

## Union submits formal response to new gaming machine proposals

The CIU has formally written to the Gambling Commission expressing serious concerns about the proposed changes to Category B4/B3A gaming machines.

The reforms, which aim to enhance player protection, could have unintended consequences for clubs, including privacy breaches, operational challenges and financial losses.

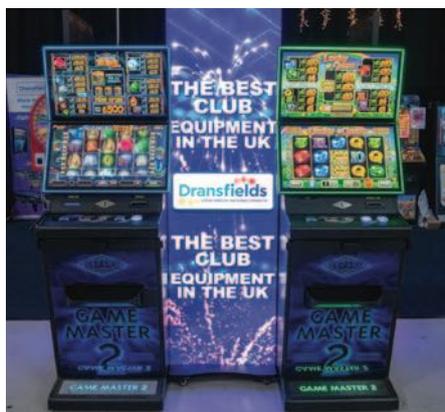
One major proposal requires clubs to alert staff when a player reaches a preset limit, disclosing their spending, play duration and net position (cash deposited minus winnings).

In responding to the official Consultation, the CIU has posed several questions to the Gambling Commission about its changes:

- Who will act on these alerts? Most clubs have bar staff who are untrained in gambling interventions.
- Will players accept privacy intrusions? Sensitive data could be visible to nearby members if displayed on machine screens.
- Will staff face hostility? Players may react negatively if interrupted during gameplay.

The CIU warns that enforcing these measures could lead to friction between members and staff, undermining the social atmosphere of clubs.

Furthermore, the CIU points out that the proposals could force clubs to remove traditional reel-based machines as they cannot support limit-setting technology and will also result in clubs



Gaming machine income is very important to many CIU clubs

having to invest in costly “back office” alert systems.

With gaming income so important to the survival of many clubs, the CIU fears the changes could hurt clubs’ financial sustainability.

The CIU argues there is no proof that gambling harm is widespread in member clubs, where issues are already managed informally by committees or fellow members.

They also highlight an inconsistency in the proposed changes given that pubs are exempt from the changes, despite having similar environments to social clubs.

In concluding its letter, the CIU urges the Gambling Commission to reconsider the changes, stating:

- The measures are unworkable in clubs with limited staff.
- Players will resent intrusive monitoring.
- Without evidence of harm, the reforms are “unnecessary and disproportionate.”

## Win a cash prize with the CIU National Lottery Draw

An advertisement for the CIU National Lottery. It features a red and yellow background with a central white banner that says "CIU SUBSCRIPTION &amp; MONTHLY LOTTERY". Below the banner, it says "Do you want a chance to win some fantastic cash prizes in 2025? Buy your tickets now! Our subscription draw gives you the opportunity to win big while also helping a great cause." It includes a QR code and the text "To Enter Scan the QR code or go to ciu.praxisplay.online". The ticket price is listed as "£1.00 PER TICKET" and the draw date is "1st of the Month at 7pm".

Don't forget to buy your tickets for this month's CIU National Lottery 50/50 Draw which takes place at 7pm on July 1.

As well as the winner receiving a cash prize, there will also be a five per cent revenue share for the winning member's club.

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

- [ciu.praxisplay.online](http://ciu.praxisplay.online)

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Welcome to the June edition of *Club Journal*.

As you'll see from the front page, the Union has submitted its official response to the Gambling Commission Consultation on the proposed changes to the operation of gaming machines.

Our Officers all signed a joint statement setting out just why they believe the proposed changes would be unworkable for most clubs and are unnecessary and disproportionate.

Let's hope that the Gambling Commission takes notice of our statement and adjusts its proposed changes.

Talking of changes, on pages 12-14 we focus on the presentation made by NEC Member and South Yorkshire Branch Secretary Mark Fergusson CMD ACM regarding the future structure of the Union and how it can be restructured in order to make it more efficient and relevant to our member clubs.

It's a really interesting read so I would urge you to have a look at Mark's proposals and please get in touch with your thoughts on how we can ensure that the Union is sustainable going forward.

The 'Club of the Month' for June is Rushden Athletic Club in Northamptonshire, a club with a long, auspicious history which stretches back to 1897, making it one of the oldest

# Welcome

social clubs in the country.

The club continues to be at the heart of the local community with first-class facilities, regular live entertainment and a host of activities taking place throughout the week.

For the full profile of the club, please see pages 16-19.

As ever, please get in touch if your club is keen to host the Union's Award in Club Management (ACM) day courses.

For further information, contact Senior Head Office Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick at:

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Elsewhere in this issue, Preferred Supplier Greene King focuses on some of the new products which will help boost sales figures over the summer months.

We also look ahead to the key live sporting fixtures coming up in June with a special preview on pages 34-35 of the Women's European Football Championship taking place in Switzerland in July.

Both England and Wales are competing in a tournament which is sure to catch the public's imagination this summer.

I hope you enjoy this month's issue.

**Stephen Goulding**

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## London's Mildmay Club is a beacon for galaxy of A-list stars



Actor Ray Winstone and supermodel Kate Moss were recent visitors to The Mildmay Club as top photographer Nadia Lee Cohen shot the pair in a variety of rooms inside the club. The resulting photos were used in a 60-page edition of Perfect magazine

The Mildmay Club in Stoke Newington, London has welcomed a number of A-list celebrities through its doors over the years with the latest being supermodel Kate Moss and actor Ray Winstone.

The famous pair visited the club recently for a photoshoot for a high-end fashion magazine with top photographer Nadia Lee Cohen.

The resulting photographs were used in a 60-page special collectors edition of the magazine.

Meanwhile, earlier this year, the club became part of music history when it was chosen as the venue to promote the first performance together by Liam and Noel Gallagher since the break-up of Oasis.

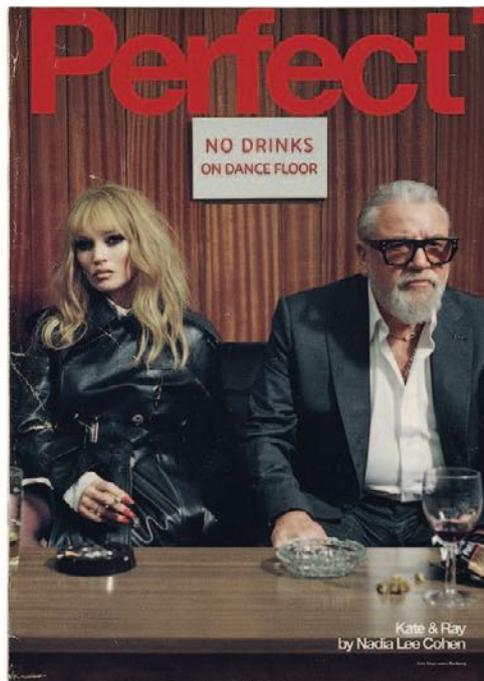
The brothers filmed a promotional video at the club for their upcoming sold-out stadium tour.

Beginning in Cardiff on July 4, the much-anticipated Oasis '25 tour will come 16 years after the band split after a backstage fight at Rock en Seine festival in Paris.

Other bands who have filmed videos in the club's atmospheric interior include Franz Ferdinand and Florence + The Machine.

Sir Tom Jones, Mark Knopfler of Dire Straits and Brian Johnson of AC/DC also visited the club at the end of last year when the Welsh singer was interviewed in the club's Concert Hall for "Johnson & Knopfler's Music Legends", a documentary subsequently show on the Sky Arts Channel.

