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NEC candidates for the 2017 election announced



The candidates for the 2017 National Executive Council election have now been finalised with three elections in total taking place in districts 4 (York City, Leeds, Wakefield and Doncaster), 5 (West Yorkshire, Heavy Woollen and South Yorkshire) and 9 (North West Metropolitan and North East Metropolitan).

The two candidates for District 4 are Dave Gravel CMD and Glenn Doyle, while District 5 is being contested by Philip Larkin

and Les Hepworth. District 9 will be contested by Sean Belton and Robert Daybell.

The remaining nine districts will be uncontested as are the posts of President and Vice-President, occupied by George Dawson CMD and John Tobin.

All CIU members are urged to make their vote count in the coming election and have their say on the future direction of the Union.

ELECTION TIMELINE

Tuesday, September 5
Nomination Forms were sent to clubs

Thursday, October 5
Deadline for the return of Nomination Forms to Head Office

Tuesday, November 7
Ballot papers issued to all clubs

Tuesday, December 5
Deadline for Ballot Papers to be received at Head Office

Friday, December 8
Ballot Count at Head Office
Notification to Candidates and NEC
Official Release to Branch Secretaries, *Club Journal* and Head Office

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Paddy Lenagh wins the CIU darts title

Paddy Lenagh of Coxhoe WMC in Durham has won the CIU Individual Darts title after defeating D Price of Ynyshir & District Workingmens Club in the final held at Thornhill Edge WM Club on October 7.

The score in the final was 4-2 in Lenagh's favour and following the match he was presented with the prestigious CIU trophy by NEC member Philip Larkin.

EDITOR'S LETTER

Welcome to the November edition of *Club Journal*.

It's election time once again as the Union's members vote for their NEC representatives in three areas.

As you'll see from the timeline on the front page, the ballot papers will be issued to clubs this month to be returned to Head Office by December 5 with the ballot count and official release of the results taking place on December 8.

Of course, the results of the election will be published in the January edition of *Club Journal*.

As for this month, members from clubs all over the country are looking forward to attending the Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday at Wetherby Racecourse on Saturday, November 18.

Tickets for CIU members are priced at £16.50 and that price includes Paddock Admission Badge, Official Racecard, 'Pie & Peas' voucher and a set of '50p off a pint' vouchers courtesy of Heineken UK.

We're expecting another bumper turnout

for the event but you can still secure tickets by calling Wetherby Racecourse on 01937 582 035 and quoting the code 'WMCIU17'.

Meanwhile, on pages 10-11 we have the full shortlist of clubs who will be vying for the honour of being crowned 'CIU Traditional Club of the Year at the 2017 Club Awards.

All these clubs can be very proud of the hard work that is being carried out by their Committees and members and the huge contribution they all make to their local communities.

The theme of Union clubs being a force for good in society is taken up by York City Branch Secretary Frank Healy CMD in this month's 'Q&A' feature.

You can read the full interview on page 14 and get Frank's perspective on the key issues facing our clubs.

Lastly, the CIU Individual Darts and Pool competitions reached their respective finales last month.

Thanks to everyone who took part or helped to organise these fantastic



competitions and congratulations to the CIU Individual Darts Champion – Paddy Lenagh of Coxhoe WMC – and the CIU Individual Pool Champion – Mark Price of Stopsley WM Club.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

Stephen Goulding, Editor

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Presentation held for Lanchester Social Club stalwarts

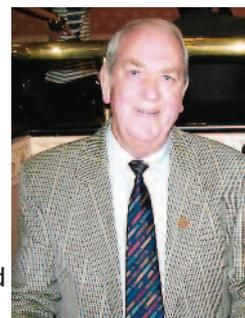


A presentation evening was held at Lanchester Social Club, Durham Branch, in late July to present a 50-Year Special Award to James Nichol and a 10-Year Certificate of Merit to Richard Young. Pictured, left to right: Eric Campbell (Durham President), James Nichol (Special Award), Richard Young (Certificate of Merit), George Smith (Durham Branch Secretary) and Brian Uren (Divisional Representative)

OBITUARY

John Coppinger

It is with deep regret that Coxlodge, Gosforth & District Social Club (Northumberland Branch)



announces the death of our Secretary John Coppinger after a short illness.

John was a very valued member of the club and served on the Board of Management for over 40 years, 35 of them as Secretary.

He brought much distinction to the club as he also held the position of Chairman of the former Northern Clubs Federation Brewery.

John will not only be missed by members of this club but the many friends he made through the CIU movement.

Richmond Place Club, Hereford, announces date for charity darts competition

The Richmond Place Club in Hereford will be staging its annual winter charity darts event on Sunday, December 17.

