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CIU clubs invited to meeting at Oscott Social Club in March



All CIU clubs have been invited to take part in a discussion about the future of the organisation at Oscott Social Club in Birmingham on Saturday, March 23

The National Executive is inviting all CIU clubs to attend a special meeting to be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 12.30pm at Oscott Social Club, 239 Witton Lodge Road, Birmingham, B23 5LX.

Union President George Smith said: “The club and hospitality industry faces big challenges going forward.

“The CIU need to plan now for the future and put in place a sound financial structure to ensure the future and growth of the Union, its clubs and members.

“The National Executive will present proposals for discussion at the meeting.

“Hopefully, you will agree on motions to be presented at the AGM

on April 20.

“The Union Executive, member clubs and their membership need to agree a plan to safeguard the future of the Union.

“We hope that your club will attend and make its voice heard.”

Agenda items for discussion at the meeting will include:

- Pass Cards
- Annual Fee
- Branch Structure
- The CIU National Draw

Two new members join the Union’s NEC

There are two new additions to the Union’s National Executive Committee (NEC).

David Woodburn CMD has been appointed as the representative for the Manchester electoral district.

He is also the Branch Secretary for Manchester.

Harry Chandler has been appointed to the NEC for the Northumberland electoral district.

He is a member of the Corstopitum Social Club & Institute in Corbridge.

Only one person was nominated for each electoral district so an election was not called.

Both attended their first NEC meeting in February at the CIU’s Headquarters.

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Welcome to the March edition of *Club Journal*.

Last month we welcomed two new faces to the NEC with David Woodburn CMD appointed as the representative for the Manchester electoral district and Harry Chandler appointed as the representative for the Northumberland electoral district.

It's certainly a busy time for the NEC with the build-up to Conference Weekend in April in full swing and, ahead of Blackpool, an open invitation has gone out to all CIU clubs to attend a special meeting to be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 12.30pm at Oscott Social Club in Birmingham.

This meeting will centre on the best ways forward for the organisation during these tough economic times and the key discussion points will be Pass Cards, the Annual Fee, Branch Structure and the CIU National Draw.

We hope that as many club representatives can attend as possible.

In this issue we look ahead again to CIU Conference Weekend 2024 which takes place next month.

On pages 16-23 we throw a spotlight on the key events of the Weekend – the AGM on Saturday, April 20 at the Grand Hotel, the Beer & Trades Exhibition at the Norbreck Castle Hotel on the afternoon of Friday, April 19 and the CIU Blackpool Showcase on the same evening.

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Welcome

Tickets for the Showcase are selling extremely well and on pages 22-23 we have news of the latest acts to confirm, including highly rated tribute act the Abba Experience.

The 'Club of the Month' for March is Grangemoor WMC in Burntwood, Staffordshire.

The club is positively thriving at the moment providing as it does a fantastic environment for clubgoers of all ages.

Its 'Thursday Club' for senior members has just celebrated its 10th anniversary and has grown from six regular attendees to triple figures in that time.

At the same time, the club has absorbed a local football team into its midst which has brought in many new, younger members.

For the full profile of this thriving club, see pages 10-13.

Finally, another reminder about the Award in Club Management (ACM).

The course can come to your club – or a combination of clubs in your area – if you have a minimum of 10 candidates. See page 26 for more details.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

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Charity fundraiser at Sturdee Social & Bowling Club



Sturdee Social & Bowling Club in Gillingham, Kent recently held a fundraiser involving a quiz, raffles and donations and raised £1,000 for the Ronald McDonald House which enables families to be near seriously ill children in hospital. The cheque presentation was held on January 12, 2024 with Angie Brit (Committee Member), Naushabir Khan (Local Councillor), Kevin Buckler (Treasurer), Josh Stockbridge (who has severely life limiting illness and mobility issues), Amanda Stockbridge (Josh's mother), Jo Howe (Ronald McDonald House), Sharon Oliver (Committee Member) and Tracey Bennett (Committee Member) all in attendance

Jeff Humphreys receives the Long Service Award



Jeff Humphreys, the Chairman of The Thomas Wilson Working Men's Club in Low Fell, Gateshead, recently received his Long Service Award to mark his 25 years as a club official. Pictured, left to right: John Dodd (No.2 Durham Area Executive), Jeff Humphreys (Chairman, The Thomas Wilson WMC and recipient of the Long Service Award) and George Smith (CIU National President and Secretary of Durham Branch). The presentation took place on January 5, 2024. The club is named after the Low Fell poet and entrepreneur born in 1773 whose most famous work was *The Pitman's Pay* which is a song in Geordie dialect

News in brief



Yeovil Labour Club to host Charity Family Fun Day in aid of MIND on Saturday, April 6

The Yeovil Labour Club in Somerset will be hosting a Charity Family Fun Day on Saturday, April 6 in aid of the mental health charity MIND.

