

## 'Everyone in this Union has a part to play'

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"The Union is and always will be a partnership," he said during his address to delegates.

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National Draw.

"You can get your committees to support the Union's preferred suppliers and, of course, you can encourage your members to support the Union by buying the CIU Pass Card.

"Now let's crack on and help this great Union to be here for another 160 years."

During the meeting a Motion was passed to increase the annual fee paid by clubs per member from 50p to £1, the first increase in the annual fee since 2011.

During his address, Kenneth D Green CMD ACM, General Secretary, said: "Much has been said about club subscriptions and Union fees today.

"The Union's fees have always been

levied in a fair manner that is per member and naturally the club with more members pay more.

"Please do not think this is unfair to larger clubs because we strive to give an equal service to large or small clubs as we have always done so in the past."

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Welcome to the May edition of *Club Journal* as we focus on last month's Conference Weekend in Blackpool.

It was as busy as ever for attendees, starting with the Beer & Trades Exhibition on Friday, April 19 at the Norbreck Castle Hotel. As always, there was a wide selection of suppliers at the event to dispense plenty of expert advice on running clubs including Preferred Suppliers BOC, Card Industry Professionals, Dransfields, Greene King and Pure Purchasing.

There was plenty of activity on the CIU stand as the Head Office team were on hand to chat to clubs about all the services and products offered by the Union, including the revamped website ([www.ciu.org.uk](http://www.ciu.org.uk)) which was launched officially at the trade show.

We also gave out details of the ACM educational courses running in the South East Midlands during the summer (see page 26 for further details). The event also gave delegates an opportunity to network with clubs from all over the UK over a few drinks.

The Friday evening saw the CIU Blackpool Showcase event at the Viva venue with another fantastic roster of acts demonstrating their talents on stage in a packed bill. Many of those same acts have already been booked to appear at

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# Welcome

CIU clubs in the near future.

The centrepiece of the weekend was, of course, the 160th Annual Meeting which took place at the Grand Hotel on Saturday, April 20. There was an extremely busy agenda with numerous speakers, including our esteemed guests the Worshipful the Deputy Mayor of Blackpool, Councillor Adrian Hoyle, Ian Adderley of the Financial Conduct Authority and David King, Managing Director of Preferred Supplier Pure Purchasing.

The Annual Meeting also provided some very stimulating debate which resulted in delegates voting for the annual fee to be increased from 50p to £1, the first increase in the annual fee since 2011.

You can read the Official Minutes of the Annual Meeting on pages 8-15 or, if you'd rather listen to a recording of the event, you can download an audio file from the Union's website. There is also a picture gallery containing all the images taken across the weekend by our official photographer, all of which are available to download.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

**Stephen Goulding**

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# Presentation night held at Turnbridge WMC



Turnbridge Working Men’s Club in Huddersfield is celebrating its centenary this year and received a certificate from the CIU. At the same ceremony, several Committee Members received service awards. Pictured, left to right: Jack Smith (with 100-Year Certificate), Roy Lay (recipient of 25-Year Long Service Award), Maggie Drake (recipient of 25-Year Long Service Award), Brian Mansfield (recipient of 10-Year Certificate of Merit) and David Storm (recipient of 25-Year Long Service Award)

# New Mill WMC celebrates centenary and service



New Mill Working Mens Club in Huddersfield recently held a ceremony to celebrate 100 years in the Union as well as to mark service milestones by several loyal committee members. Pictured, left to right: Steven Barrow (Recipient of Long Service Award for 50 years), Peter Burgess (Recipient of Long Service Award for 50 years), Sean Moore (Recipient of Certificate of Merit) Graham Bray (Recipient of Certificate of Merit), James Ellis (Recipient of Certificate of Merit) and Edward Burkhill (Recipient of Certificate of Merit)

# News in brief



## Stuart Bingham to host snooker exhibition and presentation at the Chelmarsh SSC

Chelmarsh Sports and Social Club will be welcoming former World Snooker Champion Stuart Bingham on July 6 when it hosts the Bridgnorth Snooker League Presentation and Exhibition.

At the age of 38, Bingham won the 2015 World Championship, defeating Shaun Murphy 18–15 in the final.

The oldest first-time world champion in snooker history, he was the second player, after Ken Doherty, to have won world titles at both amateur and professional levels.

Tickets to the event cost £25 and include a buffet. For more information, phone the club direct on 01746 861 463.

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## Consett Station Club Open Darts Tournament to take place on Saturday, June 1

The Consett Station Club in County Durham will be hosting an Open Darts Tournament on Saturday, June 1.

Entry is £6 and the tournament will be a Singles 501 Straight Knockout with the number of players capped at 64.

Play gets underway at 1pm and selected games will be streamed live on YouTube.

To register, visit: [www.dartsatlas.com/tournaments/](http://www.dartsatlas.com/tournaments/)

## News in brief



**Tickets available for Peter Kay tribute at Markham Main Officials Club on June 1**  
 On Saturday, June 1 Markham Main Officials Club in Armthorpe, Doncaster will be staging a Peter Kay tribute show.

Tickets are £15 and include the show, an after show disco and a pie-and-pea supper.

The show stars Lee Lard as Peter Kay and his loving tribute to the Bolton comedian has been enjoyed by thousands of fans throughout the UK and abroad.

Indeed, he now has more than 3,500 performances as Peter Kay under his belt, having started the tribute show 18 years ago.

Expect some of the classic Kay routines about his childhood growing up in Bolton.

Tickets can be obtained by contacting the club direct on 01302 831609 or the Secretary on 07762507227.

## CLUB NOTICES

### Club fast track re-affiliation

Hammersmith Club Society Ltd  
 (North West Metropolitan Branch)

### Clubs closed

Gorseinon Working Men's Club\  
 (South Wales Branch)  
 Alexandra Working Men's Club Ltd  
 (South Yorkshire Branch)

## Stalwarts honoured at Coxlodge Social Club



A ceremony was held at Coxlodge and Gosforth Social Club on February 29 to present four officials with service awards. Pictured, left to right: Dave Clough (Northumberland Branch Secretary), John Richardson (Recipient of Certificate of Merit), Hodge Richardson (Recipient of Certificate of Merit), Bob Bainbridge (Recipient of Long Service Award), Bill Stewart (Recipient of Certificate of Merit) and Paul Yellop (Northumberland Branch President)

## Awards presented at SE Midlands Branch AGM



A number of presentations were made at the South East Midlands Branch AGM which was held at Moulton WMC on March 16

The South East Midlands (SEM) Branch AGM was held at Moulton WMC on March 16, 2024. Pictured, above, left to right, front row: David Birch (Recipient of the Haddon Memorial Bowl, Geoffrey Fisher (NEC Member), Ken Tidbury (Recipient of Award for 41 years service on the Branch Executive Committee), Angela Hudson (SEM Branch Secretary), Peter Kirby (Recipient of the MJB Shield for his services to CIU Games). Back Row: Stuart McHarg (Branch Executive Committee), John Hudson (Branch President), Steve McGrane (Branch Executive Committee) and Barry Ingram (Branch Executive Committee).