Benefiting the Hereford Alzheimer's Association, the Charity Open Darts Singles Competition carries with it a £500 first prize with the runner-up winning £200, semi-finalists £50 and quarter-finalists £25.

There will also be a separate ladies cash competition subject to a minimum of eight players registering for the event ahead of the deadline.

Club Secretary Les Walker said: "We're looking forward to the event which always attracts some excellent players from around the region.

"We stage two charity darts tournaments a year - one in winter and one in summer - and they both traditionally have strong fields.

"There will also be plenty of spectators coming along to watch the action and as an added incentive we are running a drinks promotion on the day with Carling and Foster's.

"The key thing, though, is that we raise money for good causes and we're delighted to be supporting the local Alzheimer's Society which does so much for the people afflicted with the disease and their families."

The 2016 Christmas darts tournament was a notable success and attracted a total field of 60 players.

Among them were several PDC and BDO-ranked players, including Mark Layton, Jim Williams and Mark Blandford.

After a thrilling tournament it was PDC player Nick Fulwell who won the title and the £500 prize.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Drinkaware urges clubs to minimise alcohol harm during the festive period

As bars gear up for the festive season, alcohol education charity Drinkaware is urging operators to take steps to minimise the risk of alcohol related harms in their venues.

Drinkaware chief executive Elaine Hindal said: "Alcohol is part of the festive celebrations for many people and most will enjoy a drink or two responsibly, without causing any harm to themselves or others.

"Drinkaware is keen to help operators to achieve their goals around responsible alcohol retailing, and we'd encourage them to explore the resources we can offer which include downloadable posters and an e-learning course for staff."

Drinkaware tips for reducing festive alcohol harm

- Stock a good selection of soft drinks for customers who choose not to drink alcohol. If customers have a choice of soft drinks, they are more likely to substitute them for an alcoholic drink once or twice during the evening, which will help to limit their overall alcohol consumption.
- Include no or low alcohol options on your drinks list. Drinks that are low in alcohol don't have to be low on taste and many brewers, for example, have focused on the lower alcohol sector lately.
- Review your wine offer. Choosing house wines that sit at the lower end of the ABV scale will help many customers to reduce their alcohol intake. Similarly, offer wine in a 125ml serve and make customers aware this size is available.
- Make it very clear that you will not serve alcohol to customers who are drunk, or who are attempting to buy for a drunken friend, both of which are against the law.

For more: www.drinkaware.co.uk

John Smith is honoured at Evenwood WMC, Durham

A presentation of a 25-Year Service Award was made at Evenwood WMC, Durham Branch, in September to Committee Member John Smith. Pictured, left to right: George Smith (Durham Branch Secretary), John Smith (Committee Member, Evenwood WMC), Stan Summers (Durham Branch Vice-President) and Robert Adams (Secretary, Evenwood WMC)

Dave Ibbotson presented with his Certificate of Merit

Darlington East End WM Club in Durham Branch recently held a special presentation evening where Club Secretary Dave Ibbotson received his Certificate of Merit. Pictured, left to right: George Smith (Durham Branch Secretary), Dave Ibbotson (Secretary, Darlington East End WM Club) and Stan Summers (Vice-President, Durham Branch)

CLUB NOTICES**Club name Change**

From: South Durham Malleable Working Men's Club & Institute to: Malleable Social Club Limited (Durham Branch)

Clubs Closed

Manor Estate Social Club Limited (South Yorkshire Branch)

West Bowling Working Men's Club (West Yorkshire Branch)

Suspensions

Mr P Saint (Membership Number: 1392)

Suspension 12 months

Harrowgate Club & Institute Limited, Salters Lane North, Darlington, DL1 3DT

Bede Lodge Social Club installs new disabled facilities

Bede Lodge Social Club in Framwellgate Moor, Durham, is aiming to widen its appeal to all parts of the local community after installing new disabled toilet facilities.

The club invested £12,000 in order to complete the work, including a £5,500 grant from the Banks Community Fund, which was set up in 1997 by the Banks Group to provide support to community groups, voluntary organisations and environmental projects and is administered by the County Durham Community Foundation.

Local tradespeople carried out the work, which also included a ramp and baby-changing facilities.

As well as being used by the club's 450 members, some of whom are elderly, the venue is also used by groups including County Durham Stroke Club, the Fellowship Of The Services and the local branch of the Women's Institute.

Club Secretary John Hinton told local paper the *Northern Echo*: "The building in which we're based was built more than 40 years ago, and the toilet facilities simply weren't up to modern standards, which we could see was increasingly becoming a problem for many of our older members and users with mobility problems.

"It's often the case that the events that we host and run are the only ones that many of our elderly users attend, especially during the winter."