There will be plenty of entertainment for all the family including games such as lucky dip, hook a duck, coconut shy, name the bear, guess the amount of sweets in the jar, stalls selling arts and crafts, an ice cream van, hotdogs, sponsored hair waxing, a tug-of-war competition, killer darts, pool and skittles.

Following the daytime event will be an evening of music in the club.



Major professional wrestling event taking place at King Street Social Club in April

King Street Social Club in North Shields will be hosting a wrestling show in April featuring fighters from the Eternal Wrestling stable including Adam 'ShreddyBrek' Foster, Oliver Barret, Nicky Star, Ryan Roode and Gunnar Rig.

The event takes place on Saturday, April 13 and will start at 6pm.

Tickets are £10 each (or four tickets for the price of three). For more information, email: EternalWrestling2024@gmail.com

News in brief



Merthyr Labour Club hosts special Film Night featuring cast members of movie Twin Town
Merthyr Tydfil Labour Club in South Wales last month held a screening of 1990s cult film *Twin Town*.

The 1997 crime comedy starred Rhys Ifans and Dougray Scott and was filmed on location in a variety of locations in South Wales.

The story concerns Welsh twins who start a chain of violence after their father is hurt in an accident and his boss refuses to pay compensation.

Attendees at the event were able to ask questions to a panel comprising director Kevin Allen and actors William Thomas and Sue Roderick.

It has certainly been a busy year so far for the club with members treated to some fantastic live entertainment over the past two months.

Meanwhile, on April 26, the club will welcome one of the UK's top Status Quo tribute acts who will be performing all the big Quo songs including *Rockin' All Over the World*.

OBITUARY

Peter Robinson

It is with great sadness that we, the Manchester Branch, announce that Mr Peter Robinson has passed away.

Peter joined the Branch Executive in January 1997 and was recently elected Branch President.

Peter was a valued and hardworking member to the clubs in his area of Oldham, and the Manchester Branch.

His colourful presence will be very sadly missed.

Happy Birthday to Belvedere Social Club's Tom Jones



Clubman Tom Jones (pictured, right) celebrated his 106th birthday on February 16

Clubman Tom Jones celebrated his 106th birthday at Groveland Park Care Home on February 16, 2024.

A member of Belvedere Social Club in Kent, Tom served on the Committee of the club for many years and was also a member of the Executive Committee of the Kent Branch of the CIU.

Since joining Groveland Park in 2013, Tom has maintained his active lifestyle.

Tom was also a finalist for the prestigious London Pride of Britain Awards in 2021.

He was nominated for his charity work where he raised £4,645 for the Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice.



Tom with the birthday card he received from King Charles and Queen Camilla

Rugby providing a boost for Grayshott Social Club



Grayshott Social Club members enjoying the big-match Six Nations atmosphere as Italy faced England in February

The 2024 Six Nations Rugby Championship has helped to boost trade at Grayshott Social Club in East Hampshire with a good crowd of members enjoying the early rounds of the international rugby tournament.

As well as providing an excellent view of the action on the big screen, the club also offers complimentary snacks during the half-time interval of the England games.

Ponders End WMC to host Charity Darts tournament

Ponders End Working Mens Club in North London will be hosting a Charity Knock-out Darts Competition on Saturday, March 9.

The event will benefit the Motor Neuron Disease Association.

Entry is £10 per player with registration from midday and play starting at 12.30pm.

The winner of the tournament will receive a guaranteed prize of £300.

Darts is certainly thriving at the club with the club also running its own in-house Premier League competition which culminates with Finals Night on Saturday, May 4.

The top eight players from the earlier heats will do battle with a cash prize for the winner.

The theme of the evening event will be Star Wars with prizes for the best fancy dress.

Then, on Saturday, May 11 the club will be staging a Ladies Round Robin tournament with a disco and karaoke following the sporting action.

Entry is £10 per player with the competition getting underway at 12.30pm and a cash prize for the winner.

News in brief



Kingston Workmen's Club to host its 2024 Beer & Cider Festival from May 23 to May 25
Kingston Workmen's Club in Surrey will be hosting the 2024 Kingston-Upon-Thames Beer & Cider Festival in May.