## Sir Tom Jones pays a visit to the Mildmay Club



Legendary Welsh singer Sir Tom Jones, who began his career performing in social clubs, was a recent visitor to the Mildmay Club in North London to film a TV programme for the Sky Arts channel

The Mildmay Club in Stoke Newington, North London was graced last year by the presence of none other than three entertainment legends – Sir Tom Jones, Mark Knopfler of Dire Straits and Brian Johnson of AC/DC – but members and officials had to keep their visit secret until the TV programme that was being filmed was broadcast earlier this year.

The Welsh singer was interviewed in the club's Hall for *Johnson & Knopfler's Music Legends* which aired on the Sky Arts channel on April 25, recounting significant moments in his career and the many influences which helped shape his music.

## Clubs urged to support National Cancer Survivors Day

Clubs are being urged to mark National Cancer Survivors Day on June 2.

Macmillan Cancer Support is behind this awareness day which aims to celebrate life and raise awareness and support for people living after cancer.

As part of its wide-ranging work, Macmillan has information to help with the physical and emotional after-effects of treatment.

For ideas and support on staging fundraisers to coincide with National Cancer Survivors Day, visit the charity's website: [www.macmillan.org.uk/fundraise](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/fundraise)



## News in brief



### Bardswell Social Club launches search for local stars with 'Brentwood's Got Talent'

Bardswell Social Club in Brentwood, Essex is casting its net for local entertainment stars with the launch of its 'Brentwood's Got Talent' event.

Comedians, magicians, musicians, singers, poets, gymnasts, dancers and any other talented individuals, troupes or groups are invited to join in the fun.

Acts will audition for the Judging Panel on June 8 with the semi-final night taking place on June 29 and the final on July 13.

For more information, visit: [www.brentwoodsgottalent.co.uk](http://www.brentwoodsgottalent.co.uk)



### Huge local support as Ovington Social Club staged its third annual Beer Festival in April

The third Ovington Beer Festival was held at Ovington Social Club in Northumberland on April 19/20.

The theme of this year's event – which was put on with the help of the Tyneside & Northumberland branch of the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) – was 'Beers of the Tyne Valley' with a variety of top brewers from across the North East bringing their beers and ciders to the club.

There was also live music on both days for festival-goers to enjoy plus a special quiz to raise funds for the charity Tyne Rivers Trust.



# FOR SERVICE

## **Distinguished Service Award**

**Northumberland**

**Frank Robertson – Wallsend Labour Club**

## **Long Service Award**

**Northumberland**

**Eric Dembry – Wallsend Labour Club**

**Paul Bolam – Westerhope Excelsior Social Club**

**West Midlands**

**Jack Swinney – Silverdale & District WMC**

**Melvin Huxley – Silverdale & District WMC**

**Wakefield**

**Alan Elkin – Upton United Services Club**

## **Certificate of Merit**

**Northumberland**

**David Percival – Westerhope Excelsior Social Club**

**Chris Sillence – Westerhope Excelsior Social Club**

**John Wheeler – Westerhope Excelsior Social Club**

**John Down – Westerhope Excelsior Social Club**

**Philip Bolam – Westerhope Excelsior Social Club**

## **Branch Executive Award – 21 Years**

**David Woodburn CMD – Manchester Branch**

## **Club Centenary Award**

**Langham Club (North East Metropolitan Branch)**



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# Blackpool 2024: The 160th Annual Meeting

Club Journal presents the Official Minutes of the 160th Annual Meeting of the CIU, chaired by Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM, which took place in Blackpool on Saturday, April 20



The 160th Annual Meeting took place on Saturday, April 20 at Blackpool's Grand Hotel with 188 delegates in attendance

## **THE UNION VICE-PRESIDENT KEN ROBERTS CMD ACM**

opened the 160th Annual Meeting of the Union, held at the Grand Hotel in Blackpool on Saturday, April 20, and explained that he would be deputising as Chair in the absence of **UNION PRESIDENT GEORGE SMITH** who was unable to travel to Blackpool due to illness.

**THE VICE-PRESIDENT** asked delegates to agree the official minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, as per the May 2023 edition of *Club Journal*.

The minutes were formally accepted by delegates on a show of hands.

**THE WORSHIPFUL THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF BLACKPOOL, COUNCILLOR ADRIAN HOYLE** then issued a Civic Welcome to delegates.

**BOB RUSSELL CMD, THE NEC MEMBER FOR THE WESSEX**

**AND WESTERN COUNTIES BRANCHES AND CHAIR OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE**, introduced the other members of the Committee and explained the function of said Committee.

**THE VICE-PRESIDENT** then asked the assembled delegates to observe a period of silence in remembrance of those club members who have sadly passed away since the last AGM and to give thoughts to the people of Ukraine and to other people caught up in conflicts around the world.

## **THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:**

"Ladies and gentlemen, fellow club members, I welcome you all today to what is the 160th Annual General Meeting of this great organisation, the Club and Institute Union.

"Can I say what a great honour it is for me to be stood here addressing you today for the very first time in the Chair where many great club men have presided in Union conferences since it was founded in 1862.

"I say club men because to date we've not had a lady presiding over Conference.

"I recall, and read again with interest recently, an address by one of our great Presidents, Mr Derek Dormer OBE. It was in 1997.

"He was replying to a question that had been asked by a delegate at the previous year's conference. It was during a debate about finance.

"Mr Dormer opened by saying a delegate had the temerity to stand in this hall and demand to know what the Union was doing for its clubs.

"He said this rhetorical question was asked by a delegate in the fervour of a debate about money. And he explained

that he was now going to give a restricted answer by referring only to some of the things the Union had achieved for its clubs in the previous 10 years.

“And he went on – in that period the CIU took the initiative to persuade MPs to set up a group in Westminster, which led to the formation of CORCA (the Committee of Registered Clubs Associations).

“The CIU’s achievements in working with CORCA include establishing all-day licensing after it had been granted to pubs only and, with the help of MPs, preventing the police from having the right of entry in our clubs.

“After long arguments with Customs and Excise, we achieved the abolition of bingo duty and brought about legislation to widen the sales of tickets in private lotteries in our clubs.

“Again, after a long fight, we gained the right to have a third gaming machine in our clubs.

“The Union arranges many arbitrations every year preventing the need of costly court hearings. The Union provides convalescence and rest homes for its members.