He added: "We didn't have the surplus of cash in the bank required to pay for the work that needed doing, but thanks to a determined fundraising effort, the generous contribution from the Banks Group and further funding from other sources, we've been able to find the resources required and get the work carried out by local tradespeople who've all done a brilliant job.

"Our hope now is to use them as another way to reach out to the local community and make sure as many people as possible can access the activities that we host."

Chandlers Ford Central Club opens 'Mauri's Lounge'



Pictured, left to right: Emma Gray (Club Secretary), Maurice Hamm and Trevor Lewis (Club President) pose outside the entrance to Mauri's Lounge

The Chandlers Ford Central Club & Institute Ltd, which is situated near Eastleigh, Hampshire, recently held a naming ceremony to open its newly refurbished lounge bar.

The bar has been styled 'Mauri's Lounge' in dedication to Maurice Hamm, a longstanding member of the club who uses the lounge for socialising on a regular basis.

Many members joined the celebration and enjoyed the newly refurbished bar, as well as sampling complimentary wine and cheese.

This latest refurbishment has ensured that Chandlers Ford Central Club has some of the best facilities in the county, including the Main Bar, Snooker Room with four tables and a Darts Room featuring three permanent dartboards.



FOR SERVICE

Branch Executive 31-Year Award

Glan Evans, South Wales

Branch Executive 21-Year Award

Eddie Kane, West Midlands

50-Year Distinguished Service Award

Graham Phillips, Fernhill & Blaerhondda Miners Club, South Wales

Barrie Durnell, Morley WM Club, Leeds

Distinguished Service Award

Alan Tudor Thomas, Fernhill & Blaerhondda Miners Club, South Wales

William Edward Stanton, Fernhill & Blaerhondda Miners Club, South Wales

William Carlin, Crowtrees WM & Social Club, Durham

Long Service Award

Derek White, Sportsman Club, Winchester (Wessex Branch)

Martin Davidson, Sportsman Club, Winchester (Wessex Branch)

Certificate of Merit

Margaret Hooley, Lofthouse Gate WM Club, Wakefield

Kenneth Lewis, Fernhill & Blaerhondda Miners Club, South Wales

Lee Hughes, Fernhill & Blaerhondda Miners Club, South Wales

Derek Chapman, Newcastle on Tyne RAOB, Northumberland

Malcolm Gabbitas, Skegness WM Club, Doncaster

Kevin Bond, Skegness WM Club, Doncaster

Paul Collingwood, Skegness WM Club, Doncaster

Alan Bell, Skegness WM Club, Doncaster

John Glenton, Intake Social Club, Doncaster

Philip Young, Sturdee Social & Bowling Club, Kent

Wallsend Ex-Service WMC holds presentation



A presentation was held at Wallsend Ex-Service WMC on Thursday, September 21 to honour three members: Neil Habbergam and Henry Morgan, who both received Certificates of Merit and the late Derek Habbergam whose widow Liz received his Long Service Award. Pictured, back row, left to right: Bill Stoker (No.4 Divisional Executive), Ken Sayers (No.7 Divisional Executive), Neil Habbergam (Committee Member), Ken James (No.6 Division Executive), Sid Hicks (National Executive Member). Front row, left to right: Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary), Henry Morgan (Club Chairman), Mrs Liz Habbergam and Peter Scorer (No.9 Divisional Executive) and Alan Hardy (Northumberland Branch President)

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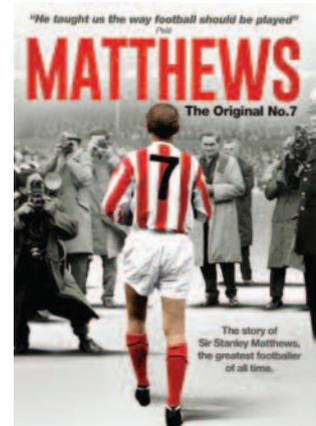
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Closing date: November 20, 2017

Last month's Marc Bolan biography competition winner

The winner of last month's competition is Gordon Windard of Kelvedon Labour Club in Essex who correctly answered that Hot Love was T-Rex's first UK No.1 hit. He will receive a copy of the new book about singer Marc Bolan, *Beautiful Dreamer* by John Bramley.



