

‘Help us to safeguard the future of our Union’

General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM examines the stark choice currently facing the CIU – to change fundamentally the way we operate as an organisation or face potential financial oblivion

Our great Union, founded 160 years ago, is in the grip of a crisis. If our current economic trajectory continues its slide downward, we will potentially cease to exist as an organisation in a matter of a few short years.

As an illustration of my point, our most recent Financial Statement, presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting in Blackpool, reported that the Union’s income had declined by 21.5% over the reported year, leading to an overall annual operating loss of £681,805.

This loss took place despite massive efforts being taken at both branch and Head Office to markedly reduce expenditure, that drop in income proving an insurmountable obstacle on the road to profitability.

Coming on the back of several years of previous operating losses, it’s clear that radical steps are required to safeguard the future of the Union, an organisation which has been such a positive force in British society since 1862.

We remain the largest non-profit making social, entertainment and leisure organisation in the UK, providing a full range of services to our member clubs who are able to draw on the Union’s resources, either through their local branch or through Head Office, whenever a problem arises or support is needed when dealing with regulatory, licensing or HR issues.

This support extends to educating club officials in the basics of club administration through the Award in Club Management (ACM), a three-



General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM

part course which covers the fundamentals of running a club efficiently in the 21st century.

Further support also comes from our dedicated Rules Department which deals with all matters related to rules on behalf of clubs, from preparing rule changes to registering with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and arranging the printing – all undertaken free of charge.

In addition, the Union’s arbitration service enables member clubs to fulfil their obligations required under their rule book at a cost far below paying an independent firm to carry out such a service.

At a national level, the CIU continues to make its members’ voices heard in Parliament, representing clubs on the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Members’ Clubs and the Committee of Registered Clubs’ Association (CORCA) and helping to shape legislation in a number of crucial areas.

We are also one of the biggest organisers of sporting competitions in the countries with a number of branch and National Championships running annually in darts, snooker, pool, cribbage and other traditional games and sports.

It’s clear then that the Union fulfils many vital functions for its member clubs. That is why, as we build up towards the 2023 Conference Weekend, the National Executive Committee (NEC) will be canvassing our member clubs for their opinions on how, together, we can all work together to build a sustainable organisation which will continue to serve the needs of our clubs and ensure that we have a collective voice and purpose.

As an NEC, we have come to the conclusion that carrying on as normal is not an option and major changes are required in the way we fund the Union.

We are confident that, with the backing of our members, together we can effect a financial turnaround and ensure a strong future for the CIU and its clubs.

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Welcome to the November issue of *Club Journal*.

It's clear that the country is facing some tough economic times and, as a result, our clubs are having to work harder than ever to encourage members through their doors.

This is having a knock-on effect on the Union as a whole and, as you'll see from the front page article by the General Secretary, the Union is determined to come up with some innovative ways on balancing its books in a more sustainable fashion and wants to canvass the opinions of club officials.

So, please watch this space and get involved with securing the Union's future.

Meanwhile, on October 19/20, the Union held a Branch Secretaries Event at Head Office for a series of discussions and presentations regarding the various services provided to clubs by the CIU.

It was a very engaging event with Branch Secretaries, NEC Members, Head Office staff and suppliers all providing each other with plenty of insights into their day-to-day operations.

See page 10 for an overview of the agenda across the two days.

Back to this month and it's the last call for tickets to the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday which takes place at Wetherby on Saturday, November 12.

The special Paddock admission entry for CIU members costs £15.50 per

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person (including a 50p booking fee per ticket, to a maximum of 24 tickets/£12) and includes a bespoke Paddock admission badge for entry to the racecourse and exclusive CIU Paddock Marquee; an Official Race Programme (worth £2.50) and Pie & Peas Voucher (worth £5.95).

To book please visit www.wetherbyracing.co.uk, go to the November 12 fixture, find the CIU Package and enter the code PEAKCIU22 when prompted at checkout.

Please note that there is a minimum booking requirement of six tickets – see page 12 for the full details.

Meanwhile, our 'Club of the Month' for November is South Hylton Working Mens Club in Sunderland which has seen its level of trade come on in leaps and bounds since it reopened its doors following the pandemic.

The club has taken a very pragmatic approach over the past year, undertaking a forensic audit of its outgoing costs in order to propel the club forward and give it a very sound business footing.

You can read the full profile on pages 14-17.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

Stephen Goulding

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Chandlers Ford Central Club installs defibrillator

The Chandlers Ford Central Club in Hampshire has installed a defibrillator at the club.

Having decided on buying this vital piece of lifesaving equipment, the club's Committee embarked on a series of fundraisers, including raffles and prize draws.

As the club closed in on their target, two members decided they would like to contribute the remaining funds so that the defibrillator could be purchased and in operation as quickly as possible.

Bill McKelvey and Mike Naish (pictured, right) made their contributions and this important piece of equipment is now available for use.

Club President Mark Treacy said: "Clearly we all hope the defibrillator will not be required but all members are very appreciative that it is available."



OBITUARY

Alan Bateman

The Durham Branch is sad to announce the passing of former Spennymoor WMC treasurer Mr Alan Bateman on Monday, September 19.



Alan was the long serving Treasurer of Spennymoor WMC and received his 50-Year badge in 2016.

He served six years on the Committee and a further 47 years as Treasurer and was utterly dedicated to the club and its members.

Alan will be sadly missed by all his friends and family.

We send our utmost sympathy to his daughter Pauline and his sons Colin and Gary.

Hereford Richmond Place Club to stage charity darts event in December

Richmond Place Club
CHARITY OPEN DARTS SINGLES COMPETITION
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The Richmond Place Club in Hereford is staging its latest charity darts event on Sunday, December 5.

