

Union Vice-President calls for continuing support for clubs

The Vice-President of the Union, Ken Roberts CMD ACM, is urging the UK and Welsh Governments to ensure clubs have the ongoing support they need to get back on their feet following 14 months of uncertainty.

As clubs get ready to offer inside service once again from May 17, albeit with a number of restrictions in place, including table service only and social distancing measures, Mr Roberts warned that it may take a significant period of time for clubs to get back to the level of trade they enjoyed pre-pandemic and therefore they may require further financial aid until then.

He said: "In all fairness, I can't fault the support that the UK and Welsh Governments have given to clubs during the pandemic but I would request that the support continues until our clubs re-establish themselves and doesn't just get cut off.

"They can't expect clubs to reopen and suddenly return to their pre-pandemic levels of trade – it's going to take some months of continued support.

"The CIU has recently taken part in Committee of Registered Clubs Associations (CORCA) meetings, alongside other similar club organisations, through which we've communicated to the Government that we have grave concerns about how clubs are going to be able to bounce back once they reopen, so hopefully they will take notice."

Mr Roberts, who is also the President of the South Wales Branch, voiced his concerns about the plight



Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM

of Welsh clubs who have been working to a different reopening timetable to their English counterparts.

"The Welsh Government has been more cautious in many respects than the UK Government with outdoor hospitality only being introduced at the end of April," he said.

"Many clubs in Wales either don't have any outdoor facilities or have very limited outside space so will not reopen until they can serve their members indoors.

"The information that Welsh clubs have received so far regarding indoor opening, including what restrictions are going to be in place, has been very vague, which makes it very difficult to plan ahead.

"As a result, many Welsh clubs are feeling apprehensive at the moment about reopening and would like more clarity so they can look ahead with confidence."

● **For the full interview, see pages 10-11**



Club of the Month: Garforth Working Mens Club

There has been plenty of work going on behind the scenes at Garforth Working Mens Club in Leeds ahead of it reopening on May 3.

Members will certainly be hoping for some great weather in the months ahead in order to be able to take full advantage of the club's new enclosed Beer Garden which has been built at the rear of the club over part of the existing car park.

In order to keep members safe, the club has also invested in a new 'Sterile Lights' system which helps to kill bacteria and viruses in the air and on surfaces.

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Welcome

Welcome to the May issue of *Club Journal* as we look forward to later this month when clubs in England and Wales will be permitted to provide inside service for their members.

Of course, certain CIU clubs have already opened for outside service only but May 17 will be an important step toward the point when clubs can get back to normal trading conditions and hopefully consign the frustrations of the past 12 or so months to history.

As the Union's new Vice-President, Ken Roberts CMD ACM, says in this month's interview piece (front page and pages 10-11), there is sure to be plenty of hard work ahead for clubs in terms of re-establishing their businesses from a standing start.

As Ken goes on to say, we can only hope that the Government will recognise that many clubs may need some ongoing support to get back to their previous levels of financial stability.

Our 'Club of the Month' for May is Garforth Working Mens Club in Leeds which, like many other CIU clubs, has seen plenty of hard work going on behind the scenes by the staff, Committee and members during the various lockdowns.

The club has recently built a brand-new enclosed Beer Garden at the rear of the club, a fantastic addition to an

already impressive club that appears more than ready to hit the ground running when it reopens this month.

See pages 12-15 for the full profile of the club.

Meanwhile, on pages 16-17, we take an in-depth look at two more CIU clubs – Elton Fold Workmens Club in Bury and Barrow Labour Club in Cumbria – and get an insight into how they are tackling the process of reopening.

From the sheer number of emails and letters received by the *Club Journal* team in recent weeks, it is clear that there is a growing sense of excitement ahead of what promises to be a huge summer for the club sector with members eager once again to enjoy club life, be it live entertainment, relaxing in comfortable surroundings, savouring a pint of draught beer or just catching up with much-missed friends and colleagues.

Please keep your stories and pictures coming in as we love sharing good news from around the Union in the pages of the magazine each month.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

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The 'Big Club' gets set for May reopening

While Newton Aycliffe Working Mens Club in County Durham has been closed for normal business since November 5, 2020, The 'Big Club' as it's known, has been a key base for community organisations during the various lockdowns over the past 12 months or so.

The club's Concert Hall has been the home of the Play Cafe, a local charity organisation which offers free support during school holidays for families at risk of holiday hunger and social isolation.

The club has helped with several initiatives launched by the charity in recent months, including getting Healthy Breakfast packages out to families, as well as a highly successful Easter egg donation drive during the recent school holidays.

Meanwhile, the club's football team were back in action for the first time since November when they played a match against Trimdon Black Bull on March 30.

The players were sporting their brand-new sponsored kit in a game which finished 0-0.

The club's Committee has announced that the club will be reopening on May 17, as per the Government's reopening roadmap and will be embarking on a major project with the development of a Community Garden.

The project will increase the size of the garden from the existing 180sqm to 280sqm and will allow the club, in its own words, to "provide a vibrant and safe outdoor facility for the whole membership and includes ambitious and innovative plans to attract more organisations and club members to take advantage of this currently under-utilised area."



The Big Club will reopen on May 17

OBITUARY

Ron Horton

It is with great sadness that Tovil Working Mens Club in Maidstone announces that Ron Horton has passed away.



Ron was President of the club for many years and will be sadly missed by his family and friends as well as members of the club.

Ron's funeral took place on Thursday, February 25 at Vintners Park crematorium.

News in brief

Regular Tuesday Night darts to get underway at Consett Station Club

Consett Station Club in County Durham is planning to run a Tuesday Night Darts Competition from May 18 until the start of the new season.

Entry is £3 and there will be four boards in play with one streamed online.

Depending on the number of entries, the competition will be run either as a straight knockout or a round-robin knockout.



The Big Club's football team took to the field on March 30 for the first time in many months

News in brief



Alzheimer's Society stages national Dementia Action Week during May

Dementia Action Week takes place from May 17-23 and is a national event, led by the Alzheimer's Society, that urges people coming together to take action to improve the lives of people affected by dementia.

The charity believes that families facing dementia have been failed by an inadequate social care system and are pushing for reform in this key area.

If your club would like to get involved with this worthy cause, the Alzheimer's Society has resources and ideas available on its website: www.alzheimers.org.uk



Crookes Social Club aiming to attract younger players to bowling section

Crookes Social Club in Sheffield is aiming to introduce young people to the sport of bowling when further relaxation of the COVID restrictions come into play later this month.

The club's bowling section will be running a series of beginners/introduction to bowling sessions on Saturday mornings.

While these will be primarily aimed at children, people of any age are also welcome to attend, and the equipment and sessions will be free of charge.

Mick Grant of Crookes Social Bowling Club said: "We would love to see as many new bowlers on the green as possible. Mums, Dads, Grandmas and Grandads are welcome to join in or watch and have a coffee."

For more information, visit: www.crookesclub.co.uk

Heineken UK's tips for reopening success

Heineken UK has commissioned further research to help the On-Trade make the most of trade during the reopening period.