Meanwhile, the club has provided the backdrop for several films and TV shows, including "Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle," "The Krays" and "Whitechapel".



Kate Moss and Ray Winstone in The Mildmay Club

## News in brief



**Sky Sports to show every match live from the British & Irish Lions tour Down Under**  
The British & Irish Lions Rugby Union squad, captained by Maro Itoje, will play six warm-up games and three Tests in Australia from June 28 to August 2 with every match exclusively live on Sky Sports

Ahead of leaving for Australia, the team will play a warm-up match against Argentina in Dublin on June 20 – also showing live on Sky.

With the games Down Under all kicking off at 11am, the Lions tour will present clubs with a great business-building opportunity.

**Friday, June 20, 8pm, Sky Sports**  
Lions vs Argentina

**Saturday, June 28, 11am, Sky Sports**  
Western Force v Lions

**Wednesday, July 2, 11am, Sky Sports**  
Reds v Lions

**Saturday, July 5, 11am, Sky Sports**  
Waratahs v Lions

**Wednesday, July 9, 11am, Sky Sports**  
Brumbies v Lions

**Saturday, July 12, 11am, Sky Sports**  
Australia/New Zealand XV v Lions

**Saturday, July 19, 11am, Sky Sports**  
Australia v Lions – 1st Test

**Tuesday, July 22, 11am, Sky Sports**  
First Nations & Pasifika XV v Lions

**Saturday, July 26, 11am, Sky Sports**  
Australia v Lions – 2nd Test

**Saturday, August 2, 11am, Sky Sports**  
Australia vs British and Irish Lions – 3rd Test

## News in brief



### Garforth Working Mens Club set for Abba tribute band performance on June 21

Members of Garforth Working Mens Club in Yorkshire will be dancing along to some classic tunes from the 1970s and 80s in June when tribute act Abba 2 Nite perform at the club.

The two-piece act will be singing all the key hits made famous by the Swedish group, including Mama Mia, Dancing Queen, Winner Takes It All and Super Trouper.

The event takes place on Saturday, June 21 and tickets are £10.



### Weoley Castle W.M.C will be a real Boogie Wonderland on Saturday, June 28

Weoley Castle W.M.C in Birmingham will be hosting a Boogie Wonderland event on Saturday, June 28 featuring the Hot 2 Trot Band.

Tickets for this unmissable disco-themed event cost £12.50.

## Netheravon WMC wins award from CAMRA



Pictured, left to right: Keith Foster, Gary Davis, Pete Hayward and Chris White

Netheravon Working Mens Club has been crowned as Club of the Year by the Salisbury and South Wiltshire branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

Club Chairman Gary Davis and Trustee Pete Hayward, who has been a member since 1949, accepted the winner’s certificate on behalf of the club.

Keith Foster, co-ordinator of the CAMRA branch’s ‘Club and Pub of the Year’ competition, said: “Netheravon Working Mens Club is a tremendous community asset, providing a friendly and welcoming social hub for the local population.

“It is a great place to meet with friends for a drink, including some well-kept real ales, and a chat, and to take part in a range of activities and social events.”

Gary Davis added: “We are surprised and delighted to win this award. We are at the heart of the community in Netheravon, which is a close-knit village, and we provide a welcome to everyone who comes through our doors.”

The club is renowned for serving a number of well-kept cask ales, including beers from the local Stonehenge Brewery.

## Egham USC announces dates for summer Beer Festival



Egham United Services Club will be staging a four-day Beer Festival during the summer

The 46th Egham Beer Festival will take place from Wednesday, July 30 to Saturday, August 7, hosted by Egham United Services Club (EUSC) in Surrey.

The opening Wednesday will be a Preview session with the Festival open from 3pm to 11pm while the remaining three days will see the Festival opening from 10am until 11pm on the Thursday and midnight on the Friday and Saturday (the Festival opens at noon on the Saturday).

There is a ticket discount for CAMRA card-carrying members and guests of EUSC Club members while entrance is free to EUSC members.

As usual, there will be a number of bands performing during the Festival as well as a selection of hot food from the BBQ, as well as an outside bar.

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

## Darts Academy is thriving at Cwmcarn WMC



The Dragon Chasers Darts Academy has been hosted by Cwmcarn Working Men's Club in Caerphilly, South Wales since 2024 and has become a major youth hub for local youngsters

A darts academy at Cwmcarn Working Men's Club in South Wales has become a major centre for budding young darts player in the region.

With backing from the National Lottery and Sport Wales, the Dragon Chasers Darts Academy is giving children the opportunity to raise confidence levels, improve numeracy skills and is serving as a community hub for young people.

Back in 2024, a group of local fathers, who are junior rugby coaches, wanted to expand the sporting activities on offer to young people in the area.

Keen to make sure that local youngsters of all abilities could come together and play a sport on the same level playing field, they decided on darts.

In the months that followed, more and more children signed up to get involved, inspired no doubt by young darts sensation Luke Littler who burst onto the scene as a teenager.

More children, of course, meant more equipment was needed which was when The National Lottery and Sport Wales stepped up to the oche with vital funding.

The club scooped £1,000 to get kitted out with more dartboards, dartboard surrounds, lighting and mats.

The youngsters can now meet friends and play in a safe, controlled environment and in an alcohol-free zone provided by the club.

Nathan Dark, who helped set up the Academy, said: "It was a financial burden before The National Lottery and Sport Wales came along.

"But thanks to the funding, we've been able to double our numbers and give more young people opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have."



Funding has been provided by the National Lottery and Sport Wales

## News in brief



**CIU clubs celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day in style with parties, dancing and singing**

Many CIU clubs across the UK staged their own VE Day 80th anniversary events to mark this special day.

Several venues opted to go back to the 1940s with members dressing up in vintage costumes while they sang along to wartime classics such as 'We'll Meet Again' and 'There'll Be Bluebirds Over The White Cliffs of Dover'.



Others – such as Ellistown Working Men's Club in Leicestershire (pictured) – held outdoor or indoor tea parties with their clubs festooned with patriotic Union flag bunting to celebrate the occasion.





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## Idle Working Men's Club members raise charity funds



The intrepid members of Idle Working Men's Club who took part in the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge in order to raise funds for two charitable causes

Members of Idle Working Men's Club in Bradford have raised funds for two causes very close to their hearts with a series of activities and events.

As part of the fundraising drive, Brian Stockdill, Simon Conway Troutbeck, Harrison Barker, Gaz Stokes, Alex North and George Tait completed The Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge, a 24-mile route that takes in the peaks of Pen-y-Ghent (694 metres), Whernside (736 metres) and Ingleborough (723 metres).

The money raised is for the Bradford Burns Unit at Bradford Royal Infirmary and to help Noah Butterfield, a Bradford child who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Mr Stockdill, President of Idle Working Men's Club, said: "The six of us raised sponsorship money by completing the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge and holding an Easter raffle at the club.

"On the 40th anniversary of the Bradford City fire, we held a fundraising event at the club in memory of those who died.

"Five local entertainers all performed free of charge to a capacity audience of 180 people. A fantastic total amount of £9,710 has so far been raised to be split equally between the two causes."

"Members and local businesses all contributed raffle and auction prizes for the event, and Bradford City legends John Hendrie and James Hanson attended and took part in Q&As."

