

Union mourns former General Secretary Kevin Smyth

The Union regretfully announces that former General Secretary Kevin Smyth has passed away after 15 years of fighting ill health.

All those who knew him will mourn the loss of a true friend and dedicated colleague.

He joined the CIU as Education Secretary in 1977 and held that position until he took on the job of General Secretary in 1992, retiring in 2009.

It would not be an understatement to say that Kevin is one of the giants amongst the servants of the CIU.

In no particular order, just a few examples of his commitment must be acknowledged.

As Editor of *Club Journal*, every month he would write a page giving updates in the law and good advice on management. He encouraged debates and showed no bias, giving a voice to every member of every club in the Union wanting to make a positive contribution.

Kevin was a dedicated educator. He was a prolific lecturer traveling all across England, Scotland, and Wales. It was not unusual for him to be invited back – a sure sign of his effective style of communication.

He was a keen historian and, together with his wife Yvonne, found the site of the grave of the Union's founder, the Reverend Henry Solly.

The Union paid for a gravestone for Sully and for many years, Kevin and Yvonne made an annual trip to the site to keep it pristine.

Kevin fought for clubs. What must have been one of his greatest disappointments was the fact that only



Former Union General Secretary Kevin Smyth

a few hundred clubs followed his guidance in the fight for a refund of VAT in the Linneweber case back in 2006.

Had all clubs followed his advice, Union clubs would have benefited to the tune of tens of millions of pounds.

Kevin would have been very disappointed if his wife, Yvonne, was not acknowledged for her support in this tribute.

Over the years, she drove him all over the country when able and had to put up with being unable to listen to her beloved music because while she drove, Kevin would always be dictating CIU letters in the back seat.

He was respected, admired, and even loved by his staff, as evidenced by the stunned silence and even tears when he announced his retirement.

During his closing address at Blackpool one year, he summed up in one word what the CIU meant to him. That word is 'friends'.

In his parting, literally millions of working men's club members have lost a true friend.

Win a cash prize with the CIU National Lottery Draw



Don't forget to buy your tickets for this month's CIU National Lottery 50/50 Draw which takes place at 7pm on March 31.

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

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Welcome to the March edition of *Club Journal*.

Some desperately sad news to start off, as we learned of the passing of former Union General Secretary Kevin Smyth in February.

Kevin's impact on clubland was nothing short of extraordinary and his unwavering dedication to clubs across the country shaped and strengthened the movement for many years.

His influence reached far and wide, touching the lives of countless members and club officials who benefited from his leadership and vision.

Needless to say, Kevin will be much missed by his many friends and delegates will no doubt be raising a toast to him during Conference Weekend next month.

There are three key events scheduled for delegates: The 161st Annual Meeting on the morning of Saturday, April 26 at the Grand Hotel; the Beer & Trades Exhibition at the Norbreck Castle Hotel on the afternoon of Friday, April 25 and the CIU Entertainment Showcase at the H&A Social Club on the evening of Friday, April 25.

The Showcase will see a number of top comedy and musical acts performing.

Entry will be just £5 on the door, so if you are in Blackpool for Conference

Welcome

Weekend we hope you will come along for what promises to be a great night out.

The 'Club of the Month' for February is Broadwater Working Men's Conservative Club in Worthing, West Sussex.

Having celebrated its centenary in August 2024, the club continues to be at the heart of the local community with first-class facilities and a well-priced bar offering quality drinks, including cask ale.

The club puts on regular live entertainment, as well as live sport, and has managed to attract many new, younger members in recent years.

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: Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org.

I hope you enjoy this month's issue.

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Plumstead Common WMC refurbished by young volunteers



Some of the volunteers who refurbished the interior of Plumstead Common WMC as part of a scheme organised by Toolstation and Volunteer It Yourself

Toolstation, one of the UK's largest suppliers of tools, accessories and building supplies, joined forces with social enterprise Volunteer It Yourself (VIY) for its latest project, transforming and refurbishing the interior of the Plumstead Common Working Men's Club in London.

The club, which was established 116 years ago, serves the local community and regularly hosts darts tournaments for the London Youth National League.

The space, which was in need of repair and refurbishment, was transformed by 27 young volunteers aged between 14-24 years old.

The transformation has given the local institution a much-needed facelift and made it more attractive to new and existing members.

The volunteers updated the youth darts arena and adults darts space. Other refurbishments included transforming the main entrance area, sanding the wooden flooring and repairing the damaged walls, doors and skirting boards ahead of them being painted.

The initiative is helping more young people learn DIY skills and to consider a career in the construction and building industry, whilst renovating a space they may use and benefit from.

Toolstation has funded and helped the volunteers gain City & Guilds qualifications as part of its partnership with VIY.

The project saw 27 young volunteers come together from local youth referral partners including London South East College, Newhaven School and Shooter Hills College, and they spent a total of 10 days working on the project, with over 75% of all the young people being awarded an Entry Level 3 City & Guilds accreditation in Health & Safety and Painting & Decorating.

Rupert Nichols, Customer and Commercial Director at Toolstation, said: "Luke Littler's heroics have inspired so many more young people to get behind the oche, so VIY and the volunteers have hit a 180 with the transformation of this club.

"The refurbishment will encourage the local community to spend more time at this iconic venue. At Toolstation, we believe that supporting communities involves creating positive change where it's needed most. Partnering with VIY means we can help improve living conditions and share valuable skills with the young volunteers from the local area."

News in brief



Kingston Workmen's Club to host annual three-day Beer Festival from June 12-14

This year's annual Kingston Beer Festival will take place at Kingston Workmen's Club in Surrey from June 12-14.

There will be over a hundred beers on offer as well as a selection of traditional ciders and perries.

The Festival will run from 11am to 10.30pm on Thursday, June 12 and Friday, June 13 and will run from 11am to 7pm on Saturday, June 14.

Ticket details will be announced nearer to the Festival.



Longbridge Social Club welcome Abba tribute band Kiss The Teacher in April

Members of Longbridge Social Club in Birmingham will be enjoying some top Abba tunes on Friday, April 11 as tribute act Kiss The Teacher perform on the club's stage.

The four-piece band were Tribute Act Of The Year Award Winners in 2022.

Tickets cost £10 and can be purchased directly from the club.

News in brief



Sheerness East WMC goes 'Back to the 1980s on March 28 with Boy George tribute act

Members of Sheerness East Working Men's Club in Kent will be dusting off their shoulder pads, applying their lip gloss and back-combing their hair as the club stages a 'Back to the '80s' event on Friday, March 28.

