

## Blackpool 2023: Help us to shape the future of the Union



The Annual Meeting takes place on Saturday, April 15

Next month will see the 159th Annual Meeting of the CIU as clubs from all over the country convene in Blackpool.

The Meeting takes place on the morning of Saturday, April 15 at the Grand Hotel with Union President George Smith in the role of Chairman.

The attending delegates will consider the Annual Report and Financial Statement, as well as vote on a number of Motions.

As well as addresses by the CIU's President George Smith and General Secretary, Kenneth D Green CMD

ACM, Union Accountant Uto Ekanem will present the Financial Report.

Looking ahead to Conference Weekend, Mr Smith said: "Months of planning have gone into making Blackpool 2023 a really worthwhile couple of days of club-related activity so please do come along and get involved.

"The key event of the weekend is obviously the AGM on the Saturday morning, but the Beer & Trades Exhibition on Friday, April 14 followed by the CIU's Blackpool Showcase in the evening will ensure a really busy programme for attending delegates."

## Greene King ready to meet CIU clubs at Trade Show

Greene King, the Preferred Supplier of beers and ciders to the CIU, is expecting a busy time at the 31st Beer & Trades Exhibition on Friday, April 14.

The brewer, which signed a partnership deal with the Union in January, will be showcasing the key brands it believes will boost trade at your club bar.

John Axon, Key Account Manager, Greene King Brewing & Brands, said: "We're really looking forward to meeting as many club representatives as possible at the trade show in order to demonstrate why Greene King is such a perfect match for CIU clubs offering as we do a 'one-stop shop' with a huge range of market-leading brands across all drinks categories."

Greene King is offering a guaranteed price for the rest of 2023 for the first 200 CIU clubs which sign up with them.

• **For more information on the trade show, see pages 12-15**

## Tickets now available for CIU's Blackpool Showcase

Over 15 acts have been revealed for the CIU Blackpool Showcase which is part of this year's Conference Weekend schedule.

The live entertainment event takes place at the Viva venue in the centre of Blackpool on the evening of Friday, April 14.

The Showcase promises a great mix of original acts, tribute acts, bands, drag and comedy. See page 25 for details.

• **Tickets cost £10 for CIU members and £15 for non-CIU members and can be ordered online from: <https://ww2.theticketsellers.co.uk/tickets/ciu-blackpool-showcase/10056254>**



Welcome to the March issue of *Club Journal* as we move ever closer to Conference Weekend in Blackpool, the most important date in the Union's calendar.

This year's Annual Meeting will take place on the morning of Saturday, April 15 in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel in Blackpool with delegates from clubs from all over the country in attendance.

As well as considering the Annual Report and Financial Statement, delegates will also have the opportunity to vote on a number of Motions.

We will have further details of the Motions in the April issue.

As usual, on the day before the Annual Meeting, delegates are invited to the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition at the Norbreck Castle Hotel.

This is the UK's biggest trade show for private members' social clubs and there will be a wide range of suppliers ready to talk about the products and services they can offer, including the CIU's Preferred Suppliers Dransfields, Greene King, Higos and Pure Purchasing.

Then, on the Friday evening, the Union will be staging our CIU Blackpool Showcase event at the Viva cabaret venue with a number of superb

# Welcome

acts from across the UK.

CIU members can buy tickets for this unmissable event for £10. (See page 25 for details.)

Meanwhile, we are delighted to announce the dates of our first Award in Club Management (ACM) day courses for 2023.

Walthamstow Trades Hall in London will be hosting a Unit 1 day course on Saturday, April 22; The Langham Club in Harringay, London will be hosting a Unit 2 day course on Saturday, May 13 and the Unit 3 day course is set for Saturday, June 10 at the Mildmay Club in Stoke Newington, London.

Each unit costs £30 and candidates will receive a course book to take away with them for future reference.

If you would like to book your place, please contact Senior Head Office Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick on 0207 226 0221 or email: [Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org](mailto:Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org).

Please see page 23 for a look at the ACM courses in more detail.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

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## Richmond Place Club makes £500 donation



The Opengate charity received a cheque from the Richmond Place Club in Hereford

The Richmond Place Club in Hereford recently presented a cheque for £500 to Opengate, a voluntary-run organisation for people with learning difficulties which holds a meeting every Wednesday at the club.

Presenting the cheque to Opengate's Audrey Chatburn was Richmond Place Club President Rachel Crocker with Opengate members also in attendance as they enjoyed an evening of live entertainment from country act Pancho & Bear.

Audrey, who has run Opengate for 45 years, made a speech paying tribute to the voluntary helpers who give their time to the organisation as well as expressing her gratitude to the club for their support.

## 'One King, One Queen' show at Longbridge SC

Longbridge Social Club in Birmingham will be hosting the 'One King, One Queen' tribute show on Saturday, March 11.

The show features Lee Newsome performing his tribute to Elvis Presley followed by Ian Beattie showing his vocal range as Queen frontman Freddie Mercury.

Both singers have performed their tributes all over the world and Lee Newsome has won awards at the World Elvis Championship for his faithful recreation of the King's vocal style and stage presence.

Compering the musical entertainment will be comedian Craig Williams who has featured on the ITV show Benidorm.

Tickets are on sale behind the bar at £10 each with prices rising to £12.50 on the door (pending availability).



## News in brief



### Sunderland AFC's 1973 FA Cup legends head to Tindale Crescent Club for Q&A event

This May will see the 50th anniversary of one of the greatest upsets in the history of the FA Cup when Sunderland – at the time a Division Two side – beat Leeds United thanks to a stunning goal by Ian Porterfield.