## News in brief



### Paul Cantara's Legends tribute show heads to Strand Social & Sports Club on Friday, June 21

Members of Strand Social & Sports Club in Gillingham, Kent will be hosting Paul Cantara and his highly rated one-man 'Legends' show on Friday, June 20.

Paul will present six tributes across the evening, including Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Robbie Williams and Freddie Mercury.

## CLUB NOTICES

### Club name changes

From: Firs Club

To: The Firs Club & Institute Limited

From: Kilnhurst W. M. Club

To: Kilnhurst Social Club Limited

From: Crompton Central W.M Club

To: Crompton Central Working Men's Club 'The Cartshaft' Limited

From: Tarring Club

To: The Tarring Club Limited

From: Cullercoats Crescent Club Limited

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## General Secretary takes part in BBC 5 Live discussion



General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM took part in a BBC Radio 5 Live discussion in May

Working Men's Clubs were at the centre of political debate last month when CIU General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM joined a lively discussion on BBC Radio 5 Live about the cultural and political significance of these cherished institutions.

The conversation was sparked by Reform UK leader Nigel Farage's challenge to Prime Minister Keir Starmer to join him in a northern Working Men's Club to "see who connects better" with voters.

Host Qasa Alom was joined by Pete Brown, journalist and author of 'Clubland: How the Working Men's Club Shaped Britain' and Mr Green, who provided insight into the past, present, and future of clubs across the UK.

Mr Green confirmed that while the CIU's membership has dwindled from its 1970s peak the movement remains "alive and kicking" and that they retain their enduring place in British community life.

Mr Brown traced the origins of Working Men's Clubs back to the 1860s, when they began as educational spaces for the newly enfranchised working class before evolving into hubs of entertainment and self-governance. By the 1920s, around 200 MPs had cut their political teeth in club committees – a testament to their role as grassroots training grounds for civic engagement.

Mr Green explained to listeners that the CIU was officially non-political, but acknowledged that clubs still provide a space for political discussion, with MPs regularly engaging through the Committee of Registered Clubs Associations (CORCA).

He highlighted the key concerns for clubs, including such issues as beer duty, energy costs and the cost-of-living crisis.

Mr Green also spoke about the vital role clubs play in nurturing entertainers.

"If Working Men's Clubs disappear," he said, "where will the next generation of performers get their start?"

Both speakers agreed that clubs must adapt to attract younger members. Brown highlighted successful venues reinventing themselves as nighttime entertainment spaces, though this has sometimes caused friction with older traditionalists.

One major shift has been the inclusion of women, with Mr Green confirming that the old "men-only" rule was abolished in the 1990s and that women are now fully integrated into the CIU and its member clubs.

However, both agreed that any spotlight on clubs provided by the Farage challenge to the Prime Minister could be positive. Mr Green even extended an open invitation to the pair: "I'd love for either of them to get in touch," he said: "I'd take them to a proper Sheffield club!"

## News in brief



### Fareham's Crofton Club to host Summer Family Fest '25 on Saturday, June 28

The Crofton Club in Stubbington, Portsmouth will be hosting its Summer Family Fest on Saturday, June 28.

The day, which gets underway at midday, will have loads of activities for all ages with live music on the outdoor stage, stalls, food and a disco in the evening.



### Great turnout as members enjoy Clapton Railway Club's VE Day 80th anniversary party

The Clapton Railway Club in Essex put on a spectacular all-day party in May to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

Singer Tracey Curd performed some classic 1940s tunes while members, many dressed in period costumes, sang and danced along.

Fittingly, the most poignant moment of the day saw Armed Services veteran Lee Kamara playing the Last Post on the bugle.

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# Reinventing the Union

NEC Member and South Yorkshire Branch Secretary Mark Fergusson CMD ACM looks at how the CIU can be restructured in order to make it more efficient and relevant for its member clubs



NEC Member Mark Fergusson CMD ACM made a presentation at the AGM in April

In recent years, the Union has made efforts to shake itself up.

Some savings have been made, a few efficiencies introduced – but let’s be honest, operating costs remain high, and tinkering around the edges won’t cut it anymore. It’s time for something bolder.

The recent increase in the annual fee was a litmus test – and it showed something important: our member clubs still believe in the CIU.

They rely on us for support, for guidance, and for expertise. For club secretaries and officials especially, we remain an essential tool.

Most of them already know the answers – they just need the confidence that we’re here as a Union to back them up.

That trust must not be taken for granted. Now is the moment to reorganise, to modernise, and to

become more cost-effective, while not only maintaining but improving the services we offer.

We’re not afraid of ideas – so if you’ve got alternative suggestions, bring them to the table. We promise that we will listen.

### **If we were starting again...**

If the CIU were starting today, what would our business model look like?

How would we serve our clubs? What would our priorities be?

Let’s start with the basics. The objectives of the Union are clear:

1. To act as an umbrella organisation representing the welfare and interests of members.
2. To provide sporting and recreational facilities and support clubs in doing so.

3. To promote educational facilities for good club management and to organise training and awards, including our own Award in Club Management (ACM).

These objectives remain sound. But how we deliver them must evolve.

### **Rethinking our structure**

Is the current management structure fit for purpose in terms of personnel?

We must review our finances across the board. The Union has relied heavily on the stock market, but this is becoming less stable and dependable.

We need to generate more money and make savings.

There is also a pressing need to review our infrastructure.

The London office has been mentioned in this context, but other



Graphic showing how the current branches could be consolidated into regional entities

assets need to be considered and evaluated.

Above all, we must secure the future of the Union.

Although it may not look the same when any changes have been implemented, we must not lose sight of the aims and principles of the CIU.

**Branches: A new model**

Currently, each branch has its own office, secretary, and admin staff. But it's time to examine:

- How many hours are being worked and how efficiently?
- Could all branches use the same accountant and accounting software to streamline end-of-year processes?
- Why is it still such a struggle to produce consistent accounts across the branches?

It shouldn't be that hard to imagine everyone at each branch or region working from the same playbook. Consistency brings savings and clarity.

**The reality on the ground**

Let's be clear: clubs are not just a

'northern thing'. They are dotted across the country. But our structure doesn't always reflect that.

Here's a quick snapshot of current branch performance:

**North East (Durham and Northumberland):** Both branches are losing money, but asset rich. This is a recurring theme. The thinking would be to use the money saved to reinvest in the Union.

**Yorkshire (Heavy Woollen, Leeds, South Yorkshire, Wakefield and West Yorkshire):** We are already seeing merger activity in the five following the passing of George Dawson (former Branch Secretary of West Yorkshire). Each Yorkshire branch is struggling financially.

**York City:** Looks profitable – but only due to asset sales.

**Manchester:** The Branch has lost money and is out on a limb in many ways, separated from Yorkshire by the Pennines and having a large distance to cover. Manchester could be incorporated into other branches if it was thought practical.

**Midlands (East Midlands, West Midlands, South East Midlands, Leicestershire and Warwickshire):** The various branches in the Midlands region are breaking even at best.

**South East (Kent, North East Metropolitan and South East Metropolitan):** Kent appears to be in the most difficulty, but a merger would be a money saver.

**South West (South Wales, Monmouthshire, Wessex and Western Counties):** Apart from a loss by Monmouthshire, these branches are doing alright in financial terms. This area is split over a large area so could we have one Branch Secretary and two assistants?

We propose a new branch model with potentially five or six regional hubs, as can be seen above in the illustration.