The three-day event (May 23-25) is an official Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) event and will see a number of highly rated cask ales, ciders and perries from all over the country available.

The Festival will raise funds for the Princess Alice Hospice in Surrey.

The Beer Festival will be open from midday to 10.30pm on Thursday, May 23 and Friday, May 24 and from midday to 8pm on Saturday, May 25.

Flamborough Victoria Club to stage Race Night in aid of local Brownies and Guides
Flamborough Victoria Club in Yorkshire will be hosting 'A Night at the Races' on Easter Sunday (March 31) in order to raise money for Flamborough Brownies and Guides.

The event will begin at 7.30pm.

News in brief



TNT Sports and Football Association agree four-year Emirates FA Cup TV deal

The Football Association [The FA] and TNT Sports have agreed a new four-year broadcast deal for the Emirates FA Cup, starting from the 2025/26 season, which will see more games available than ever before, across both TNT Sports and free-to-air, from the world's oldest national football competition.

TNT Sports will showcase live matches from the First Round, with every game from the Third Round outside of 3pm kick offs on display through to the Final at Wembley Stadium connected by EE.

Selected matches from every round will be available free-to-air, and highlights of every game will be made available. Further details of the free-to-air broadcaster will be confirmed in due course.

In addition to the Emirates FA Cup ties, TNT Sports will also broadcast the English football season's traditional curtain raiser, The FA Community Shield, and The FA Youth Cup Semi Finals and Final.

The Emirates FA Cup captures the imagination of clubs, communities, and the general public each season, with unrivalled stories written into English football folklore, and all of them will be told across TNT Sports' channels on EETV, Sky and Virgin Media, as well as on its streaming platform discovery+.

Mark Bullingham, FA Chief Executive, said: "The Emirates FA Cup is our crown jewel, and it helps us to provide vital investment across every level of English football, supporting clubs, communities, facilities and the wider grassroots game.

"Every season, and across every round, The Emirates FA Cup creates incredible moments and unforgettable memories for fans, and this new partnership will see selected matches shown live on TNT Sports, as well as free-to-air, from the First Round of the competition through to the Final at Wembley Stadium."

Bradgate WMC's half-term event is a smash hit



Bradgate Working Men's Club in South Yorkshire hosted a highly successful family event during the February half-term with ventriloquist/magic act 'Andy and Lewis' Magical Mayhem Show' providing plenty of entertainment, laughter and fun in the club's Concert Room

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Grangemoor Working Men's Club

Founded in 1929, Grangemoor Working Men's Club in Burntwood, Staffordshire continues to be a valued part of the local community with a wealth of activities taking place each week

Founded in 1929, Grangemoor Working Men's Club in Burntwood, Staffordshire is a venue which is truly at the heart of its local community with membership continuing to grow and turnover increasing.

The club has been redecorated and reupholstered in recent years and the carpet throughout replaced to ensure that the club continues to be a modern, welcoming venue that attracts people of all ages.

Now in her 15th year as Secretary (despite having taken the role initially on a temporary basis), Mandi Edwards is the driving force behind the club and works extremely hard for the members.

Indeed, her contribution to the club



was recognised nationally at last year's Club Awards in Leicester when she was named 'Club Secretary of the Year'.

It may be her name on the trophy, but Mandi is keen to stress that teamwork is the key to the club's ongoing success.

"It was such a nice accolade but our club really is a collective effort from the Committee to the bar staff to the cleaners to the members," she says.

"We're all pulling in the same direction with the aim of ensuring the club is moving forward so the Award is a reflection of how well we're doing.

"We have actually won several other awards in previous years at the Club Awards, including 'Charity Club of the Year', 'CIU Club of the Year' and 'Committee of the Year' and it's great to have all the hard work that's going on here recognised nationally.

"The club has a very hardworking Committee, including Chairman Rob Stretton who has received the CIU Distinguished Service Award after 50 years of service.

"The support and camaraderie of our Committee really came to the fore in 2017 when I was diagnosed with heart failure and had to spend a significant

time in hospital.

"Everyone rallied around to support me and that has continued to this day which is a real testament to the team we have here."

The club prides itself on its welcoming atmosphere and family ethos with several child-friendly events taking place throughout the year.

"We are very committed to regular community events, including a Summer Fun Day for children with a bouncy castle, entertainment and a barbecue in the club's car park," says Mandi.

"The club is keen to embrace family life and there is no curfew for children in the club.

"We also staged a children's panto during the festive period which went down really well.

"There are events and activities for our senior members, including a Thursday Afternoon Club which has grown massively over the years and is a very valued part of the club.

