National Executive Committee dates

The dates for the NEC meetings at Head Office in 2024 are: July 10&11, September 4&5, October 16&17 and December 4&5.

Please note that selected meetings will be held via Zoom in in order to save on travel costs and there are no scheduled NEC meetings in June, August and November.

### CIU Conference 2025 dates

The dates for the 2025 Conference Weekend are as follows:

*Thursday, April 24 – NEC Meeting*

*Friday, April 24 – 33rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition (Norbreck Castle Hotel)*

*Friday, April 24 – CIU Showcase (Viva)*

*Saturday, April 25 – The 161st Annual Meeting*

## UK Government to lift ban on the use of debit cards on gaming machines in clubs



The UK is to lift a ban on the use of debit cards on gaming machines in clubs, pubs, casinos and other venues, in a move to level the playing field between physical gambling and online betting.

The measures were set out in May by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) as part of a drive to modernise the current gambling regulations.

Under the proposals, debit card payments will require authentication, such as chip and PIN or biometric verification of the type used for Apple Pay.

As with cash, there will be a £20 limit on the amount a person can deposit onto a machine in one go, lowered to £2 for low-stake fruit machines, penny falls and crane grabs.

The Government says players should have to wait at least 30 seconds after a payment is approved before depositing money onto a machine, to “broadly mirror” time to withdraw cash from an ATM.

There will also be mandatory limits per session, to be set following a separate consultation by the Gambling Commission.

Staff working in licensed premises will be alerted when mandatory limits are reached, along with voluntary limits set by the gamblers themselves. These will not apply to the lowest-stake machines.

The changes will be made via a type of legislation that comes into force automatically, and can only be blocked if the House of Commons or Lords objects within a 40-day window.

However it will only be drafted once the Gambling Commission consultation, which will take three months, is completed.

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# Get ready for a summer of sport

A packed summer of live sport, including the Euro Finals, Wimbledon, the Olympic Games, Super League and Test cricket will provide a major opportunity for clubs to boost bar sales



Greene King has produced a 'Watch Football Here' POS kit to help clubs make the most of the upcoming Euro Finals

This summer has the makings of a cracker for venues across the country, particularly if the sun shines for extended periods.

But what is most likely to drive footfall and sales is a packed calendar of amazing sport, from Test cricket to Super League to Wimbledon to Royal Ascot and the Olympics, there's a back-to-back calendar of top-class sport to give members more reasons to visit the club.

## The Euros

The undoubted key opportunity, however, is the Euro 24 finals held from June 14 to July 14 in Germany.

It's the first Euros since 2020 when Italy beat England in the final during a tense encounter at Wembley Stadium.

And with both England and Scotland having qualified, it's sure to

be a massive opportunity for clubs.

Both home nations will play in three matches each in the group stages, guaranteeing a busy time for venues showing the matches live.

Scotland have the unenviable task of facing host Germany in the opening match on June 14.

It may be a tough start to the campaign for the Scotland team, but it's likely to be a great start for venues.

With so much interest in the tournament, the event features back-to-back matches for a full month, and has the potential to provide clubs with an unbelievably strong start to the key summer trading period.

Recent research shows that almost half of all adults – 45% – say they plan to watch a Euros match in a bar this summer.

That's an opportunity not to be

missed.

One of the most important things you can do in preparation is add some theatre in-venue to really bring the tournaments to life for your members.

Why not invest in some strips for your staff and hand out scarfs to members?

It's quick and inexpensive and it can help elevate the whole experience for the members.

## Greene King POS

One thing that is an absolute must, however, is to order a Greene King IPA 'Watch Football Here' POS kit.

It contains everything you'll need, including a pump clip crowner, fixture posters, empty belly posters, bunting, drip mat, social media assets, and a consumer promotion that will help drive rate of sale.



False Nine is a golden cask ale produced by Greene King in time for the Euros which kick off in June

For the many cask ale fans out there, Greene King is making its special limited edition False Nine Golden Ale available in time for the Euros.

