

Owlerton Stadium hosts the Dransfields CIU Racenight

Tickets now available for November's CIU Raceday



Tickets for the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday, which takes place at Wetherby on Saturday, November 13, are now available to buy directly from the racecourse's website.

The tickets, costing £18.50 (plus 50p booking fee) include Paddock Enclosure admission, a racecard, complimentary 'Pie & Peas', 5 x 50p off a pint vouchers from Heineken UK and access to the CIU Marquee.

● **For information on how to book your tickets for the event, see pages 20-21.**



Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM (far left) and Dransfields Operations Director Trevor Roberts (far right) make a presentation to the winning dog and owner following the feature race at Dransfields CIU National Charity Racenight on Tuesday, October 19

Club members enjoyed the 2021 Dransfields CIU Greyhound Racenight held at Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium on Tuesday, October 19.

The event, which was cancelled in 2020 due to Coronavirus, saw a number of CIU officials in attendance, including General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and NEC members Les Hepworth CMD ACM and Nathan Clarke.

There were 14 races throughout the

night, including the Dransfields CIU Sweepstake prize was won by Far Cotton Working Mens Club in Northampton who correctly picked the winning dog in the final heat.

Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM said: "It was another great night at Owlerton Stadium. Our sincere thanks to all clubs who supported the event as well as to sponsors Dransfields."

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Club of the Month: Rushden Town Band Club

The 'Club of the Month' for November is Rushden Town Band Club in Northamptonshire.

The club was founded in 1900 and last year completed a £170,000 refurbishment of the entire premises.

● **For the full profile of the club, see pages 12-15**



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Welcome

Welcome to the November edition of *Club Journal*.

It's election time once again as the Union's members vote for the Presidential and NEC candidates. As you'll see from the timeline in our 'HQ' section on pages 16, the ballot papers will be issued to clubs this month to be returned to Head Office by December 17 with the ballot count and official release of the results taking place on December 21.

As is customary, the results of the election will be published in the January edition of *Club Journal*.

Later this month, on Saturday, November 13, members from clubs all over the country will be attending the Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday at Wetherby Racecourse.

Tickets for CIU members are priced at £18.50 (plus 50p booking fee) and that price include a Paddock Admission Badge, Official Racecard, 'Pie & Peas' voucher, five '50p off a pint' vouchers courtesy of Heineken UK and access to the CIU Marquee.

It's sure to be a fun day. To book tickets, simply visit the website:

<https://wetherbyracing.eticetme.com/sales/fixtures/saturday-13th-november---peake/paddock---ciu-advance-sale> and enter the code 'CIUWRN21' (you can also click onto the link via the CIU website).

As both the President and General

Secretary announced at the AGM in September, the Union's Education Programme continues to be a major priority and you'll be pleased to know that there are two day sessions taking place in December for those members wishing to obtain the Union's Award in Club Management (ACM).

Each day session costs £30 and includes a workbook that covers all the topics covered in the Unit. Taking place on Saturday, December 4 at Lamberhead Green Club, Wigan is a Unit 3 session. Then on Saturday, December 11 at Canton Liberal Club, Cardiff is a Unit 2 session.

To book a place on the upcoming courses in November, please contact Cath Fitzpatrick at Head Office by telephone on 0207 226 0221 (Ext. 238) or by email: cfitzpatrick@wmcui.org.

Meanwhile, our 'Club of the Month' for November is Rushden Town Band Club in Northamptonshire.

The club underwent a fantastic £170,000 refurbishment in 2020 and has successfully relaunched since the end of lockdown.

For the full feature, see pages 12-15. I hope you enjoy the issue.

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Haywards Heath SC celebrates its 100th year



Haywards Heath Social Club is celebrating its centenary this year

Haywards Heath Social Club marked its centenary with an Open Day in October which showcased all that the club has to offer.

The club, which was founded in 1921 as Haywards Heath United Services Club, hosted a Craft Fair with tea, coffee and cakes for sale, as well as a tombola and a raffle.

That was followed by live musical performances by two artistes, as well as a 1920s themed meal.

The club has been extremely busy since reopening in May and has an array of activities taking place throughout the week.

Games have proved very popular with the Snooker Room – which features four snooker tables as well as pool and bar billiards tables – recently undergoing a refurbishment.

The club is also the home base of the Sussex Darts Organisation and regularly hosts county matches.

News in brief



Famous boxers pay a visit to the Bricket Wood Social Club in St Albans

The Bricket Wood Social Club in St Albans, Hertfordshire, recently welcomed a number of former sporting stars into their club as the Home Counties Ex-Boxers' Association held its latest meeting at the club.

Among the many luminaries in attendance was PJ Pat Gallagher (pictured, above centre), who was the undefeated British Super-Featherweight champion in 1996. He also won the WBC International Super-Featherweight Title.

Club members were delighted to have a chat and be photographed alongside PJ and his Championship belts.

The Association supports a number of charities which help ex-boxers.

Renowned R&B band Dr Feelgood set for Cullercoats Crescent Club gig

Dr Feelgood will be playing at Cullercoats Crescent Club in Newcastle on Friday, December 19.

Formed in the early 1970s as a blues band on Canvey Island, Essex, the group are best known for singles such as 'She Does It Right', 'Roxette', 'Back in the Night' and 'Milk and Alcohol'.

Tickets are £19.50. For further information, ring: 07579 777 636.

The band are just one of many impressive acts performing at the club over the next few months as the club continues to boost its live entertainment offering.

Geordie – the rock group originally formed by Brian Johnson, who went on to front AC/DC – will be playing there on Saturday, December 4.

The club is also putting on a children's pantomime – Dick Whittington – on December 29 with tickets selling at £4.