"Every week we put on various activities for the over-50s, including guest speakers, balloon badminton and buffet meals.

"It started 10 years ago with just six people turning up and now we have

around 100 people participating every Thursday.

"We also took part in the 'Winter Warmer' initiative which saw venues in the area clubbing together to ensure that people affected by the cost of living crisis had somewhere warm to go during the day.

"Anybody who wanted to could go into the club during a specified day, be in a warm environment and receive free hot drinks."

The club has enjoyed a recent influx of younger members over the past 12 months after reaching an agreement with local football side FC Grangemoor to become their official base.

"We were delighted to get involved with FC Grangemoor and become their kit sponsor and for them to use the club as their 'clubhouse' and for meetings," says Mandi.

"Their pitch is just down the road and all the players have become members and they play their matches on Sunday mornings and then come back to the club with the opposition, greatly adding to the atmosphere at the club as well as the revenue.

"We have full Sky Sports and TNT Sports at the club so the players will

The club has invested in a series of refurbishments over recent years





The club has been recognised several times at the Club Awards in recent years. Mandi Edwards (pictured with trophy) is the current 'Club Secretary of the Year'

join the other regulars in watching the Premier League and Championship matches.

“Their first match as part of the club was in August 2023 and it was fantastic to see the football club welcomed into the club by existing members.

“The tie-up has also brought in younger people with the majority of the players and their supporters in their 20s, so that augurs well for the future of the club.

“We’re also looking forward to the European Championships in June and will expect some big crowds for all the England games.

“As with all the live football, we put up the upcoming fixtures we’re showing on our Facebook page so all our members can come along and enjoy the match in the club.”

Another fairly recent innovation has seen the club offering smart cards for members which means differential prices for members compared to guests – for example, those attending private functions at the club.

“The new smartcards have proven to be a really good incentive for guests to

become members and take advantage of better prices for drinks.” says Mandi.

“The system means we can also offer drinks promotions more easily.”

Private functions provide an important income for the club with the club’s Function Room very much in demand.

“Private parties are our bread and butter and bring in so much trade over the bar,” says Mandi.

“We are often booked up every weekend in our Function Room so rather than the members missing out on the entertainment, we’ve been putting events on in the Front Bar and it’s been going really well.

“We have karaoke once a month and also monthly acoustic sessions with a vocalist and they are always well supported.

“The karaoke has become really popular and it’s really fun to see people getting up and giving it a go, even if they’re not the world’s best singers!

“With the acoustic sessions the idea is to have great music that adds to the atmosphere but is not so loud that you can’t have a conversation.

“Entertainment-wise, we also stage ticketed events throughout the year and we are very much looking forward to welcoming Meatloaf tribute act Terry Nash in March.

“He really is an absolute ‘Dead Ringer’ for the real thing and was on ITV’s Stars In Their Eyes a few years ago so that is going to be a fantastic night.

“We also have singer Holly Rolfe performing at the club on April 5. Her song Words Ain’t Enough is being played a lot on Radio 1 at the moment so that will be something to look forward to, particularly as it’s a free event.”

The club is certainly in the business of providing many fantastic nights for its 1,000-plus members and Mandi is delighted with how the club is faring at the moment.

“As I said, it’s a real collective effort and we’re blessed with some great people, not least our Bar Manager Ryan Smith,” she says.

“Everyone is geared up to improving things for the members and giving them as many as reasons as possible to



The club was a pioneer of providing community defibrillators and installed this lifesaving piece of equipment on the exterior of the club back in 2015. Pictured, left to right: Club Secretary Mandi Edwards, David Crowe, Club Treasurer/Councillor Darren Ennis, Councillor Pamela Stokes, Councillor Keith Stokes and Paul Dadge

Curie charity and earlier events for the St Giles Hospice and the Birmingham Intensive Care Unit.

“We were also one of the first places in the town to install a Community Defibrillator on the exterior of the building.

“In fact, our Treasurer Darren Ennis, who is a local Councillor, organised the fundraising for the initial defibrillator and has continued to drive that initiative across the local area.

“The result is that there are now 20 potentially lifesaving defibrillators available for community use across Burntwood and Lichfield.”

It is clear that, 95 years after it was founded, Grangemoor WMC remains a valued part of town life in Burntwood and a real home-from-home for its members.

come in through the doors.

“We’re very proud of our club and its importance to the wider community.

“Our members really get behind our various charity initiatives and recently, Luke Stretton, the son of our Chairman Rob, completed three marathons – Berlin, Chicago and

London – for charity and many members sponsored him,” says Mandi.