“In addition, he stated, we have the provision of education courses, recreation programmes and advice for club committees up and down the country.

“Mr. Dormer concluded: ‘This list is not exhaustive and these achievements provided huge savings to our clubs’.

“He said that resources are required in order to meet the cost of these services. There is nothing for nothing.

“Today we are still asked the very same question: ‘What does the Union do for us?’

“Of course, what we’ve just gleaned was from a generation ago, but our clubs still benefit from those achievements today.

“You can now add in the new updated education programme and the impending new edition of the *500 Points in Club Law*, the success of the Linneweber cases in respect to VAT refunds for many clubs, and the tremendous work being undertaken by our in-house solicitor, Allyn Walton, who you will hear from later, which saves clubs a great deal of money.



Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM chaired the 160th Annual Meeting

“Our in-house free rules registration service guides clubs through what can be a daunting task, which starts from meetings in your clubs right up to the time where we have to register these rules. And this eliminates the costs of High Street solicitors.

“We must also not forget the sterling work our branches do up and down the country together with these gentlemen on the stage.

“They are there to offer instant advice based on many years of knowledge and experience in Clubland.

“So it is clear that there is still much to be gained from CIU membership.

“I will now turn to a meeting we held early in the year which the NEC decided to hold following the receipt of the Union’s financial statements.

“The NEC held a consultation between the NEC and Union member clubs to discuss the financial viability and future of our Union.

“The gathering was held on March 23rd at the Oscott Social Club in the West Midlands. The purpose of the

meeting was to discuss the challenges facing the hospitality industry in general and to our clubs in particular.

“Our annual reports over several years now have illustrated poor trading performances, particularly with the sales of the Union’s Pass Card. Union Accountant Uto Ekanem will later present the Financial Statement and will give you a lot more detail.

“Unfortunately the attendance at that meeting was a lot lower than anticipated. A number of presentations were given by members of the NEC on several topics that are at the heart of the Union, the branch and club.

“These included the Associate and Pass Cards, annual fees, the structure of our branches, the National Draw and Union HQ.

“Despite the low numbers, lots of debate ensued and a couple of straw polls were held to gauge the feeling of those there that were present and to act as a guide to the NEC for when they determined the agenda for today.

“A little now about education. One of

## THE 160th ANNUAL MEETING

the biggest single problems in most clubs – and it has been for some years – is a difficulty in attracting club members to serve as club officers and committee members.

“There are no doubt several reasons for this. One is that the law covering clubs is complex. It is often subject to change and the increased use of technology can be quite scary, particularly to our senior club members.

“The responsibilities of office, mostly voluntarily undertaken, can be overwhelming and frequently incumbents fall down on their job through no fault of their own.

“The Union is proud of its record of training club members throughout the years and continues to do so with its current modernised programme.

“The Award in Club Management courses can now be delivered to your own club and to your members and to your neighbouring clubs and their members, thus minimising travel.

“So offering training to your current committee members and potential committee members could assist in your recruitment.

“There could be members sat in your clubs who are willing to help and may do so if they were aware that training

would be provided.

“Since COVID we have attempted to resurrect our national recreation programme, which was once the envy of the hospitality industry.

“Again, I seek the help of our friends at the branches and also of club committees to make it possible to run these competitions again. Games can bring much needed revenue in your clubs on quiet nights.

“I mentioned earlier the sterling work undertaken by our branches through our branch secretaries, their staff and executive officers. They are important members of the Union’s administration team. They are the essential link between Head Office, the NEC and our clubs.

“Like clubs, though, some branches are struggling to recruit executive committee members. We have lost several branches over recent years, some through not having enough people to run them.

“So if you know any of your members who would be prepared to give up a little of their time to help out, just contact the branch. You don’t have to commit that much time. Obviously you need to attend meetings and maybe visit the odd club, but it certainly doesn’t take a lot of your time.

“It is great to see through the medium of the *Club Journal* that, despite difficult times and spiralling costs, our clubs are still doing their bit for charities. CIU clubs have over the years donated millions of pounds to good causes and this never went unnoticed by our politicians.

“Many charities are still benefiting from our club members’ efforts with many clubs now installing publicly accessible defibrillators on their buildings and also hosting training sessions in CPR and the use of these machines – so keep up the good work!

“The 32nd CIU Annual Beer and Trades Exhibition took place at the Norbreck Castle Hotel yesterday and it was a great day. An array of products and services were on display so I’d like to thank all who attended and also the exhibitors for their efforts.

“The second CIU Entertainment Showcase was held last night in Central Blackpool. I was fortunate enough to be there and it was an excellent evening.

“It’s a great opportunity for clubs to pick up top-class bookings for their clubs. I would like to particularly thank my colleague Nathan Clarke on the NEC for all his efforts in organising the event.

“Thanks also to Sean Ferris and his team for their efforts in producing our *Club Journal* and also for the organisation of the Trade Show.

“The Union launched its CIU National Prize Draw earlier in the year and we have Dave King with us today and he will be speaking on the Draw a little later.

“Obviously the success of this venture will depend on the support of the Union’s branches, its clubs and the members. So I urge branch secretaries and club secretaries to spread the word of this exciting project.

“Can I say at this point that in recent months, we sadly lost two serving NEC members, Mr Geoff Blakeley who served Cumbria, Burnley & Pendle and Manchester district and Mr Bill Stoker who served the Northumberland and Scottish district.

“Geoff and Bill were not just colleagues of mine on the NEC, they were my good friends.

“On behalf of the Union, I express sympathy to the family and friends of



Ian Adderley of the Financial Conduct Authority spoke at the event



Pure Purchasing Managing Director David King talked about the benefits of the newly launched CIU National Prize Draw

Geoff and Bill.

“I would like to thank our Head Office Manager Stephen Goulding, who’s on the stage today, and his staff for the excellent work that they carry out during the year and the hard work they put in organising these conferences.

“Thank you to our Club Auditor, Brian Howarth and to our Legal Advisor Allyn Walton. And I would like to thank my colleagues on the NEC for all your good work.

“We’ve had three new members of the NEC since the turn of the year. Harry Chandler, who looks after the Northumberland and Scottish districts; Glenn Doyle – York City, Leeds, Wakefield and Doncaster and David Woodburn – Cumbria, Burnley & Pendle and Manchester. Welcome and I hope you’ll have a rewarding time serving our clubs.

“To conclude, I would like to thank you all for coming today. I talked earlier about what the Union does for our clubs. Now can I just say there are lots of things our clubs can do for the Union.

“You can keep your members up to date with the Union’s work by

displaying posters and notices on your boards and your social media pages.

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“You can only take out of a partnership what you or someone else puts in. Now let’s crack on and help this great Union to be here for another 160 years. Thank you.”