Dr Feelgood play at Cullercoats Crescent Club on December 19

News in brief



Mill View Social Club presented with bayonet for supporting army charity

The Mill View Social Club in Sunderland has a striking new addition to its wall after the club was presented with a special commemorative British Army bayonet as a mark of appreciation for their support of a charity challenge undertaken by members of the Scots Guards.

The framed knife was given to the club by the Row 4 Heroes Atlantic Guardsmen team which took part in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge in 2019.

The four-strong team of military men – one of whom is a member of Mill View Social Club – rowed a seven-metre boat across the Atlantic – from La Gomera in the Canary Islands to Nelson's Dockyard English Harbour in Antigua and Barbuda.

Members of the club rallied round to support this amazing physical challenge, adding a mighty £3,000 to the fundraising total.

The bayonet now has pride of place behind the bar where it will be seen by successive generations of club members.

Strong line-up of tribute acts at Harrowgate Club during December

The Harrowgate Club in Darlington has announced its December line-up with a number of top tribute acts set to perform at the club.

Kicking off the month's entertainment on December 3 is Lady Lipa, based on the hits of Lady Gaga and Dua Lipa.

There will also be tributes to The Four Seasons, Madness and Take That in December.

Terence Langham presented with DSA



Pictured, left to right: Derek Wallace, Allan Baker and Terence Langham

Terence Langham, Committee Member of Carcroft Village Club, Doncaster, was presented with his 40-Year Distinguished Service Award on September 30.

Terence (Terry to his friends) has held many roles in the club including former Trustee and organiser of a very successful super league darts team.

He is the fifth member of the club to have reached 40 years of service, alongside Allan Baker (President of the Club and of Doncaster Branch CIU) and the three Finance Officers, Derek Wallace, Jim Hutchinson Senior and Barry Gregory.

All five are still serving on the Committee.

Salthorn WMC raises £460 for Macmillans



The Salthorn Club held a Macmillan Coffee Morning in October

Salthorn Working Mens Club in Bradford hosted a successful Macmillan Coffee Morning on October 1, raising a total of £460 for the cancer charity.

There was a great response by members who got behind the event, contributing home-baked cakes and a number of raffle prizes.

Meanwhile, the club recently held a fun competition for members to guess the number of 2p pieces incorporated in the club's new glass-topped bar (see photo).

The winner was A. Dixon whose estimate of £46 was the closest to the actual amount of £46.08.

Coxlodge Social Club honours stalwarts



Coxlodge Social Club held a ceremony on Thursday, September 23 to award three Committee members – John Skelton, Ronnie Bruce and Trevor Richards – with their Long Service Awards. Pictured, left to right, back row: Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary), Bill Stoker (National Executive Member), P. Scorer (No.9 Division Executive), Alan Hardy (Northumberland Branch President). Front row, left to right: J. Richardson (Club Chairman), John Skelton (Long Service Award recipient and Club Treasurer), Ronnie Bruce (Long Service Award recipient and Club Secretary) and Trevor Richards (Long Service Award recipient and Club Committee Member)

Thomas Wilson Club hosts football legends Q&A



Peter Reid and John Beresford took part in a Q&A at the Thomas Wilson Social Club

The Thomas Wilson Social Club in Gateshead welcomed two luminaries of the football world for a special Q&A session.

Former England and Everton midfielder Peter Reid, who went on to manage a number of clubs, including Sunderland and Manchester City, appeared on the club's stage alongside much-decorated defender John Beresford who played for Manchester City, Portsmouth and Newcastle United, as well as several other top-flight sides.

Given the location of the event, much of the on-stage chat centred around the future prospects of Newcastle and Sunderland but Reid also gave a fascinating insight into his time with England, including his part in the infamous 'Hand of God' goal scored by the late Argentina striker Diego Maradona at the 1986 World Cup.

The pair answered questions from the large crowd and also chatted and had photographs taken with members of the audience following the event.

News in brief



New comedy night launches at club where Hancock first trod the boards

The Avon Social Club in Bournemouth is hosting a newly launched comedy night – Carl's Comedy Club – which will take place regularly on the club stage which launched the career of British comedy giant Tony Hancock.

The Hancock's Half Hour star performed at the club in 1940 and a plaque has been installed on the exterior of the building to mark this footnote in the history of comedy.

Now, a new batch of comedians will be entertaining the audience in a monthly show compered by local comic Carl Filer.

Debbie Snooks, the club's Entertainment Secretary, said: "Without the commemorative plaque outside, you could walk straight past the building and have no idea that such a legend of British comedy started his career on our stage back in July 1940.

"Not that it went particularly well for him at the time, as his material was a little too outrageous for the audience.

"We're so looking forward to having Carl's Comedy Club bringing laughter back to the Tony Hancock Laughter Lounge every month."

Carl added: "I try to include a range of acts to showcase all that stand-up has to offer.

"I think what makes you laugh depends on what mood you're in, so I wanted to make sure there was something for everyone.

"When I first became involved there were hardly any opportunities to see live comedy, and even fewer regular events.

"The Avon Social Club is the perfect place to stage comedy.

"When I found out that Tony Hancock performed for the first time there, I was blown away.

"He's one of the greats, so knowing he was on that stage just gives the place a special feel. I want people to come to these evenings and feel able to laugh, relax and enjoy themselves."

OBITUARY

Yvonne Jackson CMD



It is with a great deal of sadness and a heavy heart (writes Michael Woodvine CMD) that, as former Burnley & Pendle CIU Branch Secretary, I must announce the passing of Yvonne Jackson CMD on the morning of Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

Yvonne spent almost 10 years on the Burnley & Pendle CIU Branch Executive and worked alongside her husband Harry Jackson for several years before Harry sadly passed.