“He’s running the New York Marathon for charity later this year so I’m sure our members will also support him on that as well.

“We have regular fundraisers, most recently a Quiz Night for the Marie

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News in brief

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

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National Executive Committee dates

The dates for the NEC meetings at Head Office in 2024 are: March 27&28, April 18 (Blackpool), May 29&30, July 10&11, September 4&5, October 16&17 and December 4&5.

Please note that selected meetings will be held via Zoom in in order to save on travel costs.

Annual Meeting 2024 dates

The dates for the 2024 Conference Weekend are as follows:

Thursday, April 18 – NEC Meeting

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

Friday, April 19 – CIU Showcase (Viva)

Saturday, April 20 – The 160th Annual Meeting

Preferred Supplier Greene King launches new craft IPAs – Hazy Day and Prior Life



Preferred Supplier Greene King has launched two new craft beers, Hazy Day and Prior Life.

Launched in February, Hazy Day is a fruity IPA (4.3% ABV) while Prior Life, is an All Day IPA (3.4% ABV).

Hazy Day is described as a 'smooth, fruity hazy IPA, with orange, citrus and tropical notes' and Prior Life as 'an easy drinking All Day IPA with mellow tropical notes and a citrus aroma'.

Matt Starbuck, Managing Director at Greene King, said: "We launched our craft portfolio just under two years ago and we have seen a great response to the beers, so naturally we wanted to create even more tasty craft beers for our consumers to explore.

"Taking insight from consumer trends we worked with our brewers to craft two delicious beers with exciting stories to tell and we are proud of the work that has gone in to creating Hazy Day and Prior Life.

"It's the centuries worth of brewing expertise and the myths and legends behind our portfolio that makes all of the beers unique, and we can't wait for people to enjoy the distinct flavours that will resonate with the modern-day craft drinker."

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Win £1,000 with the CIU National Prize Draw

There will be five guaranteed cash prizes of £1,000 in the next CIU National Prize Draw which will take place on Friday, April 19 at the 2024 CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition in Blackpool – buy your tickets now!

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

The next draw will take place at 4pm on Friday, April 19 at the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition in Blackpool and there will be five guaranteed prizes of £1,000.

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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 will receive an email and text confirming their win, along with the payment into the client's account which is held in the CIU National Raffle account.



The poster features the CIU logo at the top center. Below it, the text reads: "CIU NATIONAL PRIZE DRAW CASH PRIZES". Underneath, it states: "5 lucky winners will be drawn at 4.00pm on April 19, 2024 at the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition". A horizontal line separates this from the text: "Purchase a ticket at £2.00 each. Best of luck!". Below another horizontal line is a graphic of a ticket stub that says "FIVE PRIZES OF £1000". At the bottom of the poster, it says: "Raising funds to support the CIU lobbying, education, advice and help. Go to ciu.mygamesaccess.com/login or follow the QR code to play." There is a QR code on the left and the Praxis Play logo on the right, with the text "POWERED BY PRAXIS PLAY WWW.PRAXISPLAY.ONLINE". At the very bottom, in small text, it says: "Our online contest to win includes a method of free entry via post, please see t&cs for details. No purchase is necessary to enter but the intention of the raffle is to support the works of the CIU. Only gamble responsibly."

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Help shape the future of the Union at the 160th AGM

The 160th Annual Meeting of the Union takes place in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel in Blackpool at 10am on Saturday, April 20 and will see delegates voting on a number of key issues



The 160th Annual Meeting will take place in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel, Blackpool on the morning of Saturday, April 20

Conference Weekend takes place next month with delegates from clubs all over the country assembling in Blackpool for the key date in the CIU calendar.

The morning of Saturday, April 20 will see the 2024 Annual Meeting taking place as attendees take their seats in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel in Blackpool.

This year's AGM represents a major milestone for the Union and will be the 160th Annual Meeting.

This venue is well served by transport, with the Wilton Parade tram stop directly opposite, and is close to the centre of the town.

Free parking will be available on the

day and delegates are advised that they must ensure that their car registration is recorded on the computer terminal at the hotel's Reception.



Union President George Smith will chair the 160th Annual Meeting

Union President George Smith will chair the Annual Meeting and will be supported on the main stage by the General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM, as well as Members of the National Executive Committee.

During the meeting, the Annual Report will be considered by delegates while Union Accountant Uto Ekanem will present the Union's Financial Report for 2023.

There will be several Motions proposed by the NEC which will be voted upon by delegates.