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DONCASTER	Saturday 2 December	£9.50 (Grandstand Enclosure)	Winter Afternoon Racing
HAYDOCK PARK	Wednesday 6 December	£9	1750 Day
CHEPSTOW	Saturday 9 December	£15	Christmas Party Raceday
DONCASTER	Friday 15 December	£7.25 (Grandstand Enclosure)	Winter Afternoon Racing
DONCASTER	Saturday 16 December	£9.50 (Grandstand Enclosure)	Winter Afternoon Racing
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 23 December	£11	Tommy Whittle Chase
CHEPSTOW	Wednesday 27 December	£22	Welsh Grand National
DONCASTER	Friday 29 December	£9.50 (Grandstand Enclosure)	New Year's Raceday
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 30 December	£11	The Last Fling
CHEPSTOW	Sunday 7 January	£15	Winter Racing
DONCASTER	Friday 26 January	£9.50 (Grandstand Enclosure)	Sky Bet Chase Meeting
DONCASTER	Saturday 27 January	£9.50 (Grandstand Enclosure)	Sky Bet Chase Meeting
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HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 31 March	£11	Jump Racing

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CIU 'TRADITIONAL CLUB OF THE YEAR' SHORTLIST

Union clubs are once again to the fore at this year's prestigious Club Awards, which take place on Thursday, November 30, at Doncaster Racecourse. Here we announce the Union clubs whose all-round excellence sees them shortlisted in the CIU-sponsored 'Traditional Club of the Year' category

BADDESLEY ENSOR SOCIAL CLUB
Atherstone, Warwickshire

"We're based in a former colliery and the club had experienced hard times," says Bar Manager Julia Gilbert. "Five years ago the club was in danger of closing, there has been an improvement year-on-year and we're now doing well and looking to the future with confidence."

BARNARD CASTLE WMC
Barnard Castle, County Durham

"It's a cracking club," says Chairman Terry McKie. "We're busy seven days a week with entertainment at weekends and loads going on throughout the week. We have a good range of activities with musical acts every weekend plus darts, snooker, bowls and bingo."

BRADWELL WMC
Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stoke

The club has recently invested in its facilities by creating a £40,000 upstairs Function Room which is already much in demand for private functions and the club is renowned for encouraging community spirit and has recently started a football club which is now flourishing.

DAVENTRY WMC
Daventry, Northamptonshire

With its three bars constantly busy this has been another strong year, reports the club. Particularly strong has been the private function side of the business with advance bookings now being taken for several months in advance, bringing a major boost to the club's takings.

DURRINGTON WMC
Worthing, Sussex

"We've spent £7,000 on updating the cloakrooms and toilets and adding disabled access," says Secretary Janet Hodge. "There's always something going on at the club and our live entertainment at the weekends has become the talk of the town."

EASTLEIGH WMC
Southampton, Hampshire

"We have all the traditional activities you'd expect from a Union club – darts, snooker, pool, whist, dominoes, bingo, meat draws and bottle draws," says Secretary Colin Richards. "We're very pleased with how the club has been going in recent years."

EVERTON & LYMORE SOCIAL CLUB
Lymington, Hampshire

"We've been delighted with the £18,000 refurbishment of our Sports Bar which has totally transformed the space and given the club a more contemporary feel," says Chairman Roger Hockham. "It has really helped to revitalise the club and bring in more members."

GRANGEMOOR WMC
Burntwood, Staffordshire

The club has spent £40,000 on the main bar and outside awnings. Old, dated chairs and tables have been replaced with new custom-made tables that are curved so they fit well in the Function Room. The club has also repaid all its brewery loans and is now a free house.

HAWTHORN SOCIAL CLUB
Cantley, Doncaster

"The club has gone from strength to strength this year with 100 members added and more profit generated over the bar," says General Manager Raymond Cheyne. "We've managed to cut our costs massively without negatively affecting the experience for members."

LOWER HOPTON WMC
Mirfield, West Yorkshire

"Membership has gone up from last year, helped by the all-round activities and entertainment we put on," says Secretary Colin Avery. "We've been carrying on our upward curve from previous years with bookings up on the private functions which brings in a decent income."

MAIN LINE SOCIAL CLUB
Leeds, West Yorkshire

“We’re carrying on happily and trying as many things as possible to add to the life of the club, including a new monthly Northern Soul night which has been a success,” says Secretary Keith Baxter. “There’s something happening at the club every day of the week.”

NORTH BIDDICK SOCIAL CLUB
Washington, Tyne & Wear

The club has both Sky Sports and BT Sport and a full programme of entertainment, including country and western dancing, belly dancing, tombola, bingo, live music and comedy acts every Sunday, a pigeon fanciers club, darts club, leek club and three pool teams.

POYNTON WORKMENS CLUB
Poynton, Stockport

“We completed our £300,000 refurbishment at the tail-end of 2016,” says Steward Ian Robins. “It has been a long process from the initial idea to the completed project but it has been well worth the time and the money and the members are delighted with the end result.”

RICHMOND PLACE CLUB
Hereford, Herefordshire

“Our motto is to keep trying new things in order to get the membership engaged,” says Secretary Les Walker. “It’s working well with a huge range of activities taking place every week and some major events, including two darts competitions, being staged over the year.”