The heroes of that team have embarked on a tour of the North East and will be heading to Tindale Crescent Club in Bishop Auckland on March 17.

The event will give Black Cats fans the chance to meet some of the members of that illustrious team, hear some of their anecdotes and reminiscences from their time at the club, as well as to ask questions.

There will also be raffles and auctions to help raise funds for the SAFC Former Players Association and Veterans In Crisis Sunderland.

One of the class of '73, Micky Horswill, said: "The football club are having a big dinner for us on May 5 but we also thought we would like to recapture a little bit of team spirit and get out and meet the people who were at Wembley on the day."

### Tiger Roll set for defence of Grand National title on Saturday, April 15 at Aintree

Last year's winner Tiger Roll is one of 112 initial entries for the Radox Health Grand National which takes place at Aintree on Saturday, April 15.

With a total prize fund of £1 million, the four-mile-two-furlong Aintree spectacular is the most valuable jumps race in the world.

Last season Tiger Roll provided Gordon Elliott with a second Grand National triumph, just denying the Willie Mullins-trained Pleasant Company in a very tight finish.

All three days of the Grand National (April 13-15) will be broadcast on ITV with the showpiece Grand National race going off at approximately 5.15pm on the Saturday afternoon.

## News in brief



### Colley WMC stages first boxing event of 2023

Colley Working Mens Club in Sheffield held its first boxing event of the year on Thursday, January 26 with several bouts featuring fighters from their sister club Parson Cross Amateur Boxing Club.

The President of both clubs is Bob Wright MBE with the boxing club staging its major events throughout the year at Colley WMC.

Mr Wright set up the Parson Cross ABA in 1982 and received the MBE in 2022 for his services to sport in the community.

Many top boxers have come up through the club over the past 40 years.

## CLUB NOTICES

### Clubs withdrawn from the Union

- Buffs Social Club (Durham Branch)
- Great Haywood Sports & Social Club (West Midlands)
- Mill Hill Working Men's Club & Institute (Manchester)

### Clubs closed

- Altofts Working Men's Recreation Club & Institute (Wakefield Branch)
- Irthlingborough Working Men's Club (South East Midlands Branch)
- Far Cotton Working Men's Club (South East Midlands Branch)
- Attercliffe Victory Social WM Club (South Yorkshire Branch)
- Hoyland Nether Working Men's Club (South Yorkshire Branch)
- Ings Lane Sports and Social Club (South Yorkshire Branch)

### Clubs admitted

- Llandudno Junction Labour Club (Manchester Branch)

## Clubman Norman celebrates his 100th birthday



Norman Gould celebrated his 100th birthday at Chandler's Ford Central Club in January alongside family and friends

There was excitement at Chandler's Ford Central Club in Hampshire in January as club member Norman Gould celebrated his 100th birthday.

The former Chandler's Ford Stationmaster is a regular at the club and walks there from his home nearby.

Norman was born in Wellow in Somerset in 1923.

Apart from a few years as a navigator for the RAF during the war, he worked on the railways all his life, starting as a junior clerk at Wincanton Station. He was at Chandler's Ford for many years before becoming a relief Stationmaster until his retirement.

Norman, his late wife of more than 60 years Eileen, and their daughter Denise lived at the Station House Swaythling.

He was a celebrated bowler for Chandler's Ford Cricket Club in the 1950s and won awards and commendations for his blooms in a number of local gardening competitions over the years.



Norman received a birthday card from King Charles and the Queen Consort

## Derrick raises over £109,000 for Air Ambulance



Pictured, left to right: Derrick Ions of Bedlington Social Club shows some of his handmade walking sticks to the then Prince Charles, now King Charles III, at an event in 2018

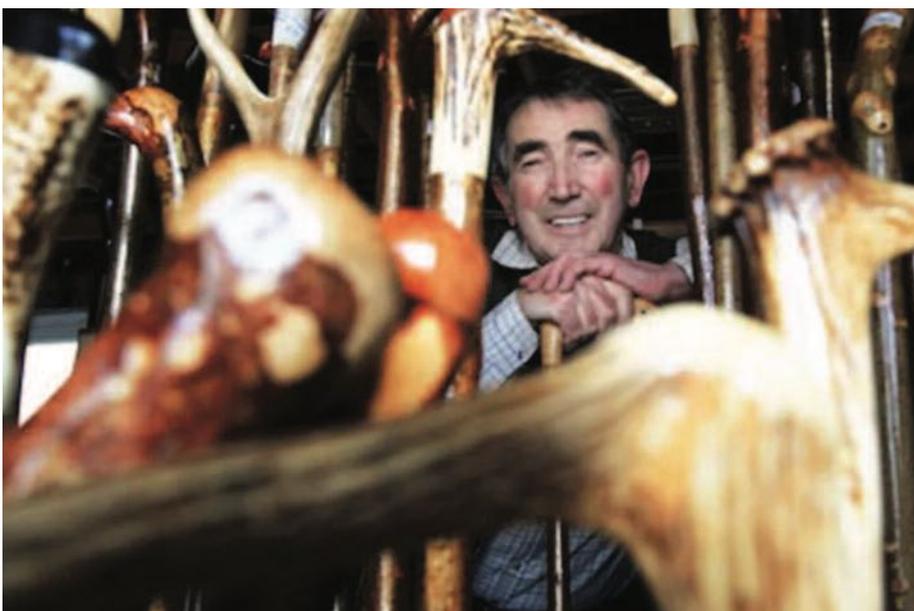
Derrick Ions from Bedlington Social Club in Northumberland has raised an amazing £109,015,99 for the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS).

He has achieved this by selling walking sticks which he handcrafts himself with all types of wood he collects while out walking.