It would be more manageable, more modern, and more in line with today's needs.

**Change is never easy**

Change often meets resistance. People worry about losing democracy or about decisions being made behind closed doors.



Graphic showing the number of clubs in each CIU branch

But we promise: this won't happen. With our Constitution – and people like the General Secretary keeping us grounded – that fear must not hold us back. We see more advantages than disadvantages:

**Advantages:**

- Significant cost savings (to be confirmed with full analysis)
- Closer, more regular contact with members
- Decision-making by those closest to the grassroots.

**Disadvantages:**

- Greater distances to cover
- Possible reduction in personal contact
- Natural resistance from members.

**Obstacles to Tackle:**

- How are new branch secretaries chosen?
- What happens to existing staff?
- What are the costs of redeployment?

- How do we manage physical and digital branch records?
- Democracy and the NEC.

Any reorganisation must also consider the NEC structure. The President and Vice-President remain elected roles, while the General Secretary remains in situ.

We propose that five Regional Secretaries replace the current area structure.

Perhaps two additional members could be elected by the wider membership? Maybe even at Blackpool, not just via postal ballot.

The Constitution allows us to reorganise branches but it must be amended to accommodate these new roles.

**Member consultation**

When it comes to planning these changes and implementing them, nothing should be imposed on our member clubs without giving them the chance to have their say. To that effect, we propose:

- Holding open forums

- Actively consulting members
- Considering any constitutional conflicts
- Putting decisions in the hands of our membership.

We've all heard reform ideas before. But if we don't act now, there may be no one left to propose them next time. This could be the last chance to reshape the Union for the next generation.

**In conclusion**

We are trying to reinvent – not replace – the CIU. We respect our traditions and history, but sentimentality won't pay the bills or support clubs in the decades to come.

We must be brave, bold, and forward-thinking. Let's honour those who built this Union—not just with words, but with action.

Don't be a bystander in the future of the CIU. Be a part of its success and transformation.

We would love to hear your feedback on these proposals so please share your thoughts with us.



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The Rushden Athletic Club & Institute was opened in 1897

# Rushden Athletic Club

Founded in 1897, Rushden Athletic Club in Northamptonshire continues to thrive as a destination venue for members of all ages with an array of activities taking place every week

In Northamptonshire's Nene Valley, a remarkable institution stands as a testament to enduring community spirit, adaptability and unwavering dedication to its members.

Rushden Athletic Club, founded in 1897, is woven into the very fabric of Rushden, evolving from its athletic roots into a thriving, family-orientated hub that continues to serve the town in 2025.

This rich history, coupled with a forward-thinking approach, ensures that the club is a much-loved venue for local people of all ages.

Club Secretary Viv Fryatt is the latest in a line of distinguished



The club prides itself on being a family-friendly venue with a large garden

custodians of the club stretching back to the late Victorian era, having taken over the role in January of this year.

“My husband became a member when we moved to Rushden,” Viv explains, “and then I saw that the club was looking to fill the Secretary position and thought it would be ideal.”

Viv, with her background in customer service, has thrown herself into updating the club’s traditional, paper-based systems and helping the club to become ever-more efficient.

“Trying to bring them up to date can be a little bit difficult, but we’re getting there,” she says, highlighting the blend of rich heritage and modern progress that defines the club today.

The origins of Rushden Athletic Club are etched in the annals of the town’s history, as detailed in the local newspaper, *The Rushden Echo*.

The club officially opened its current building on Newton Road on Saturday, February 12, 1898, though its true founding in 1897 began with a group of keen athletes.

“The club sprang from a band of athletes who used to meet at the Oakley,” recounted Mr Ainge, the Club Secretary at the time of the Grand Opening.

They banded together under the Friendly Societies Act, forming the Rushden Athletic Club, driven by a desire for a larger, more suitable space.

The opening celebrations in 1898 were nothing short of spectacular. *The Echo* vividly described the premises as “spacious and convenient”, with a frontage of 48 feet on Newton Road.

The cost of the building, a substantial £3,000 (around £500,000 in today’s money) was a testament to

the ambition of its founders.

There were 300 guests in attendance, including Mr B. T. Hall, the General Secretary of the CIU, who praised the “magnificent building erected to their fame and the credit of the club.”

In 1923, the club installed a ‘Public Telephone’, becoming the “first of its kind in Rushden to adopt the idea”, according to *The Echo*.

Then, in 1948 the club celebrated its Jubilee, holding a major dinner in the Concert Hall.

Club President Mr F. Spencer proudly declared that they had “one of the best clubs in the district” and talked about the huge sum of £658 which members had raised for various benevolent causes in the previous 12 months, including the Blind and Crippled Fund, the Rushden Home Hospital, the Convalescent Home



The huge contribution of Club President Dinney Brown was marked recently with the club renaming its Lounge in his honour

Live entertainment is held regularly at the club



Fund, the Aged Members' Fund, and the Children's Outing Fund.

Fast forward to May 5, 2025, and the spirit of community and dedication continues to shine brightly at Rushden Athletic Club.

A very special occasion saw family and friends gather to honour Club President Dinney Brown by dedicating the downstairs Lounge Bar in his name.

Dinney, an active member for "longer than most people can remember" and Club President for over 25 years, embodies the enduring commitment that has kept the club thriving.

His continued work ensures the club remains "just as popular and family friendly as ever."

Remarkably, the members and Committee managed to keep the renaming of the Lounge a secret from the great man himself until the very last minute.

"It's not easy to keep something like that under wraps, particularly in a close-knit club like this, but it was all

worth it to see Dinney's reaction at the unveiling," says Viv.

"It really is a fitting tribute to a man who has worked so hard for the club and its members for so many years."

Rushden Athletic Club continues to embrace its role as a vibrant hub of the community.

"We're just outside the town centre, but it's walking distance," says Viv.

While it still welcomes its cherished older members, Viv emphasises that the members are a real mix of ages and that's reflected in the events that take place seven days a week.

"The club is a hive of activity, hosting everything from regular quiz nights and Bingo every Sunday to bi-weekly karaoke," says Viv.

"Beyond our own events, it provides a vital space for various groups, including the British Legion, Silver Surfers, craft club and even burlesque dancers."

The club is actively working to attract new members and reinforce its family-friendly image.

"If you get the kids involved and

mum and dad involved, then that's a way of getting people to see that it is family friendly and a great place to come," says Viv.

The club is constantly coming up with new ideas to help bring people through its doors and will be shortly launching regular coffee mornings to allow people to chat and connect with each other and become familiar with the club.

"Sometimes clubs can be wrongly perceived as being a bit stuffy and unwelcoming," says Viv.

"We want to remove those sorts of perceptions and make sure that everyone feels welcome.

"It probably helps that we have two ladies on the Committee as well as me, so that helps to put a different perspective on things when we're planning events and initiatives."

A significant recent undertaking has been the revitalisation of the club's outdoor space.

"A couple of the Committee members, our steward and some members went out there and worked



The club's garden is a key feature of the club

really hard to give the garden a makeover, including painting all the outdoor furniture,” says Viv.

“It was all ready for our VE Day Party in May which was a fantastic occasion.”

This event, complete with a barbecue and children’s paddling pool, was a resounding success.

“We had a fantastic turnout, no doubt helped by the great weather on the day,” says Viv.