They both sat on the Committee at the Nelson Carters and Motormen's WMC and over many years spent time in several roles at the club.

Yvonne served as Committee Person, Treasurer, Secretary, Trustee, Vice-President and President.

She was also the first person at the Carters to obtain the highly prized Club Management Diploma (CMD), and probably one of the first ladies to obtain the diploma in the North West.

Her knowledge and vast experience of club management, and the laws and practices that affected clubs, benefited the Carters greatly and she was a credit and an asset to both the club and the Branch Executive.

We had both been members of the same club for more than 30 years. We both helped manage the club and administer to the Branch for 10 years and we both faced the same challenges with the tenacity they required.

My wife Mary and I had some great times with Yvonne and Harry and represented both the Carters and Burnley & Pendle Branch at the CIU Annual Conference in Blackpool.

She will be sadly missed by many in Clubland, her family and her many friends.

RIP Yvonne.

Blytholme Club celebrates its 100th year in the CIU



The Blytholme Club in Stockton celebrated its 100th year as part of the CIU in October. The Club Secretary, George Noble (right), received the Award from Union President and Durham Branch Secretary George Smith (left) and Durham Branch President Eric Campbell

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 Colin Tempest – Barnburgh WMC (South Yorkshire Branch)
 Peter Purvis – Corstopitum Social Club (Northumberland Branch)

Certificate of Merit – 10 Years

Nancy Birdsall - Ossett Central Club (Heavy Woollen Branch)
 Andrew England - Ossett Central Club (Heavy Woollen Branch)
 Andrew Mortimer - Ossett Central Club (Heavy Woollen Branch)
 Susan Spence - Ossett Central Club (Heavy Woollen Branch)

Branch Award – 21 Years

Peter Scorer - Northumberland Branch

Service Awards Application

Please remember to allow sufficient time when applying for your Service Award Certificates as all applications are approved initially by your local Branch Office then approved at the monthly NEC meeting in London (see page 16 for dates of upcoming NEC meetings).

All certificates take around six to eight weeks to be approved, engraved and signed.

News in brief



Charity Darts Open Singles Tournament date announced by The Richmond Place Club

The Richmond Place Club in Hereford has announced the date of its 2021 Charity Darts Open Singles Tournament.

The event will take place on Sunday, December 19 and all funds raised will go towards the local Stroke Support Unit.

There will be a £500 prize for the winner, £200 for the Runner-Up and £50 for the losing semi-finalists.

Entry is £8 with registration at 2pm and the tournament commencing at 3pm.

Club Secretary Les Walker said: "We're looking forward to staging another really competitive tournament as well as raising money for a fantastic cause."

For more information, phone the club on 01432 356529 or Gill on 07557 301958.

Kevin Painter and Jamie Caven set for exhibition at Groby Ex-Servicemen's Club

Groby Ex-Servicemen's Social Club in Leicestershire will be hosting two darts legends in December.

Kevin 'The Artist' Painter and Jamie 'Jabba' Caven will be putting on an Exhibition Night at the club on Friday, December 17.

Painter is most famous for finishing as the runner-up to Phil Taylor in the 2004 PDC World Championship final, widely acknowledged as one of the greatest matches of all time.

Caven won seven PDC events during his illustrious career.

Tickets are available from the club for £8 each or £30 for four.

Legend of Darlington Northgate Club retires



Pictured, left to right: Club President Stan Summers and Sue Blareau

After 45 years of dedicated service at Darlington Northgate Club & Institute, Sue Blareau has called time on working behind the bar.

Sue pulled her first pint at the bar back in 1976 when her father was employed as the Club Steward and has been a much-loved part of the club ever since.

Never one for the limelight, Sue told current Steward Andy Poole that she didn't want any fuss around her retirement but such was the depth of affection for her on the part of club members and officials, that a collection was made.

On her final day at work, a special presentation was made by Club President Stan Summers, who paid tribute to Sue for her loyal service to the club.

She received a number of gifts, including a bouquet of flowers and was made an Honorary Member of the club.

A few tears were shed on the night when the club and its members said its farewell to a much-respected lady.



Sue Blareau (far left) with current Club Steward Andy Poole (far right) and his partner Suzanne

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Award in Club Management courses resume in December

The Union's Award in Club Management (ACM), which aims to give a thorough grounding in running a members' club, will be relaunching in December with day courses taking place at Lamberhead Green Club in Wigan on Saturday, December 4 and Canton Liberal Club in Cardiff on Saturday, December 11

Following a two-year hiatus caused by the Coronavirus pandemic, the Union is relaunching the Award in Club Management (ACM) with day courses set to take place in December.

On Saturday, December 4, there will be a course covering Unit 3 at Lamberhead Green Club in Wigan, while on Saturday, December 11, there will be a Unit 2 session at Canton Liberal Club in Cardiff.

The ACM was developed by the Union to give club officials all the information they require to run a successful private members' club.

The qualification consists of three self-contained units, each taking one day of classroom-based study to complete.

Unit 1 of the course covers Law & Regulation, Licensing; Unit 2 covers Other Law and Regulations and Unit 3 covers the topics of Management, Finance and Administration.

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

The course is aimed at people who are going to be sitting on club committees and occupying positions of authority within clubs.

It aims to ensure that candidates gain a thorough understanding of licensing law and regulations relating to members' clubs, as well as a whole host of other laws and regulations that govern the running of a club, including entertainment, the various copyright permissions required and the rules and regulations surrounding gaming machines in clubs.

The feedback from those who have already completed their ACM qualification has been overwhelmingly positive.