SOUTHBOROUGH MENS CLUB
Tunbridge Wells, Kent

As the club celebrates its 85th anniversary this year, the club is going strong with an active Committee well supported by the members. The club is very committed to supporting a number of local and national charities and held a successful charity darts tournament in August.

NEW ELTHAM SOCIAL CLUB
New Eltham, London

“The club has been doing brisk business and the Committee is delighted with how things are going across the board,” says President Paul Carroll. “We’re celebrating our 125th anniversary this year and have had plenty of activities to mark this incredible milestone for the club.”

PITTSHILL VICTORY WM CLUB
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire

“This year, it’s been about continuing the tremendous progress we’ve shown over the last few years and moving forward,” says Secretary Dan Capewell. “The main change has been the switchover of the cellar to the new free-flow system under Heineken.”

REMEMBRANCE CLUB
Castle Bromwich, Birmingham

“We are a community-orientated family CIU club and we’re busy throughout the week with activities and entertainment all year round,” says Secretary Val McConnell. “Our membership continues to grow and we’ve managed to bring in lots of young people.”

RYTON SOCIAL CLUB
Ryton, Gateshead

“We’ve spent £60,000 on updating our Concert Room and bringing it into the 21st century,” says Treasurer Maurice Baines. “The main area of the room has been re-carpeted and redecorated with features such as safety barriers along the entire width of the room.”

WEST KIRBY SOCIAL CLUB
West Kirby, Merseyside

A busy club with flourishing snooker, pool and darts sections. Entertainment is also a mainstay of the club with a variety of live acts every Friday, as well as regular cabaret evenings, bingo sessions, open mic nights and themed events.



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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.

These documents – available from your branch – take in all the current legislative requirements and have been produced to a high, professional standard.

National Executive Committee dates for 2017

The remaining dates for the meetings of the National Executive Committee in 2017 are as follows:
 November - 1st/2nd
 December - 6th/7th

Annual Meeting 2018 dates

The dates for Blackpool 2018 have been confirmed so be sure to make a note in your diary.

Thursday, April 12

NEC Meeting/Branch Dinner

Friday, April 13

Beer & Trades Show

Saturday, April 14

AGM

SPOTLIGHT ON... FRANK HEALY CMD

Frank Healy CMD, Branch Secretary of York City Branch, gives his views on the current state of clubland and what steps could be taken to help keep revitalising the club sector

How did you first become involved with club administration and the CIU?

When I first came to York my mum and sister were members of the Promenade Club (now closed) and I loved the atmosphere there. I started using working men's clubs in the late 1990s/early 2000s and became a member of New York Club. I decided to do a CMD to get a knowledge of running clubs and once I had passed that, I became a Committee Member of the club. I subsequently became Secretary of Acomb WMC but resigned that role because of ill health. After a period of recovery I was asked to take over as Secretary of the New York Club and held that position for several years until I retired from the role. From 2009 I'd been a member of the Branch Committee and became Branch Secretary in 2011 in succession to John Grainger.

How are clubs in your area generally faring at the moment?

We have some absolute star clubs in York City Branch, such as Bishopthorpe Sports & Social Club and Pocklington United Services Club and there's a definite trend which is seeing the smaller clubs becoming more successful. They don't have the big car parks and loads of room hence their rateable value is lower which is beneficial when it comes to paying for live sport.

If you could speak to the Prime Minister about the Government's policies on clubs, what would you say?

Firstly, I would like the Government to acknowledge the 150-plus years during which CIU clubs have been helping and serving our communities, including raising millions of pounds for charities each and every year. We don't want any special favours as a sector but it would be good to get some acknowledgment of how difficult it is for us currently.

Reducing VAT to 5% would be beneficial to clubs as would stopping supermarkets from bulk selling alcohol as they currently do – although I know that many of our clubs, (and I have always encouraged them to), buy their spirits from supermarkets because it's the cheapest option.

Also, I don't think it could ever happen but I would love to see clubs given a dispensation to introduce Smoking Room so that smokers



don't have to go outside into the cold to have a cigarette.

Are there any areas of modern life which have had a knock-on effect on clubs?

One of the key changes in modern life is pubs offering food and that's something which most clubs cannot offer, although there are plenty of exceptions with some clubs doing very well in this area.

I also believe that the notion of having our Annual Meeting in Blackpool each year has become outdated. I would love to see a rota introduced whereby each April we hold our AGM in a different area of the country. I believe this would help revitalise the CIU and that clubs in the far north and south of the country - and all points in-between - have the right to expect the Conference to travel to them at regular intervals.

What are the most positive signs you've seen in the club sector in the past three years?