A refreshing hoppy golden ale with a fusion of fragrant hops, False Nine is a delicious and thirst quenching beer.

It even comes with an extra premium pump clip to help make it unmissable behind the bar during the Euros.

False Nine is available in both 9G firkins and 4.5G pins.

### Soft drink options

It's worth bearing in mind that while beer is likely to be front of mind for many of your customers during the games, data from Coca-Cola Euro Pacific Partners (CCEPP) shows that a significant 30% of consumers don't plan to drink alcohol while watching Euros matches.

Of those, 60% would prefer a soft drink to a low or no alcohol option.

So it makes sense to ensure you are stocked up on popular soft drinks options as well as providing low and no options like Estrella Galicia 0.0 and

Old Speckled Hen Low Alcohol.

### The power of sport

Sky Business and CGA data from 2023 clearly demonstrates the enormous power of live sport in driving footfall and spend in venues:

- Sport brings people together – 75% of fans visit with bigger groups than they usually would when visiting venues generally.
- A sporting reputation builds loyalty – 89% are more likely to revisit a venue if they know matches are screened and well over two thirds (72%) would go less often if it stopped showing sport.
- Sports fans spend more – their average monthly spend on eating and drinking out is 36% higher than those who don't visit bars to watch sport.
- Sporting occasions lengthen visits – 87% say they stay longer than usual when a live game is on.
- Live games create a unique atmosphere – 41% of fans say the

lively atmosphere is a main reason they watch sport in bars instead of elsewhere.

- Sport can attract people to bars at times they wouldn't normally visit – significant numbers say they are more likely to visit at times (32%) or on days (38%) when they would otherwise be elsewhere.

The stage is set then, and a world of opportunity lies ahead for clubs.

It's time to make sure your venue is ready to cash in on a summer of sport.

### KEY EURO 2024 FIXTURES

Friday, June 14, 8pm, ITV  
**Germany v Scotland**

Sunday, June 16, 8pm, BBC1  
**Serbia v England**

Wednesday, June 19, 8pm, BBC1  
**Scotland v Switzerland**

Thursday, June 20, 5pm, BBC1  
**Denmark v England**

Sunday, June 23, 8pm, BBC1  
**Scotland v Hungary**

Tuesday, June 25, 8pm, ITV  
**England v Slovenia**

Saturday, June 29, 5pm, ITV/BBC  
**Round of 16 begins**

Friday, July 5, 5pm, ITV/BBC  
**Quarter-Finals begin**

Tuesday, July 9, 8pm, ITV/BBC  
**Semi-Final 1**

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All finalists receive two free tickets to the Awards which take place in November and it couldn't be simpler to enter – just fill in the form below or complete an entry form online at: [www.clubawards.co.uk](http://www.clubawards.co.uk)



Walthamstow Trades Hall was named 'King of Clubs 2023'. Left to right: President Claire O'Shea, Vice-President Tony Barnes and Secretary Michelle Fisher

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- Experience of running a busy bar, ideally in a social club
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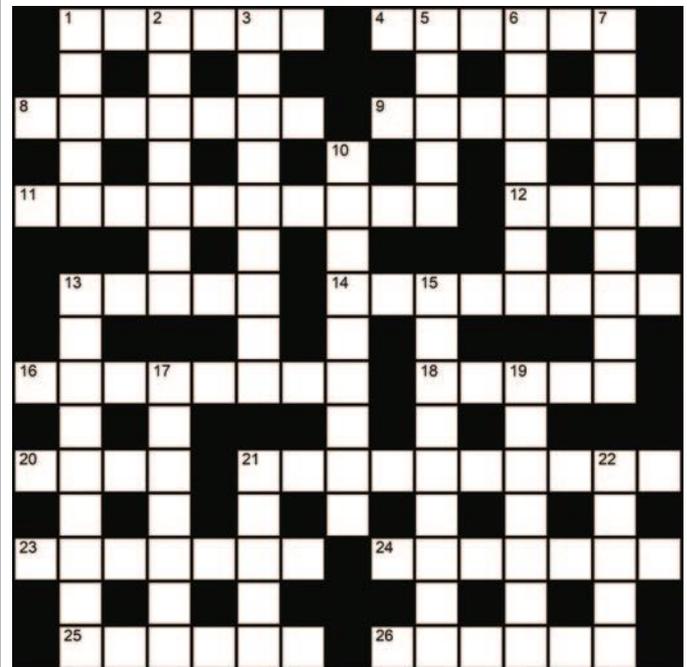
### ACROSS