As well as a Boy George tribute act, the Acoustic Duo will be playing some top hits from the decade, followed by comedy vocalist Wilma Fingadoo.

The evening will conclude with an '80s Disco from DJ B Barbz.

Tickets are £20 per person and can be ordered from:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/.../boy-george-tribute-80s>.

Meanwhile, the club is now holding regular 'Deaf Pub' events to enable members of the local community to mingle with others who are learning or interested in learning British Sign Language (BSL).

Having been approached by the local Community Warden Jackie Worthington following a request by members of the deaf community, Sheerness East Club Manager Paula Smith was delighted to accommodate the group, having learned BSL up to Level 1 herself.

The events take place on the last Monday of each month and are open to all ages, providing a great place to make new friends, learn new skills and practise existing skills.

"As a club we pride ourselves on being fully inclusive to all and we are very happy to be hosting these events," said Paula.

"The club is a real community facility, and we really work hard to ensure that we can accommodate as many activities as possible.

"We're delighted to be hosting a monthly 'Deaf Pub' and look forward to seeing the group grow in the coming months."

New Crosshands Club set for Diana Ross tribute act

Llanelli's New Crosshands Club, in association with Lucas Management, has announced that American artiste Tameka Jackson will be presenting her Diana Ross tribute show at the club on Saturday, December 20, 2025.

Tameka has shared the stage with stars such as Prince, Janet Jackson, Shelia Ferguson, Randy Crawford, Jaki Graham, Kym Mazelle, Sonique, and many more.

Among the many hits she will be singing will be 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough', 'Upside Down' and 'I'm Coming Out'.

Tameka is the headliner of the 'In the Name of Love: The Diana Ross Story' theatrical production, as well as 'Reflections – The Musical Legacy of Diana Ross'.

Tickets cost £15 but Online Early Bird Tickets are £10 and VIP tickets are £20.

To buy advance tickets, visit: www.eventbrite.com



The New Crosshands Club has announced that Tameka Jackson will be performing at the club in December

Coxlodge Club stages Easter Alzheimer's fundraiser



The event takes place on Easter Monday

The Coxlodge Club in Newcastle-upon-Tyne will be hosting a major charity fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Society on Easter Monday.

The afternoon event, which will get underway at noon on April 21, sees popular local band M-Town performing some of the greatest soul and Motown hits originally recorded by the likes of Smoky Robinson and Sam Cooke.

Tickets are available to buy online from: www.coxlodgeclub.com.

The club has certainly enjoyed an extremely busy 2025 so far with members packing into the Concert Hall to enjoy live music three times a week.

Among the artistes performing so far this year are: Glamrock band The Sleeze Sisters; The Billy Black Band performing classic heavy metal tracks; London Calling and The Gaslighters.

Ovington Social Club gears up for Beer Festival



There will be beers and ciders from a variety of Northumberland and Cumbria brewers at the fourth annual Ovington Beer Festival in April

The fourth Ovington Beer Festival will take place on Friday, April 25/Saturday, 26 at Ovington Social Club in Northumberland.

The theme of this year's event – which is supported by the Tyneside and Northumberland Branch of the Campaign of Real Ale (CAMRA) – is 'East meets West' and will see a range of beers and ciders from Northumberland and Cumbria on offer, in addition to live music and food.

There will also be fundraising activities for the Great North Air Ambulance, the Festival's designated charity.

The Festival runs from Friday 6-11pm and Saturday 12-11pm.

Tickets are available to purchase at the club bar and online for £10 each day (including two beer tokens) or £16 for a weekend pass (including four beer tokens).

Visitors can also pay on the door but will not receive the free beer tokens.

For more details, see: www.facebook.com/ovingtonsocialclub

Sky extends PDC rights deal for elite darts coverage

Sky and the Professional Darts Corporation (PDC) have announced a five-year partnership extension keeping Sky Sports as the home of darts until 2030, marking nearly 40 years of collaboration.

The new deal will include over 60 days of exclusively live coverage from the biggest darts tournaments every year including the PDC World Darts Championship, Premier League, World Matchplay, Grand Slam of Darts, World Grand Prix and World Cup of Darts.

Sky has been the long-term broadcast partner of the PDC since 1993 and this news comes as new research from Sky Business reveals a surge in interest in darts.

The latest data highlights a dramatic rise in out-of-home (OOH) viewing for darts, cementing its place as a key sport for venues.

James Tweddle, Director of Hospitality at Sky Business, commented: "The growing popularity of darts



highlights its unique ability to bring people together.

"Clubs provide the perfect atmosphere to enjoy the excitement of live sport, and last year's record-breaking viewing figures show how much darts resonates with fans. There's an exciting opportunity for all our hospitality partners and we're proud to play a part in making this possible for venues."

OBITUARY

John Baker

North East Metropolitan Branch regrets to announce that former NEC Member John Baker has passed away at the age of 89.

John had been ill for some time, but only stepped down from the Branch Executive in January, after nearly 60 years service, including 25 as Branch Secretary.

John retired as Branch Secretary in December 2022 and the occasion was marked with a presentation ceremony attended by members of the Branch as well as Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM.

He served on the NEC for several years before relinquishing the role at the end of 2017.

John first became involved with club life in 1960 when he joined Colchester Belle Vue Social Club in order to play cribbage and indoor games.

In 1969, he was elected to the Club Committee, serving stints as Social Secretary and on the Finance/Bar Sub-Committee before being elected Club Secretary in 1980.

He will be much missed by his family and many friends across clubland.



News in brief



Cardiff's Canton Liberal Club to welcome top Lionel Richie tribute act Ricky Gee in March

Members of the Canton Liberal Club will be dancing 'All Night Long' on Saturday, March 15 when Ricky Gee presents his highly rated tribute to pop star Lionel Richie.

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New Mill Club donates to mountain rescue team



The New Mill Club in Holmfirth recently donated £740 to the Holme Valley Mountain Rescue Team, having raised funds during a weekly Friday Quiz Night. The team carries out vital search and rescue missions on the moors and hills of West Yorkshire

Poplar Social Club set for Ricky Hatton event



Ricky Hatton will be appearing at Poplar Social Club on March 30

Accrington's Poplar Social Club will be hosting 'An Afternoon with Ricky Hatton' on Sunday, March 30.

Members will be enjoying an afternoon in the company of the two-weight World Champion, known alternatively as 'The Hitman', 'The Pride of Hyde' or 'The Manchester Mexican'.