“Events like that really do help to raise the profile of the club in the local area and showcase what a great, friendly environment we have.”

The garden also boasts a stage, offering potential for outdoor entertainment and further summer events, including a Summer Fun Day in August which will be open to local people.

Live entertainment remains a cornerstone of the club’s appeal.

“We’re very lucky to have an excellent Entertainment Secretary, Carrie Boys, who gets some great acts along to the club and markets them really well to the members by social media,” says Viv.

“This year members have enjoyed

some memorable performances, including an Oasis tribute band.

“Our Concert Hall is upstairs and benefits from a separate entrance so we often rent out the space for an evening to independent promoters.

“They put on an act or event and sell the tickets themselves and we benefit from the increased bar sales.

“That includes regular events like a Northern Soul Night which has a really strong following and brings a lot of people to the club.

“It’s not just music, we’ve also had a boxing event organised by a local promoter in the Concert Room which was really popular.”

Alongside live performances, members can get together at the club to enjoy live sport on TV.

“We have several screens around the club and we subscribe to TNT Sports as well as showing the big events which are broadcast on ITV and BBC,” says Viv.

“We’ll be planning some events around the upcoming Women’s European Championship as that is sure to be popular if England have a good run in the competition.”

Traditional sports and games also

continue to flourish in the club with its pool, darts and cribbage teams competing in local leagues.

“The club is really thriving at the moment and everyone is working hard to make sure that we continue to flourish,” says Viv.

From its ambitious beginnings in 1897 to its vibrant present in 2025, Rushden Athletic Club has remained true to its founding principles.

By embracing its rich history, honouring dedicated members like Dinney Brown and continually innovating to meet the needs of a modern, diverse membership, Rushden Athletic Club stands as a shining example of a club that truly is, and always has been, a vital part of the local community.

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# HQ

## News in brief

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

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- 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 remaining NEC meetings at Head Office for 2025 will take place on: June 4&5; July 16&17; September 3&4; October 15&16 and December 3&4.

### CIU Conference 2026 dates

The dates for the 2026 Conference Weekend have not yet been finalised but will be announced on the CIU website in due course.

### Find out if a club is a member of the CIU

The search facility at the Union's official website: [ciu.org.uk](http://ciu.org.uk) is fully working and up-to-date.

There are several areas that can be searched for a club or information on the CIU and all the Club Journals going back to 2011.

There is also a map facility that is available which enables you to find a CIU club in a particular area of the country.

## Club Rules – Amendment and Registration with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)

We have become aware that some club officials are uncertain when it comes to their rules amendment procedure.

Below is an outline of the process:

- The rules may be amended only at a General Meeting called for that purpose.
- Any amendments require the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.
- The Club Secretary should send the proposed changes and the club's latest rule book to CIU Head Office, Rules Department.
- The Rules Department will then prepare a draft set of rules for the Club Managing Committee's approval, having taken into account the proposed changes requested by the club, and if acceptable to the CIU and FCA.
- The clubs must return the approved draft and signed forms to CIU Head Office, Rules department, not to the FCA.
- The Rules Department coordinates the entire procedure and submits the registration paperwork to the FCA on the club's behalf.
- Clubs must have been submitting to the FCA their Annual Returns and Accounts. The FCA will not register any rules if the club is non-compliant. Moreover, the FCA may deregister the club from the mutual register.
- Once the new rules are registered, the club must be in a position to place a printing order through the Union's Printer. The rules are the copyright of the CIU.

**For more information, visit: [ciu.org.uk](http://ciu.org.uk)**

## Head Office bids farewell to Annette Johnson

Annette Johnson has retired after 23 years' service with the CIU.

Annette worked in the Rules Department throughout her time with the CIU and provided knowledgeable advice to our clubs, Branch Secretaries and National Executive.

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Annette Johnson has retired from Head Office



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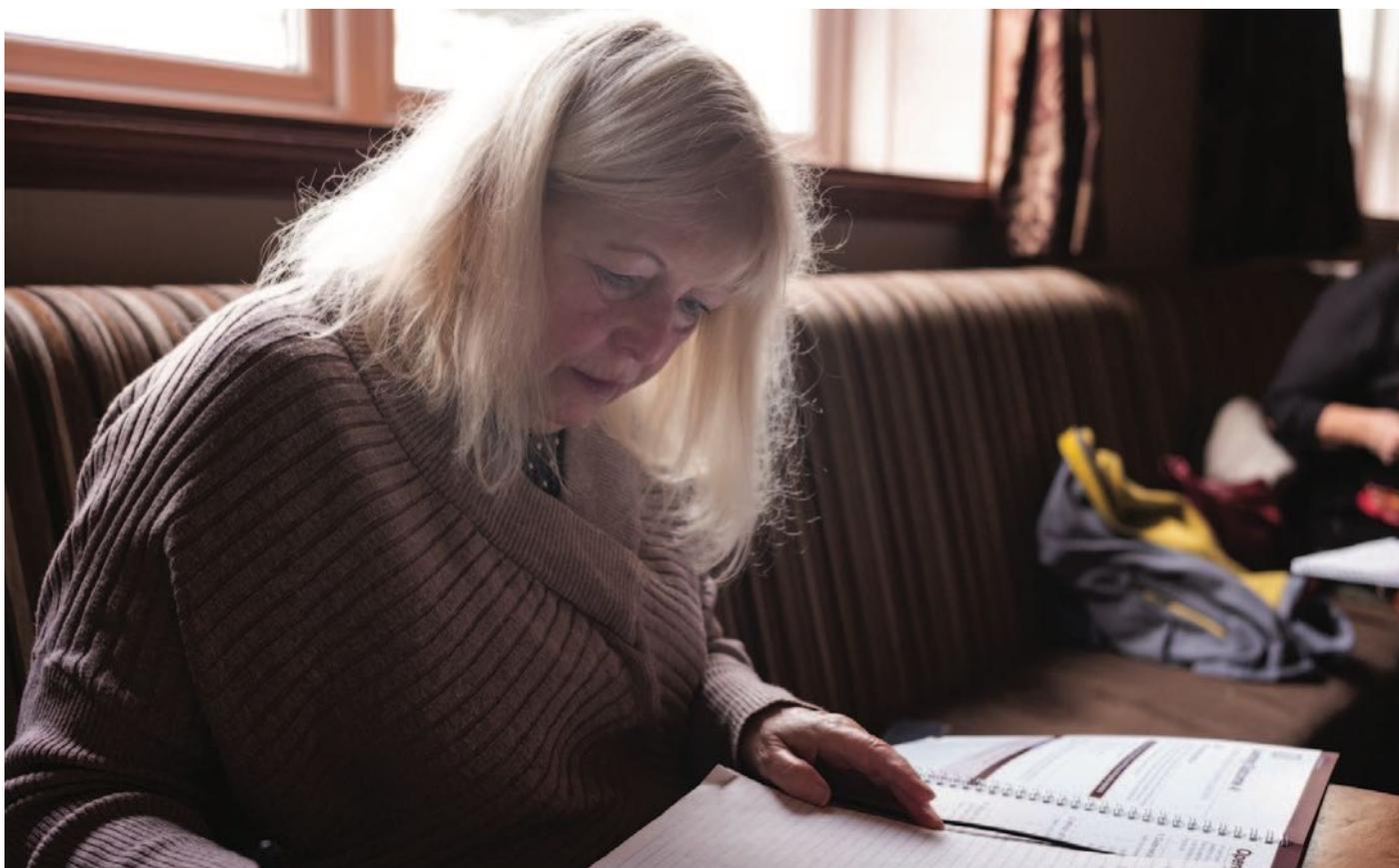
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## Why not boost your club's administration skills with the CIU's ACM?