The brewer's research shows the majority of consumers are optimistic about the future and their confidence in visiting bars has increased since January.

With 51% of people planning to visit within the first few weeks of reopening, Heineken says that it's more important than ever to provide a high-quality experience safely and encourage repeat visits.

Heineken has shared the following top tips for creating the perfect post-lockdown experience:



Prioritise quality and make premium options available

A fresh, cold, perfectly poured pint is something that consumers simply cannot get at home and have sorely missed!

A good cellar management routine helps produce quality pints, while boosting profitability. Line cleaning should be carried out to correct procedures every seven days (except Heineken SmartDispense™ systems, where this can be extended to six- or even 12-weekly) and cellars should be kept at a constant temperature of 11-13°C – with cooling equipment topped with water and fans and condensers free from dust and blockages.

It's important to maintain throughput of at least one keg per week per tap so you continue to offer a great standard of beer and cider service. Consider starting with a smaller draught range upon reopening, particularly for cask beers; we'd recommend starting with an amber ale as these hold a 67% volume share of the category.

Over a third of consumers also plan to make their On-Trade visits more special by choosing premium drinks and food options, so make sure to capitalise on their desire to trade up.

At the same time, 42% of consumers are excited to try new drinks brands, so experimenting with packaged options is a clever way to enrich your range at a relatively low-risk.

Whatever the drink, it has to be better than what members usually have at home to remind them why they've come out to the On-Trade.

Reassure customers of their health and safety in your venue

Health and hygiene protocols are integral to boosting consumer confidence and creating a safe On-Trade experience post-lockdown.

With over two thirds of people feeling regular anti-viral cleaning, enforced social distancing and PPE will remain very important for clubs, it's important to communicate the measures you're taking to keep everyone safe.

From ensuring you have enough staff to sanitise tables and collect empties, to accessing safety and reopening POS via Heineken's POS Direct, there are several ways you can implement safety measures and easily reassure your customers.

Ordering and payment apps like Swifty provide an invaluable way to build confidence without interfering with daily operations, enabling you to focus more on your members' experience and value-adding activity too.

For more information, visit: <https://www.heineken.co.uk/our-pubs/make-heineken-your-supplier/>

(Editor's note: This link is also pertinent to clubs)

Gareth Gates to perform at Leominster SSC



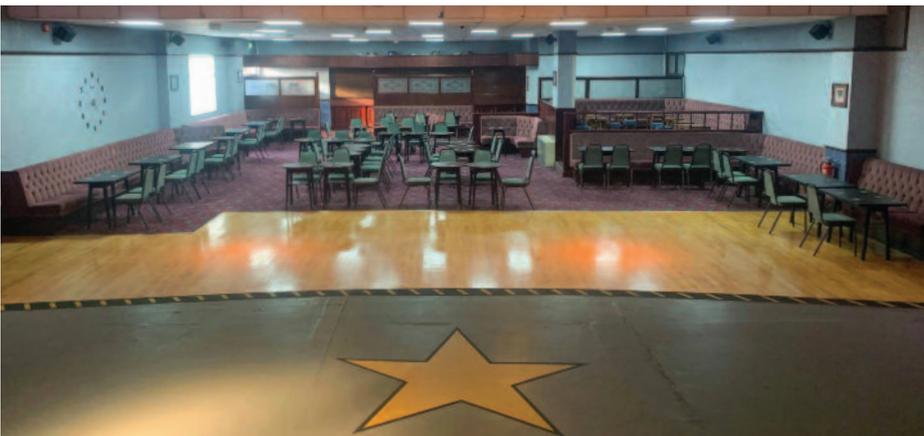
Gareth Gates will be performing at Leominster Sports and Social Club in September

Singer Gareth Gates, who shot to fame as runner-up in the first series of ITV talent show Pop Idol in 2002, will be appearing at Leominster Sports and Social Club on September 3.

The star achieved a No.1 hit with a cover version of Unchained Melody and has sold over 3.5 million records in the UK, as well as appearing in a number of high-profile roles in stage musicals.

He will be joined by students from One Vision Musical Theatre Company, a local school which offers education in musical theatre classes, acting, vocal coaching and dance.

1960s legends make beeline for Grassmoor WMC



The refurbished Concert Hall at Grassmoor WMC

Grassmoor Working Mens Club is determined to make up for lost time when it reopens shortly with some great entertainment acts from the 1960s booked to perform in its newly refurbished Concert Hall.

On July 30, the club welcomes The Union Gap who had a major international hit with 'Woman, Woman', followed by The Dreamers on September 3. On October 15, Merseybeat group The Fourmost will be visiting the club while December 28 sees Herman's Hermits making their debut at the club.

News in brief



Goring Social Clubs bids farewell to award-winning Steward of 30 years

The Steward of Goring Social Club in Berkshire is heading for pastures new after nearly three decades with the club.

David Dean, who arrived at the club with his wife Jane in 1992, said he had enjoyed being at the heart of the community during his time at the club.

The couple lived at the club in the High Street and ran it jointly until 2018, when Mrs Dean stepped down to become a carer.

During David's tenure, the club has won local and national renown for its cask ale offering, not to mention winning several awards from the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

The club has appeared in several editions of CAMRA's Good Beer Guide and was named 'Club of the Year' in southern England twice and South Oxfordshire 'Club of the Year' four times.

David, reflecting on his time at the club, said: "We settled in really quickly and soon got used to the slower way of doing things.

"The club didn't need much in the way of change, just someone with a bit more enthusiasm as the previous steward was feeling ready to step down.

"It just became a way of life. We lived on the premises, didn't have to travel to work and didn't have to worry about what the weather was like.

"It's very different from pubs, which anybody can walk in and out of. This was more like being part of a big family where everybody gets to know each other."

Paying tribute to the departing stewarding couple, Committee Member Keith Grant said: "Dave and Jane represented the face of Goring Social Club for a generation of members and presided over a period of considerable change in both the club and the trade in general.

"They provided much-needed stability and always showed honesty and integrity in undertaking their duties.

"It is a pity that they leave without due recognition in this quiet, uncertain period of the COVID-19 pandemic but I'm sure members will offer thanks and best wishes as normal times resume."

News in brief

Rugby League Challenge Cup quarter-final double-header to be shown live on the BBC

Wigan Warriors' Rugby League Challenge Cup quarter-final against Hull FC and Castleford's tie against Salford will be shown live on the BBC on Saturday, May 8.

The Cherry and Whites' tie against Hull FC is to be shown on BBC One before Castleford's match against Salford takes place on BBC Two immediately after.

All of the quarter-final ties are to be played at Leeds' Headingley Stadium.

Hull FC and Wigan will go head-to-head at 2.30pm with Castleford v Salford kicking off at 5pm.

RFL Chief Commercial Officer Mark Foster said: "Emerald Headingley Stadium offers a perfect venue for what promises to be an exciting round of matches.

"The two Round Three games shown by BBC drew the highest viewing figures for this particular round for four years, so we'll be looking to maintain this momentum throughout this year's competition."