During his boxing career Hatton held multiple world championships in the light-welterweight division, and one at welterweight. In 2005, he was named Fighter of the Year by The Ring magazine, the Boxing Writers Association of America, and ESPN.

Ricky will be regaling attendees with stories of his battles with the likes of Mayweather and Pacquiao, his struggles both in and out of the ring and his journey to his two World titles.

A general admission ticket (unreserved seats) costs £45 and there will be a free prize draw, photo opportunities, a raffle and a sports memorabilia auction.

There is also a limited 'VIP Meet & Greet' package available for £149.

News in brief

Charity night at Wales Jubilee Sports & Social Club to benefit local disabled girl Isabella

The Wales Jubilee Sports & Social Club in South Yorkshire is hosting a Charity Night on Saturday, March 22.

Local band The Cords will be providing the entertainment alongside singer Magenta Apricot.

The event will raise money for a local girl, Isabella Kipling. She sadly caught meningitis at 17 months and was left disabled.

Isabella's family is trying to raise £10,000 to adapt their house to her needs and ensure that their little girl has a more comfortable life.

Now seven, Isabella was also born with a rare chromosome one deletion which has impacted her development and learning.

Isabella's recovery journey is not over and she is due to have multiple future surgeries on both her legs and feet and this will more than likely continue into her adult years.

Sidcup Working Men's Club to hold Easter Wellness Event on Saturday, March 29

Sidcup Working Men's Club in Kent will be staging its latest Wellness Event on Saturday, March 29.

The events are designed to promote wellbeing and to raise mental health awareness, while also offering a variety of relaxing treatments for mind and body at affordable prices.

The services available on the day include: massages, facial treatments, sound healing and reiki sessions.

All sessions are £20 for 25 minutes or £35 for 55 minutes.

There will also be a number of stalls selling craft items, food and drinks.

For more information, ring: 07383 099231 or 07540 999538.

Greasbrough WMC to hold Northern Soul All-Dayer in March as fundraiser for local charities

Greasbrough Working Men's Club in Rotherham is holding a Northern Soul Charity All-Dayer on Saturday, March 15.

The event will run from 12 noon to midnight and will see a number of top DJs, including Ian Ellison.

Tickets are £5 in advance or £7 on the door with all proceeds going to the Rotherham Hospital and Community Charity and the Rotherham Branch of the Royal British Legion.

For more information, ring John Botham on: 07850 289950.



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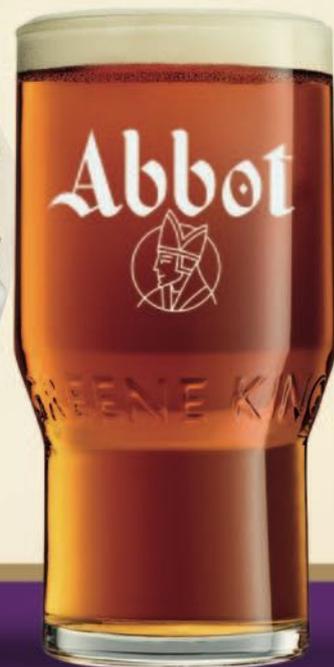
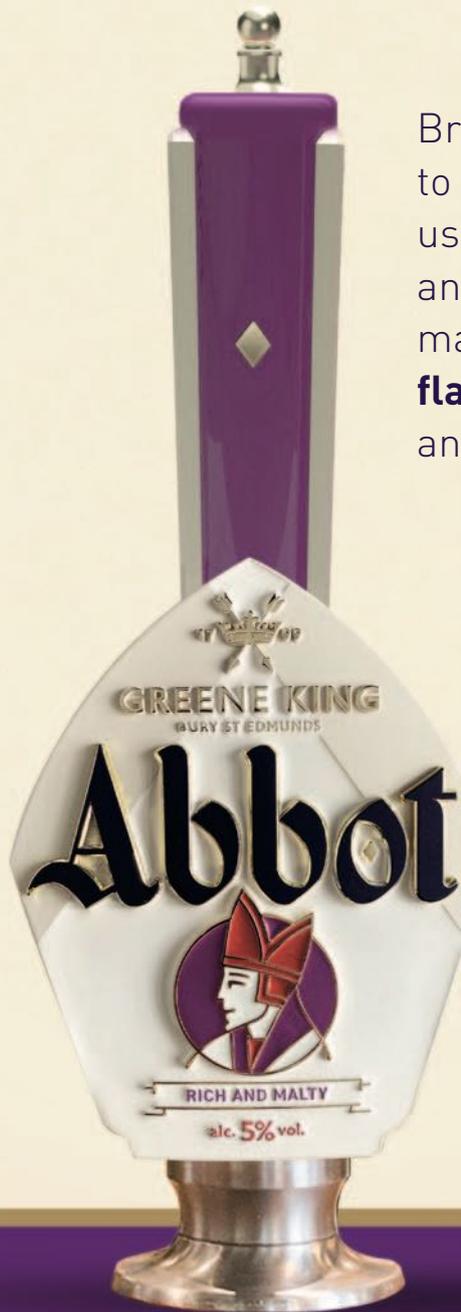
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Saturday, April 26 – The 161st Annual Meeting

The 161st Annual Meeting of the Union takes place in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel in Blackpool on Saturday, April 26 and will see delegates voting on a number of motions



The Annual Meeting will take place on the morning of Saturday, April 26

The Union’s 2025 Conference Weekend will take place in Blackpool in the last weekend of April.

The key event for CIU delegates is the morning of Saturday, April 26 when the 2025 Annual Meeting – the 161st edition – takes place in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel in Blackpool.

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

During the meeting, the 2024 Annual Report will be considered by delegates while Union Accountant Uto Ekanem will present the Union’s Financial Report for 2024.

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

These motions will be finalised over ahead of the AGM and will be published in *Club Journal* and on the Union’s official website, as well as being posted to clubs.

A full agenda for the Annual Meeting will also be published in the month before Conference Weekend.

The Meeting will include an address by the General Secretary as well as guest speakers who will be announced ahead of Conference Weekend.

The Grand Hotel has free parking for delegates (register your registration at the Hotel Reception) and is also directly opposite a tram stop.



Delegates will vote on a number of motions proposed by the NEC

Friday, April 25: Beer & Trades Exhibition

The 33rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will be staged at the Norbreck Castle Hotel on Friday, April 25 with a number of club-related suppliers showcasing their products and services

The 33rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition is set to be another unmissable event for Union club officials when it takes place on Friday, April 25, at Blackpool's Norbreck Castle Hotel.