Tricia Banachowicz ACM, the Secretary of Leigh Park Trade Union Working Men's Club in Havant, was among the first officials in the country to complete all three stages of the



General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM lectured at the Unit 1 course held at Canton Liberal Club in Cardiff in December 2019. The club will be hosting a Unit 2 course in December

ACM and said: "Even when you've been running a club for several years, there's always more to learn and the ACM covers a lot of ground in terms of licensing, finance and regulations.

"The format of the course is such that as well as covering the course syllabus in the day sessions, candidates have the chance to talk about situations at their own clubs and open up a discussion.

"It means that you can fill in any gaps in your knowledge – perhaps situations which have not occurred at your club but potentially could arise in the future.

"For example, one of the areas that I found interesting was the difference between operating under a Club Premises Certificate and a Premises Licence given that some clubs choose to obtain a Premises Licence for different parts of the club.

"I've already encouraged other Committee Members to take the ACM and I believe that it would be particularly useful for Committee Members who are about to become Club Officers.

"Having the ACM is a sign that you

have a thorough grounding in the laws and regulations governing clubs and that can be invaluable in meetings, both within the club and when you are talking to external parties such as the licensing authority.

"One of the key things I did after the course was to get everyone else's contact details so that we can keep in touch via email or on social media and help each other out and keep adding to each other's knowledge base.

"The ACM is an excellent course and I would thoroughly recommend it to anyone who is involved in running a members' club."

Due to the pandemic, the original course requirement to pass all three sections of the course within a three-year period has been relaxed with students being given extra time to achieve the award.

For more information on the course, including reserving a place on the upcoming day sessions in December, please get in touch with Cath Fitzpatrick in the Education Department at Head Office on 020 7226 0221 or email: cfitzpatrick@wmcui.org



Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM addresses students at Canton Liberal Club in Cardiff in December 2019

Unit 1

Law & Regulations

Includes:

- Laws and regulations under which social clubs run by volunteers operate
- Main official bodies and categories involved in the licensing process
- The licensing objectives

Unit 2

Law & Regulations (Part 2)

Includes:

- Resolving club disputes
- Procedures for conducting meetings
- Suspensions and expulsions
- Betting, gaming and lotteries

Unit 3

Management, Finance & Administration

Includes:

- Financial control
- Club banking
- Brewery loans and discounts
- Stock taking

Upcoming ACM day sessions

ACM DAY COURSE UNIT 3 – Management, Finance & Administration

Saturday, December 4 – Lamberhead Green WMC

ACM DAY COURSE UNIT 2 – Law & Regulations (Part 2)

Saturday, December 11 – Canton Liberal Club, Cardiff

The cost of each unit is £30

- To book a place on the above courses, contact Cath Fitzpatrick at Head Office on 0207 226 0221 (Ext. 238) or by email: cfitzpatrick@wmcIU.org





Staff and officials at Rushden Band Town Club

Rushden Town Band Club

Rushden Town Band Club in Northamptonshire is determined to continue the tremendous legacy handed down by their late President, Norman Trinder, who passed away in March

Since it was formed in 1900, Rushden Town Band Club, near Kettering in Northamptonshire has never stopped evolving, with successive committees focused on constantly improving the club and what it offers its members.

Even the pandemic failed to put a dent in the club's forward momentum with the current Committee embarking on a ambitious top-to-bottom refurbishment of the entire premises costing £170,000.

Ray Dickens, Club Secretary, explains: "As the club was shut in early 2020 and we had the necessary funds available for the work, we just thought 'why not?'.

"We started off with the downstairs of the club and put in a new bar, new carpets and furniture and redecorated throughout.

"Then, we did the same in the upstairs Concert Room, totally upgrading it. We also redid the ladies



The club is renowned for quality live entertainment

toilets and revamped the kitchen area.

“It was a really top-quality job all round with ACE Furniture supplying the new tables and chairs and Vanderbyl Design & Build carrying out the refurbishment.

“The reaction from the members since we reopened has been overwhelmingly positive and we’ve also picked up new members who have come in for the first time and been really impressed by the refurbishment.

“The driving force behind the refurbishment was our late President, Norman Trinder, who had done so much for the club over the years.

“When he passed away in March, he had been President for 35 years, as well as serving as an Executive Member and Vice-President of South East Midlands Branch, and was just so dedicated to making the club a success.

“We immediately decided to hold a special weekend in his memory but

then thought it would be fitting to open that out to a Memorial Weekend for all the members we’d lost since the start of the COVID pandemic.

“We staged it over the weekend of July 23-25 and it was a fantastic occasion for the club.

“It started off on the Friday with a racenight where you could ‘bet’ on old televised horse races, continued with a bingo and games on the Saturday and then live entertainment from ABBA tribute act Waterloo on the Sunday.

“There were several raffles, as well as drinks offers and food with all the profits going to the Intensive Care Unit at Kettering General Hospital where Norman was treated.

“The bar staff even wore special polo shirts with some of Norman’s most famous ‘catchphrases’ printed on them, including ‘What time is the two o’clock raffle?’ and ‘God didn’t make half days’.

“It was a great weekend and we

were honoured that Norman’s son and daughter came along for a special presentation to mark his incredible service to the club and the CIU movement.

“All the events were well supported by the members with the result that we raised a grand total of £1,647 for the ICU.”

The positive and pragmatic way in which the club dealt with the pandemic should come as no surprise given that it has dealt with major adversity before.

Indeed, in 2006 the original club building was razed to the ground by an electrical fire, necessitating a wholesale move of premises.

“It was a big shock at the time as absolutely everything went up in flames but we were lucky in that there was a privately owned club just a mile down the road which we moved into and made into our new home,” says Ray.

“We originally rented it for three



Rushden Town Band Club was founded in 1900 and moved to its current site in 2006

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years with an option to buy which we duly exercised. It's smaller than the club which burned down but the move worked out really well, although we did lose the Rushden Town Band as all their instruments were destroyed in the fire.