Harrowgate Club announces details of live entertainment line-up for the rest of 2021

The Harrowgate Club in Darlington is relaunching its entertainment offering later this year and has announced a series of dates featuring popular tribute and covers acts.

The club has announced that it will be reopening on May 17 and has two live acts booked for the first week of opening with Shelley Stevens presenting 'A Tribute to the Divas' on Friday, May 21 and Alan Young: Forever 80s on Saturday, May 22.

Other acts due to appear at the club include: Jack Bowater presenting the Ed Sheeran Songbook on Saturday, July 24; The Bootleg Bee Gees on Saturday, July 31; Billy Joel UK on Saturday, August 7; ABBA - Kiss The Teacher on Saturday, August 28; Typically Tina on Saturday, September 18 and Mizz Pink (pictured above) on Saturday, September 25.

Tickets for all the acts are available to buy online at: www.ticketsource.co.uk.

The future is very bright for Solent Social Club



Solent Social Club in Lee-on-Solent has undergone a £90,000 refurbishment which includes installing skylights to allow natural light into the club

Solent Social Club in Lee-on-Solent has invested £90,000 in a major refurbishment of the club ahead of reopening.

Chief amongst the improvements is the installation of several skylights which have opened up the club's interior to natural sunlight.

"We had a major refurbishment at the beginning of February," said Committee Member Keith Russell. "One of the building's issues is that it can be a bit dark, and on sunny days people wanted more sunshine. It's looking good – it's like the sun's come back."

Members will be able to enjoy the new-look interior from May 17.

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OBITUARY

Dave Cook

The Committee of the Ashford Road Club in Swindon have been informed that Dave Cook, one of the club's most loyal servants, sadly passed away in January after a long illness.

Dave served on the Ashford Road Committee in many roles and as President during a spell of service that ran from the late 1960s to the early 2010s.

Dave was universally liked and respected. The Committee would like to extend the condolences of all club members to his son Craig and to all the Cook family.

The club would also like to put on record the gratitude that all members have for his many years of service. The club has undoubtedly lost one of its best.

Dave Cook RIP.

News in brief

Huge anticipation in clubs ahead of delayed 2021 UEFA European Championships

The upcoming UEFA European Championships will be eagerly anticipated by club members across England and Wales with both nations having high hopes for their respective teams during the tournament.

KEY EURO 2021 DATES FOR ENGLAND/WALES

Saturday, June 12, 2pm, BBC1

Wales v Switzerland

Sunday, June 13, 2pm, BBC1

England v Croatia

Wednesday, June 16, 5pm, BBC1

Turkey v Wales

Friday, June 18, 8pm, ITV

England v Scotland

Sunday, June 20, 5pm, ITV

Italy v Wales

Tuesday, June 22, 8pm, ITV

Czech Republic v England

Tuesday, July 6, 8pm, TBC

Semi-Final 1

Wednesday, July 7, 8pm, TBC

Semi-Final 2

Sunday, July 11, 8pm, BBC1/ITV

The Final

The Durrington Club unveils spectacular pergola

The Durrington Club in Wiltshire recently mobilised a team of volunteer members via its Facebook page in order to build a fantastic pergola in the club's Beer Garden.

Thanks to the response from the call to arms, the wooden structure was completed in a matter of weeks, thus enabling the club to reopen for outside service on Friday, April 16.

As well as providing excellent shelter from the elements, the pergola also boasts a TV screen to enable members to watch live sport.

The club is open from 4pm to 9pm, Monday to Thursday; 4pm to 10pm on Friday; 12 noon to 10pm on Saturdays and 12 noon to 8pm on Sundays.



The Durrington Club in Wiltshire now boasts a covered pergola area which was constructed by a team of volunteers



The club reopened for outside service on April 16



UEFA Champions League football live on BT Sport



Interview: Union Vice-President Ken Roberts

Club Journal talks to the Union's new Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM about his CIU career which began when he was made a member of Cwmaman Workmen's and Social Club in South Wales at the age of 18

When did you first become a member of a CIU club?

I joined my local village CIU club – Cwmaman Workmen's and Social Club – when I reached the age of 18 in the 1960s.

There was a tradition at that time – sadly, long gone now – for fathers to apply for membership for their sons when they reached 18. And it was really only fathers and sons who could partake of that tradition as it was many years later before women were granted full membership rights by the Union.

I couldn't wait to get my club card and become a grown-up. My first thought on walking into the club as a member was how regimented it seemed with someone asking for your membership card on entry.

It was actually quite intimidating until you got used to it. Growing up in a closely knit village community, everybody knew each other and I soon felt at home in the club.

And when did you take your first steps into club administration?

In 1981, when I was in my early thirties, I joined the club Committee, looking after the entertainment side of things for two years.

Then, in 1983, the role of Secretary became vacant and I was elected to that position.

I already had some experience of dealing with administration at some local football and youth clubs so I was used to general paperwork but had to quickly get to grips with the financial side of things, particularly double-entry bookkeeping.

When I took over as Secretary, the club was in serious trouble financially, so along with my Committee colleagues, we set about turning the club's fortunes around.

My first priority in that situation was to address the costs across the club as there seemed to be a lack of control in certain areas such as staff

wages. We also had deals with three different breweries so I worked out the best deal possible with a single brewery and that literally saved the club thousands of pounds.

I also looked at all the relationships with our other suppliers in order to cut outgoings as much as possible.

It took a couple of years to steer the club into a healthy financial position and I was greatly helped during that time by attending education courses run by the CIU.

What I picked up on the various day schools and weekend courses was absolutely amazing. It gave me the opportunity to mix with colleagues from all over the country, find out what they were doing at their clubs and bring back that knowledge to benefit my own club.

I ended up holding the position of Secretary for 36 years before stepping down in 2019 and handing the reins over to my successor.

How did you get involved at Branch and National level?

Having attended a number of Union courses in my early days as a Secretary, I became determined to seek a career in the CIU even though I didn't know much about how the structure functioned.

In 1998, I studied for the Club Management Diploma (CMD) and passed that with honours, gaining first place in Accountancy.

Some months later, the South Wales Branch Secretary, Colin Hughes, announced his retirement and I successfully stood in the election for the role, taking over in December 1999.

At the time, South Wales had over 200 clubs and was the second largest branch in the country so it was a challenging but rewarding position and one that I held until I retired in 2015.

Alongside my branch role, I was elected as the NEC Member for

South Wales in 2001, during which time I also served as Chairman of the Education, Leisure and Recreation Committees, before this year being co-opted to the role of Vice-President after the incumbent, Geoff Whewell, stepped down.

I have also been President of the South Wales Branch for the past two years.

It's a crucial time for clubs at the moment with most reopening in May and June. What do you think are the key issues for club in the coming months?

Communicating with your members is extremely important and I think that clubs who are not doing so already, really need to make use of social media to keep in touch with their members.

People are going to be a bit apprehensive about the safety aspects of going out and socialising so clubs need to show all the measures they're putting in to keep people safe.