Derrick began making the sticks when he was a teenager but decided to start selling them in aid of the GNAAS in the early 2000s after one of its helicopters came to the rescue of his niece's son who had a fit while at school.

Among the owners of Derrick's walking sticks are the Duchess of Northumberland and King Charles III.

Indeed, Derrick met with the then Prince of Wales at an event in 2018 and was complimented by His Majesty on the quality of the walking sticks and his remarkable charity fundraising efforts.



Derrick has been making the walking sticks since he was 14 and in the last 20 years has used his skills to raise over £109,000 for the Great North Air Ambulance

## News in brief



### Heavyweight Anthony Joshua is set for London comeback on Saturday, April 1

Heavyweight Anthony Joshua's comeback fight will take place on Saturday, April 1 at the O2 Arena in London

Joshua, 33, will take on Jermaine Franklin, who lost on points to Dillian Whyte last November.

"It's a really tough fight with loads of pressure to come back because if AJ doesn't win this fight, then we've got a major problem," said fight promoter Eddie Hearn.

"I believe you'll see a statement from a guy who is very dangerous, very motivated to become a three-time heavyweight world champion."

Joshua has lost his last two fights, both to unified heavyweight world champion Oleksandr Usyk.

The Watford fighter is a two-time heavyweight world champion and has 24 wins, as well as three defeats.



### Carlton Male Voice Choir to perform at Calverton WMC on Friday, March 10

Calverton WMC in Nottingham will be staging a concert by the Carlton Male Voice Choir on Friday, March 10.

The choir, which was founded in 1908, has a wide-ranging repertoire which mixes modern and traditional to great effect.

Among the songs they will perform during 2023 are *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Let It Be*, *Cwm Rhondda* and *Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life*.

Tickets cost £5.

Meanwhile, at the end of the month, on Friday, March 31, club members will be able to enjoy top tribute act Twoasis who will be performing the greatest hits of Oasis.

Tickets for this performance also cost £5.

## News in brief

### Rossington Labour Club welcomes legendary Top Rank DJs for night of music nostalgia

Rossington Labour Club will be turning the clock back to the 1970s on Friday, April 21 when it hosts an entertainment night billed as 'Not Just The Top Rank Experience'.

The event harks back to the heyday of the legendary nightclub, The Top Rank in Doncaster, which had a capacity of 1,600 and was open every night of the week for live music and discos.

Among the artists who performed at the venue were Status Quo, Slade, Mott The Hoople, ELO and Desmond Dekker.

The resident DJs were Ken Holmes and Chris Whiteley and they will be behind the 'wheels of steel' at the event at Rossington Labour Club playing the best pop, glam rock, Motown, reggae and soul hits released pre-1976.

Tickets are available from behind the bar priced at £5 or via the Ken and Chris Top Rank Experience Facebook page.

### England and Wales aiming to move a step closer to qualification for UEFA Euro 2024

The England and Wales football teams will be looking to put their recent World Cup disappointments behind them and move one step closer to qualifying for the UEFA European Championships in 2024.

On Thursday, March 23, England travel to Rome for a qualifier against the home side who are still smarting from failing to qualify for the 2022 World Cup but are the reigning European Champions, having beaten England in the Euro 22 Final at Wembley.

The game will kick off at 7.45pm and will be broadcast live on Channel 4.

Then, on Sunday, March 26, England have a home qualifying tie against Ukraine at Wembley.

The game kicks off at 5pm and, again, will be broadcast on Channel 4.

Wales, meanwhile, begin the post-Gareth Bale era, following the striker's recent retirement, with a Euro Qualifier against Croatia at 7.45 on Saturday, March 25.

The game will be showing on S4C and Viaplay Sports.

Wales' second qualifier this month is a home tie against Latvia on Tuesday, March 28.

Kick-off is at 7.45pm with the game showing on S4C and Viaplay Sports.

The Euro 2024 tournament, hosted by Germany, gets underway on June 14, 2024 and will culminate with the Final at the Olympic Stadium in Berlin on July 14, 2024.

## Kids ready to enjoy music event at The Big Club

Newton Aycliffe Working Mens Club – AKA 'The Big Club' – in County Durham will be putting on an afternoon and evening of entertainment targeted at children and teenagers on Saturday, April 29.

The 'Bubble Gum' event will feature singer Becky Hill performing a number of top chart hits guaranteed to get young people singing along and dancing.

There will also be a tribute to Dua Lipa, a set from a DJ, face painting, glow sticks and other fun family-friendly activities.

There will be two shows on the day – one taking place from 1-4pm and the other from 5-8pm.

Tickets are available from the club and cost £5 each.

Under-12s must be accompanied by a paying adult.



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*Cliff Lee – Durham Branch (10 Years)*

## John Baker of NE Met Branch honoured by the Union's General Secretary

John Baker, a great servant of the North East Metropolitan Branch and of the Union at a national level, was honoured with a presentation at Ponders End Working Men's Club in January to mark his retirement.

John served as Branch Secretary for 25 years, until December 2022, as well as being a member of the National Executive until 2017.

The presentation took place at the North East Metropolitan CIU AGM and was conducted by Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM.



John Tabor (North East Metropolitan Branch President), John Baker (former NEC Member and North East Metropolitan Branch Secretary), Kenneth D Green CMD ACM (Union General Secretary) and Sean Belton CMD (North East Metropolitan Branch Vice-President and NEC Member)

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# Union delegates prepare for a busy weekend at Blackpool 2023

The key event during Conference Weekend will be the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 15 at the Grand Hotel but delegates are also invited to attend the 31st Beer & Trades Exhibition on Friday, April 14

Next month sees CIU Conference Weekend taking place in Blackpool.