Guest speaker **IAN ADDERLEY OF THE FINANCIAL CONDUCT AUTHORITY**, spoke to delegates about his organisation’s role as the registering authority for mutual societies such as clubs.

The second guest speaker was **DAVID KING, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF PURE PURCHASING**, who talked about how Pure Purchasing can help clubs save money in a number of areas.

He also spoke about the newly launched CIU National Prize Draw and explained how club members can support the work of the Union and win cash prizes by buying tickets via the bespoke app on their smartphones or computers.



Union Accountant Uto Ekanem presented the 2023 Financial Report on behalf of the National Executive Committee

### THE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2023 Annual Report was then proposed for acceptance by **NEC MEMBER GEOFF FISHER** and that was seconded by **NEC MEMBER MARK FERGUSON CMD ACM** and was accepted on a show of hands.

### THE 2024 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

In presenting the Union's Annual Financial Report, **UNION ACCOUNTANT UTO EKANEM** said:

"I am delighted to stand before you today to present the Financial Report for the Club and Institute Union Limited for the year to September 2023 on behalf of your National Executive.

"Before I delve into an analysis of the Financial Statement, I would like to address some issues in the statements. During our final review process, the following typo mistakes were identified.

"On page 47 under the year to September 2023, profits on sale of fixed assets.

The figure under the total column of £128,711 is missing. Also, the totals for profit/loss on ordinary activities before taxation are minus £112,065 for

branches and minus £390,217 under the total column.

"On page 49, called-up share capital as of 30th September 2023 is £28,525.

"On page 57, the carrying amount under investments properties is £28,004. The total is the same amount.

"We want to assure you all that these errors were purely typographical and do not impact the accuracy of our financial position or performance. We apologise for any confusion this may have caused. I want to emphasise our commitment to maintaining accurate and transparent financial reporting.

"We have already taken steps to enhance our review process to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

"We had total recognised losses of £448,273 compared to losses of £1,604,889 the previous year. This year has recorded an improved result due mainly to the positive turnaround in investments. Despite the positive uplift of £1,156,616, the result remains disappointing.

"The Union's income or turnover totalled £1,028,867 this year compared with £1,090,832 in the previous year. This is a decline of £61,965.

"The cost of sales increased by

£1,341, from £332,073 to £333,414.

This, coupled with the reduction in turnover, gave rise to the reduced gross profit of £695,453 compared to £758,759 recorded last year.

Although the operating expenses were reduced by £28,928, from £1,695,315 to £1,666,387, the operating loss has increased by £34,378 from £936,556 to £970,934.

This year saw an increase in the sale of Pass Cards by £64,170, from £259,796 last year to £323,966.

"But the take-up on the Pass Card, which is currently 20%, is still very poor. As this is a major source of income for the Union, an improved support of the Pass Card by members will go a long way in bringing about the financial success of the Union we all desire.

"While our reliance on investments remains significant, we acknowledge their susceptibility to external fluctuations beyond our influence. Despite this, we have made notable progress.

"In 2022, we experienced a loss of £720,071 highlighting the volatility inherent in this area. During the year, there was an unexpected gain of

£330,854, a remarkable turnaround of £1,050,925.

“This improvement significantly contributed to narrowing our overall loss from £1,604,889 last year to £448,273 this year. This fluctuation, however, serves as a sobering reminder of the risk associated with our investment reliance.

“Focusing on enhancing our operational results is the strategy that will secure the long-term success of the Union.

“We achieved a slight reduction in the operational expenses. The National Executive Committee are continuing to work on improving the operating profit. They have reduced the number of meetings held in an effort to curtail costs.

“Additionally, a comprehensive review of the Union’s cost structure and revenue streams is currently underway and this is now a standing agenda item in the National Executive meetings.

“This, along with an improvement in the take-up of the Union’s Associate and Pass Cards, will help achieve our financial goal and secure the Union’s future.

“The Union’s balance sheet is still healthy, but its net assets are down by £449,873 from £5,484,685 in 2022 to £5,034,812 this year – an 8.2% fall.

“It is also worth noting that in the last five years, our investment assets have dropped quite significantly from £7,142,440 in 2018 to £4,466,146 in 2023. This is a drop of £2,676,294 – or 37% – which again supports the fact that depending on investments is not a sustainable strategy.

“I will now address the last section of your Annual Report, following on from the financial statements which give a brief summary of the results of your individual branches for the year. Your 21 branches returned a total recognised loss of £123,329 compared with a loss of £225,780 the previous year.

“The reduction in losses of £102,389 is due in part to the sale of a fixed asset by one of the branches. Fourteen branches returned net losses. This compares with 18 out of 22 branches in 2022.

“The Union merged two of its branches during the year, the Doncaster and District Branch and the South Yorkshire Branch. This will

streamline the operations of the two branches. The net assets for the branches has reduced from £1,917,637 in 2022 to £1,794,308 in 2023.

“Over the years, the Union has supported our member clubs in various ways by providing advice and services that cater for their welfare and interest. I will reiterate again our commitment to achieving this in a more sustainable way that will ensure our continued existence into the long term.

“The National Executive Committee has recently launched, as we have heard, the new CIU National Prize draw designed to raise funds for the Union with a chance for participants to win cash prizes. Details of this can be found in the *Club Journal* and on the Union’s website and we urge club members to purchase their tickets and get involved.

“Helen Keller delivered a motivational speech, concluding with the words: ‘Alone, we can do so little. Together we can do so much.’

And so, I would like to end this as usual with expressing my gratitude on behalf of the Club and Institute Union for the continued support from our member clubs throughout the years and to emphasise that united we can build a sustainable Union that we can all continue to take pride in.

“Mr Vice-President, I would like to thank B.H. Accountancy, our auditors, for their expert advice given throughout the year and to wish you all success in the management of your clubs. Thank you, Mr Vice-President.”

**DAN CAPEWELL CMD, SECRETARY OF CHELL SOCIAL CLUB**, moved to accept the Financial Statement and this was seconded by **ELIZABETH HAUGHEY, COMMITTEE MEMBER OF HEATH GAP WORKING MEN’S CLUB AND EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH**.

The Financial Statement for 2023 was accepted by delegates.

There followed a speech by **CIU LEGAL ADVISOR ALLYN WALTON** who highlighted his work in helping Union clubs with their legal affairs, including the continuing fight

against rogue energy brokers who have targeted CIU clubs.

## THE MOTIONS MOTION 1

Motion 1, to amend Rule 10 to increase the annual fee to one pound per member, was proposed by **NATHAN CLARKE, NEC MEMBER AND SECRETARY OF GROBY EX-SERVICEMEN’S SOCIAL CLUB**.

In proposing the Motion, he said: “At the consultation in Birmingham, I spoke about the annual fee and how much income it would bring into the Union on different sums.