It's definitely how some smaller clubs are doing so well. One club which springs to mind is the St Lawrence WMC in York which moved from a very large building (which has now been turned into flats) next door into a one-room club. Go in there at any time and it will be busy. It's an example that many clubs would do well to follow.

If you could award an OCE (Order of the Club Empire) who would it be to and why?

I know his name comes up often in relation to this but I would have to say former General Secretary Kevin Smyth. To my mind, he embodies all the good qualities of the CIU.

Who has been the biggest influence in your club life?

It's got to be my colleagues at York City Branch, in particular Alan Preston, Peter Mitchell and the late Johnny Lane, because without them I couldn't do my job.

Tickets in demand for the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday

If you haven't booked yet then it's time to snap up the last tickets for the annual CIU National Charity Raceday which takes place on Saturday, November 18 at Wetherby Racecourse.

This is one of the highlights of the CIU's sporting calendar with clubs from all over the country heading to Yorkshire to enjoy a superb day's hospitality in the Union's exclusive marquee adjacent to the racetrack.

Tickets for CIU members are priced at £16.50 and includes Paddock Admission Badge, Official Racecard, 'Pie & Peas' voucher and a set of '50p off a pint' vouchers courtesy of Heineken UK.

Union President George Dawson CMD said: "This is one of the biggest events of the year for the Union and a fantastic day out for our clubs so I'd urge as many of our members as possible to come along and enjoy this occasion.

"It's also a great fundraiser for the Union's Education Programme with over £3,000 raised at last year's event so come and have a great time and raise money for a good cause."

To book tickets by credit or debit card: Call Wetherby racecourse on 01937 582 035 and quote code 'WMCIU17'. No charge is made for card payment



Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday takes place at Wetherby Racecourse on Saturday, November 18

Aon's top insurance tips on firework and bonfire night events

The nights are drawing in but there are still lots of reasons to celebrate with bonfires and fireworks. But with great events come potential dangers. Aon's Andy Kitchener provides the following advice

Clubs want to protect staff, members and guests from harm or damage at all times. Fireworks night has its own particular implications so it's worth doing a thorough check through your safety procedures as well as being clear where you would stand with your insurance policy if anything went wrong.

To make sure that Public Liability Cover remains fully in force you will need to comply with the policy conditions of your insurance.

Below is a list of tips designed to help protect you during bonfire and firework displays, but please do check the specifics of your own policy before holding an event.

- **Use experts** – For category 4 fireworks, and above, you will need to have a qualified pyrotechnic technician to co-ordinate the display. This co-ordinator will need to hold valid Public Liability insurance for that

activity. Otherwise a competent person can let these off, please check with your insurer.

- **Keep people at a safe distance** – Spectators should be kept at a safe distance from the bonfire and fireworks and behind a rope or other barrier.

- **Store safely** – Fireworks are kept in a closed metal box when not being used. Fireworks are stored and lit a safe distance from the bonfire.

- **Inform the emergency services** – The fire brigade and police should be notified prior to any event and if they give you advice then you should comply with it fully.

- **First aid** – First aid facilities should be provided for the duration of any display.

As always, clubs will no doubt apply common sense to ensure that these events go as smoothly and safely as possible with minimal risk. But thinking ahead could help ensure a successful and stress-free bonfire night for everyone involved.

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MEMBERS' CORNER

Informative articles which affect our life
by Dione Mobley

With winter just around the corner, colder winter days can be much harder for our birds and small wildlife in general. Wrens can lose up to 10 percent of body weight on very cold nights.

If you have bird feeders in your garden these well stocked with seed or fresh water during the colder weather. If possible try to avoid cutting back foliage like hedges or ivy until it warms up because this often provides very valuable shelter for our wildlife.

November is a good month to finish up preparing the garden for the season. If you have a lot of fallen leaves on the ground, rake them up into a pile to help turn them into compost, cover and secure to prevent rain water flooding the area and spoiling the contents.

If possible move all your potted plants to a

more sheltered area or a greenhouse if you have one. For those who have limited garden space the alternative to help your plants survive winter is to wrap the pots with plastic.

Bubble wrap comes in very handy as you can use this for plants. It is extremely versatile and can be put to good use, not only just for wrapping breakables, it is also great for keeping flower pots warm in winter.

Wood chips or straw can offer protection outside and can be laid over perennial flower beds. Straw is also very useful in protecting tropical ferns or foliage.

Most garden outlets sell what is known as 'Horticultural Fleece', a product to shield fruit trees or larger bushes if they are in pots.

Another form of plant protection is the Haxnick easy fleece jackets which are very easy to use and work well to provide protection against frost in the colder weather, while still allowing sunshine and air into the plants while they are wrapped up.