It's also worth making a concerted effort to get hold of members' phone numbers or email addresses so you can communicate via text or email.

In all fairness, I can't fault the support that the UK and Welsh Governments have given to clubs during the pandemic but I would request that the support continues until our clubs re-establish themselves and doesn't just get cut off.

They can't expect clubs to reopen and suddenly return to their pre-pandemic levels of trade – it's going to take some months of continued support.

The CIU has recently taken part in CORCA meetings alongside other similar club organisations through which we've communicated to the Government that we have grave concerns about how clubs are going to be able to bounce back once they reopen, so hopefully they will take notice.



Ken spent 36 years as Secretary of Cwmaman Workmen's and Social Club and 15 years as Secretary of the South Wales Branch

What's the general feeling among the Welsh clubs at the moment?

The Welsh Government has been more cautious in many respects than the UK Government with outdoor hospitality only being introduced at the end of April.

Many clubs in Wales either don't have any outdoor facilities or very limited outside space so will not reopen until they can serve their members indoors.

The information that Welsh clubs have received so far regarding indoor opening, including what restrictions are going to be in place, has been very vague which makes it very difficult to plan ahead.

As a result, many Welsh clubs are feeling apprehensive at the moment about reopening and would like more clarity so they can look ahead with confidence.

Are you looking forward to Conference Weekend in September?

I'm greatly looking forward to getting together with colleagues from all over

the country during Conference Weekend.

The Annual Meeting is the most important event of the year for the Union – even more so after a two-year gap – and I always greatly enjoy the Beer & Trades Exhibition which takes place on the Friday afternoon.

It's going to be important to get the Award in Club Management (ACM) day sessions up and running as soon as possible

Absolutely. From my own experience, I know how useful the CIU's Education programme can be for new club secretaries and committee members.

For example, when I first became a Club Secretary I didn't have a clue about cash control but what I learned from my very first CIU course enabled me to come back to the club and set up effective control systems.

I was a member of the Working Group which designed and developed the ACM course and it has had a very positive start with excellent feedback from attendees.

I'm very optimistic that we can encourage more club men and women to take the ACM course which would be of great benefit to their clubs.

Are there any particular people within the CIU movement who have inspired you?

During my early experiences on various Union education courses, I met Kevin Smyth CMD, who was then the Union's Education Secretary and went on to become General Secretary.

I was incredibly impressed by his professionalism and organisational abilities which he also applied equally during his subsequent successful period as General Secretary and he is someone I've always admired.

Another inspiration was former Union President Derek Dormer OBE.

He was a fantastic motivational speaker, particularly at Blackpool, and along with Kevin, certainly fuelled my own ambitions within the CIU.



Garforth Working Mens Club in Leeds

Garforth Working Mens Club

Garforth Working Mens Club in Leeds has left nothing to chance when it comes to ensuring that its members can enjoy themselves to the full when it reopens later this month

Established in 1907, Garforth Working Mens Club in Leeds has been a mainstay of the local community ever since, offering superb facilities, an impressive live entertainment offering, flourishing football, darts and snooker sections and other activities for all age groups.

There's also the no small matter of a well-priced selection of drinks which includes a line-up of local cask ales.

Of course, like all clubs, Garforth WMC has spent the past 12 months in a frustrating state of limbo as the pandemic wrought havoc across the sector and led to the club closing its doors for the majority of 2020 and the first five months of this year.

But as the club prepares to throw open its doors once again, the club is keen to hit the ground running and has been planning for the safe return of its members for many months.

Joe Armstrong, who is currently combining the role of Steward and

Secretary, after the last Secretary stepped down from the role during 2020, is relishing the prospect of welcoming back the members to the club.

“We’re reopening on May 3 for outside service, which is a Bank Holiday, and everyone is really looking

forward to it.

“There was some discussion about reopening in April, but it was decided that waiting until May would make more sense given that people are going to be sitting outside until the 17th,” he says.

The club is certainly hoping for some



Garforth WMC hosts the local branch of the Leeds Rhinos Supporters Club

decent weather given the recent addition of a brand-new timber-enclosed Beer Garden at the rear of the club.

“When the Government announced that hospitality venues didn’t need planning permission to create beer gardens, we phoned up Leeds City Council to check the regulations and they told us to go ahead,” says Joe.

“I also double-checked with the Licensing Officer and was given the same answer. So, we went ahead and completed the project, building a permanent enclosure at the rear of the club taking up some space in our car park.

“A few months ago, however, we received a letter – as did several other venues in the area – telling us that the Beer Garden was only meant to be a temporary outside space.

“Luckily, because I had a record of being given permission, we have been allowed to keep it as it is.

“We’re delighted as it offers a new dimension to the club. We’ve always had outside space at the front of the club but it faces on to the main road so it’s not that big an attraction for members.

“This new space – at the back – has a small play area for kids and it’s enclosed so it’s a great addition to the club facilities.”

But it’s not only the exterior of the club which has seen investment, there have also been innovations inside, including the introduction of a new swipe-in door entry system and the installation of the anti-viral ‘Sterile Lights’ system.

Joe explains: “We were existing customers of Club Control as we’ve used their EPOS systems for a few years now and they’re a great company to work with.

“We were talking to them about adding a door entry system and they mentioned this new ‘Sterile Lights’ system which helps to sanitise the club.

“The Committee decided to go for it as it’s something which is going to contribute to the club being a safer environment and give members more confidence, something which can only benefit us when we reopen.

“We want to demonstrate that we’re going the extra mile in order to keep our members safe so we’ve created some posters to give a quick overview of the system and how it works as well

as posting about it on our Facebook page.

“The feedback from members has been really positive so that bodes well for the future.

“It was very straightforward installation-wise as we already had square fittings so it was just a case of taking them down and putting in the new fittings which were the same size.

“In total, it took two days to get the lights and door entry system both installed.

“Essentially you treat them as normal lights. You switch them on 20 minutes before your members come in and they start working immediately, killing viruses and bacteria in the air and on surfaces. It also improves the quality of the air which is a bonus.

“With the lights, smart cards and swipe entry doors, we’ve got a fully integrated system now which is brilliant as we know exactly who is through the doors.

“Members simply swipe their cards on the way in and it will be logged on our computer system.”

Such forward-thinking investment, as well as astute financial management, have long been trademarks of the club.



The club has installed the ‘Sterile Lights’ system which helps to sanitise the club

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“We’re in a decent position to move forward because successive committees have left the finances in a good state,” says Joe.

“We’re also very lucky that we have one of the best Concert Secretaries in the area in Alan Banks.

“His attention to detail is incredible to the extent that he keeps records on every single act who’s ever performed at the club, including how many tickets were sold, what the members thought of their performance, etc.

“Alan has been in the role for over 30 years and does a brilliant job with the result that the club is renowned for its live entertainment.

“People have been looking forward to getting back into the Concert Room and enjoying themselves for such a long time as that’s something which you can’t get at home.

“Alan is one of many unsung heroes at the club who really work hard behind the scenes to make it the success it is.