As the UK's largest trade show for private members' social clubs, the Exhibition offers a wealth of products and services designed to help clubs save money and grow their business.

A wide range of key club suppliers from across the UK will be in attendance, including Preferred Suppliers such as BOC, Card Industry Professionals, Dransfields, Greene King, Higos Insurance and Pure Purchasing.

At the complimentary bar, Greene King will be showcasing its leading brands, creating the perfect setting for networking with fellow club officials.

Dransfields will also be going all out for this year's exhibition, giving delegates the chance to explore their latest club products firsthand, including the versatile Spotlight entertainment system, pool tables, gaming machines, and their new 'DartShark' system. Following their recent acquisition of Crystal & Son, Dransfields now also offer a selection of fundraising and printed products to help clubs engage members and generate revenue.

Throughout the afternoon, attendees can take part in bingo sessions hosted by Dransfields and other exhibitors, with plenty of opportunities to win fantastic prizes.

With so much on offer, the trade show promises to be an engaging, valuable, and enjoyable event for all CIU club delegates.



Dransfields will be showcasing their latest gaming and entertainment products



The Greene King and Belhaven bar will be providing delicious refreshments at the 2025 CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition



A bingo winner shows off her prize – a 32-inch Smart TV – at last year's event



The Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) will run a cask ale bar at the 2025 trade fair



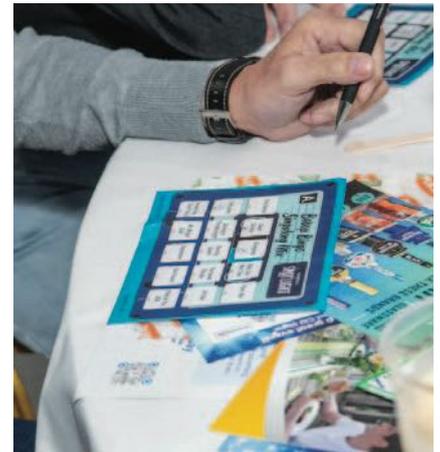
Dransfields exhibited their Lucky Dip club lottery machine at the 2024 event



Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM visit the stand of Preferred Supplier Pure Purchasing



There is plenty of opportunity to network with club colleagues at the trade show



Dransfields will be running several bingo sessions throughout the afternoon



A delegates tests his punching power at the TNT Sports stand



Delegates enjoy their drinks – and Club Journal – during the 2024 event



The CIU will have its own stand at the show with members of staff from Head Office on hand to discuss the services offered by the Union to its clubs



The BOC stand where delegates were able to receive expert information on beer and drinks dispense gases



A selection of Pukka Pies were enjoyed by delegates at the 2024 show



Delegates were also able to sample two ciders from Stowford Press – Apple Cider and Dark Berry

The 2025 CIU Blackpool Showcase

This year's CIU Blackpool Showcase will take place at the H&A Social Club on Friday, April 25. The event will feature a line-up of four top artistes providing superb vocals and comedy



Tickets for the 2025 CIU Blackpool Showcase cost £5 and can be purchased on the door or at the Beer & Trades Exhibition

This year's CIU Entertainment Showcase will take place on the evening of Friday, April 25 at the H&A Social Club in central Blackpool.

The event will see a number of top club acts, in a variety of musical genres from across the various eras, performing in the club's Concert Room on the night before the Union's Annual Meeting.

Entry costs just £5 on the door – or can be purchased in advance at the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition which will be held on the Friday afternoon preceding the Showcase.

There will be four exceptional acts on the night – Natalie Jax, Bad Ska Madness, Martin Gold and Chris Quammie.

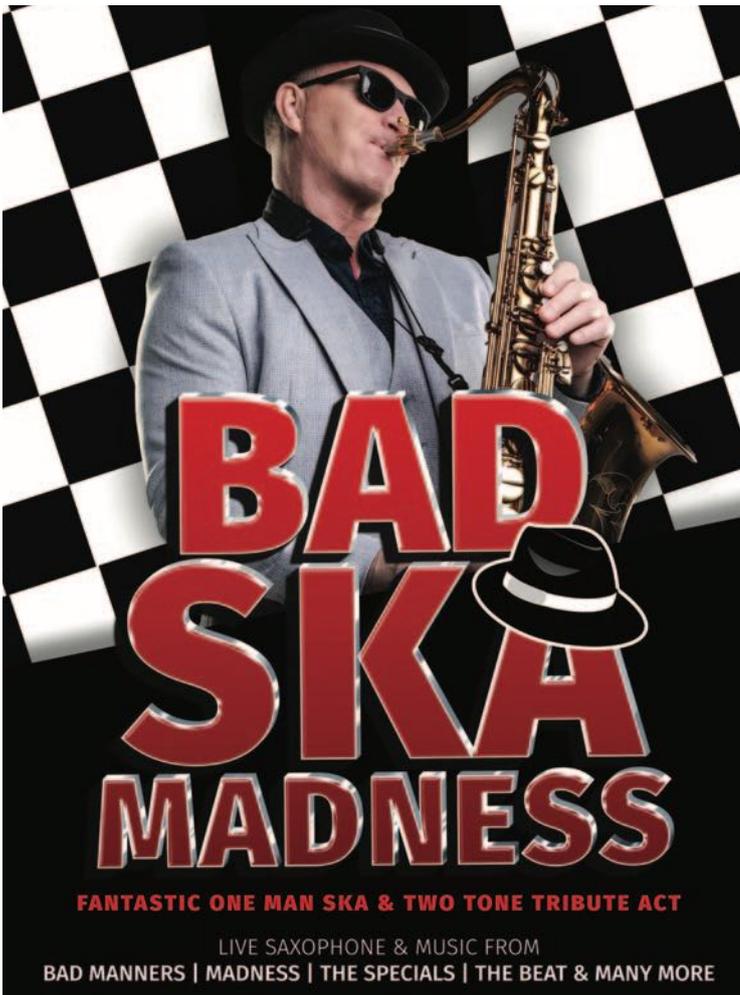
The H&A Social Club is renowned for its fantastic atmosphere and hot food will be available on the night.