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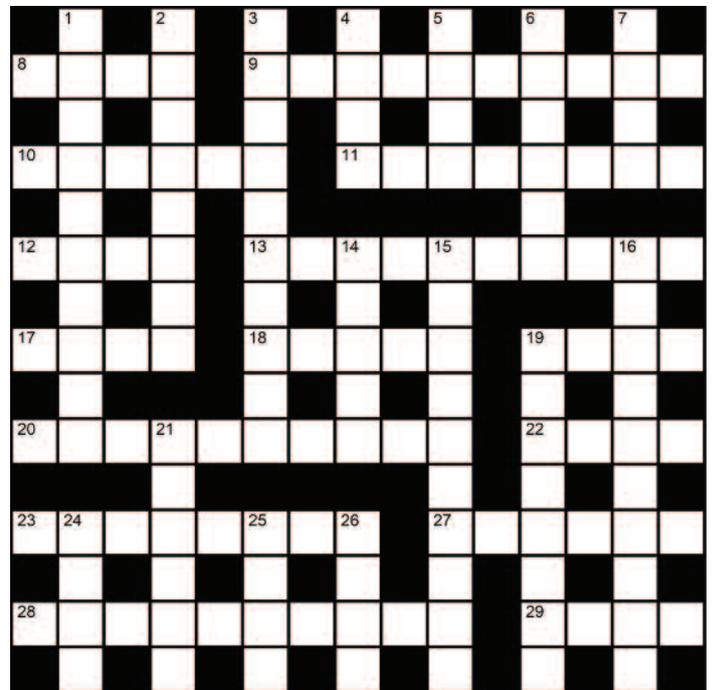
ACROSS

- 8 Vote in order to stop. (4)
- 9 Titus turns around investment companies. (4,6)
- 10 A molar pulled out without a principle. (6)
- 11 Exercises in pushing down to rise. (5-3)
- 12 Ascot's very own Northerner. (4)
- 13 Air lock to ebb out of heating unit. (4,6)
- 17 Paper one round the ear - old-fashioned discipline? (4)
- 18 Tell off the Sunday dinner? (5)
- 19 Nervous of limits? (4)
- 20 Century loses just one cone. (6-4)
- 22 Yearn to fix direction. (4)
- 23 Crude choices about to be made for desserts. (4-4)
- 27 'In the café' alibi - strong only in parts. (6)

DOWN

- 1 Civil Elmer (unusually for pasta!) (10)
- 2 Do poster imaginatively for 'Threshold'. (8)
- 3 Hurry, bully, you are about to get into busy activity. (5,5)
- 4 Trill is possibly having a speech defect. (4)
- 5 Make less of a hasty exit - it's an eyesore! (4)
- 6 Mule is daft to have this for breakfast! (6)
- 7 Perched on some circus big one. (4)
- 14 Mad, acrobatic crab jumps out at cat. (5)
- 15 Mere legume, say, is from Lima? (10)
- 16 Oregon mine yields power source. (6,4)
- 19 Oedipus Rex about which I'd not like being open. (8)
- 21 Former 'S'? That's too much! (6)
- 24 Catch ourselves having time, now? (4)
- 25 Follower of Morse and Davinci. (4)
- 26 Door base - would be foolish at end of July! (4)

Send your entry to Crossword, Club Journal, 59/60 Thames St, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1TX
Deadline November 25.

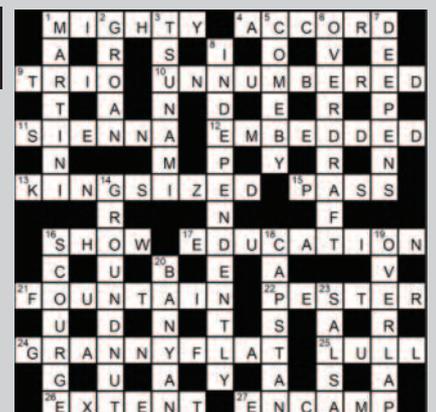


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- Anthony Burnside of Tudhoe Victory Club
- Ivor Ling of Cowley Workers Social Club
- Brian Thomas of Pentdarren Social Club
- Mrs KJ Bradley of The Remembrance Club





Sunday November 5, 4.30pm – Sky Sports PL HD

Premier League: Chelsea v Manchester United

A big game for both sides as the reigning champions welcome back former manager Jose Mourinho to Stamford Bridge for a game that could have far-reaching consequences for the eventual destination of the title. Eden Hazard has been in superlative form for the Blues and will be closely watched by the United defence.