“The staff and Committee are not only dedicated to doing the basics – serving a great pint and giving everyone a warm welcome – but also ensuring that the club has a long-term plan for success.”

Of course, the loyalty of the membership is the main strength of any



Club members and guests are assured of a warm welcome

CIU club and here, once again, Garforth WMC comes up trumps.

“The Committee decided because we spent most of 2020 closed that we’d roll over the membership through 2021,” says Joe.

“But what happened was that a significant majority of members wanted to pay the fee regardless in order to

show their support for the club. That’s a real testament to what this club is all about and how strongly people feel about it.”

The club is a true community hub with a number of different groups and charities based there, including a line dancing club, Slimming World, Weight Watchers and the local branch of the



The enclosed Beer Garden at the rear of the building is a recent addition to the club

Leeds Rhinos Rugby League Supporters Club.

“We love having that interaction with the local community and providing space for groups to meet.

“It means we’re helping out good causes but also bringing new people into the club who usually like what they see and want to become members,” says Joe.

“In 2019, we hosted a series of Britain’s Got Talent-style events for a local Down’s Syndrome group and that went really well with around 120 people attending some of the events. We’re hoping that they’ll be returning for some more events when things get back to normal.

“And before the pandemic hit, we put on a Wednesday Afternoon Tea for a group of seniors, with a three-course lunch and a bingo session.

“As soon as we get up and running again, we can’t wait to get that going because it’s so important to provide that sort of fellowship and social contact for older people in normal times, let alone following a year when many older people have not been able to socialise because of Coronavirus.

“That’s one of the chief reasons why we’ve invested in the ‘Sterile lights’ system as we want the older people to know that they can come in and enjoy themselves in a safe environment.”

He continues: “For us, community is everything and we want to be there for all age groups.

“It’s great to see so many generations of the same family coming in and using the club and enjoying the facilities, activities and events that we put on throughout the week.

“I worked in the pub sector for many years before coming here and pubs just don’t have the same connection with their customers. In a club you know your members on a personal basis and that’s something which is really special.

“Pre-pandemic, our Concert Room was hired out for private functions every Saturday night and that’s something that we’re hoping will pick up again when the restrictions end.

“In the meantime, we’ll be putting on live entertainment on Saturday nights to boost trade in the short term.

“Then, of course, members are looking forward to getting back to normal club activities like playing

snooker and darts or watching the live football or Super League matches here.

“We have our own football team which competes in the local league so you’d normally get the team and their supporters coming into the club after their own matches at the weekend to have a couple of drinks and watch the Premier League action on our screens.

“All in all, it has been really hard work behind the scenes over the past year for myself, the staff and the Committee – and no doubt there’s going to be plenty of hard work ahead as we move into the post-pandemic environment – but it will all be worth it when our members are back in the club alongside their friends, having a great time!”

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Garforth Working Men's Club FC (in yellow strip) compete in the local league

The future is bright as clubs prepare for indoor opening

As clubs prepare for indoor opening later this month, we talk to two CIU clubs – Elton Fold Workmens Club in Bury and Barrow Labour Club in Cumbria – to get a measure of the huge optimism in clubland ahead of the summer



Members of Elton Fold Workmens Club in Bury enjoy a drink and a game of dominoes in the club's Beer Garden

Those clubs fortunate to have a reasonably sized outside space have had the option of opening for outdoor service only since April 12.

However, many CIU venues will be looking at May 17 – when members will be able to sit inside, albeit with several restrictions in place – as the earliest point to reopen their doors.

Due to financial viability, other clubs will prefer to wait until June 21 to reopen, when the Government is expected to remove all trading restrictions.

According to the Survey we conducted in *Club Journal* in March, over 94 per cent of respondents said they did not expect their club to open until May (43.6 per cent) or June (51.3 per cent).

The Survey also demonstrated that clubs are not expecting trade to immediately jump to pre-pandemic

levels as soon as they open their doors, with only 7.5 per cent of respondents expecting trade levels to return to normal within three months, although 50 per cent of respondents do expect to return to normal trading revenues within 12 months.

It's clear then, that the question of when to reopen is a finely balanced one with a number of factors facing the committees making the decisions in the best financial interest of their own clubs.

Elton Fold Workmens Club in Bury marked Monday, April 12 by opening for outside service from 5pm to 10pm before putting in place limited opening hours for outside service on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

And, says Club President John Rogerson, the reopening has gone

down a storm with the members.

"We're lucky enough to have a bit of outside space which was underused previously," he says.

"We've recently invested in our Beer Garden, putting in new furniture and a children's play area, so it has made sense to reopen.

"There was big debate amongst the Committee about whether we were going to open or not during this outside service only period but we're big believers in the philosophy that the club is here to serve our members, so after reopening for the night on Monday, April 12, we've continued to open at weekends.

"That first Monday was a great night with lots of members coming along.

"And then the first weekend was extremely successful. In fact, during the Friday, Saturday and Sunday we

took more money than we would have during one of the best nights of the year pre-COVID.

“Everyone has been very well-behaved in terms of sticking to the restrictions and we had a really positive response with members really appreciating all the hard work done by the Committee and staff to get the club open again.

“The staff have been brought back from furlough and they’re getting back into the swing of things with the weekend opening, so the club is going to be in a great position when inside service is reintroduced from May 17 onwards.

“During the shutdown, the club has been redecorated throughout and we’ve also had an air-conditioning system installed so everything is in place for the members going forward.

“We’re now looking further ahead to June onwards when we can relaunch the club’s live entertainment, booking various artistes for certain nights and we’re also doing some planning around the Euros which get underway in June.

“We have a covered area with a large screen in the garden so members will be able to enjoy all the Euro games both inside and outside the club.”

Barrow Labour Club in Cumbria is reopening its doors on May 17, having been shut since the second lockdown was imposed by the Government towards the end of 2020.

“Our members are really looking forward to the club reopening,” says Stewardess Kay Bower.

“This club is a home from home for many members and where they feel safe so I can’t wait to welcome them all back in.

“We don’t have any outside space so opening before May 17 is not an option for us but we’ve been working hard on redecorating the inside of the club, particularly our Lounge, so it will be fantastic when we do open our doors.

“I put up a video on Facebook showing the new-look Lounge and loads of members have commented about how great it looks.



Regulars at Barrow Labour Club in Cumbria can't wait for the club to reopen on May 17

“We’ve also had to replace our existing roof while we’ve been closed as we had some leaks but the work is now all completed.”

Some weeks ahead of reopening, Kay is already fielding calls from members eager to book a table for the club’s planned live entertainment nights.

“We already have singers booked for several Friday and Saturday nights after May 17 and people don’t want to miss out given that during those first five weeks we’re open, we’re still going to have restrictions in place, including social distancing.

“No doubt it’s going to be hard work at first, but it will be worth it to see all our regulars back in here again. Many of our older members have endured a really tough time over the past year and found themselves isolated because the majority of their social contact takes place in our club.