"The Band still exists but is now based at a different club although the club has kept the historical name.

"We have over 400 members and it's renowned for being a very friendly club with plenty of activities going on, including all the things you'd expect from a traditional social club, including regular live entertainment, bingo, raffles and games like 'Play Your Cards Right'.

"All these activities ensure that members have more incentives to come into the club and the money raised from the activities goes straight back into the club or to the various charities we support."

Charity is extremely important to the club, as Stewardess Sally Pearson explains: "The members are fantastic when it comes to donating to good causes and it's great to know that if we put a charity event on, it will get great support from everyone.

"A couple of years ago, pre-pandemic, we took part as a club in a charity Dragon Boat Race at a lake in Kettering with 10 club members competing against other teams.

"Despite it being a fairly last-minute effort – we were given free entry a couple of weeks before the event after a local company paid to enter but couldn't get a team together – we ended up raising £2,000 for the charity.

"The members were also really generous in supporting me and my children when we did a sponsored run to raise funds for their school, as well as when I completed a 'Swimathon' at the local pool.

"It also helps that the club is at the heart of the local community which means that we get support from local businesses when we put on a charity event, the Memorial Weekend being a case in point.

"Lots of local firms – plus some national ones like ACE Furniture, Dransfields and Heineken UK – donated things like raffle prizes which



helped us to reach that fantastic fundraising total over the three days."

The club enjoys a great local reputation for serving great beer at very reasonable prices with the top sellers at the bar being Foster's at £2.70 a pint and John Smith's Extra Smooth at £2.50.

"The quality and value that we offer at the bar is something which often gets remarked upon, especially when it's someone coming into the club for the first time," says Ray.

"We want to keep the prices as reasonable as possible for the members and will also do '50p off a pint' promotions on draught beers for a month, once or twice a year, just as an added benefit of being a club member."

The club takes its role as a hub of the community very seriously and opens at 9am Monday to Saturday

and at 10.30am on Sundays to ensure there is as much accessibility as possible for its members, particularly the elder ones.

"We think it's really important to open up early for the sake of our members," says Acting President Trevor Parker.

"This club is a home-from-home for many members and you get senior citizens coming in first thing or during the day in order to sit down in comfort and read the paper and perhaps have an early drink and a chat with their friends.

"Many people, particularly those who live on their own, had a terrible time during the lockdown periods as they missed being able to come into the club and socialise, so they appreciate all the more now that the club is there for them throughout the week.

“There’s a real community feeling about the club with people of all ages and occupations among the members.

“If you need any work done – building, plumbing, electrics, for example – you can guarantee there will be a member who can help or give advice.”

Trevor also points to the club's live entertainment offering as something which underpins the club's continuing success.

“Live entertainment was something which was really missed by people during the shutdown.

“We have some top-notch acts at the club through our association with a company called Big Beat Entertainment and their artists always go down well with our members,” he says.

“Next year, we’re going to have a series of tribute acts performing on Sunday afternoons which should prove really popular.”

Live sport is also a mainstay of the club with a three-metre projection screen recently installed in the Concert Room for major events.

“We can now show the big football matches on the big screen as well as on the smaller screens downstairs,” says Ray.

“The Premier League coverage on BT Sport and Sky is very popular and we have pockets of supporters for all the major teams amongst our members.

“During the Formula 1 season we also show the various Grands Prix when they take place.

“The big screen can also be used for private functions, such as birthdays and wedding receptions, as you can project photos or videos onto it with sound.

“We believe it will help to boost bookings for private functions which provide a valuable source of income to the club.

“That’s an area of trade which we’re

looking to expand going forward.”

Financially speaking, the club is in a very strong position with the club owning seven residential properties in the area which bring substantial funds into the club coffers from rentals.

“We also owned another club in the area but it was unable to reopen after the shutdown so that is in the process of being sold,” says Ray.

“But this club is flourishing and, as a Committee, we’re determined to carry on Norman’s legacy.

“We will keep moving forward and continue his work to ensure that the club remains a vital part of the local community.”

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The club's top sellers are John Smith's Extra Smooth and Foster's lager

HQ

News in brief

Contracts and Handbook available from Branch Offices

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

The documents available are:

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

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

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

National Executive Committee dates for 2021

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

- November - 3/4;
- December - 1/2.

Annual Meeting 2022 dates

Thursday, April 7 – NEC Meeting

Friday, April 8 – Beer & Trades Show (Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool)

Saturday, April 9 – AGM

Presidential and NEC Elections

The Union's Presidential and NEC Elections will be taking place during December with the exact timings of the procedures set out below

Timeline for the 2022-23 Election

Issue Letter and Nomination Form
Monday, October 25, 2021

Deadline for forms to be received at Head Office
Thursday, November 18, 2021

Ballot Papers to be issued to all Clubs
Thursday, November 25, 2021

Deadline for Ballot Papers to be received at Head Office –
Friday, December 17, 2021

Ballot Count at Head Office
Tuesday, December 21, 2021

Notification to Candidates and NEC
Tuesday December 21, 2021

**Official Release to Branch Secretaries, Club Journal
and Head Office**
Tuesday, December 21, 2021



Clubs will be able to view 20 Premier League clubs on Amazon Prime Video during November and December

Amazon Premier League Pass available to clubs via BT Sport

BT Sport has teamed up with Amazon to give clubs the chance to show another 20 live Premier League games in November and December – with every team featuring twice.

The Amazon Premier League Pass is available through BT Sport and will give your club access to two full rounds of Premier League matches.

The first batch will take place on Tuesday, November 30 and Thursday, December 2, with the second round between Christmas and New Year's Eve – giving members extra reasons to come through the doors.