“Now if we continue at the current rate of 50p, we have £178,500 income for the Union. If we increase it to a pound, we would generate an extra income of the same figure with a full year’s income of £357,000.

“It’s important we do this to keep this Union alive and it just takes us one bit further to extend its life.

“So for this I formally propose a Motion to amend Rule 10 to increase the annual fee to one pound per member. Thank you.”

The Motion was seconded by **NEC MEMBER MARK FERGUSSON CMD ACM**, who said: “A few weeks ago we had a consultation in Birmingham and it gave delegates a chance to ask questions and share ideas.

“It was quite clear that the support for an increase in the Pass Card was off the table, but the delegates recognised the need to increase income in order to provide the services to clubs.

“The last time there was an increase was in 2011. I think Tesco have had many increases since that time so I second this Motion.”

Opposing the Motion, **MARK HUMPHREYS OF CAERPHELLY SOCIAL CLUB AND MEMBER OF THE SOUTH WALES EXECUTIVE**, said: “I speak against this Motion. I understand the principle that we do have to increase revenue into the Union, but putting the cost on the clubs and their members is the wrong way to go about it.

“We are making great advances with digital technology. I think we could

enhance the sale of the Pass Card by making that digital also.

“We are missing a trick I think by not going on Google Play Store with this currently. We have to go on the Union app or the Union website, which is not always easy to access but Google Play Store will enhance that.

“But we cannot put this cost on the members of the clubs. We cannot put the cost on the clubs. We’re already suffering where clubs are leaving. And I think putting these prices up to the members will, from feedback that I’ve already had, lead to clubs leaving the Union altogether.

“I wouldn’t want that to happen. I want the Union to remain strong and I believe that this Motion should be set aside. Thank you.”

Responding to Mr Humphreys, **NEC MEMBER NATHAN CLARKE** said: “With regards to digital technology, I had members coming up to me yesterday to say that we’re doing the wrong thing by going to a digital lottery with the National Draw.

“We have clubs who don’t use digital stuff. With regards to the Union website, the Head Office team launched the new website yesterday because we have recognised that it was previously not fit for purpose.

“We’re doing all we can, but we need to get this annual fee up to a pound or we’re going nowhere.”

**Motion 1 was passed**

### MOTION 2

Motion 2, the removal of closed Branches (Cumbria, Burnley & Pendle, Doncaster and Derbyshire) from Rule 17 of the Union’s Constitution was proposed by **NEC MEMBER BOB RUSSELL CMD** and seconded by **NEC MEMBER JACK HAUGHEY CMD**.

**Motion 2 was passed**

### THE ADDRESS BY UNION GENERAL SECRETARY KENNETH D GREEN CMD ACM

“Good morning delegates and guests.

“As you are all aware, our industry is still suffering from the after-effects of COVID and the lack of disposable income our members have.

“Much has been said about club subscriptions and Union fees today. Indeed over the last few years the Union’s fees are always and have been levied in a fair manner that is per member and naturally the club with more members pay more.

“Please do not think this is unfair to

larger clubs because we strive to give an equal service to large or small clubs as we have always done in the past.

“Please be aware of the restrictions of your licences should you have a Club Premises Certificate which was designed for private members clubs. This allows you to supply alcohol to members and their guests but not to the general public. Think about this when you put on an event such as, but not restricted to, ticketed parties, et cetera.

“If you advertise on social media and the like, be aware that licensing officers routinely scan such forms of advertising – or they do in my area – and seem only too happy to intervene at every opportunity.

“Please don’t fall foul of the Licensing Act as the repercussions can be onerous. When you have contact with some licensing officers, they may appear to be only intent on either imposing restrictions on your licence or threatening you with closure.

“Whenever you encounter licensing problems, please let your first port of call be your Branch Secretary who can advise on further actions to be taken.

“As always, I believe there is strength in numbers and the more clubs in membership of the Union, the more chance we have in defending our right to exist.

“As most of you saw yesterday at our very successful trade show, the CIU National Prize Draw run for us by Praxis Play was drawn and five lucky members won £1,000. Still not a small amount of money.

“We hope you will all support this ongoing fundraising event on a regular basis to keep the Union funded and allow us to provide the services that you have become accustomed to.

“The powers-that-be seem to always be looking at ways to make our job harder with new laws and regulations. And again, the first point of contact should be your Branch Secretary.

“We attempt to keep abreast of all regulations related to clubs and I implore you to look at our website and the *Club Journal* on a regular basis to keep yourselves up to date on events that concern us. One hour per month on the website or *Journal* could save your club much heartache.



NEC Nathan Clarke proposed Motion 1 regarding an increase in the annual fee



The 160th Annual Meeting concluded with an address by General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM

“When looking to streamline or update your operations or changing suppliers, please look at our preferred suppliers. I would not be so bold as to state that they will be the cheapest, but we have always spent time on ensuring they are value for money. The details are on both the website and *Club Journal* and your Branch Secretary can put you in touch.

“Please consider, if you are looking for a new supplier of drinks, Greene King have an excellent portfolio. For insurance, try Higos for a competitive quote. We have, of course, a long-term agreement with Dransfields for our gaming requirements such as machines, pool tables, juke boxes and a whole lot more.

“One of our newer preferred suppliers is Pure Purchasing who cover such areas as energy contracts, food, drink, janitorial supplies, waste management, telecoms, EPOS systems, refurbishment plans, kitchen equipment, among many other things.

“Another relatively new preferred supplier who you would’ve seen yesterday at the trade show is Card Industry Professionals, who I’m reliably informed are among the cheapest EPOS systems to run in the industry.

“If you did not make contact with them at the trade show, they are worth contacting for your requirements.

“I make no apologies for raising the matter of arbitrations. Please ensure when the need arises to discipline offending members, you’ll do so in accordance with the rules of your club.

“Model rules allow for the suspension of membership for a period not exceeding 12 months or for the expulsion of members. If your rules state – as most do – you must summon a member to appear to attend a disciplinary hearing.

“Not merely invite a member, summon them. Give them three clear days notice in writing of the hearing stating the charge or charges which they face.

“The charge must be clear and not ambiguous, such as bringing the name of the club into disrepute. You must state the charge. Pre-printed letters are available from your branch. Letter one, letter two.

“Do not forget this is the duty of the management committee and cannot be dealt with by any other body. And they sit as a quasi-judicial body and must act in a non-biased manner.

“When a member feels aggrieved,

they are usually usually entitled to apply for arbitration, which is usually carried out by one of our branches. Sometimes club committees get it wrong by not following the rules of the club and natural justice.

“And, lo and behold, when arbitrators find against the club, it suddenly becomes the CIU’s fault. There have even been instances of clubs removing themselves from membership of the Union when they themselves have got it wrong.