The centrepiece of the weekend's activities will be the 159th Annual Meeting, chaired by President George Smith, which will take place in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel on the morning of Saturday, April 15.

Delegates from across the UK will consider the Annual Report and Financial Statement, as well as vote on a number of Motions.

The details of the Motions will be published in next month's Club Journal.

There will also be addresses from the President, George Smith and the General Secretary, Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Union Accountant Uto Ekanem will present the Financial Report to the assembled delegates.

As usual, the Annual Meeting will be preceded by the Union's Beer & Trades Exhibition on Friday, April 14, with the doors at the Norbreck Castle Hotel opening at 1pm.

The event is the UK's biggest trade show for private members' social clubs with an array of products and services on display which are all targeted at helping clubs to boost trade and save money while taking part in some fun activities and networking along the way.

All the key club suppliers will have a presence at the show, including Preferred Suppliers Dransfields, Greene King, Higos Insurance and Pure Purchasing, so make sure you come along for some expert business advice and ways of boosting trade.

Making their trade show debut, Greene King are looking forward to showcasing some of their famous brands at the event and giving delegates the opportunity to sample them at their bar.

"Conference Weekend is a crucial time for the Union as it allows delegates from our member clubs to come together in the AGM and shape the future of this great organisation in a democratic fashion," said Mr Green.

"The weekend also gives us the opportunity to share our collective knowledge through networking with other member clubs."



The 2023 Annual Meeting will take place at The Grand Hotel, Blackpool on April 15



Left to right: Union President George Smith and Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM will both make addresses at the Annual Meeting



The Beer & Trades Exhibition will be held on the afternoon of Friday, April 14

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# Q&A: CIU Preferred Supplier – Pure Purchasing

Pure Purchasing Consultants have a range of purchasing cost saving services that deliver practical solutions to help clubs focus on growing their business. Here MD **David King** explains how

**Q: David, how did Pure Purchasing join the ranks of the CIU's prestigious Preferred Suppliers?**

**David King (DK):** Firstly I just wanted to say how proud I am to have the confidence of the NEC, and I'm really looking forward to helping CIU clubs cut costs and increase efficiencies. We get real satisfaction when we and our teams make a difference to a club's bottom line. Clubs deserve to continue to thrive in their communities. It's tough at the minute, but it's certainly possible to continue to do well, and long may clubs continue to do so!

**Q: Will clubs be able to meet you at**

**the Blackpool Beer & Trades Exhibition on April 14?**

**DK:** Of course. I look forward to being there along with some of our teams, like the Praxis Play Raffle, a great app for clubs to fundraise from members who might be either in and out of the club. (Come and see if you can win a prize!) It makes fundraising for clubs simple. It will be great to see old and new club friends.

**Q: How long have you worked in the club sector?**

**DK:** Well over 30 years now. I must have started in shorts! Becoming a

Preferred Supplier to the CIU is the culmination of many years working with and listening to clubs and the companies that supply them.

**Q: So what exactly does Pure Purchasing aim to achieve for clubs?**

**DK:** We support clubs to make the best purchasing decisions, basically to help control clubs spend while increasing efficiencies. It's often the case that in-house teams may know exactly what needs to be done in this regard, but finding the time and resources to action everything can be difficult.

Time and cost are always at the front



Pure Purchasing is now a CIU Preferred Supplier. MD David King (right) pictured with Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM



of a committee’s mind when you’re running a club, and our aim is to take some of that burden away, helping to run an effective, sustainable business. We provide transparent, impartial advice and expertise – from getting a handle on current contracts and suppliers, to executing infrastructure projects.

**Q: So if a club gets in contact, how does the Pure Purchasing process start?**

**DK:** The process begins with a phone call. Give us a call, talk to us. What are your issues? Do you just want to check if you have the best pricing available? Are you finding it hard to get a contract? Do you think you are missing the best option? Are you being billed wrongly? Have your costs jumped and you need to get help to control them? We can then help plan the best way forward and if needed come and visit the club. We can do a comprehensive top-to-bottom review of all outgoing expenses, overheads and contracts, and we help clubs get a handle on needless losses that can be overlooked on a day-to-day basis.

**Q: Can you help clubs with energy costs?**

**DK:** We work directly or indirectly with over 27 energy suppliers and are registered with the Energy Broker Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Scheme. We can help check bills, sort supplier issues, provide new pricing or even get you off grid with Solar, battery and wind generating technologies. We

can assist with energy surveys to make sure you only use what you need too and don’t waste money on equipment working 24/7!

**Q: Can you help clubs with any other costs?**

**DK:** Yes, absolutely. We don’t just help with gas, electricity, LPG, oil and water. We can help with Solar, wind turbines, heating systems, air conditioning purchase and servicing, waste management, fire servicing, cleaning materials, telecoms, equipment, refurbishments, asset release and drinks supplies – including the new CIU preferred beer supplier Greene King – to name but a few!

**Q: And what about ongoing support?**

**DK:** This is so important. Clubs need to know that we’ll continue to watch out for their best interests. Our job is to review, help and guide. We’ll check invoices to ensure all newly agreed contracts are met and that we’ve delivered our promised savings. The focus is very much to drive lasting benefits.

**Q: Any final comments?**

**DK:** I’d just say, if in doubt ring for a chat. There is nothing to lose or be scared of, but there could be plenty to gain. We can happily introduce you to clubs that use us now to hear from them directly. And if you’re going to Blackpool on the 14th, see you at the Beer & Trades Exhibition!