The Meeting will conclude with an address by the General Secretary.



Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM



Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM



Delegates will have the chance to vote on the key issues facing the Union and its clubs



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Friday, April 19 – Beer & Trades Exhibition

The 32nd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place on Friday, April 19 and will see with key suppliers from a variety of sectors showcasing their products and services to club delegates

The Union’s 32nd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place on Friday, April 19 at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool, with doors 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 across the UK will have a presence at the show, including Preferred Suppliers Card Industry Professionals, Dransfields, the Ethical Business Group, Greene King, Higos Insurance and Pure Purchasing so make sure you put the date in your diary and come along for expert business advice.

Greene King will be showcasing some of their flagship brands at the complimentary bar making the occasion a great opportunity to network with officials from other clubs and share knowledge.

There will also be food available on the day with delegates last year enjoying a range of delicious Pukka Pies.



Delegates will be able to find out about the services and products offered by the Union to affiliated clubs at the dedicated CIU stand



The Beer & Trades Exhibition is a great opportunity to network with officials from other CIU clubs



The Dransfields team will be on hand to talk to delegates about all their gaming and entertainment machine requirements



Two delegates enjoy their complimentary copy of Club Journal at the 2023 trade show



David King of Pure Purchasing will be offering advice at the 2024 event



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A fantastic night of live entertainment

This year's CIU Blackpool Showcase will take place at the Viva venue on Friday, April 19 during Conference Weekend and will feature a number of bands, tribute acts and singers



The CIU Showcase will take place at the Viva venue in Blackpool on Friday, April 19 with a number of top club acts on the stage

The 2024 CIU Blackpool Showcase event will take place at the Viva venue in Blackpool on the evening of Friday, April 19.

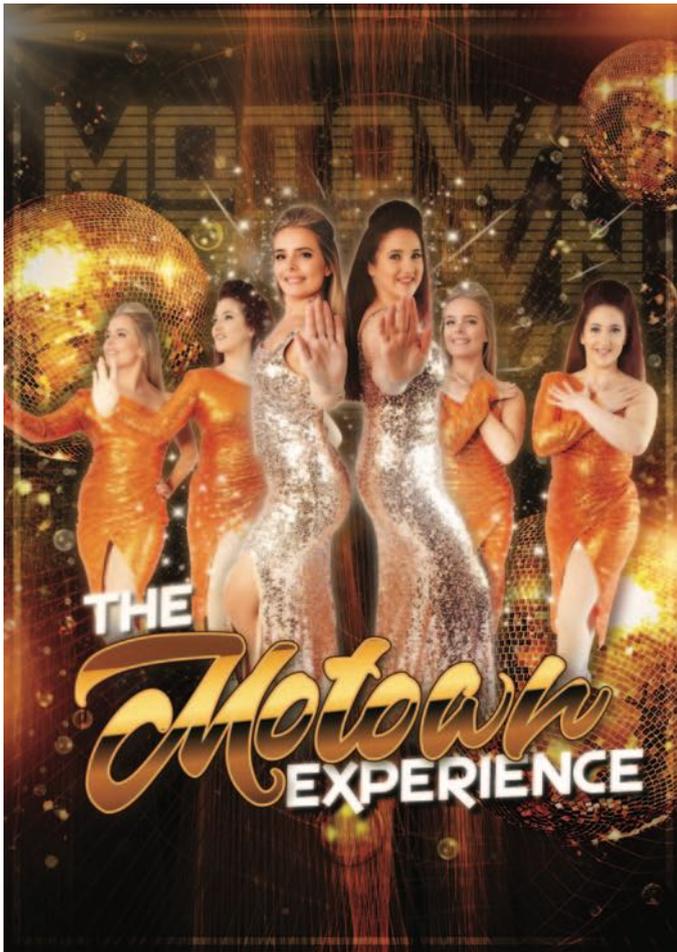
Following on from last year's smash hit edition, the Showcase promises a great mix of acts, including the latest performers to confirm – JJ Gibson who will present his tribute show to Bruno Mars, The Abba Experience and The Motown Experience.

NEC Member Nathan Clarke, who is organising the event alongside top promoter Barrie Lucas, said: "The 2024 CIU Blackpool Showcase is going to be a great night and represents superb value at just £12 a ticket and I would urge you to book in advance so you don't miss out."