Friday November 17, 12.30pm – ITV4

Horse Racing: Cheltenham

Action from Countryside Day at Cheltenham, the first day of the course's three-day November meeting, formerly known as the Open Meeting. The feature race of the day is the Glenfarclas Cross Country Handicap Steeplechase at 3pm but there will be several races from the home of National Hunt racing in the UK.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

There is a wealth of big live sporting events coming up in November, including the return of Jose Mourinho to his old stomping ground of Stamford Bridge for the Chelsea v Manchester United tie

Saturday November 4

12.30pm

ITV4

Horse Racing: Ascot & Wetherby

Sunday November 5

12 noon

BT Sport 1 HD

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Crystal Palace

Sunday November 5

12.15pm

Sky Sports Football HD

Championship: Middlesbrough v Sunderland

Sunday November 5

2.15pm

Sky Sports PL HD

Premier League: Manchester City v Arsenal

Sunday November 5

4.30pm

Sky Sports PL HD

Premier League: Chelsea v Manchester United

Liverpool v Chelsea,
Saturday, November 25,
5.30pm, BT Sport HD



Saturday November 11

12.30pm

ITV4

Horse Racing: Wincanton & Doncaster

Saturday November 11

12.30pm

Sky Sports Football HD

League One: Doncaster Rovers v Rotherham United

Saturday November 11

1pm

Sky Sports Arena/Mix HD

Darts: Grand Slam of Darts

Saturday November 11

5.15pm

BBC

International Rugby Union: Wales v Australia

Sunday November 12

4pm

Sky Sports F1 HD

F1: Brazilian Grand Prix

Friday November 17

12.30pm

ITV4

Horse Racing: Cheltenham November Meeting



Saturday November 18, 12.30pm – Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur
 North London derby action from the Emirates and the form book is likely to be thrown out of the window in the heat of battle between these two close rivals. Spurs have looked formidable for much of the season so far but the Gunners have improved hugely recently most notably in defence.

Friday November 17
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports Football HD
Championship: Preston North End v Bolton Wanderers

Friday November 17
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
Aviva Premiership Rugby: Gloucester v Saracens

Saturday November 18
 12.30pm
 ITV
Horse Racing: Cheltenham November Meeting & Lingfield

Saturday November 18
 12.30pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur

Saturday November 18
 3pm
 Sky Sports Action HD
International Rugby Union: England v Australia

Saturday November 18
 5.30pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Premier League: Manchester United v Newcastle United

Sunday November 19
 12.30pm
 ITV4
Horse Racing: Cheltenham November Meeting & Fontwell

Sunday November 19
 3pm
 BT Sport HD
Aviva Premiership Rugby: Exeter Chiefs v Harlequins

Sunday November 19
 4pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Watford v West Ham United

Monday November 20
 8pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Brighton & Hove Albion v Stoke City

Tuesday November 21
 7pm
 Sky Sports Arena HD
Greyhound Racing: Betfred Eclipse Stakes

Tuesday November 21
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: Sevilla v Liverpool

CIU Sport

CIU Individual Pool Competition

The Individual Pool semi-finals and Final was held on October 7 at Bramley (Rotherham) WM Club between Mark Price of Stopsley WM Club (North East Met Branch), S Lall of Hayes WM Club (North West Met Branch), T Gwyn of Glendale Social Club (Durham Branch) and G Spooner of Annitsford United Club (Northumberland Branch)

In the Final, Mark Price of Stopsley WM Club beat T Gwyn of Glendale Social Club 5-3.
 The Union Representative was Dave Gravel CMD.

CIU Individual Darts Competition

The Individual Darts semi-finals and final was held on October 7 at the Thornhill Edge WM Club between Paddy Lenagh of Coxhoe WM Club (Durham Branch) and P Borthwick of Stanley Empire Club (Durham Branch), A Dobby of Netherton Social Club and D Price Ynyshir & District Club (South Wales Branch).

The Final was between Paddy Lenagh of Coxhoe WM Club and D Price of Ynyshir & Dist Club. Paddy Lenagh beat D Price 4-2.

The Union Representative was Philip Larkin.

Tuesday November 21
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: Manchester City v Feyenoord

Wednesday November 22
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: FK Qarabag v Chelsea

Wednesday November 22
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: FC Basel v Manchester United

Thursday November 23
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Europa League: Everton v Atalanta

Friday November 24
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
Aviva Premiership Rugby: Newcastle Falcons v Gloucester

Friday November 24
 8pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: West Ham United v Leicester City

Saturday November 25
 12.30pm
 ITV
Horse Racing: Haydock & Ascot (Betfair Chase)

Saturday November 25
 5.15pm
 BBC
International Rugby Union: Wales v New Zealand

Saturday November 25
 5.30pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Premier League: Liverpool v Chelsea

Sunday November 26
 1.30pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Southampton v Everton

Sunday November 26
 4pm
 Sky Sports PL HD
Premier League: Huddersfield Town v Manchester City

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