Included in this round of fixtures on Amazon Prime video are: Everton v Liverpool, Manchester United v Arsenal and Leicester City v Liverpool.

Existing BT Sport customers will receive a 20 per cent discount off their pass.

The full list of fixtures is as follows:

November 30 - December 1

Aston Villa v Manchester City; Everton v Liverpool; Leeds v Crystal Palace; Watford v Chelsea; West Ham v Brighton; Wolves v Burnley; Manchester United v Arsenal; Newcastle v Norwich; Southampton v Leicester; Spurs v Brentford.

December 28

Arsenal v Wolves; Brentford v Manchester City; Chelsea v Brighton; Crystal Palace v Norwich; Everton v Newcastle; Leeds v Aston Villa; Leicester v Liverpool; Manchester United v Burnley; Southampton v Spurs; Watford v West Ham.

For further information on the Amazon Premier League Pass visit:

www.btsportbusiness.com/amazonpass

or call: 0800 678 1062.

B.H. Accountancy – change of contact details

Please be advised that following a recent office move, B.H. Accountancy – the Union's Official Auditors – now has a new office telephone number which is effective immediately.

The new telephone number is: **0191 8150500** and the

new office address is:

B.H. Accountancy Ltd
363 West Road
Newcastle Upon Tyne
Tyne and Wear, NE15 7NL

The CIU – 159 years of supporting clubs and members

Here's an in-depth look at the many services and benefits offered by the CIU to our affiliated clubs, including legal advice, the chance to learn about club law and finance through the Union's Education Programme and the opportunity to take part in national and regional competitions in a variety of sports and games

Advice and Help for Clubs

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

Education

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

Club Journal

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

Charity

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

Lobbying on Behalf of Clubs

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

Rules

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





Events - CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition

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

The CIU Racing Club

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

Sport & Games

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

CIU Official Website

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

Events - CIU National Charity Raceday

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

PRS Tariff

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



Book your tickets for Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday

The Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday is back and will take place at Wetherby Racecourse on Saturday, November 13. Book your special CIU ticket package now (£18.50 plus 50p booking fee) via the venue's website



Dransfield CIU National Charity Raceday takes place on Saturday, November 13

After a two-year gap since the last event due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday is back and will take place on Saturday, November 13 at Wetherby Racecourse in West Yorkshire.

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

It's also a bumper day for charity with the event raising over £35,000 for the CIU's chosen charities since it started at Wetherby in 2006, with both Wetherby Racecourse and their

catering partner CGC Events Ltd donating £1 from every CIU package sold.

As at previous racedays, many clubs will be out in force at this year's event, many of them opting to travel to the venue in coach parties.

Jonjo Sanderson, Chief Executive and Clerk of the Course at Wetherby Racecourse, is certainly looking forward to welcoming Union members to the venue in 2021:

"Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday is always a special fixture in the Wetherby calendar and this year is even more eagerly anticipated given the two-year gap between events due to the pandemic.

"What better way to celebrate the

return to normal life than enjoying some top-class sporting action and hospitality in the CIU Marquee next to the Paddock?

"There will be seven National Hunt races on the day with some of the best horses and jockeys in the country competing on the track."

Tickets for CIU members are priced at £18.50 (plus 50p booking fee) and includes a Paddock Admission Badge, Official Racecard, 'Pie & Peas' voucher and a set of '50p off a pint' vouchers courtesy of Heineken UK.

You can order tickets direct from the racecourse website – see the information opposite for how to book your tickets.



Wetherby is renowned as one of the best racecourses in Yorkshire both in terms of friendliness and quality racing



There will be a total of seven races to enjoy on Saturday, November 13



The Winners' Enclosure is situated behind the Main Grandstand



Union members enjoy the hospitality in the CIU Marquee at the 2019 event



The outside of the official CIU Marquee at the 2019 Raceday. Preferred Suppliers Dransfields are the headline sponsors of the event



CIU racegoers will receive a strip of '50p off a pint' vouchers from Heineken UK

Book your tickets for Wetherby

Book online at: wetherbyracing.co.uk

Select the CIU Package and enter code: CIUWR21 when prompted

By credit/debit card: Call Wetherby racecourse on: **01937 582035** and quote code 'CIUWR21'.

The Combined Paddock admission entry, priced at £18.50 (plus 50p booking fee, includes:

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- An Official Racecard
- Pie & Peas Voucher
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CIU will be to the fore at the upcoming Festival of Clubs

With events now back on the hospitality agenda, the Festival of Clubs promises to be an important new addition to Clubland's calendar – and CIU clubs will be front and centre

The Festival of Clubs is a series of events, which includes a Beer Festival, an association lunch, a raceday and a celebratory dinner as clubland gets back to business.

The Festival brings together CIU clubs and club colleagues from across the UK, as well as associations and suppliers, all keen to network, celebrate and join together to help each other bounce back from the long lockdowns.

If you are one of the many impressive CIU clubs which has been a finalist or won a Club Mirror Award in recent years, then you will already have received a letter of invitation to the Club Awards Celebratory Dinner with complimentary tickets (November 25, 2021).

Do be sure to respond as soon as possible to ensure you reserve your two complimentary tickets (info@clubmirror.com or call 01753 272022).

Launched to great acclaim back in 1992, the Awards continues to represent an exclusive, rare opportunity to bring together the independent club sector and suppliers at one venue, truly showing the full breadth of the entire members' club industry.





Of course, due to Coronavirus, the 2020 Club Awards were unable to take place.

Throughout the pandemic, CIU clubs across the land were busy working within their communities, from setting up food banks to acting as vaccination centres.

At the same time, they have been refurbishing and revamping as they prepared for the long-awaited reopening.