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



The ACM course is taught by experienced club administrators and covers key aspects of club administration and finance

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

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

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

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

The course is primarily aimed at

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Get involved with the CIU National Lottery

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

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

The next Draw takes place at 7pm on **Tuesday, July 1.**

**Q: How do I buy tickets?**

**A:** It's a very simple process:

- Create an account at **ciu.praxisplay.online**
- Add funds to your account
- Receive email confirming you have added money to your account.
- Buy tickets by selecting PLAY on the raffle you wish to purchase tickets
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**Q: What happens if I forget my password?**

**A:** You can reset your password at any time by clicking in the reset password link on the screen.

**Q: Is there a cap on the amount I can spend?**

**A:** Yes – the maximum number of tickets you can buy is 20 tickets.

**Q: Is there a minimum or maximum amount that I have to keep on my account?**

**A:** You only need credit in your account to buy tickets for the draws. Tickets are just £1 each.

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in/sign up process.

**Q: I don't own a smartphone. Can I still play the CIU Raffle?**

**A:** Yes. Please go online to **ciu.praxisplay.online** and sign up to create an online account and play the CIU Raffle.

**Q: How will I receive my winnings?**

**A:** The Winners receive an email and text confirming their win, along with

payment into the client's CIU draw app account. The user can then withdraw the funds via the app account to another bank account.

**Q: I have a technical issue with the App. Who do I contact?**

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## Old Session Hen

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Greene King is also running a consumer collector kit promotion to drive trial, offering a free fourth pint after customers have bought three.

Kirsten Alexander, Old Session Hen

Brand Manager, says: “We are thrilled to be announcing the launch of Old Session Hen cask ale.

“This golden ale is packed full of flavour despite the modest ABV with hints of tropical fruit and a perfectly balanced bitterness.

“It is, as the name suggests, very sessionable, and offers a refreshing option for those looking for a pint they can enjoy all afternoon.

“We first launched the bottle version in April 2024 and were blown away with the response, so wanted to extend the range to cask to give consumers the chance to enjoy this fantastic beer on the bar and help outlets tap into the growing golden cask ale market.

“Old Session Hen Cask is available in both pils and firkins to suit your outlet’s needs.



Bird of Prey is a 5.2% ABV fruity IPA produced in collaboration with Dutch brewery Uiltje Brewing Company

“We’ve created a range of high quality POS to complement the liquid and ensure you have everything you need to showcase Old Session Hen in your club.

“All new stockists will receive on install a POS kit, including a premium 3D pump clip, ‘Ask for a Taste’ Crouner, brand-new glassware, bar runners and drip mats.

“For consumers trying cask ale for the first time, Old Session Hen is a great introduction with its light, fruity flavour and lower ABV.

“For our customers, it’s all about the relationship between the club, the brewer and the consumer.

“Treat the cask with care and make sure your staff are familiar with the ale and its story.

“We’re here to support every step of the way, ensuring it’s served at its best.”

### **Bird of Prey**

More new news sees the launch of Uiltje Brewing Co’s Bird of Prey Ale in cask, a 5.2% ABV fruity IPA.

It’s packed with hops and tropical and citrus flavours. The limited edition ale is a result of a collaboration with the Dutch brewery and is available throughout June.

Buy a firkin or pin and you’ll receive a free POS kit to help make sure that Bird of Prey flies in your venue.

### **Fresh Cask Releases**

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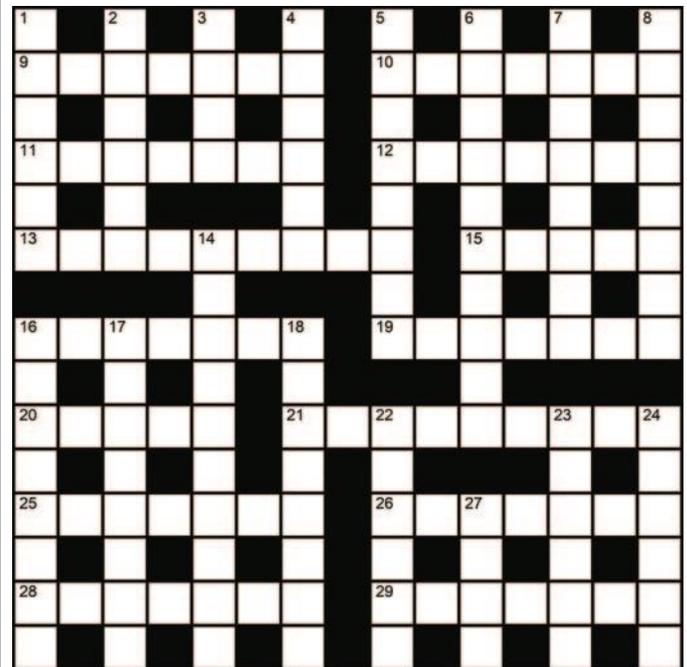
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- 29 Extra helpings, say? No longer! (7)

- 7 Marlene to edit rich assortment (8)
- 8 Patterns forming one across the church? (8)
- 14 Feral ferret on heat from that time onwards (10)
- 16 Palms planted at the top of the beam-maker (8)
- 17 Mongrel with bone, trained for extended time (4-4)
- 18 Dog to get up to mischief when fancily dressed (6,2)
- 22 Marlon's performance is as usual (6)
- 23 Time a downpour in Hayfield (6)
- 24 Augment, without a cocktail of spice (6)
- 27 Stone cross, with ebony end as frontispiece (4)

**DOWN**

- 1 Drop that could be dug into (6)
- 2 Code I knocked off its perch! (6)
- 3 Prima donna coming up greedy! (4)
- 4 Shocking graduation riot banned in African republic (6)
- 5 Bystander troubled by lone rook (8)
- 6 Perceiving how to clear up pet's mess (10)



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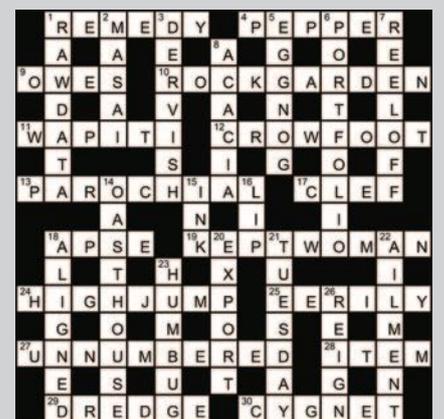
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# Lionesses get set to roar in Euros

The 2025 Women's European Championship takes place next month and with interest in the women's game at an all-time high, clubs will be poised to build trade around the key fixtures



England Women begin their Euro 2025 campaign on Saturday, July 5 against France

The 2025 UEFA Women's European Championship begins on Tuesday, July 2, with Switzerland playing host to the continent's finest footballing nations.

For England's Lionesses, the tournament represents another golden opportunity to cement their status as one of the world's best teams.

The massive interest in the England team will also give a boost to CIU clubs across the land as supporters look to enjoy the experience alongside friends and colleagues in the bar.

Fresh from their historic triumph at Euro 2022 and a heartbreaking World Cup final defeat in 2023, Sarina

Wiegman's side will be determined to reclaim European supremacy.