The H&A Club is a fantastic CIU venue in the heart of Blackpool



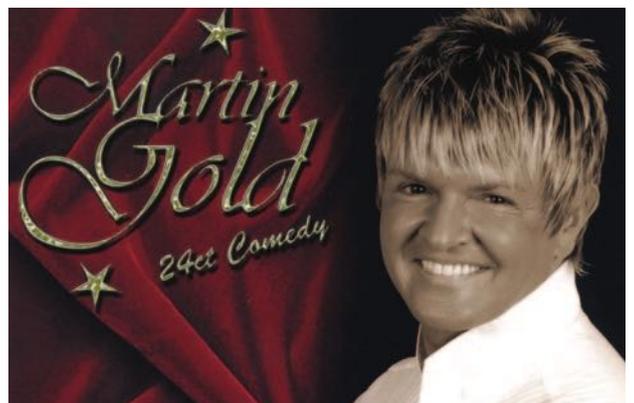
Soul and Motown vocalist Chris Quammie



Bad Ska Madness will perform some of the greatest hits of ska and Two Tone



Vocalist and compere Natalie Jax



Comedian Martin Gold will be on the bill at the H&A Social Club on Friday, April 26



Broadwater Working Men's Conservative Club in Worthing has been a member of the CIU since 1937



Broadwater Working Men's Conservative Club

Founded in 1924, Broadwater Working Men's Conservative Club in Worthing, West Sussex has been integral to its local community for over 100 years and is positively thriving in 2025

Situated in Worthing, West Sussex, Broadwater Working Men's Conservative Club is a thriving club which is at the heart of the local community.

The club celebrated its centenary in August 2024, its members flocking to the club for a weekend of superb live entertainment, including an Elvis Presley tribute show, a family disco plus a live performance by top local vocalist Jason 'The Showman' Lee.

"We were very proud to mark such an auspicious club milestone last year and we are really pleased about how well the club is doing at the moment," says Club President Roy Poland.



The club prides itself on being a family-friendly venue

“We’ve had a decent intake of new members, and sales are going up so it is looking good.”

Many of these new members have been drawn in by Broadwater’s welcoming atmosphere, quality drinks, and regular live entertainment with word-of-mouth helping to boost the club’s profile in the seaside town.

The club, which became part of the CIU in 1937, continues to invest in its facilities as well as working hard to keep its bar prices down, while never compromising on quality.

“The club stocks a full range of lagers, guest ales, and cask beers, including popular choices like Harvey’s and Abbot Ale and we have a number of cask ale drinkers amongst our members who love to come in and try new beers,” says Roy.

Live entertainment is a major draw at Broadwater, with tribute acts proving especially popular. “Tribute acts go down really well,” says Roy.

“We’ve got a Robbie Williams act

coming up, an Elton John one, and an Elvis act. They tend to sell out every time.”

The club operates a ‘free’ ticket system for these events, ensuring members can secure their spots while allowing staff to plan accordingly and all the upcoming acts and other club events are featured on the club’s website.

“The entertainment takes place in the Back Bar so we limit it to a maximum of around 110 people so you have a great atmosphere but it’s still comfortable and not too packed,” says Roy.

“We try and get a real mix of live acts so there’s widespread appeal.”

While Saturday nights are a big hit for entertainment, Sunday afternoons have also gained a strong following.

“We have a Rock ‘n’ Roll DJ who brings in a great crowd,” says Roy. “It’s a nice mix of older and younger people.”

The club also screens major sporting

events, including the big boxing matches and Premier League football on Sky and TNT Sports.

“We do really well out of the sport and show pretty much all the Premier League matches throughout the season,” says Roy.

“There are a number of screens around the club and because we’ve got the Main Bar and Back Bar, you can have music in one part of the club and sport being shown on the other side, so everyone is happy.

“We also have a projector screen for big events, like the World Cup and European Championships.”

This month will see a special Cheltenham Gold Cup party taking place on the afternoon of Friday, March 14, a club tradition which stretches back over three decades.

“It’s a members-only event and is really a way of thanking members for their continuing support of the club,” says Roy.

“Everyone who comes along gets two



The club marked its centenary in 2024 with a weekend of festivities

CLUB OF THE MONTH

The club recently refurbished its snooker table



free drinks to help them get into the ‘Cheltenham spirit’, plus free food, and then we enjoy the televised race coverage across the day, especially the Gold Cup which is obviously the highlight of the whole Cheltenham Festival.

“It’s a bit of a loss leader, giving away free drinks,” Roy admits, “but most people will stay and buy more, so it works out well.”

Beyond the music and sports, the club stays true to its traditional roots by offering games like darts, snooker, and pool. These sports ensure that the club remains busy throughout the week with various teams competing in local leagues.

“We’ve recently refurbished our snooker table and it gets a lot of use throughout the week to the extent that we’ve had to bring in a booking system for the busiest times of the week,” says Roy.

“We also have two pool tables and three darts boards. Our sports facilities have helped to bring new members into the club with a new generation of

players taking the place of the older ones – including myself – in our competitive teams!”

Membership at Broadwater is thriving, with more young people signing up. Many of them are the children of existing members who have turned 18 and now want to be part of

the club’s welcoming community.

“We pride ourselves on being a family-friendly club,” says Roy.

“A lot of parents bring their kids to events like the Easter Bonnet Parade, and when those children grow up, they join as members themselves.

“We have other events across the

Members enjoy regular live acts at the club





year, such as a children’s pantomime in January and a Halloween party.

“In many ways, having that sort of ethos helps to future-proof the club as people grow up being part of the club.

“Quite often you’ll have groups of young adults coming into the club for a few drinks before heading elsewhere – perhaps to a nightclub or late-night venue.”

Broadwater is more than just a place to drink and socialise; it’s a cornerstone of the community.

“Everybody’s friendly and that makes such a first impression when someone walks through our doors,” says Roy.

“We’ve had people visit from other clubs and pubs who liked it so much they decided to join almost immediately and are now regulars.”

The club is very mindful of its importance to the community and has recently introduced a coffee morning for those older members who prefer a quieter social setting.

“Some people don’t drink or don’t want to visit in the evening but still want to socialise, so we thought a coffee morning would be a great idea,” says Roy.

With renovations underway,

including a refurbished kitchen to support private functions, Broadwater Club is continually improving. Private events are a growing source of revenue, and the club is looking to attract more bookings.

“We tend to make more from private parties than from entertainment nights even though we only hire the room to members,” says Roy.

“So having a proper kitchen set-up with all new equipment, fittings and flooring will be a big boost on that side of things.”

Roy, who has been President of the club for 20 years, is delighted that so many members are willing to get involved as committee members.

“I couldn’t really ask for more from the committee and the staff as everyone really pulls together to ensure that the club is in a great financial position,” he says.

“We also get tremendous support from our members when it comes to putting on events and they are very generous when it comes to charity fundraising.