“They’ve missed out on that while we’ve been shut but can now look forward to coming and meeting up with friends again, particularly as everyone in the vulnerable categories has now had their vaccinations and will feel less nervous about going out and socialising.”

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News in brief

Contracts and Handbook available from Branch Offices

The CIU Contracts and Handbook have been updated and reprinted and are available to buy from your local Branch.

The documents available are:

- Club Staff Handbook
- Club Steward Contract
- Bar Manager Contract
- Bar/Cleaning Staff Contract
- Bar/Cleaning Staff Terms and Conditions of Employment
- Bar/Cleaning Temporary Staff Terms and Conditions of Employment
- Club Staff Accommodation Contract

The club documents are priced as follows: £5 for each Handbook; £2.50 for each Contract (except the Club Staff Accommodation Contract which is priced at £1.30 as a special limited edition) and £1.50 for each Terms and Conditions document.

To buy any of these documents please contact your local Branch Office.

National Executive Committee dates for 2021

The dates for the 2021 meetings of the NEC are as follows:

May - 5; June - 2; July - 7; August - 4; September - 9; October - 6; November - 3; December - 1.

Annual Meeting 2021 dates

Thursday, September 9 – NEC Meeting/Executive Dinner (The Grand Hotel, Blackpool)

Friday, September 10 – Beer & Trades Show (Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool)

Saturday, September 11 – AGM (The Grand Hotel, Blackpool)

Women's safety is in the spotlight

The recent murder of Sarah Everard as she walked home from a night out in London has once again put women's safety in the spotlight, leading to many clubs to ask themselves how they can help to tackle this issue.

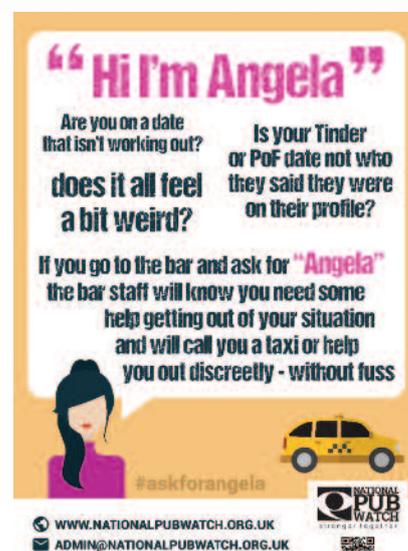
The 'Ask for Angela' scheme has been run in clubs and other hospitality venues since 2016 and is approved by the National Pubwatch organisation.

It works by licensed premises displaying an 'Ask for Angel' poster or window sticker which signals that the club, pub, restaurant or bar is signed up to the scheme.

In those premises, staff know to take action if someone approaches staff and asks if they can speak with 'Angela'.

The staff will know that the person concerned needs some help getting out of their situation and will call a taxi or help them out discreetly without too much fuss.

The scheme was trialled in Lincoln,



The 'Ask for Angela' scheme has rolled out across the UK

rolled out across London and is now nationwide.

For more information on the scheme, contact your local licensing officer.

Arts grant for Walthamstow Trades Hall

The Walthamstow Trades Hall in East London has been awarded £80,000 by Arts Council England.

The club was one of the recipients to benefit from the £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund.

Abby-Lee Widger, Club Secretary, said: "During the pandemic we have had some major works completed on the building, which if we had been trading as normal last year we would

have been able to afford. This new grant means the club has a base from which to relaunch all the music and performance events we run for our members and the wider public.

"We have been at the heart of the community for 101 years and this is outstanding recognition of the work we do."

We will be running a profile on the club in the June issue.

Alarm bells ring over Government alcohol labelling plans

The news that the Government is set to launch a consultation on mandatory calorie labelling on alcoholic drinks in the On-Trade has led to a wave of opposition from the sector, including drinks watchdog, the Portman Group

Recent reports that the Government wants to introduce calorie labels on beer, wine and spirits in licensed premises have caused alarm across the hospitality industry.

The Government confirmed that as part of the Department for Health and Social Care’s Obesity Strategy, it will be launching a consultation on mandatory calorie labelling on alcohol in the UK.

If proposals outlined by health department chiefs do go ahead, certain businesses would have to disclose the number of calories in every beer, wine and spirit serving ordered.

Although the current proposals would only affect businesses with 250 or more employees, there are fears that, once introduced, the measures would inevitably be introduced throughout the On-Trade.

Matt Lambert, CEO of the Portman Group, the alcohol industry trade body, said: “The alcohol industry is committed to giving consumers detailed information to help them make well-informed decisions about drinking. We welcome this consultation and its aims.

“However, we are very concerned about plans for a new set of mandatory regulations. The industry, particularly small businesses, has been hit very hard by COVID-19. It



can ill afford the further financial burden of costly mandatory labelling changes.

“We are committed to working in partnership with the Government. Over the past two decades there has been a significant decline in binge-drinking, alcohol-related violence, drink-driving and underage drinking.

“We have shown time and time again that the voluntary approach works. It will deliver the result we all want to see, faster, more effectively and without extra costs to a sector that is already struggling.”

Heineken UK provides social media tips to help clubs reopen successfully

Heineken UK has produced an online resource to help licensed premises reopen safely and efficiently following the latest shutdown.

Included on the website are tips for communicating more effectively with your members via social media such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Social media tips ahead of reopening

- **Countdown**

Post a countdown each day until your club reopens

- **Showcase**

Let your members know what drinks you will have on offer, using photos of the back bar and fridges or images of beautiful cold pints on the bar

- **Safety**

Build excitement for the reopening whilst showing all the measures you are taking to ensure your members will be safe when they come down to the club

- **Opening Hours**

Provide updates on opening hours and any Government guideline



changes which members will be expected to follow whenever they are in the club.

For more information and more reopening tips, visit the website: www.thepubcollective.co.uk

Planning for CIU Beer & Trades Show gathers pace

The 29th Beer & Trades Exhibition is being staged on the afternoon of Friday, September 10 in the Norcalympia at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool with a number of key suppliers attending



The 2021 CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place on Friday, September 10

The Union's 29th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place on Friday, September 10 as part of the rescheduled Conference Weekend for 2021.

With the Government recently setting out its roadmap to lift COVID-19 restrictions by June 21, the stage is set for delegates to attend Conference Weekend during the late summer.

The event is the UK's biggest trade show for members' social clubs with an array of products and services on display which are all targeted at helping clubs to boost trade, save money and bounce back from the various lockdowns which have been imposed over the past year, while taking part in some fun activities along the way.

Already several key club suppliers have confirmed their presence at the 2021 show – so make sure to put the event in your diary now.



The Norcalympia at the Norbreck Castle Hotel is the venue for the CIU Trade Show

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The Union's Annual Meeting – Saturday, September 11

CIU club delegates from across England and Wales will be assembling at the Union's 2021 Annual Meeting in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel in Blackpool on Saturday, September 11

The Union's 2021 Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 11 in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel in Blackpool.

The venue, situated on Blackpool's North Promenade, is very close to the town centre and has a tram stop opposite its main entrance.