“Please comply with your rules and contact your Branch Secretary in the first instance to seek advice on procedure.

“That concludes my address and all that is left for me is to wish you all a safe journey home and continue in the spirit of comradeship and democracy to keep our clubs where they belong, at the heart of our communities, where a safe and hospitable and environment can be appreciated by all.

“Thank you.”

#### **THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

announced that the next Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025 and declared the 2024 Annual Meeting closed.

# Doing a roaring trade in Blackpool

The 32nd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition was another great day of club business with key suppliers from a variety of sectors showcasing their products and services to club delegates

The 32nd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition took place on the afternoon of Friday, April 19 at Blackpool's Norbreck Castle Hotel.

There was a wide cross-section of club suppliers on hand to dispense advice on how to increase revenue and reduce costs, with all aspects of club administration covered by the various exhibitors.

The afternoon kicked off with Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM welcoming delegates to the event.

With the event underway, delegates were able to sample a range of beers and ciders from the bar, run by Preferred Supplier Greene King, while long-term Preferred Supplier, Dransfields, brought along an extensive array of their gaming and entertainment machines, including the versatile Spotlight system.

Delegates were even able to match themselves against darts professional Darryl Fitton on the Dransfields oche, while there was also bingo, karaoke and speed pool to enjoy.

Other Preferred Suppliers with a presence at the show were BOC, Card Industry Professionals and Pure Purchasing.

Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM said: "Many thanks to everyone who came along to Blackpool – exhibitors and delegates alike – to make our 32nd edition of the Beer & Trades Show a great success.

"Hopefully, many people will have picked up plenty of useful information at the show that will help them make their clubs even more successful."



Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM (second from left) pulls a pint at the Greene King and Belhaven bar



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



Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM and Ian Dawson of Card Industry Professionals



Pro darts player Darryl Fitton was part of the Dransfields presence at the show



A delegate enjoys reading his complimentary copy of Club Journal



Pictured, left to right: Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM and Chris Haley, Managing Director of Preferred Supplier Dransfields



Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM and Graeme Miller of ACE Furniture



A delegate tests his punching power on the TNT Sports stand



Speed Pool was an extremely popular activity on the Dransfields stand



Preferred Supplier Dransfields showcased their latest gaming machines



The Head Office team at the CIU stand where delegates were able to pick up calendars, diaries and information on the services supplied by the Union



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



Delegates enjoyed a fine selection of Pukka Pies during the trade show



In a first for the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition, a successful proposal of marriage was made on the floor of the show

# CIU Showcase hits all the right notes

The 2024 CIU Blackpool Showcase on Friday, April 19 was another great night of live entertainment with stunning vocalists and superb tribute acts of all genres throughout the bill



The CIU Showcase took place at the Viva venue in Blackpool on Friday, April 19 with the Village People tribute act YMCA providing a fantastic finale

The second edition of the CIU Blackpool Showcase, staged at the Viva venue on April 19, was another resounding success with a succession of top club acts enthralling an appreciative audience of Union members and guests.

The event certainly catered for a wide variety of musical tastes with songs spanning the genres and the decades.

As ever, tribute acts proved extremely popular and the Motown Experience, the Abba Experience and TTT – the Take That Tribute – captured the essence of the originals with a medley of major hits.

One highlight was the Abba Experience's rendition of the 1974 Eurovision-winning song *Waterloo*.

The finale of the event was provided by Village People tribute act YMCA.

Their hi-energy performance certainly got people on their feet to dance to such 1970s classics as *In The Navy*, *Go West* and, of course, *YMCA*.

There was even something for country music fans with Hayley Mack performing her highly authentic tribute to Texan superstar Miranda Lambert, including the smash hit song *The House That Built Me*.

The country theme was continued by the talented Clay Highway, a guitar-playing cowboy.

Another act who impressed the crowd with her vocal range was Jennah Hone who finished her set with a stunning version of Prince's *Purple Rain* which had the majority of the audience singing along to the chorus.

Further vocals came from Sheila Diamond, Elaine Gilmore, Kev Wright, Roy Carter and Catherine Kerr.

A touch of musical comedy was provided by duo Strike Two and Johnny Martell.

"We're thrilled with how CIU members have supported this event over the past two years with the attendance well up on the 2023 edition," said NEC Member Nathan Clarke who co-organised the event alongside Barrie Lucas of Showcase Productions.

"CIU clubs are renowned for putting on excellent live entertainment and we were certainly treated to some fantastic acts in Blackpool, many of whom will be helping us to pack out our own Concert Halls in the near future.

"I'd like to thank Barrie and all the superb acts who performed for making it such a memorable 2024 CIU Blackpool Showcase – roll on next year's show!"



TTT – the Take That Tribute – performed some of the boyband’s most famous hits, including *Back For Good* and *Could It Be Magic*



The Motown Experience were one of the outstanding acts who thrilled the audience with their rendition of some classic songs



Jennah Hone demonstrated her impressive vocal range with a set that included Prince’s *Purple Rain* and Lady Gaga’s *Shallow*



The Abba Experience performed a set of crowd-pleasing hits including 1974 Eurovision-winning song *Waterloo*



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

They are each priced as follows - £5 per Handbook; £3 per contract.

Due to increased production and postage costs the price list will be reviewed over the coming months.

### National Executive Committee dates

The dates for the NEC meetings at Head Office in 2024 are: May 29&30, July 10&11, September 4&5, October 16&17 and December 4&5.

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

### Annual Meeting 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)

*Friday, April 25* – CIU Showcase (Viva)

*Saturday, April 26* – The 161st Annual Meeting

## Legislative changes affecting clubs

### The Carers Leave Regulations 2024 came into force on April 6:

The draft regulations still need to be passed by Parliament and guidance was expected to be made available in advance of the legislation coming into force on April 6, 2024.

This gives a new entitlement of one week's unpaid leave annually for employees who care for dependants with long term needs. Long term needs are defined as anyone with a condition that meets the definition of disability under the Equality Act 2010. Or a physical or mental health need, which is likely to require care for more than three months.

The leave can be taken as a full week or in day/half day increments. Again, this leave is a “day one” right.

### The Protection from Redundancy (Pregnancy & Family Leave) Act 2023 came into force in April 2024:

This is a new law protecting pregnant employees or those on, or returning from, maternity/adoption/shared parental leave facing redundancy.

Currently employees on the above leave have enhanced protection in redundancy situations, including the right to be offered a suitable alternative vacancy over other employees at risk, if one is available.

The Act extends this protection to include pregnant employees from the moment they notify their employer (either orally or written) of their pregnancy, through to 18 months after childbirth.