Since Wiegman took charge in 2021, the Lionesses have undergone a remarkable transformation.

Their Euro 2022 victory – sealed with a thrilling 2-1 extra-time win over Germany at Wembley – ended 56 years of hurt for England in major tournaments.

The subsequent World Cup campaign in Australia and New Zealand saw them reach the final, only to fall short against Spain.

The Lionesses boast a squad brimming with world-class talent,

tactical flexibility and a winning mentality.

Lauren Hemp, Georgia Stanway and Alex Greenwood gave England a significant pre-Euro 2025 boost by returning to the squad for the recent Women's Nations League matches which took place in May.

All three players had knee surgery, thus limiting their availability for England this year.

Wiegman was without several key players during the early part of the Nations League campaign and will be hoping to keep these key players fit throughout June and July.



CIU clubs will be aiming to welcome plenty of Lionesses fans in through their doors during the European Championship in July

Despite missing five months through injury, Hemp still finished the Women's Super League campaign with the most assists (eight).

Greenwood has been a regular for Weigman at centre-back or left-back while Stanway has started every game in midfield during England's past two major tournaments – so the fitness of the trio is likely to be crucial to the Lionesses' hopes in Switzerland.

Wiegman may need to experiment with alternative formations (such as a 3-5-2) to add unpredictability.

The emergence of young talents over the past couple of years like Jess Park (Manchester City) and Maya Le Tissier (Manchester United) will undoubtedly provide fresh energy.

It's clear that after lifting the Euro 2022 trophy, the Lionesses are far from underdogs.

The weight of expectation could be a double-edged sword – handling pressure will be as important as tactical execution.

Switzerland 2025 promises to be a celebration of women's football, with matches held in stadiums across Basel, Geneva, Zurich, and Bern.

The tournament will further showcase the sport's rapid growth,

building on record-breaking attendances seen in recent years and with millions of fans in the UK ready to catch the action in their clubs on ITV and BBC.

England's golden generation has already made history, but the hunger for more silverware is evident.

With Wiegman's tactical acumen, a blend of experienced leaders and rising stars, and the motivation from their World Cup near-miss, the Lionesses are well-placed to challenge for back-to-back European titles.

However, the margins at the highest level are razor-thin. Spain's technical brilliance, France's athleticism and Germany's tournament pedigree mean England must be flawless.

UEFA Women's Euro 2025 is set to be another landmark moment for English football – and for Women's Football in general.

As the tournament approaches, fans of England and Wales will dream of another summer of glory.

And with the Government stating that bars will be allowed to stay open until 1am if England or Wales reach the final stages of the tournament, there could be a major financial boost for clubs.

### Key live fixtures

Saturday, July 5, 5pm – BBC  
Wales v Netherlands

Saturday, July 5, 8pm – ITV  
France v England

Wednesday, July 9, 5pm – BBC  
England v Netherlands

Wednesday, July 9, 8pm – ITV  
France v Wales

Sunday, July 13, 8pm – ITV  
England v Wales

Wednesday, July 16, 8pm – BBC/ITV  
Quarter-Final 1

Thursday, July 17, 8pm – BBC/ITV  
Quarter-Final 2

Friday, July 18, 8pm – BBC/ITV  
Quarter-Final 3

Saturday, July 19, 8pm – BBC/ITV  
Quarter-Final 4

Tuesday, July 22, 8pm – BBC/ITV  
Semi-Final 1

Wednesday, July 23, 8pm – BBC/ITV  
Semi-Final 2

Sunday, July 27, 8pm – BBC/ITV  
The Final



Thursday, June 12, 6pm, Sky Sports Action  
**World Cup of Darts**

A total of 40 nations will compete in the 2025 World Cup of Darts with England, Wales and Scotland sure to be leading the charge for honours in this prestigious team competition. Luke Littler has confirmed that he will be representing his country in Frankfurt alongside Luke Humphries who last year won the tournament with team-mate Michael Smith.



Tuesday, June 17, 2pm, ITV  
**Horse Racing: Royal Ascot**

One of the key social and sporting events of the British Summer as the famous five-day flat racing festival gets underway in the King's backyard. Royal Ascot is the UK's most valuable race meeting, with millions of pounds in prize money up for grabs during the event. Friday's Gold Cup is the key event of the week and last year saw Kyprios beat Trawlerman to become only the third horse to regain the title.



Friday, June 20, 10.30am – Sky Sports Cricket  
**Test Cricket: England v India – 1st Test**

From June 20 to August 4, England and India will face off in five test matches at the UK's best-loved cricket grounds: Headingley, Edgbaston, Lord's, Old Trafford and the Oval. For cricket fans, this is set to be the highlight of the year. These sides first faced each other almost a century ago and in that time England have won 51 tests and India 35.

# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

The Premier League may have finished but there is plenty of live sport coming up in June, including Super League action, the start of the British & Irish Lions tour to Australia and the US Open golf tournament

*Sunday, June 1, 10.30am, Sky Sports Cricket*

**International One-Day Cricket: England v West Indies – 2nd ODI**

*Sunday, June 1, 1pm, Sky Sports F1*  
**Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix**

*Sunday, June 1, 3pm, Sky Sports*  
**Super League: Warrington Wolves v Castleford Tigers**

*Tuesday, June 3, 12.30pm, Sky Sports Cricket*

**International One-Day Cricket: England v West Indies – 3rd ODI**

*Wednesday, June 4, 12.30pm, Sky Sports Cricket*

**International One-Day Women's Cricket: England v West Indies – 2nd ODI**

*Thursday, June 5, 12 noon, Sky Sports Golf*

**Golf: DP World Tour – KLM Open – Day 1**

*Friday, June 6, 12 noon, Sky Sports Golf*  
**Golf: DP World Tour – KLM Open – Day 2**

*Friday, June 6, 6pm, Sky Sports Cricket*  
**T20 Cricket: England v West Indies – 1st T20**

*Friday, June 6, 7.45pm, BBC1 Wales*  
**FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier: Wales v Liechtenstein**

*Saturday, June 7, 12 noon, Sky Sports Golf*  
**Golf: DP World Tour – KLM Open – Day 3**

*Saturday, June 7, 5pm, ITV*  
**FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier: Andorra v England**

*Saturday, June 7, 7pm, Sky Sports Action*

**Boxing: European Super-Middleweight Title: Callum Simpson v Ivan Zucco**

*Sunday, June 8, 11.30am, Sky Sports Golf*

**Golf: DP World Tour – KLM Open – Day 4**

*Sunday, June 8, 1pm, TNT Sports*  
**MotoGP: Aragon Grand Prix**

*Sunday, June 8, 2pm, Sky Sports Cricket*

**T20 Cricket: England v West Indies – 2nd T20**

*Monday, June 9, 7.45pm, BBC1 Wales*  
**FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier: Belgium v Wales**

*Tuesday, June 10, 6pm, Sky Sports Cricket*

**T20 Cricket: England v West Indies – 3rd T20**

*Tuesday, June 10, 7.45pm, ITV*  
**Football – International Friendly: England v Senegal**