“This month we have a special Race Night for the Dreams Come True charity and we have also raised funds

for the Kent, Sussex and Surrey Air Ambulance.”

At its core, the Club is a family-friendly venue where everyone is welcome. Whether you’re a sports fan, a music lover, or someone looking for a friendly place to enjoy a pint, this club offers something for everyone.

“We like to think of ourselves as a club for everyone in the area,” Roy concludes.

“It’s a place where people can come together, have a great time, and feel like they belong.”

With its unbeatable atmosphere, excellent drinks, and top-tier entertainment, the Broadwater Working Men’s Conservative Club is undoubtedly one of Worthing’s most important social hubs—and its future looks brighter than ever.

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News in brief

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

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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 NEC meetings at Head Office for 2025 will take place on: March 26&27; April 24 (Conference Weekend, Blackpool); June 4&5; July 16&17; September 3&4; October 15&16 and December 3&4.

CIU Conference 2025 dates

The dates for the 2025 Conference Weekend are as follows:

Thursday, April 24 – NEC Meeting

Friday, April 25 – 33rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition (Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool)

CIU Entertainment Showcase (The H&A Social Club, Blackpool)

Saturday, April 26 – The 161st Annual Meeting

Home Office looks at later opening for bars during the 2025 Women's Euros competition



The Government is planning to extend closing time during the 2025 Women's Euros this summer

Clubs and pubs are likely to be allowed to stay open until 1am during the latter stages of the Women's European Championships this summer (July 2-27).

The Home Office wants to push back closing time in the on-trade by two hours if England or Wales make it to the semi-finals or final of the prestigious tournament.

The Lionesses are among the favourites for the European title, having won the tournament for the first time when it was held in the UK three years ago.

"The Lionesses showed us in 2022 what it means to bring football home, and now we want to make sure the

whole nation can come together again to cheer on our teams," said Policing Minister Dame Diana Johnson.

"These plans will help our bars stay open longer if England or Wales make it to the final stages, allowing friends and families to celebrate together and providing a welcome boost to our hospitality industry."

Home secretary Yvette Cooper has the power to extend on-trade licensing hours for occasions deemed to be of "exceptional international, national or local significance".

The Government is holding a consultation period to gather views from stakeholders before the plans are confirmed.

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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 management 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.

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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 to discuss hosting a future series of day sessions at your club or with fellow CIU clubs.



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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 **Monday, March 31** and will be a 50/50 Draw which will also see 5% of the total revenue raised going to the winner's club.

Q: How do I buy tickets?

A: It's a very simple process:

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- 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.

Q: What happens to my personal data?

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

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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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Finding your ideal cask range

In the latest in a series of articles on Greene King's category Vision for Ale. John Malone, Head of Brewery Engagement, takes a look at the vital importance of range science



Bringing excitement to the club bar with Greene King's range of cask ales

Hopefully you have been following this series of articles on Greene King's 'How To Win With Ale' category vision and have been able to implement some of the advice in your own club to help grow sales of cask ale and bring new energy and excitement into the category.

In previous articles, we've covered topics including perfect presentation and quality. So here we intend to take a deep dive into the world of range science.

Before we do that, it's worth remembering just how important cask ale is to venues across the country and indeed to your customers.

Ale is a fundamental cornerstone of a credible beer offer for any venue.

One in every five pints sold is cask

ale and cask ale is the third biggest category by rate of sale per venue, with more than 130 points sold per week.

Believe it or not, that's ahead of keg ale, which sits in fourth position. In simple terms, cask ale is popular.

It sells fast and it helps bring customers to your door at quieter times of the week.

So it's easy to see why we strongly believe that there is a huge opportunity to transform the way the industry looks at the ale category.

At Greene King, we welcome the responsibility of playing a leading role in that transformation.

'How To Win With Ale' embraces the importance and role of ale on the bar and the challenges and

opportunities for the category.

It also provides a fresh perspective on innovation, quality, and presentation for the industry.

In this series of articles, we have discussed the importance of perfect presentation and quality in every sense, but winning with ale also means ensuring you have a great range behind the bar that will appeal to the broadest spectrum of drinkers.

The science behind developing the right range for your venue is simple, yet very robust, and involves ranging to maximise both drink or repeat and profit.

This means:

- Quality over quantity
- Breadth of choice – across styles and price points



Cask ale can drive footfall frequency and spend

- Venue fit and regionality

Ranging considerations

Cask ale is a cornerstone of the Great British bar, and when executed well it can drive footfall frequency and spend.

Making sure we have the right range is a vital piece of the puzzle too.

Too many choices means throughputs could be too low to achieve a high-quality serve.

Too few choices and your cask ale customers won't be satisfied with a variety.

To help you choose a strong range, here are some important considerations:

- Style – two in three pints sold are amber ale, making it a 'must stock' for the bar. However, golden Ale is growing, so it is also important to stock it

- National v Local – national brands offer broad appeal with consumers while local choices are growing in popularity

- Permanent v Rotation – be sure to stock choices customers can recognize and rely on alongside new options that offer interest and excitement.

Stick or twist

How many sticks do you have or need behind the bar at your venue? We would offer this range advice:

- One stick
The venue must pour a minimum of 24 pints per day or 12 if you are using pins.

Ideally, this should be a national brand with strong ROS, typically an amber ale.

- Two sticks
The venue must pour a minimum of 48 pints per day or 24 if using pins.

This should be a premium amber or golden ale and should perhaps be a rotational option.

- Three sticks
Venue must pour a minimum of 72 pints a day or 36 if using pins.

This should be a seasonal or

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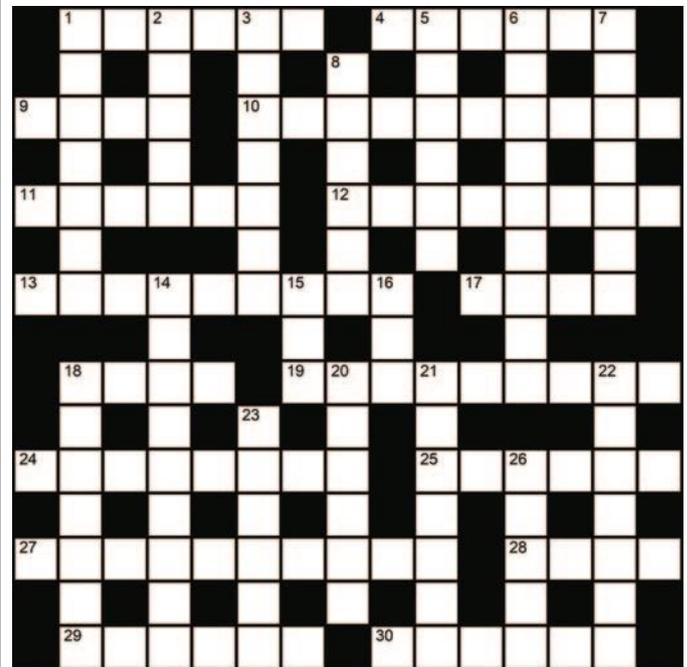
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Clubs get set for Cheltenham 2025

The Cheltenham Festival gets underway this month and many Union clubs will be welcoming in members for the four-day celebration of top-class jump racing at the famous course



Many Union clubs will be showing Cheltenham on their screens this March

The Cheltenham Festival, scheduled from March 11 to 14, stands as the pinnacle of the National Hunt racing calendar.