### Statutory Paternity Leave with effect from April 6:

Legislation changes will give fathers more flexibility to decide how and when they take their leave and:

- allow fathers or partners to split their leave into 2 blocks of 1 week. Previously, only 1 block of 1 or 2 consecutive weeks could be taken.
- allow fathers or partners to take their leave and pay at any point in the first year after the birth or adoption of their child instead of only within the first 8 weeks.
- adjust the way fathers or partners give notice of leave and pay to their employer. The new measure will require an employee to give notice that they intend to take leave 15 weeks prior to the expected week of childbirth (EWC), and then 4 weeks' notice of dates prior to each period of leave.

# More ways to keep up to date with Union and club news

The CIU has improved its online resources with a revamped website ([www.ciu.org.uk](http://www.ciu.org.uk)), a *Club Journal* website ([www.clubjournal.co.uk](http://www.clubjournal.co.uk)), CIU Facebook page and the opportunity to receive regular e-bulletins

The Union has revitalised its online resources to connect more efficiently with its member clubs with a revamped website at [www.ciu.org.uk](http://www.ciu.org.uk); a dedicated *Club Journal* website at [www.clubjournal.co.uk](http://www.clubjournal.co.uk) to complement the monthly print version of the magazine; a CIU Facebook page focusing on upcoming events and regular e-bulletins which you can opt to receive via email.

## [www.ciu.org.uk](http://www.ciu.org.uk)

The main Union website has taken a significant leap forward with the launch of its revamped website.

This platform not only serves as a hub for vital updates from the CIU's Head Office but also empowers clubs with comprehensive resources about legislation, rules, upcoming Union events, contact details for clubs and Head Office personnel and information about the CIU's Award in Club Management (ACM).

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Complementing the Union's principal website and the monthly print version of *Club Journal*, the new website [www.clubjournal.co.uk](http://www.clubjournal.co.uk) focuses on the news from CIU clubs across the UK as well as offering an electronic version of the Journal which can be read on your smartphone or computer.

## The CIU's Facebook page

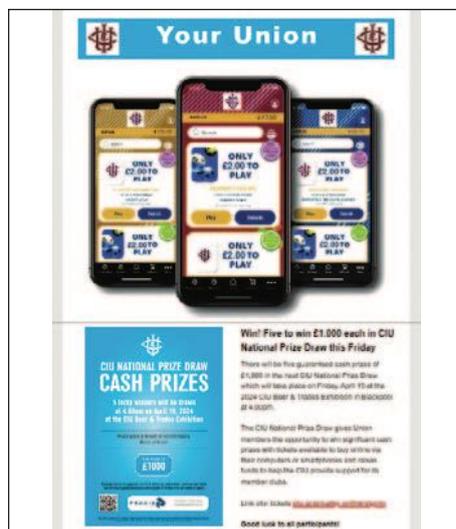
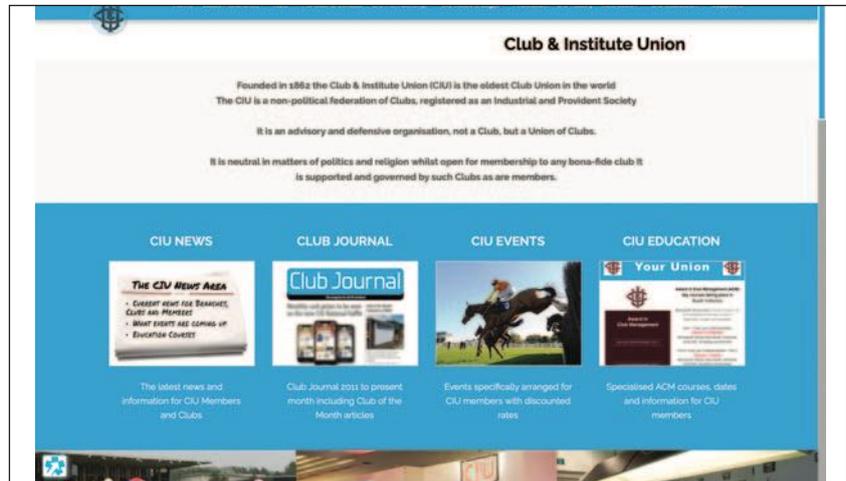
The Club & Institute Union now has a presence on Facebook with regular posts on upcoming CIU events.

## Regular e-bulletins

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# ACM day courses taking place in SE Midlands

There will be three Award in Club Management (ACM) day courses taking place in May, June and July in the South East Midlands Branch Office. Why not come along and gain crucial knowledge and skills?

The Award in Club Management (ACM) course is back for 2024 with three day courses taking place at the South East Midlands Branch Office in May, June and July.

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

The qualification consists of three self-contained units, each taking one day of classroom-based study to complete and costing £30 per unit and the units do not need to be taken in order.

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

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

The course is aimed at people sitting on club committees and occupying positions of authority within clubs.

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

The lectures are carried out by experienced lecturers from within the CIU – including the General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM – who lead the day sessions and can draw from their knowledge of the club scene to illustrate the key points.

So what are you waiting for? Sign up now and you could be on your way to earning the ACM.



The Award in Club Management day courses are taking place at the South East Midlands Branch Office during the summer

## The Award in Club Management (ACM)

**Saturday, May 18**

South East Midlands Branch Office

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

**June (date TBC)**

South East Midlands Branch Office

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

**July (date TBC)**

South East Midlands Branch Office

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

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

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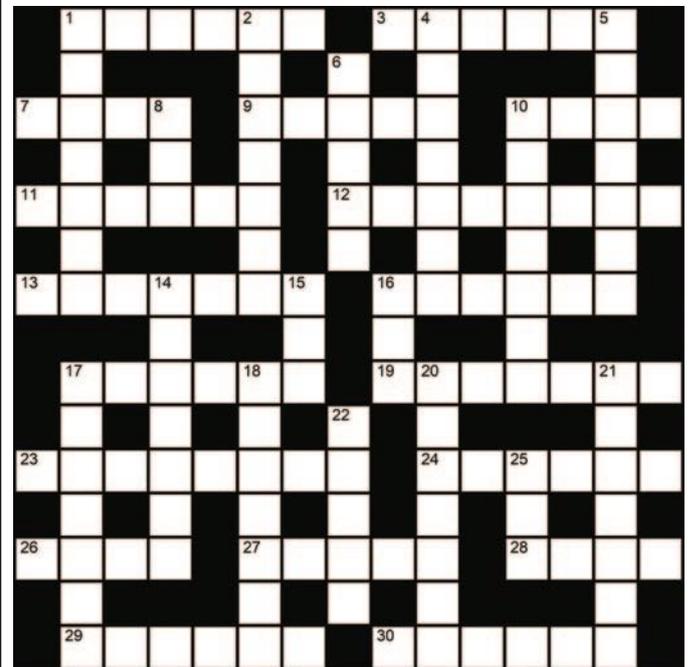
**ACROSS**