This year's annual event is therefore a celebration of clubs across the land, a recognition of the invaluable work CIU clubs and their club colleagues have undertaken.



EVENTS TIMETABLE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021

- Club Mirror Beer Festival
- Club Awards Celebratory Dinner
- Drinks reception
- Club Awards Celebratory Dinner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021

- Raceday – Free tickets for attendees of Day 1

Any CIU clubs wishing to attend can visit: www.festivalofclubs.com for more information.



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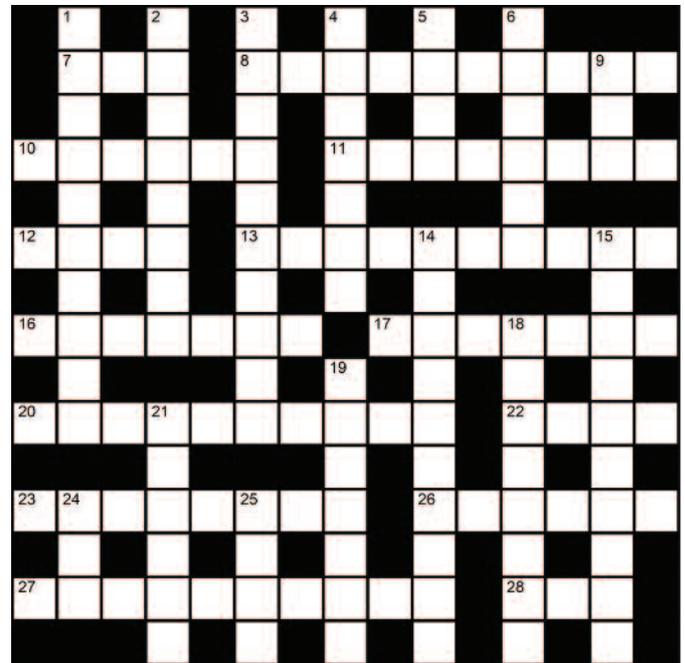
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- 24 Behaviour that's finally down to us (3)
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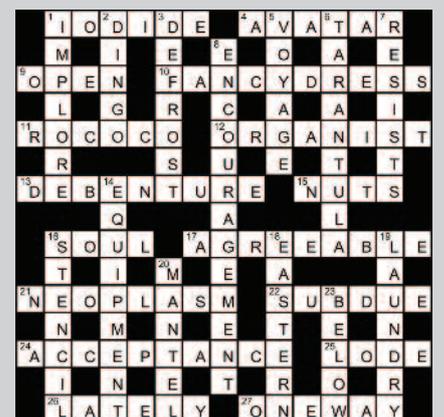
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Saturday, November 6, 12.30pm – Sky Sports PL
Premier League: Manchester United v Manchester City

The Manchester Derby will be huge for neutrals and diehard fans alike as the various stars in red and sky blue battle it out at Old Trafford. Will Ronaldo make his mark in this game after some stunning contributions in recent weeks, including that incredible 95th-minute winner against Villarreal in the Champions League?



Saturday, November 20, 12.30pm – BT Sport
Premier League: Leicester City v Chelsea

The Foxes have not had the greatest starts to their Premier League campaign and face a major challenge here against one of this season's frontrunners. Leicester actually won 2-0 in the corresponding fixture last season. The Blues, despite being the current European champions, have looked eminently beatable this season and will have to be at their best.



Tuesday, November 30, 7.45pm – Prime Video
Premier League: Aston Villa v Manchester City

A veritable feast of midweek Premier League action in prospect over Tuesday and Wednesday as Amazon Prime Video presents 10 live games over the two nights, including Aston Villa v Manchester City, Manchester United v Arsenal, Wolves v Burnley and Everton v Liverpool. Which teams will pick up valuable points during these ties?

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

There are plenty of unmissable sporting events taking place throughout November, including key ties in the Premier League, UEFA Champions League, as well as a feast of international football and rugby action

Saturday, November 6, 12.30pm
 Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League:
 Manchester United v
 Manchester City**

Saturday, November 6, 5.30pm
 Sky Sports Football

Championship: Blackpool v QPR

Saturday, November 6, 5.30pm
 Amazon Prime Video

Rugby Union: Wales v South Africa

Saturday, November 6, 5.30pm
 BT Sport

**Premier League: Brighton & Hove
 Albion v Newcastle United**

Sunday, November 7, 2pm
 Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Arsenal v Watford