Over four days, enthusiasts will head to the famous Gloucestershire venue – as well as to their local clubs – in order to witness the spectacle offered by the 28 races, including 12 Grade 1 events, featuring the finest horses, jockeys, and trainers in the sport.

This year's Festival introduces notable changes, including adjusted race times and modifications to certain race formats, aiming to

enhance competitiveness and to make the event even more unmissable.

But what won't change is the remarkable atmosphere which the event engenders each year with thousands of Irish racing fans travelling to Cheltenham, turning the racecourse into a sea of green.

St. Patrick's Thursday, in particular, celebrates Irish culture, with music, dancing, and a vibrant party atmosphere – plus plenty of the 'Black Stuff' flowing both at the ground and in clubs around the country.

The Prestbury Cup, awarded to the country with the most winners across

the Festival, has been a key talking point in recent years, with Ireland often outscoring their British counterparts.

The Cheltenham Festival without Ireland's influence is unimaginable. From elite horses to passionate fans, Ireland's deep-rooted connection ensures that Cheltenham remains the ultimate spectacle in National Hunt racing.

Here is a rundown of this year's Festival which will help clubs to make the most of this great opportunity to boost midweek trade at your club during March.



The atmosphere at the racecourse will be matched at clubs up and down the land with TV coverage on ITV and Racing UK

Day 1: Champion Day – Tuesday, March 11

The Festival commences with Champion Day, highlighted by the prestigious Unibet Champion Hurdle.

This Grade 1 race over 2 miles crowns the season's top hurdler.

Leading contenders include the defending champion, Constitution Hill, trained by Nicky Henderson, and the formidable Lossiemouth from Willie Mullins' yard.

Races – Day 1

- 1.20pm – Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle (Grade 1)
- 2pm – My Pension Expert Arkle Novices' Chase (Grade 1)
- 2.40pm – Ultima Handicap Chase (Premier Handicap)
- 3.20pm – Close Brothers Mares' Hurdle (Grade 1)
- 4pm – Unibet Champion Hurdle (Grade 1)
- 4.40pm – Fred Winter Juvenile Handicap Hurdle (Premier Handicap)
- 5.20pm – National Hunt Novices' Chase

Day 2: Style Wednesday – Wednesday, March 12

Style Wednesday combines high fashion with top-tier racing, headlined

by the BetMGM Queen Mother Champion Steeple Chase at 4pm.

Races – Day 2

- 1.20pm – Turners Novices' Hurdle (Grade 1)
- 2pm – Brown Advisory Novices' Steeple Chase
- 2.40pm – Coral Cup Hurdle (Premier Handicap)
- 3.20pm – Glenfarclas Cross Country Steeple Chase
- 4pm – BetMGM Queen Mother Champion Steeple Chase (Grade 1)
- 4.40pm – Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Handicap Steeple Chase Challenge Cup (Premier Handicap)
- 5.20pm – Weatherbys Champion Bumper (Grade 1)

Day 3: St Patrick's Thursday – Thursday, March 13

Celebrating Irish heritage, St Patrick's Thursday features the Ryanair Steeple Chase at 3.20pm and the Paddy Power Stayers' Hurdle at 4pm.

Races – Day 3

- 1.20pm – Ryanair Mares' Novices' Hurdle (Grade 2)
- 2pm – Jack Richards Novices' Limited Handicap Chase
- 2.40pm – Pertemps Network Final

- 3.20pm – Ryanair Steeple Chase
- 4pm – Paddy Power Stayers' Hurdle (Grade 1)
- 4.40 pm – TrustATrader Plate (Premier Handicap)
- 5.20pm – Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup Handicap Steeple Chase

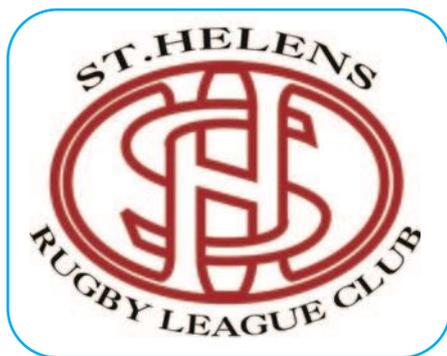
Day 4: Gold Cup Day – Friday, March 14

The Festival culminates with Gold Cup Day, featuring the prestigious Cheltenham Gold Cup at 4pm.

Reigning champion Galopin Des Champs, trained by Willie Mullins, will be aiming for a historic third consecutive victory.

Races – Day 4

- 1.20pm – Triumph Hurdle (Grade 1)
- 2pm – County Handicap Hurdle (Premier Handicap)
- 2.40pm – Mrs Paddy Power Mares' Steeple Chase (Grade 2)
- 3.20pm – The Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle Race (Grade 1)
- 4pm – The Boodles Cheltenham Gold Cup Steeple Chase (Grade 1)
- 4.40pm – The St. James's Place Festival Hunters Chase
- 5.20pm – Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle



Friday, March 7, 8pm, Sky Sports

Super League: St Helens v Hull KR

Saints set a new Super League record for the competition's biggest-ever winning margin in Round 1 of the new season as they beat a weakened Salford Red Devils side by 82-0. They are unlikely to enjoy such a romp again but look to be one of the teams to beat again in the coming months with the likes of Tristan Sailor and Morgan Knowle looking very dangerous.



Saturday, March 15, 4.45pm, ITV

Six Nations Rugby: Wales v England

After a disappointing start to their Six Nations campaign which saw the resignation of their Head Coach Warren Gatland after just two matches, can Wales make a return to form and beat England at the Principality Stadium? It seems an unlikely scenario given the improving form of England but the passionate support of the Cardiff crowd may just rouse the sleeping dragon of Welsh rugby.