**A POINT IN CASE**

A once successful Club was enduring the financial strain. Burdened with cash flow problems meant surviving on membership fees and donations. They faced issues with their long-term existing suppliers and needed an overhaul of business functions and operations. They asked for our advice and help.

One of our first tasks was to re-establish the relationship with their existing suppliers, some of which had been trading with the club for 25 years. Using our expertise, we were able to re-negotiate enhanced suppliers pricing packages for drink, waste management, PDQ costs, fire safety services and telecoms, offering financial savings with increased promotions and benefits. We implemented a new stocktaking process to streamline expenses for the business, allowing them to get a handle on their product profit and wastage.

Our services were able to take this club from a two year loss to a sustainable profit within 12 months of engagement, and we continue to support the club five years after our initial meetings.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

If you’re ready to control costs, save money, time and effort, why not get in touch?

- **Step 1** - Free no-obligation review – just call us or email us
- **Step 2** - Following our discussions, if you want us to help, complete the paperwork, we will
- **Step 3** - Your club starts saving money

Any enquiries, email [david@purepurchasing.co.uk](mailto:david@purepurchasing.co.uk) or call David on 07495 893 993 or the office on 0330 118 8338



Cullercoats Crescent Club was founded in 1945 and joined the CIU in 1947



# Cullercoats Crescent Club

Cullercoats Crescent Club in North Tyneside was founded in 1945 and its Committee is working as hard as ever to ensure that the club continues to be at the heart of its local community

Situated in North Tyneside between Tynemouth to the south and Whitley Bay to the north, the village of Cullercoats boasts a stunning location, with a sandy bay enclosed by two piers.

It is extremely popular with daytrippers from Newcastle-upon-Tyne who can hop onto the Metro in the city centre and arrive in Cullercoats around 30 minutes later to enjoy the coastal air and fantastic scenery.

And if they find themselves in need of refreshment, Cullercoats Crescent Club is just a couple of hundred yards from the beach and promises a warm welcome to guests and members alike – and even their well-behaved dogs – whatever the time of year.

The club was founded in 1945, became affiliated to the CIU in 1947, and has been a popular venue ever



The club's Sports Bar is always packed when Newcastle United are in action on Sky Sports

since those early days, with its full programme of activities and entertainment putting it right at the heart of village life.

Its facilities are second-to-none with the club divided into four distinct areas: the Sports Bar which has seating for 120 as well as six TV screens, darts, snooker and pool facilities; the Seaview Lounge which allows members to gaze across Cullercoats Bay and the Mouth of the Tyne while they enjoy a drink; the Buffet Bar which seats 90 and the impressive Concert Room which seats 200 or can hold 400 for standing events.

Club Secretary Ronnie Lyall says: "Like everyone in the club sector, we're working as hard as we can to get people in through the doors and keep trade at a sustainable level during some worrying times.

"We have a lot going on throughout the week in terms of regular activities as well as one-off events and private functions so we're doing everything we can to keep the club busy.

"We currently have around 2,200 members on our books, although only a certain percentage of them are active

members who visit the club on a weekly basis; others renew their membership each year but only visit infrequently or not at all, but that is the nature of all members' clubs.

"It's a very large club so it's fantastic to have the separate areas so you can hold different events at the same time. But that's also a double-edged sword as the uncertainty over rising energy costs plus increases in staff costs mean that we have to think very carefully about using our space efficiently.

"For example, the upstairs part of the building with the Concert Hall and Seaview Lounge is generally only open at certain times during the week, depending on what events we have on.

"The Seaview Lounge is extremely popular during the summer as it's a great place to sit and look out over the sea with a drink in hand, but during the winter we can save on heating that room and the costs of staffing the bar.

"During the summer, it's a different story as we do very well from people coming up from the city on the Metro to enjoy a trip to the seaside and they will pop in for a drink as we are so close to the beach."

During the current winter months, it is the club's Sports Bar which has been the busiest part of the club.

The Bar, which is festooned with memorabilia from Newcastle United, a team who unsurprisingly have a huge following among club members, has benefitted from an upturn in the fortunes of the Toon in the Premier League and League Cup competitions.

"There's always a great crowd in the Sports Bar when Newcastle United games are being broadcast on Sky Sports," says Ronnie.

"It has really helped since the new owners took over at St James' Park and the team started playing well and getting some fantastic results.

"It's particularly busy here when Newcastle away games are on TV as many of our members have season tickets at St James' Park and go and watch home games in person.

"An additional bonus this season has been the Toon's tremendous run in the Carabao Cup which saw them go all the way to the Final at Wembley and there has been a brilliant atmosphere for those games.

"So football is obviously the most



The club is renowned for its live music, particularly rock, blues and jazz

## CLUB OF THE MONTH

important sport in the club, but we also have members who come here to watch the Six Nations rugby matches on ITV and BBC.

“Sometimes there will be members watching football in two rooms and then we’ll put the rugby on in another room for another set of members.”

Live entertainment is another major draw for club members and the club has regular music events featuring a wide range of singers and bands.

“We have a mix of live music events, some which are free and others which we charge for, for example when we have a band playing in the Concert Hall,” says Ronnie.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays there is jazz in the Sports Bar between 1-3pm, while on the second and last Fridays of the month, the club’s ‘house band’ On The Road Again perform in the Buffet Bar. Every Thursday afternoon there is a Sing Along with musician Staff Newman, also in the Buffet Bar.

The bigger live entertainment events

take place in the Concert Room and rock and blues music certainly seems to loom large at the club, including regular ‘Rhythm and Rock’ nights.

In December of last year the club hosted Dr Feelgood, famous for their hit Milk and Alcohol, and Geordie – the rock band formed by Brian Johnson of AC/DC fame.