You can order your tickets from: ww2.theticketsellers.co.uk/buy-tickets/ciu-blackpool-showcase/10057653



Tickets for the CIU Showcase cost just £12 which represents great value given the number of top artistes who will be performing throughout the show



The Motown Experience and The Abba Experience will be playing some top hits from the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s at the CIU Blackpool Showcase



JJ Gibson will be presenting his 'Tribute to Bruno Mars' show at the CIU Blackpool Showcase

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Why not study for the Award in Club Management at your own club?

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



Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM is one of the lecturers for the Award in Club Management (ACM)

The Award in Club Management (ACM) course is specifically designed for CIU clubs and aims to give 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.

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 will 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, 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 Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM – who lead the day sessions and can draw from their knowledge of the club scene to illustrate the key points 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 Cath Fitzpatrick at the CIU Head Office on 020 7226 0221 or email:

Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org to discuss hosting a future course.

Or, if you are attending the Beer & Trades Show in April, come along to the CIU stand for further information on the ACM.



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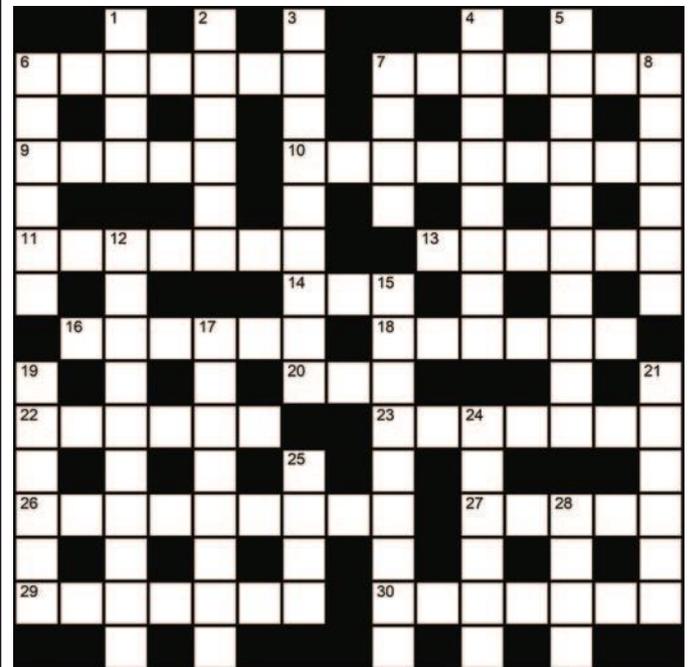
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ACROSS

- 6 A chap's in trouble with popeyed greens! (7)
- 7 Cur goes crazy; what a bane! (7)
- 9 Wants Danish leader to be seen back in (5)
- 10 Removal of tots' idols as job lots (2-2,5)
- 11 Just not fast enough to tow round Oslo (3,4)
- 13 In sushi, thereafter, it can go to this place (6)
- 14 Melody in the dairy? (3)
- 16 Tasty, luscious morsels for a writing point (6)
- 18 Henry's number in height (sort of) (6)
- 20 That man's from the British Isles (3)
- 22 Sixth set of paws said to be decadent (6)

DOWN

- 1 Barb about Jacobite coat being removed (4)
- 2 Medals dedicated to a maiden (6)
- 3 Wish wheat products could conceal faults (9)
- 4 Edging out of mug pattern with no lid (8)
- 5 Latin bread baked at the butchers? (10)
- 6 A tense movement in the legislative house (6)
- 7 Dies around the edge (4)
- 8 Guarantee that it's been surely included (6)
- 12 Incongruous, deformed fat pool cue (3,2,5)
- 15 Wrote back, trying to prod dense undergrowth (9)
- 17 Admits, and gives a secret? (4,4)
- 19 Tenant, said to have no fifth (6)
- 21 Head front of worship site (6)
- 24 Dec to see problems just break away (6)
- 25 Stepped on in the introduction (4)
- 28 Swear, with singular promise (4)



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

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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

- J Pugh of Cardiff West End Club
- K Shearer of Willenhall Social Club
- E Knowles of Crawcrook Social Club
- P O'Neill of Eastleigh Progressive Club
- A Burnside of Tudhoe Victory Club





Saturday, March 9, 4.45pm – ITV

Six Nations Rugby: England v Ireland

Ireland have been mightily impressive for the majority of the championship, particularly during their opening win against France in Marseille and the 36-0 victory over Italy in Dublin. England won their first two games but both in unconvincing fashion and will certainly need to raise their game if they are to have any chance of defeating the Irish at Twickenham.