*Thursday, June 12, 11.30am, Sky Sports Golf*

**Golf: US Open – Day 1**

*Thursday, June 12, 6pm, Sky Sports Action*

**World Cup of Darts**

*Friday, June 13, 11.30am, Sky Sports Golf*

**Golf: US Open – Day 2**

*Friday, June 13, 11am, Sky Sports Action*

**World Cup of Darts**



Golf: The US Open, starts  
Thursday, June 12, 11.30am,  
Sky Sports Golf

Friday, June 13, 8pm, Sky Sports Action  
**Super League: Hull KR v Catalans Dragons**

Saturday, June 14, 12 noon, Sky Sports Action  
**World Cup of Darts**

Saturday, June 14, 3pm, Sky Sports Golf  
**Golf: US Open – Day 3**

Saturday, June 14, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Action  
**Super League: Leeds Rhinos v Warrington Wolves**

Saturday, June 14, 9pm, Sky Sports F1  
**Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix – Qualifying**

Sunday, June 15, 12 noon, Sky Sports Action  
**World Cup of Darts**

Sunday, June 15, 3pm, Sky Sports Golf  
**Golf: US Open – Day 4**

Sunday, June 15, 3pm, Sky Sports +  
**Super League: Salford Red Devils v St Helens**

Sunday, June 15, 6pm, Sky Sports F1  
**Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix**

Monday, June 16, 8pm, DAZN  
**Football – FIFA Club World Cup 2025: Chelsea v Club Leon de Guanajuato**

Tuesday, June 17, 2pm, ITV  
**Horse Racing: Royal Ascot – Day 1**

Wednesday, June 18, 10am, Sky Sports  
**Rugby League: State of Origin – Queensland v New South Wales**

Wednesday, June 18, 2pm, ITV  
**Horse Racing: Royal Ascot – Day 2**

Wednesday, June 18, 5pm, DAZN  
**Football – FIFA Club World Cup 2025: Manchester City v Wydad AC**

Thursday, June 19, 2pm, ITV  
**Horse Racing: Royal Ascot – Day 3**

Thursday, June 19, 8pm, ITV  
**Super League: Castleford Tigers v Hull KR**

Friday, June 20, 10.30am, Sky Sports Cricket

**Test Cricket: England v India – 1st Test – Day 1**

Friday, June 20, 2pm, ITV  
**Horse Racing: Royal Ascot – Day 4**

Friday, June 20, 7pm, DAZN  
**Football – FIFA Club World Cup 2025: Flamengo v Chelsea**

Friday, June 20, 8pm, Sky Sports Main Event  
**Rugby Union: British and Irish Lions v Argentina**

Friday, June 20, 8pm, Sky Sports Action  
**Super League: St Helens v Leeds Rhinos**

Saturday, June 21, 10.30am, Sky Sports Cricket  
**Test Cricket: England v India – 1st Test – Day 2**

Saturday, June 21, 2pm, ITV  
**Horse Racing: Royal Ascot – Day 5**



*Saturday, June 21, 3pm, Sky Sports +*  
**Super League: Warrington Wolves v Huddersfield Giants**

*Saturday, June 21, 5.30pm, Sky Sports +*  
**Super League: Catalans Dragons v Leigh Leopards**

*Sunday, June 22, 10.30am, Sky Sports Cricket*  
**Test Cricket: England v India – 1st Test – Day 3**

*Sunday, June 22, 1pm, TNT Sports*  
**MotoGP: Italian Grand Prix**

*Sunday, June 22, 3pm, Sky Sports +*  
**Super League: Salford Red Devils v Hull FC**

*Monday, June 23, 10.30am, Sky Sports Cricket*  
**Test Cricket: England v India – 1st Test – Day 4**

*Tuesday, June 24, 10.30am, Sky Sports Cricket*  
**Test Cricket: England v India – 1st Test – Day 5**

*Thursday, June 26, 12 noon, Sky Sports Golf*  
**Golf: Italian Open – Day 1**

*Thursday, June 26, 7pm, DAZN*  
**Football – FIFA Club World Cup 2025: Juventus v Manchester City**

*Friday, June 27, 12 noon, Sky Sports Golf*  
**Golf: Italian Open – Day 2**

*Friday, June 27, 8pm, Sky Sports +*  
**Super League: Leeds Rhinos v Leigh Leopards**

*Saturday, June 28, 11am, Sky Sports*  
**Rugby Union: Western Force v British and Irish Lions**

*Saturday, June 28, 12.30pm, Sky Sports Golf*  
**Golf: Italian Open – Day 3**

*Saturday, June 28, 12.30pm, Sky Sports +*  
**Super League: Castleford Tigers v Wigan Warriors**

*Sunday, June 29, 11.30am, Sky Sports Golf*  
**Golf: Italian Open – Day 4**

*Sunday, June 29, 1pm, Sky Sports F1*  
**Formula 1: Austrian Grand Prix**

*Sunday, June 29, 1pm, TNT Sports*  
**MotoGP: Netherlands Grand Prix**

*Sunday, June 29, 3pm, Sky Sports +*  
**Super League: St Helens v Salford Red Devils**

*Sunday, June 29, 5pm, ITV*  
**Football: International Friendly – England Women v Jamaica Women**

*Monday, June 30, 12 noon, BBC*  
**Tennis: Wimbledon 2025 - Day 1**



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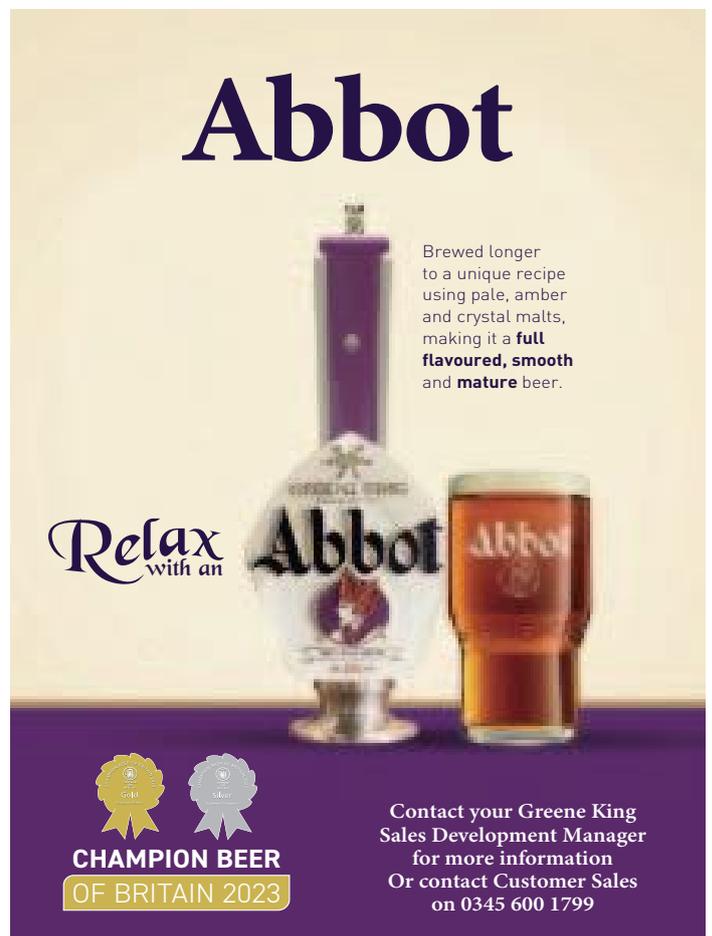
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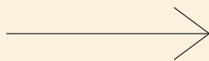
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**Closing Date:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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