This year they will also be hosting, for the third time, a convention for fans of the rock band Free whose scored a global hit in the 1970s with *Alright Now*.

“The Free convention is a great event for the club and used to be staged at a nearby hotel before the organisers approached us to host,” explains Ronnie.

“Fans of the band come from all over the country and the world to attend the convention, swap memorabilia and enjoy music in our Concert Hall over two days, so we’re delighted to be hosting it for the third time.”

Meanwhile indie rock group Sea Power, who have played some of the

biggest festivals in the world, including Glastonbury, chose the club as the venue for an intimate gig for their diehard fans and streamed the concert live on the internet.

Raising funds for charity is also a year-round activity at the club with a variety of causes benefiting from the generosity of its members.

In October of last year the club staged a charity evening with popular entertainer Geordie Ormston.

The event raised a magnificent £1,500 for the Bobby Robson Foundation, the charity set up in commemoration of the former Newcastle United and England manager which funds cancer research and treatment.

Like many clubs, Cullercoats Crescent Club is eager to attract a younger demographic as well as the traditional club member.

“We’re very keen to get younger people through the doors but it’s always going to be difficult as they seem to want to head to trendier bars to meet



The club's Seaview Lounge offers stunning views across Cullercoats Bay



The club's spacious Concert Room is a popular venue for wedding receptions

other young people as well as pay two pounds more for a drink than they would here," says Ronnie.

"I think that people, as they get older, appreciate the atmosphere and good value that social clubs like ours represent so they will eventually come over into the club sector.

"We have our own website showing all the club's facilities and we are very active on Facebook with two members who put a lot of time into publicising all the various events going on at the club online, in addition to creating posters that we can put up on the club noticeboards."

As you'd expect, there is a full programme of traditional club activities going on throughout the week at the club with pool, snooker and darts teams competing in local leagues, and on the last Thursday of the month, there is a Quiz Night.

The club is also much in demand as a venue for private functions and the Concert Hall is particularly popular for

wedding receptions.

"Private functions are an important part of the club's income and the Concert Hall is one of the few spaces of that size available in the area," says Ronnie.

"It looks fantastic when it's dressed for a wedding reception and we can also do the catering as we have kitchen facilities and a chef."

Indeed, food is available to members throughout the week with the chef supplying basket meals on selected days while toasted sandwiches can be ordered on the days when the chef is not working at the club.

The club has a full Committee of willing volunteer ready to do their bit to keep the club moving forward and Ronnie, who has been a member of the club since 1974 and served as Chairman three decades ago before taking over the role of Secretary in 2021, also finds great support from fellow clubs in the area via regular meetings of the No.9 Division of the

Northumberland Branch of the CIU.

"It's really good to have that regular contact with other CIU clubs in the area who are all experiencing similar challenges and exchanging ideas with them," he says.

"It's very helpful to know that everyone is in the same boat and to help each other look for solutions.

"There's no denying that it's tough going at the moment for everyone in the club environment but we are working as hard as we can to boost trade, keep our members happy and ensure the club remains at the heart of the community."

### CONTACT DETAILS

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## News in brief

### Updated CIU Contracts and Club Secretary's Handbook now available from branches

Updated versions of the CIU contracts are now available to buy from your Branch.

- 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 for 2022

The dates for the monthly NEC meetings at Head Office in 2023 are: March 1&2; April 13; May 3&4; June 7&8; July 5&6; August 2&3; September 6&7; October 4&5; November 1&2; December 6&7.

### Annual Meeting 2023 dates

The dates for the 2023 Conference Weekend in Blackpool have been confirmed and are as follows:

*Thursday, April 13* – NEC Meeting

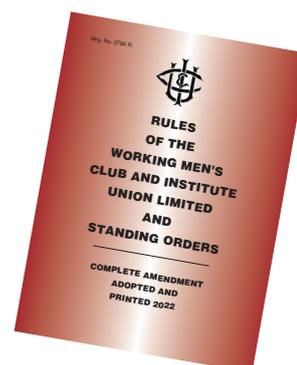
*Friday, April 14* – 31st CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition (Norbreck Castle Hotel)/CIU Blackpool Showcase (Viva)

*Saturday, April 15* – AGM (Grand Hotel)

## Updated and reprinted CIU Rules and Standing Orders booklet now available

The Rules of the Working Men's Club and Institute Union Limited and Standing Orders was updated and reprinted at the end of 2022.

As well as being available to download on the Union's website ([www.wmciu.org.uk](http://www.wmciu.org.uk)), the printed booklets are available from your local branch.



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# London dates announced for ACM day courses

Candidates have the chance to earn the Union's Award in Club Management (ACM) by attending three day sessions in April, May and June at London clubs

The Award in Club Management (ACM) course is back for 2023 with three day courses taking place at London clubs in April, May and June.

Walthamstow Trades Hall in London will be hosting a Unit 1 day course on Saturday, April 22; The Langham Club in Haringay, London will be hosting a Unit 2 day course on Saturday, May 13 and the Unit 3 day course is set for Saturday, June 10 at the Mildmay Club in Stoke Newington, London.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The lectures are carried out by highly experienced lecturers from within the CIU who lead the day sessions and can draw from their knowledge of the club scene to illustrate the key points.