Sunday, November 7, 4.30pm
 Sky Sports Premier League

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

Sunday, November 8, 6pm
 Sky Sports F1

F1: Mexican Grand Prix

Friday, November 12, 1pm
 ITV

**Horse Racing: November Meeting,
 Cheltenham**

Friday, November 12, 7.45pm
 ITV

**World Cup Qualifier: England v
 Albania**

Saturday, November 13, 1pm
 ITV

**Horse Racing: November Meeting,
 Cheltenham**

Saturday, November 13, 5.30pm
 Amazon Prime Video

Rugby Union: England v Australia

Saturday, November 13, 7.45pm
 Sky Sports/S4C

**World Cup Qualifier: Wales v
 Belarus**

Sunday, November 14, 3.15pm
 Amazon Prime Video

Rugby Union: Wales v Fiji

Sunday, November 14, 6pm
 Sky Sports F1

F1: Brazilian Grand Prix

Monday, November 15, 7.45pm
 ITV

**World Cup Qualifier: England v
 San Marino**

Tuesday, November 16, 7.45pm
 Sky Sports/S4C

**World Cup Qualifier: Wales v
 Belgium**

Friday, November 19, 7.45pm
 Sky Sports Football

Championship: QPR v Luton

Saturday, November 20, 12.30pm
 BT Sport

**Premier League: Leicester City v
 Chelsea**

Saturday, November 20, 3.15pm
 Amazon Prime Video

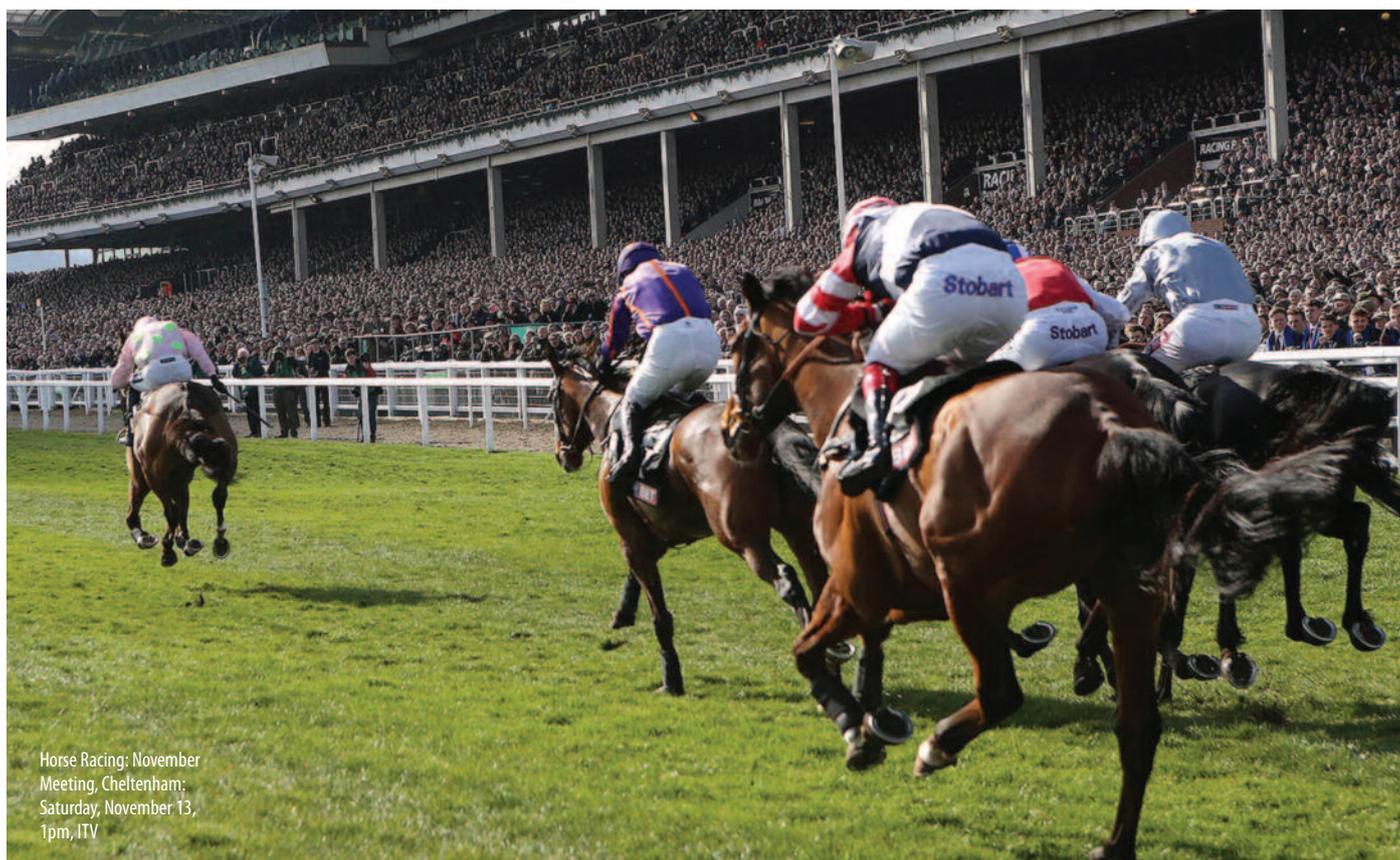
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Saturday, November 20, 5.30pm
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**Premier League: Liverpool v
 Arsenal**



Horse Racing: November Meeting, Cheltenham: Saturday, November 13, 1pm, ITV

Sunday, November 21, 6am
Sky Sports F1

F1: Australian Grand Prix

Sunday, November 21, 2pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Manchester City v Everton

Sunday, November 21, 4.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Leeds United

Tuesday, November 23, 7.45pm
Sky Sports Football

Championship: Coventry v Birmingham City

Tuesday, November 23, 8pm
Sky Sports Football

Championship: Reading v Sheffield United

Saturday, November 27, 12.30pm
BT Sport

Premier League: Arsenal v Newcastle United

Tuesday, November 23, 5.45pm
BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: Villarreal v Manchester United

Tuesday, November 23, 5.45pm
BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: Chelsea v Juventus

Wednesday, November 24, 8pm
BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: Liverpool v FC Porto

Wednesday, November 24, 8pm
BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: Manchester City v PSG

Friday, November 26, 7.45pm
Sky Sports Football

Championship: West Bromwich Albion v Nottingham Forest

Saturday, November 27, 5.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Brighton & Hove Albion v Leeds United

Sunday, November 28, 2pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Brentford v Everton

Sunday, November 28, 3pm
BT Sport

Gallagher Premiership Rugby: Saracens v Sale Sharks

Sunday, November 28, 4.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Chelsea v Manchester United

Monday, November 29, 7.45pm
Sky Sports Football

Championship: Derby v QPR

Tuesday, November 30, 7.45pm
Amazon Prime Video

Premier League: Aston Villa v Man City

Tuesday, November 30, 8pm
Amazon Prime Video

Premier League: Manchester United v Arsenal



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