This year's Annual Meeting will be the first chance for delegates to debate and vote on the CIU constitution since April 2019 with the 2020 Conference having been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



The 2021 Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 11 at Blackpool's Grand Hotel



Union President George Smith will chair the 2021 Annual Meeting



The Royal Suite at the Grand Hotel in Blackpool will be the venue for the 2021 Annual Meeting



Union Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM will deliver his address at the 2021 AGM



Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM on the podium at the 2019 Annual Meeting



NEC Member Jack Haughey CMD ACM at the last AGM

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The CIU – 159 years of helping clubs to prosper

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Advice and Help for Clubs

Affiliated clubs can take advantage of the resources of the CIU through their local Branch Secretary and from Head Office with assistance offered in legal proceedings where matters of club principles are involved. The Union produces a series of contracts and handbooks which take in the current legislative requirements, including the Club Secretary Handbook which is regularly updated to include the most recent changes to employment law. The Union also runs an Arbitration Training programme.

Education

The Award in Club Management (ACM) is a qualification which comprises three self-contained units each taking one day of classroom-based study to complete. Unit 1 covers Law & Regulation, Licensing, Unit 2 covers Other Law and Regulations and Unit 3 covers Management, Finance and Administration. The course is open to all CIU members but is specifically aimed at people who are going to be sitting on club committees and occupying positions of authority within clubs for the first time.

Club Journal

Club Journal is the Union's official monthly magazine and is a must-read for CIU members. Each month the magazine features news from around the branches, club profiles, opinion columns from leading Union figures, business-building advice from the experts, sporting news and results, plus details of the CIU Racing Club discounts available to members. Each affiliated club receives one free copy of the monthly magazine while an annual subscription of 12 issues costs £7.50.

Charity

CIU clubs are at the forefront of raising funds for an array of national and local charities with members getting involved in a range of activities – from charity darts marathons and sponsored bike rides to special fundraising concerts and entertainment nights. As well as countless local charities, many national charities benefit from CIU events that are held throughout the year at our clubs, including the Alzheimers Society, the British Heart Foundation and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Lobbying on Behalf of Clubs

Union officials have been at the forefront of helping shape legislation across a number of areas of crucial importance to clubs through the CIU's involvement with the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Private Members' Clubs. This group, which meets regularly at Westminster, gives the Union direct access to both Members of Parliament and Peers from across the political spectrum. The CIU also plays a leading role in the Committee of Registered Clubs' Association (CORCA).

Rules

The CIU Rules Department deal with all matters relating to rules on behalf of clubs, the Union and the Branches. The preparation of all rule changes for the approval of the club members, the registration with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the printing through the Union's printer, are all dealt with at Head Office. Head Office also deals with clubs' affiliation to the Union. The Union has produced a Generic Rules Book especially to help clubs which are currently unaffiliated to the CIU.





Events - CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition

Normally staged during Conference Weekend, the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition provides a great opportunity for club delegates to attend a free trade show which is specifically targeted at the needs of CIU clubs. The show provides a great day out for club men and women, as the many exhibitors – including several of the CIU’s Preferred Suppliers such as Dransfields, Heineken UK, Higos and Matthew Clark – show attendees how they can help increase profits and save money on running costs at their clubs.

The CIU Racing Club

In normal times, the CIU Racing Club enables clubs to take advantage of special discounted tickets for club outings to a variety of racecourses across the country. When spectators are allowed back into racecourses, *Club Journal* will publish a list of fixtures for race meetings throughout the year for which CIU members can obtain their discounted tickets, as well as giving details of exciting ‘one-off’ offers and packages, including racedays at some of the country’s top racing venues, including Chepstow and Haydock Park.

Sport & Games

The Union is one of the biggest organisers of sporting competitions in the country with trophies being competed for at both a National and Branch level. The following Indoor Championships are held annually within the CIU: Team Darts, Team Pool, Team Snooker, Individual Snooker, Individual Darts, Individual Pool, Dominoes 5s and 3s, Dominoes Straights and Cribbage Pairs. Many nationally ranked snooker and darts players first honed their skills at their local CIU club.

CIU Official Website

The CIU’s official website (www.wmciu.org.uk) provides a wealth of information regarding the activities going on throughout the Union, as well as contact details for Head Office and Branch personnel. It also has a ‘Breaking News’ section which will keep you abreast of the latest Government information on financial support for clubs during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as links to the Union’s Preferred Suppliers. It also has a database of all the clubs affiliated to the CIU.

Events - CIU National Charity Raceday

Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday is an annual event, held at Wetherby Racecourse in November. This is one of the highlights of the CIU calendar and the 2019 event saw 1,000 Union members enjoying a fantastic day out as they raised over £1,700 for the CIU’s Education Programme. The CIU marquee is situated next to the Winners Enclosure, with discounted beer and hearty food on offer. The CIU also runs an annual Greyhound Racing night each September in Sheffield.

PRS Tariff

The CIU has negotiated a special discount for its clubs with the Performing Right Society (PRS) which collects and distributes licence fees for the use of music on behalf of songwriters, composers and performers. The PRS licence covers music played through radios, CDs, streaming on the internet, music on TVs and also live music performances. The tariff for Members’ Clubs is printed annually and placed in *Club Journal*. It can also be downloaded from the CIU website: www.wmciu.org.uk



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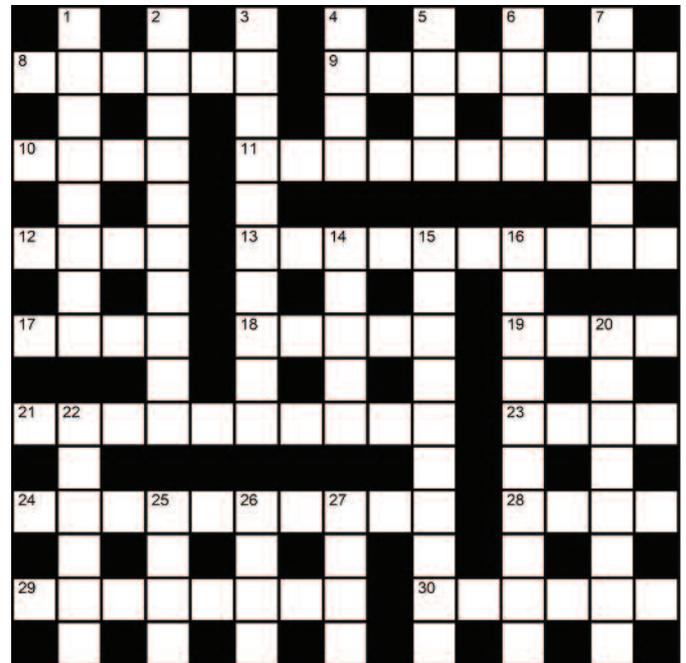
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- 18 Vainly, a lost attempt at a record (5)
- 19 Come across a meerkat exiting the ark (4)
- 21 Bitter sort of rat nesting inside (10)
- 23 Jealousy? That sounds like a new vice, initially (4)