The Langham Club in Haringay, London will be hosting a Unit 2 ACM day course in May

## ACM dates

### Saturday, April 22

Walthamstow Trades Hall, London, E17 4RQ

**Unit 1 – Cost £30, including course book**

### Saturday, May 13

The Langham Club, London, N8 0RY

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

### Saturday, June 10

Mildmay Club & Institute, London, N16 9PR

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

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

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# Buy your tickets for the CIU Blackpool Showcase on April 14

If you're heading to Conference Weekend, you can experience a great evening of live entertainment on Friday, April 14 at the CIU Blackpool Showcase which is being held at the famous Viva venue



The 2023 CIU Blackpool Showcase will be staged at Viva on the evening of Friday, April 14

Over 15 acts have been revealed for the Blackpool Showcase event which is part of this year's Conference Weekend.

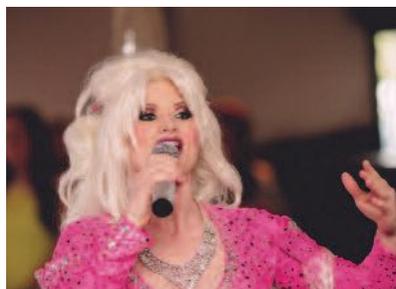
The live entertainment event takes place at the Viva venue in Blackpool, described as the Las Vegas of the North, on the evening of Friday, April 14 following the 31st Beer & Trades Exhibition and the night before the Union's AGM on Saturday, April 15.

The Showcase promises a great mix of original acts, tribute acts, bands, drag and comedy at the Viva.

Among the entertainers expected to grace the stage are Boy George tribute act Liam Halewood, Dolly Parton tribute act Kay Molyneaux, drag artiste CeCe Monsoon and award-winning vocalist Kelvin J Wood.

NEC Member Nathan Clarke, who is co-ordinating the event on behalf of the Union, said: "The CIU Blackpool Showcase will be an unmissable night of music and comedy in the heart of Britain's Northern capital with some brilliant acts from across the UK.

"The event represents great value, so I would urge you to order your tickets in advance so you don't miss out."



Dolly Parton tribute act Kay Molyneaux



Award-winning singer Kelvin J Wood



Drag artiste CeCe Monsoon



Boy George tribute act Liam Halewood

• Tickets cost £10 for CIU members and £15 for non-CIU members and can be ordered online from: <https://ww2.theticketsellers.co.uk/tickets/ciu-blackpool-showcase/10056254>

# Showcase your venue in the Club Outings pages of *Club Journal*

Your club could be hosting groups and individuals from other CIU-affiliated clubs by advertising in Club Outings. Get in touch and your club's facilities will be showcased in the magazine and online

One of the great benefits of being a member of a CIU club is undoubtedly the opportunity to visit the Union's network of affiliated clubs spread across the UK.

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Whether you're on holiday, enjoying a trip to the races, attending a football match or organising a club coach trip, knowing where the local Union club is situated is always extremely handy and ensures that you won't have to take your chances in an anonymous pub.

That is why *Club Journal* is reintroducing our popular Club Outings section at the CIU's Beer & Trades Exhibition in Blackpool in April, which gives CIU clubs the chance to let our readers know they have a friendly oasis to visit when on their travels in a different part of the country.

Club Outings took an enforced break during the COVID-19 pandemic when clubs were forced to shut their doors for long periods and travel was not an option for most people.

Now it is set to return so please email or ring through your preferred option (details below) in order to advertise your



club's facilities to the *Club Journal* readership and ensure that they don't have to miss out on the club experience just because they're not able to attend their 'home' club.

As well as the printed version in the magazine, we'll also be launching an online version of Club Outings on the Union's official website to ensure that listed clubs can include the latest live entertainment and events taking place at their club.

## How to ensure your club is featured in Club Outings

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### OPTION 2

All elements of Option 1, plus:

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**Price: £79.20 inc VAT (for 3 months) or £285.12 inc VAT (for 12 months)**

### OPTION 3

All elements of Option 1 & Option 2, plus:

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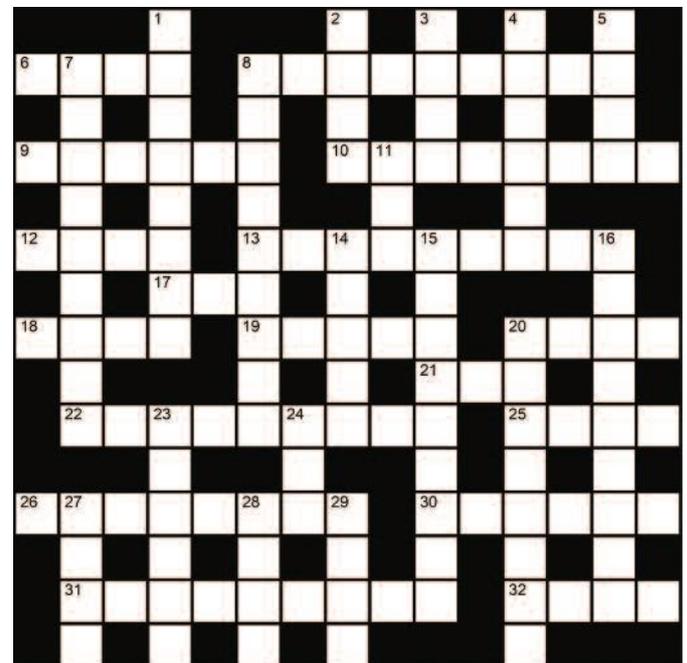
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- 5 Cream off mess kit that's set out sloppily (4)

- 7 Dodgy sum made out to a Union, with no dissent (9)
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- 20 Hits out at skit that's frisky and excitable (8)
- 23 Authenticate it, backing out of tattiest of surroundings (6)
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Sunday, March 5, 4.30pm – Sky Sports

**Premier League: Liverpool v Manchester United**

United have hit a rich vein of form in recent weeks as manager Erik ten Hag's masterplan looks to be paying off. While they may not challenge for the title this season, they are certainly brimming with confidence and will present a major challenge to a Liverpool side which has failed to live up to its usual exacting standards for much of the current season.