Sunday, March 17, 4.30pm – Sky Sports/ITV

Carabao Cup: Liverpool v Newcastle United

The first silverware of the season will be up for grabs at Wembley as Arnie Slot's Liverpool side take on Eddie Howe's Magpies. Given their imperious form in the League, the Reds will be favourites to lift the trophy but United will have other ideas in the intense atmosphere generated by the two sets of passionate fans who will make the trip to London.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

March brings the Carabao Cup Final, the conclusion of the Six Nations rugby championship, key fixtures in the Premier League and UEFA Champions League fixtures and the Cheltenham Festival

Sunday, March 2, 1.45pm, ITV4

FA Cup, 5th Round – Newcastle United v Brighton & Hove Albion

Sunday, March 2, 3pm, Sky Sports

Super League: Leeds Rhinos v Castleford Tigers

Monday, March 3, 7.45pm, ITV4

FA Cup, 5th Round – Nottingham Forest v Ipswich Town

Tuesday, March 4, 8.30am, Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy – Semi-Final 1

Tuesday, March 4, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League: Round of 16

Wednesday, March 5, 8.30am, Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy – Semi-Final 2

Thursday, March 6, 7pm, Sky Sports
Darts: Premier League – Brighton

Thursday, March 6, 8pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Hull FC v Leigh Leopards

Friday, March 7, 7pm, Sky Sports
Boxing: Natasha Jonas v Lauren Price: IBF, WBC & WBA Welterweight Titles

Friday, March 7, 8pm, Sky Sports
Super League: St Helens v Hull KR

Friday, March 7, 8pm, Sky Sports Football

Championship: Norwich City v Oxford United

Friday, March 7, 12.30pm, Sky Sports Football

Championship: Coventry City v Stoke City

Saturday, March 8, 10am, Sky Sports
Golf: Johannesburg Open

Saturday, March 8, 12.30pm, TNT Sports

Premier League: Nottingham Forest v Manchester City

Saturday, March 8, 2.15pm, ITV
Six Nations Rugby: Ireland v France

Saturday, March 8, 4.45pm, BBC1
Six Nations Rugby: Scotland v Wales

Saturday, March 8, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Brentford v Aston Villa

Saturday, March 8, 5.30pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Catalans Dragons v Leeds Rhinos

Saturday, March 8, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Wolves v Everton

Sunday, March 9, 8.30am, Sky Sports Cricket

Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy – Final

Sunday, March 9, 12 noon, Sky Sports Football

Championship: Portsmouth v Leeds United

Sunday, March 9, 1pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Warrington Wolves v Wakefield Trinity



Golf: The Players Championship,
Thursday, March 13, 11.30am,
Sky Sports Golf

Sunday, March 9, 2pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v AFC Bournemouth

Sunday, March 9, 3pm, ITV

Six Nations Rugby: England v Italy

Sunday, March 9, 4.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Manchester United v Arsenal

Monday, March 10, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: West Ham United v Newcastle United

Tuesday, March 11, 1pm, ITV
Horse Racing: Cheltenham Festival – Day 1

Tuesday, March 11, 8pm, Sky Sports Football

Championship: Sheffield United v Bristol City

Tuesday, March 4, 8pm, TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League: Round of 16

Wednesday, March 12, 1pm, ITV

Horse Racing: Cheltenham Festival – Day 2

Wednesday, March 12, 8pm, Sky Sports Football

Championship: Stoke City v Blackburn Rovers

Thursday, March 13, 11.30am, Sky Sports Golf

PGA Golf: The Players Championship

Thursday, March 13, 1pm, ITV
Horse Racing: Cheltenham Festival – Day 3

Thursday, March 13, 7pm, Sky Sports Action

Darts: Premier League – Nottingham

Friday, March 14, 11.30am, Sky Sports Golf

PGA Golf: The Players Championship

Friday, March 14, 1pm, ITV
Horse Racing: Cheltenham Festival – Day 4

Saturday, March 15, 12 midday, Sky Sports Golf

PGA Golf: The Players Championship

Saturday, March 15, 12.30pm, Sky Sports

Championship: QPR v Leeds United

Saturday, March 15, 2.15pm, ITV

Six Nations Rugby: Italy v Ireland

Saturday, March 15, 4.45pm, BBC1
Six Nations Rugby: Wales v England

Saturday, March 15, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: AFC Bournemouth v Brentford

Saturday, March 15, 8pm, ITV
Six Nations Rugby: France v Scotland

Sunday, March 16, 11.30am, Sky Sports Golf
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Rugby Union Premiership: Saracens v Harlequins, Saturday, March 22, 3.05pm, TNT Sports/ITV



Sunday, March 16, 12.30pm, Sky Sports Football

Scottish Premiership: Celtic v Rangers

Sunday, March 16, 2pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Arsenal v Chelsea

Sunday, March 16, 4.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Leicester City v Manchester United

Sunday, March 16, 4.30pm, Sky Sports Football/ITV1

Carabao Cup Final: Liverpool v Newcastle United

Thursday, March 20, 7pm, Sky Sports Main Event

Darts: Premier League – Cardiff

Thursday, March 20, 8pm, Sky Sports Super League: Salford Red Devils v Huddersfield Giants

Friday, March 21, 7.45pm, ITV
International Football: FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier – England v Albania

Friday, March 21, 7.45pm, TNT Sports
Premiership Rugby Union: Northampton Saints v Leicester Tigers

Friday, March 21, 8pm, Sky Sports Super League: St Helens v Warrington Wolves

Saturday, March 22, 3pm, Sky Sports Super League: Castleford Tigers v Catalans Dragons

Saturday, March 22, 3.05pm, TNT Sports/ITV

Premiership Rugby Union: Saracens v Harlequins

Saturday, March 22, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Super League: Leeds Rhinos v Wigan Warriors

Saturday, March 22, 7.45pm, S4C/BBC

International Football: FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier – Wales v Kazakhstan

Sunday, March 23, 3pm, TNT Sports/
Premiership Rugby Union: Bath v Gloucester

Monday, March 24, 7.45pm, ITV
International Football: FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier – England v Latvia

Tuesday, March 25, 7.45pm, S4C/BBC
International Football: FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier – North Macedonia v Wales

Thursday, March 27, 7pm, Sky Sports Main Event

Darts: Premier League – Newcastle

Saturday, March 30, 3pm, Sky Sports/BBC

Super League: Wigan Warriors v Salford Red Devils

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