- 24 Unexpected bin arrives in water collection area (5,5)
- 28 Stupidly, and a bit lazily (4)
- 29 Game for a crazy report of pitch offence (8)
- 30 Soldiers to riot, or stop (6)

- 7 The ripest kind of fairy? (6)
- 14 Talk of a wait could make some flounce off (5)
- 15 Palate ain't what it could be in old German territory (10)
- 16 Contender who's come just to trip over? (10)
- 20 Completely cover the letter holder (8)
- 22 The intended meaning of strong drink? (6)
- 25 Edward being currently cut down to size? (4)
- 26 Increasing prosperity? What a loud noise! (4)
- 27 Truffles are back at last for one's ego (4)

DOWN

- 1 Imaginative way to carve out a tie (8)
- 2 Riveter, now employed to go through the cold season (10)
- 3 Like a lattice, it's a win obtained over the net (10)
- 4 A reminder of extreme moments (4)
- 5 Parker has nosegay that's ageless (4)
- 6 Covert re-examination of Holly, say (4)



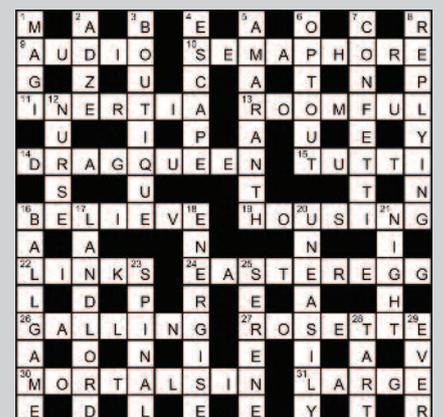
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- Toni Harvey of Coombe Social WMC
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- Debbie Riddiford of Yardley Ex-Servicemen's Club
- Patrick McGuirk of Kirkby Stephen Social Club
- Patrick O'Neill of Progressive Club





Saturday, May 15, 5.30pm – BBC/BT Sport

FA Cup: The Final - Chelsea v Leicester City

This knockout competition has certainly lost none of its magic with plenty of dramatic twists and turns taking place along the way to this annual showpiece event at Wembley Stadium. The 2020 Final was an all-London affair with Arsenal beating Chelsea 2-1 but which team will write their name into the history books this time around?



Friday, May 28, 7pm – Sky Sports

Premier League Darts

This season's Premier League Darts competition reaches its climax as the remaining competitors fight it out for the title. The format changes which were introduced to ensure COVID safety have, if anything, made this competition even more intense for the players and the winner will certainly have earned his crown by the end of the contest.



Saturday, May 29, 8pm – BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: Final

The most prestigious club match in the world, the Champions League Final is always a showcase for many of the world's best players. In 2020, Bayern Munich won the final 1-0 thanks to a 59th-minute goal scored by former Paris Saint-Germain player Kingsley Coman but found themselves knocked out by the same opponents in the quarter-finals.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

May sees some major showpiece events taking place, including the FA Cup Final, UEFA Champions League and Europa League Finals, plus some choice ties in the Super League and, in golf, the PGA Championship

Saturday, May 8, 5.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Manchester City v Chelsea

Saturday, May 8, 8.15pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Liverpool v Southampton

Sunday, May 9, 12 noon

Sky Sports Action

World Cup of Pool

Sunday, May 9, 2pm

Sky Sports F1

Spanish Grand Prix

Sunday, May 9, 2.05pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Aston Villa v Manchester United

Monday, May 10, 12 noon

Sky Sports Action

World Cup of Pool

Tuesday, May 11, 12 noon

Sky Sports Action

World Cup of Pool

Wednesday, May 12, 11am

Sky Sports Golf

Golf: British Masters – Day 1

Wednesday, May 11, 8pm

TBC

Premier League: Manchester United v Leicester City

Thursday, May 12, 7.45pm

TBC

Premier League: Newcastle United v Manchester City

Thursday, May 13, 11am

Sky Sports Golf

Golf: British Masters – Day 2

Friday, May 14, 11am

Sky Sports Golf

Golf: British Masters – Day 3

Friday, May 14, 7.45pm

Sky Sports Arena

Super League: Leeds Rhinos v Wakefield Trinity

Saturday, May 15, 12.30pm

ITV

Horse Racing: Newbury & Newmarket

Saturday, May 15, 12.30pm

BT Sport

Premier League: Everton v Wolves

Saturday, May 15, 4pm

BBC/BT Sport

FA Cup: Final – Chelsea v Leicester City

Sunday, May 16, 1.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Burnley v Liverpool

Sunday, May 16, 4.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League:

Monday, May 17, 6pm

Sky Sports Football

Football: Championship Play-Off Semi-Final, 1st Leg

Monday, May 17, 8.15pm

Sky Sports Football

Football: Championship Play-Off Semi-Final, 1st Leg

Tuesday, May 18, 6pm

Sky Sports Football

Football: League One Play-Off Semi-Final, 1st Leg

Super League: Salford Red Devils v
Warrington Wolves, Thursday, May 27,
7pm, Sky Sports



Wednesday, May 19, 6pm

Sky Sports Football

**Football: League One Play-Off
Semi-Final, 1st Leg**

Thursday, May 20, 10pm

Sky Sports Golf

Golf: The PGA Championship

Friday, May 21, 7.45pm

Sky Sports Football

**Football: League One Play-Off
Semi-Final, 2nd Leg**

Friday, May 21, 10pm

Sky Sports Golf

Golf: The PGA Championship

Saturday, May 22, 12 noon

Sky Sports Arena

World Pool Masters

Saturday, May 22, 12.30pm

ITV

Horse Racing: Haydock Park

Saturday, May 22, 12.30pm

Sky Sports Football

**Football: Championship Play-Off
Semi-Final, 2nd Leg**

Saturday, May 22, 3pm

BBC

Scottish FA Cup: Final

Saturday, May 22, 3pm

Sky Sports Football

**Football: League One Play-Off
Semi-Final, 2nd Leg**

Saturday, May 22, 5.30pm

Sky Sports Football

**Football: Championship Play-Off
Semi-Final, 2nd Leg**

Sunday, May 23, 12 noon

Sky Sports Arena

World Pool Masters

Sunday, May 23, 2pm

Sky Sports F1

F1: Monaco Grand Prix

Sunday, May 23, 4pm

Sky Sports

Premier League: Final Day

Sunday, May 23, 10pm

Sky Sports Golf

Golf: The PGA Championship

Wednesday, May 26, 7pm

Sky Sports

Darts: Premier League

Wednesday, May 26, 8pm

BT Sport

UEFA Europa League: Final

Thursday, May 27, 7pm

Sky Sports

**Super League: Salford Red
Devils v Warrington Wolves**

Friday, May 28, 7pm

Sky Sports

Premier League Darts

Saturday, May 29, 5pm

Sky Sports Arena

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

Saturday, May 29, 3pm

Sky Sports Football

**Football: Championship Play-
Off Final**

Saturday, May 29, 8pm

BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: Final



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