- Parrot that could be a bird of prey? (6)
- Said to be hidden away in a delay (6)
- Rest, and then set about making roads (7)
- 'Pop'-lift presented in easy opener (7)
- It catches the eye of platonic arrangements (5,5)
- The thread of the story? (4)
- Foundation of job a sister's holding out for (5)
- Folklore character adding millimetres to the fancy hot tub! (3,5)
- Hero-worships, but is badly soiled (8)
- Old official ever about to have a point (5)

### DOWN

- No-one loses their way at mid-day (4)
- Great fatigue with tiresome inhouse tax (10)
- Plan to retire to the West, but put pen to paper, again! (2-5)
- It's in Holland, where one could get hurt, etc. (7)
- Dessert for the start of the week? (6)
- She has termly scheduling (6)
- Administration stripped to relative proportions (5)
- Stumps up first, then prays old record is in (7)
- Coo that unfortunately upsets cephalopods (9)

- Little wise one, in a folded towel (5)
- Double icon working on a PhD in the city (7)
- Schedule, said to be no amateur, gaining weight (9)
- Thinker working on zen ethics (9)
- Ass made bolder by failing, poor sports (3,6)
- Query tram re-scheduling in ornate woodwork (9)
- Digs out groundlings prepared for a marathon (4,3)
- Beg to enter, at peril (7)
- Cross out 'rate for more' (5)
- Rubs out brochures picked out in brown (5)



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

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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

- Graham Hogg of Seaton Carew Social Club
- Liz Hempstead of Monks Park Northampton
- Alice Paylor of Bishopthorpe Social Club
- U Nichols of Alverthorpe WMC
- James Turner of Blucher & District WM





Saturday, June 8, 3pm – BBC

**Rugby League: Challenge Cup Final – Warrington Wolves v Wigan Warriors**

The Wolves and Warriors battle for the Challenge Cup. The current holders in the men's game are Leigh Leopards who, in 2023, won their first title since 1971, by 17-16, after the game went to golden point extra time, as Matt Parcell scored a last minute try for Hull KR, to level the scores at 16-all after 80 minutes.



Thursday, June 13, 12.30pm – Sky Sports Golf

**Golf: US Open**

Action from Pinehurst in North Carolina. Last year, Wyndham Clark, who had never finished better than 75th in a major championship and had missed the cut in his previous two US Opens, shot a final-round 70 to finish at 10-under-par for the tournament and hold off four-time major champion Rory McIlroy by one shot for his first career US Open and major championship.



Sunday, June 16, 8pm – BBC

**Euro 2024: Serbia v England**

England get their Euro 2024 campaign underway against Serbia and will be full of confidence of having a real tilt at the title given the calibre of players at their disposal, including stars Harry Kane and Jude Bellingham. After this opening encounter they face further group ties against Denmark and Slovenia before the knockout stages.

# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

The 2024 UEFA European Championship takes centre stage this month as England and Scotland head to Germany. There is also plenty of live cricket, rugby and golf action for club members to enjoy in June

Saturday, June 8, 3pm

BBC

**Rugby League: Challenge Cup Final – Warrington Wolves v Wigan Warriors**

Saturday, June 8, 5.30pm

Sky Sports Cricket

**Cricket – ICC T20 World Cup: Australia v England**

Sunday, June 9, 7pm

Sky Sports F1

**Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix**

Thursday, June 13, 12.30pm

Sky Sports Golf

**Golf: US Open – Day 1**

Thursday, June 13, 7.30pm

Sky Sports Cricket

**Cricket – ICC T20 World Cup: England v Oman**

Friday, June 14, 8pm

Sky Sports Action

**Super League: Castleford v Wigan**

Friday, June 14, 8pm

ITV

**Euro 2024: Germany v Scotland**

Saturday, June 15, 2pm

ITV

**Euro 2024: Hungary v Switzerland**

Saturday, June 15, 3pm

Sky Sports Arena

**Super League: Hull v Leeds**

Saturday, June 15, 5pm

ITV

**Euro 2024: Spain v Croatia**

Saturday, June 15, 5.30pm

Sky Sports Cricket

**Cricket – ICC T20 World Cup: Namibia v England**

Saturday, June 15, 8pm

BBC

**Euro 2024: Italy v Albania**

Sunday, June 16, 2pm

BBC

**Euro 2024: Poland v Netherlands**

Sunday, June 16, 5pm

ITV

**Euro 2024: Slovenia v Denmark**

Sunday, June 16, 8pm

BBC

**Euro 2024: Serbia v England**

Monday, June 17, 2pm

BBC

**Euro 2024: Romania v Ukraine**

Monday, June 17, 5pm

ITV

**Euro 2024: Belgium v Slovakia**

Monday, June 17, 5pm

ITV

**Euro 2024: Austria v France**

Tuesday, June 18, 2pm

ITV

**Royal Ascot – Day 1**

Tuesday, June 18, 5pm

BBC

**Euro 2024: Turkey v Georgia**

Tuesday, June 18, 8pm

BBC

**Euro 2024:**

**Portugal v Czech Republic**

Wednesday, June 19, 2pm

ITV

**Euro 2024: Croatia v Albania**

Wednesday, June 19, 5pm

BBC

**Euro 2024: Germany v Hungary**



Horse Racing: Royal Ascot, starts Tuesday, June 18, 2pm, ITV

*Wednesday, June 19, 8pm*

BBC

**Euro 2024: Scotland v Switzerland**

*Thursday, June 20, 2pm*

ITV

**Euro 2024: Slovenia v Serbia**

*Thursday, June 20, 5pm*

BBC

**Euro 2024: Denmark v England**

*Thursday, June 20, 2pm*

BBC

**Euro 2024: Spain v Italy**

*Friday, June 21, 2pm*

BBC

**Euro 2024: Slovakia v Ukraine**

*Friday, June 21, 5pm*

ITV

**Euro 2024: Poland v Austria**

*Friday, June 21, 8pm*

BBC

**Euro 2024: Netherlands v France**

*Saturday, June 22, 2pm*

BBC

**Euro 2024: Georgia v Czech Republic**

*Saturday, June 22, 5pm*

ITV

**Euro 2024: Turkey v Portugal**

*Saturday, June 22, 8pm*

ITV

**Euro 2024: Belgium v Romania**

*Sunday, June 23, 2pm*

Sky Sports F1

**Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix**

*Sunday, June 23, 8pm*

BBC

**Euro 2024: Scotland v Hungary**

*Sunday, June 23, 8pm*

BBC

**Euro 2024: Switzerland v Germany**

*Monday, June 24, 8pm*

BBC

**Euro 2024: Albania v Spain**

*Monday, June 24, 8pm*

BBC

**Euro 2024: Croatia v Italy**

*Tuesday, June 25, 5pm*

BBC

**Euro 2024: France v Poland**

*Tuesday, June 25, 5pm*

BBC

**Euro 2024: Netherlands v Austria**

*Tuesday, June 25, 8pm*

ITV

**Euro 2024: England v Slovenia**

*Wednesday, June 26, 5pm*

BBC

**Euro 2024: Slovakia v Romania**

*Wednesday, June 26, 8pm*

ITV

**Euro 2024: Georgia v Portugal**

*Saturday, June 29, 5pm*

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**Euro 2024: Round of 16**



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