- Root to be pulled out so as to start device again (6)
- Broadcast as the drapes are pulled (6)
- Torque tool used by brat (1-3)
- Ghost town in North Humber-side, say (5)
- Hood is a beast from the left! (4)
- Re-write scene with the right shield (6)
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- Deviously swap act with person used (7)
- Crawls round in a terrible hand (6)
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- Musical piece in the air, too

- stormy or turbulent (8)
- 'Overhear' wager I tried to make (6)
- Curve not popular with divers in any quantity (4)
- Hotheaded relative is frequent (5)
- Carry the toddler to an equal start (4)
- Yesterday, no red recipe for being in a ferment (6)
- Accepted truth that's next to a part of speech? (6)

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- Silky material in A-Z of argon production (7)
- Police in central Germany making a verbal attack (7)
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- Calico licked off, gives baby wind (5)
- The macroeconomics of fish eggs (3)
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- Dead set against being calmed down (7)
- Succeed in twinkling a little (3)
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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Brian Smith of Ossett WMC  
Gordon Windebank of Woolley Bridge WMC  
Valerie Swarbrick of Bedlington Social Club  
MC Armstrong of Haltwhistle WMC



Saturday, May 11, 8pm – Sky Sports Arena

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

For a team with such a proud record of success, the current campaign has been a major disappointment for the Rhinos thus far. Languishing in the bottom third of the table at a key point in the season after a series of defeats is not where the Rhinos would expect themselves to be. An away win against the high-flying Dragons would certainly kickstart the season.



Sunday, May 19, 4pm – Sky Sports/TNT Sports

**Football – Premier League: Final Day**

The 2023/24 Premier League season reaches its climax with all 10 games kicking off at 4pm for what will undoubtedly be an epic afternoon of sporting action and drama. The title race has certainly been an exciting one with Arsenal and Manchester City showing quality and grit throughout the campaign meaning that the destination of the trophy could be decided on the final day.



Thursday, May 23, 7pm – Sky Sports Action

**Premier League Darts: Finals Night**

It looks set to be a mightily competitive chase for the Premier League Darts trophy with the players battling all the way to the finish line. At the time of writing Luke Littler was top of the table after a resounding win in the Liverpool leg of the competition and will be hoping that he can go all the way to secure victory at The O2 in London.

# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

The final day of the 2023/24 Premier League season is Saturday, May 18 and there is sure to be plenty of drama at both ends of the table. There are also some choice fixtures in Super League, golf and boxing

Thursday, May 9, 12.30pm

Sky Sports Golf

**PGA Golf: Wells Fargo Championship**

Thursday, May 9, 7pm

Sky Sports Action

**Premier League Darts**

Thursday, May 9, 8pm

Sky Sports Arena

**Super League: Warrington Wolves v Hull Kingston Rovers**

Friday, May 10, 3pm

Sky Sports Arena

**Cricket: Indian Super League – Gujarat Titans V Chennai Super Kings**

Friday, May 10, 8pm

Sky Sports Arena

**Super League: Castleford Tigers v St Helens**

Friday, May 10, 8.05pm

Sky Sports Action

**Super League: Leigh Leopards v Salford Red Devils**

Saturday, May 11, 12 noon

Sky Sports Mix

**UK Open Pool Championships**

Saturday, May 11, 12.30pm

TNT Sports

**Premier League: Fulham v Manchester City**

Saturday, May 11, 12.30pm

Sky Sport Football

**Scottish Premiership: Celtic v Rangers**

Saturday, May 11, 3pm

Sky Sports Arena

**Super League: Huddersfield Giants v Wigan Warriors**

Saturday, May 11, 5.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Nottingham Forest v Chelsea**

Saturday, May 11, 8pm

Sky Sports Arena

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

Sunday, May 12, 11am

Sky Sports Cricket

**Cricket: Indian Super League – Chennai Super Kings V Rajasthan Royals**

Sunday, May 12, 4.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Manchester United v Arsenal**

Monday, May 13, 8pm

Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Aston Villa v Liverpool**

Tuesday, May 14, 8pm

Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester City**

Wednesday, May 15, 8pm

Sky Sports Premier League

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

Thursday, May 16, 1pm

Sky Sports Golf

**Golf: The PGA Championship – Day 1**

Thursday, May 16, 7pm

Sky Sports Action

**Premier League Darts**

Friday, May 17, 1pm

Sky Sports Golf

**Golf: The PGA Championship – Day 2**



Boxing: Tyson Fury v Oleksandr Usyk, Saturday,  
May 18, 4pm, TNT Sports Box Office

*Saturday, May 18, 2pm*

*Sky Sports Golf*

**Golf: The PGA Championship –  
Day 3**

*Saturday, May 18, 4pm*

*TNT Sports Box Office*

**Boxing: Undisputed World  
Heavyweight Title – Tyson Fury v  
Oleksandr Usyk**

*Sunday, May 19, 2pm*

*Sky Sports F1*

**Formula 1: Emilia-Romagna  
Grand Prix**

*Sunday, May 19, 2pm*

*Sky Sports Golf*

**Golf: The PGA Championship –  
Day 4**

*Sunday, May 19, 4pm*

*Sky Sports Premier League/TNT Sports*

**Premier League: Final Day**

*Monday, May 20, 1pm*

*Eurosport*

**Tennis: French Open – Day 1**

*Wednesday, May 22, 6pm*

*Sky Sports Cricket*

**International Twenty20 Cricket:  
England v Pakistan**

*Wednesday, May 22, 8pm*

*TNT Sports*

**UEFA Europa League Final**

*Thursday, May 23, 7pm*

*Sky Sports Action*

**Premier League Darts – Finals  
Night**

*Friday, May 24, 8pm*

*Sky Sports Action*

**Super League: Castleford Tigers  
v Hull FC**

*Friday, May 24, 8pm*

*Sky Sports Arena*

**Super League: Huddersfield  
Giants v Leigh Leopards**

*Friday, May 24, 8pm*

*Sky Sports Action*

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

*Saturday, May 25, 3pm*

*TNT Sports*

**Rugby Union: European  
Champions Cup Final**

*Saturday, May 25, 4pm*

*BBC/ITV*

**FA Cup Final: Manchester City  
v Manchester United**

*Wednesday, May 29, 8pm*

*TNT Sports*

**UEFA Europa Conference  
League Final**

*Friday, May 31, 4pm*

*BBC/ITV*

**UEFA Women's EURO 2025  
Qualifier: England v France**

*Saturday, June 1, 8pm*

*TNT Sports*

**UEFA Champions Cup Final**

*Monday, June 3, 7.45pm*

*Channel 4*

**Football: International Friendly  
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