Sunday, March 10, 3.45pm – Sky Sports PL

Premier League: Liverpool v Manchester City

One of the biggest games of the season will unfold at Anfield and is certain to have a major bearing on the eventual destination of the Premier League title. Can Jürgen Klopp bow out as Liverpool boss in glorious fashion or will his team fade out as the business end of the season approaches? This match will give some major clues as to whether a fairytale ending awaits for the retiring manager.



Tuesday, March 12, 12 noon – ITV

Horse Racing: The Cheltenham Festival

The highlight of the jump racing calendar with four days of top-class racing at the famous course. This year sees 100 years of the Gold Cup, the biggest race of the week. Last year, this prestigious race was won by 7-5 favourite Galopin Des Champs, owned by Audrey Turley, trained in Ireland by Willie Mullins and ridden by Paul Townend.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

There's no shortage of live sport throughout March, including top ties from the Premier League, Super League and Six Nations Championship while four days of top jump racing beckons at Cheltenham 2024

Thursday, March 7, 7pm

Sky Sports

Darts: Premier League

Thursday, March 7, 8pm

Sky Sports Arena

Super League: Hull KR v Warrington Wolves

Friday, March 8, 8pm

Sky Sports

Super League: Castleford Tigers v Huddersfield Giants

Friday, March 8, 8pm

Sky Sports

Super League: Leigh Leopards v Leeds Rhinos

Friday, March 8, 8pm

Sky Sports

Super League: St Helens v Salford Red Devils

Saturday, March 9, 12.30pm

TNT Sports

Premier League: Manchester United v Everton

Saturday, March 9, 3pm

Sky Sports

Super League: London Broncos v Wigan Warriors

Saturday, March 9, 4.45pm

ITV

Six Nations Rugby: England v Ireland

Saturday, March 9, 5.30pm

Sky Sports

Super League: Catalans Dragons v Hull FC

Saturday, March 9, 5.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Arsenal v Brentford

Sunday, March 10, 1pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Aston Villa v Tottenham Hotspur

Sunday, March 10, 3pm

ITV

Six Nations Rugby: Wales v France

Sunday, March 10, 3.45pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Liverpool v Manchester City

Monday, March 11, 8pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Chelsea v Newcastle United

Tuesday, March 12, 12 noon

ITV

Horse Racing: Cheltenham Festival – Day 1

Tuesday, March 12, 8pm

TNT Sports

UEFA Champions League Round of 16 2nd Leg – Arsenal v FC Porto

Wednesday, March 13, 12 noon

ITV

Horse Racing: Cheltenham Festival – Day 2

Thursday, March 14, 12 noon

ITV

Horse Racing: Cheltenham Festival – Day 3

Thursday, March 14, 8pm

Sky Sports

Super League: Salford Red Devils v Wigan Warriors

Friday, March 14, 12 noon

ITV

Horse Racing: Cheltenham Festival – Day 4

Premier League Darts: Thursday, March
28, 7pm, Sky Sports



Friday, March 15, 8pm
Sky Sports

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

Saturday, March 16, 12.30pm
TNT Sports

**Premier League: Arsenal v
Chelsea**

Saturday, March 16, 2.25pm
ITV

Six Nations Rugby: Wales v Italy

Saturday, March 16, 5.30pm
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**Premier League: Fulham v
Tottenham Hotspur**

Saturday, March 16, 8pm
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**Six Nations Rugby: France v
England**

Sunday, March 17, 1pm
Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Everton v
Liverpool**

Sunday, March 17, 4.30pm
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**Premier League: Brighton & Hove
Albion v Manchester City**

Thursday, March 21, 7.45pm
S4C/Viaplay

**Football: UEFA EURO 2024 Play-
Off Semi-Final – Wales v Finland**

Saturday, March 23, 7pm
Channel 4

**Football: International Friendly –
England v Brazil**

Tuesday, March 26, 7.45pm
Channel 4

**Football: International Friendly –
England v Belgium**

Thursday, March 28, 7pm
Sky Sports

Darts: Premier League

Friday, March 29, 3pm
Sky Sports

**Super League: St Helens v Wigan
Warriors**

Saturday, March 30, 12.30pm
TNT Sports

**Premier League: Newcastle
United v West Ham United**

Saturday, March 30, 3pm
Sky Sports

**Super League: Warrington
Wolves v Catalans Dragons**

Saturday, March 30, 5.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Aston Villa v
Wolves**

Saturday, March 30, 8pm
Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Brentford v
Manchester United**

Sunday, March 31, 1pm
Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Liverpool v
Brighton & Hove Albion**

Saturday, March 30, 4.30pm
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**Premier League: Manchester
City v Arsenal**



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