Tuesday, March 14, 12.30pm – ITV

**Horse Racing: The Cheltenham Festival**

The greatest National Hunt event on the planet gets underway at Prestbury Park with four days of top-class action in prospect. There will be several Grade 1 races to savour including the Champion Hurdle, the Queen Mother Champion Chase and, of course, the Gold Cup. The latter race was won last year by A Plus Tar, ridden by Rachael Blackmore.



Tuesday, March 14, 8pm – BT Sport

**UEFA Champions League - Last 16, 2nd Leg: Manchester City v RB Leipzig**

A huge game for Manchester City as they once again set their sights on reaching the quarter-finals of the UEFA Champions League and moving one step closer to the trophy which has eluded Pep Guardiola since he arrived in the UK. Certainly, the home side will be heavy favourites to progress to the next stage of the competition.

# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

The football action continues apace with the second-leg, last 16 ties in the UEFA Champions League and several unmissable Premier League clashes. Meanwhile, four days of the Cheltenham Festival await

Friday, March 3, 8pm

Sky Sports

**Super League: St Helens v Leeds Rhinos**

Saturday, March 4, 12.30pm

BT Sport

**Premier League: Manchester City v Newcastle United**

Saturday, March 4, 5.30pm

Sky Sports

**Premier League: Southampton v Leicester City**

Sunday, March 5, 2pm

Sky Sports

**Premier League: Nottingham Forest v Everton**

Sunday, March 5, 4.30pm

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**Premier League: Liverpool v Manchester United**

Monday, March 6, 8pm

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**Premier League: Brentford v Fulham**

Tuesday, March 7, 8pm

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**UEFA Champions League - Last 16, 2nd Leg: Chelsea v Borussia Dortmund**

Wednesday, March 8, 8pm

BT Sport

**UEFA Champions League - Last 16, 2nd Leg: Tottenham Hotspur v AC Milan**

Thursday, March 9, 8pm

Sky Sports

**Super League: Wigan Warriors v Catalans Dragons**

Friday, March 10, 8pm

Sky Sports

**Super League: Huddersfield Giants v Castleford Tigers**

Saturday, March 11, 12.30pm

BT Sport

**Premier League: Bournemouth v Liverpool**

Saturday, March 11, 2.15pm

ITV

**Six Nations Rugby Union: Italy v Wales**

Saturday, March 11, 4.45pm

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**Six Nations Rugby Union: England v France**

Saturday, March 11, 5.30pm

BT Sport

**Premier League: Crystal Palace v Manchester City**

Saturday, March 11, 7pm

Sky Sports

**Boxing: WBO Cruiserweight title: Okolie v Light**

Sunday, March 12, 2pm

Sky Sports

**Premier League: Fulham v Arsenal**

Sunday, March 12, 4.30pm

Sky Sports

**Premier League: Newcastle United v Wolves**

Tuesday, March 14, 12.30pm

ITV

**Horse Racing: Cheltenham Festival - Day 1**

Tuesday, March 14, 8pm

BT Sport

**UEFA Champions League - Last 16, 2nd Leg: Manchester City v RB Leipzig**



Boxing – WBO Cruiserweight  
Title Fight, Okolie v Light,  
Saturday, March 11, 7pm,  
Sky Sports

*Wednesday, March 15, 12.30pm*  
*ITV*

**Horse Racing: Cheltenham  
Festival - Day 2**

*Wednesday, March 15, 8pm*  
*BT Sport*

**UEFA Champions League - Last  
16, 2nd Leg: Real Madrid v  
Liverpool**

*Thursday, March 16, 12.30pm*  
*ITV*

**Horse Racing: Cheltenham  
Festival - Day 3**

*Thursday, March 16, 8pm*  
*Sky Sports*

**Super League: Castleford Tigers v  
Leeds Rhinos**

*Friday, March 17, 12.30pm*  
*ITV*

**Horse Racing: Cheltenham  
Festival - Day 4**

*Thursday, March 16, 8pm*  
*Sky Sports*

**Super League: St Helens v Hull  
FC**

*Friday, March 17, 8pm*  
*Sky Sports*

**Premier League: Nottingham  
Forest v Newcastle United**

*Saturday, March 18, 2.45pm*  
*ITV*

**Six Nations Rugby Union:  
France v Wales**

*Saturday, March 18, 5pm*  
*ITV*

**Six Nations Rugby Union: Ireland  
v England**

*Saturday, March 18, 5.30pm*  
*BT Sport*

**Premier League: Chelsea v  
Everton**

*Sunday, March 19, 2pm*  
*Sky Sports*

**Premier League: Brighton & Hove  
Albion v Manchester United**

*Sunday, March 19, 4.30pm*  
*Sky Sports*

**Premier League: Manchester City  
v West Ham**

*Thursday, March 23, 7.45pm*  
*Channel 4*

**International Football – Euro  
2024 Qualifier: Italy v England**

*Thursday, March 23, 8pm*  
*Sky Sports*

**Super League: Huddersfield  
Giants v St Helens**

*Saturday, March 25, 1pm*  
*Channel 4*

**Super League: Leeds Rhinos v  
Catalans Dragons**

*Saturday, March 25, 7.45pm*  
*S4C/Viaplay*

**International Football – Euro  
2024 Qualifier: Croatia v Wales**

*Saturday, March 25, 5pm*  
*Channel 4*

**International Football – Euro  
2024 Qualifier: England v  
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*Tuesday, March 28, 7.45pm*  
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