The Charity Open Darts Singles Competition will have a first prize of £500 while the runner-up will receive £200.

There are further cash prizes for the losing semi-finalists, the highest 'out' and the lady player who progresses the furthest in the competition.

Entry costs £8 and registration is at 2pm with play beginning an hour later at 3pm.

The event will benefit the Affinity Trust, the charity which supports people with learning difficulties, and which has a strong community presence in Hereford and links with the Richmond Place Club.

"We have staged regular charity darts tournaments over the years and have been delighted with the support they have received," said Richmond Place Club Secretary Les Walker.

"We'll be expecting another great turnout from players and spectators alike and it is sure to be a great day for the club – and most importantly – for the Affinity Trust which does such great work in the community.

"We are very grateful for the support we have received from Heineken UK and Molson Coors."

It has certainly been a busy 2022 for the club with various events ensuring that members have plenty of reasons to visit the club more often.

Most recently, on September 21, the club hosted a major wrestling event in its Concert Hall.

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Eastbourne Working Men's Club unveils busy festive programme of events in December

Eastbourne Working Mens Club has unveiled its hectic events programme for December.

The club kicks off its festive period with a Bumper Christmas Meat Draw at lunchtime on Saturday, December 10, followed by a live performance from Rock Around.

On Wednesday, December 14, the club is staging a Bumper Christmas Draw.

Next, on Saturday, December 17, top local band Mike & The Merkits will be playing pop and rock hits from across the decades.

Christmas Eve sees a Bottle Raffle and disco, while the club will be open from 12pm to 2pm on Christmas Day for drinks.

The club will be rounding off 2022 with a New Year's Eve party featuring highly rated covers band Well Stuffed.

Life Members honoured at Pelaw & District SC



Pictured, left to right: Club Chairman John Modral, Life Member Tom Donaldson and Club Secretary Martin Lowery

For the first time since the pandemic, Pelaw & District Social Club in Gateshead resumed the age-old tradition of the annual Life Members Trip to Whitby.

Known to club members as 'The Old Man's Trip', the excursion enables Life Members to spend the day sightseeing around the historic coastal town, including trips to several local pubs and clubs.

This year's trip deviated from its normal format with, for the first time in the club's history, the trip being open to members of any age, both male and female.

After a fun day in Whitby, the group returned to the club where they enjoyed a fun-filled evening with bingo, karaoke and a buffet.

The main event of the evening was a presentation for a number of Life Members who had all reached the amazing milestone of 50 years as members of the club.

The members honoured were: Billy Barker, Peter Carr, Allan Donaldson, Tom Donaldson, Norman Fletcher, Eddie Green, Alan Rocks and Harry Young.

With over 400 years of membership between them, each of the gentlemen were presented with an engraved tankard plus a bottle of their own choice of spirit.

The presentation was undertaken by Club Secretary Martin Lowery and Club Chairman John Modral.



Pictured, left to right: Tom Donaldson, Allan Donaldson, Harry Young, Peter Carr, Billy Barker, Norman Fletcher, Eddie Green and Alan Rocks

Carcroft Village Social Club stages charity event



Pictured, left to right: Allan Baker (Club President), Tess Birkett (Club Committee), Alison and Mick Dobinson (Firefly)

The Carcroft Village Social Club in Doncaster held a special fundraising night in aid of Firefly Cancer Awareness and Support on September 9.

The evening was organised by Club President Allan Baker and enthusiastically supported by the Club Committee and members.

Four live acts performed on the night, ensuring all had a brilliant evening and raising £3,000 in total.

Firefly provide free transport to local cancer patients and their families in Doncaster to regional treatment hospitals.

Founded in 2006 by Denise Dunn and continued by her fiancé, Chewy Bachus and friends after she passed away in 2014, today they have a fleet of 12 minibuses all driven by their fantastic team of volunteer drivers.

Continuous fundraising in the Doncaster community keeps this invaluable operation going.

Jimmy White pays a visit to Lindford WMC

Lindford Working Men's Club in Hampshire welcomed one of the true sporting greats to the club on November 3 in the form of Jimmy 'The Whirlwind' White MBE.

White put on an exhibition ahead of the presentation for the Farnham & District Snooker League which was held at the club.

White has won two of snooker's three majors: the UK Championship (in 1992) and the Masters (in 1984) and a total of ten ranking events. He reached six World Championship finals but never won.

All those who bought tickets for the event were entered into a draw with the lucky winner getting the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play a match against the all-time great.



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It's cocktail time every day at Wadsley Bridge WMC after installation of new dispenser

Wadsley Bridge Working Mens Club in Sheffield has become the latest Union venue to offer draught cocktails.

Club members can now enjoy Espresso Martini, Pink Martini, Strawberry Daiquiri and Passion Fruit Martini from the draught dispenser with each drink taking just 10 seconds to serve.

To celebrate the installation in October, the club put on a special introductory offer for members of 2 for £8 or £4.50 each.



Wallsend Coronation Club ready to rock to Meat Loaf and Cher tribute act in November

Wallsend Coronation Club will be rocking out on November 20 when they welcome The Meat Loaf & Cher Winterfest Tour 2022 featuring top tribute acts Purely Cher and Matt Out of Hell.

The duo will be performing such classics as Dead Ringer For Love, You Took The Words, If I Could Turn Back Time and Believe.

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Clubs urged to get involved with fundraising for the BBC's Children In Need Day 2022

The BBC's Children In Need Day takes place on Friday, November 19 and many CIU clubs will be getting involved in raising funds for good causes.

Children in Need is a charity that provides grants and funding to projects based in the UK that have the aim of helping disadvantaged young people.

This help comes in a wide variety of forms. For example, a lot of Children in Need's invaluable work involves supporting charities that help children who have been affected by poverty, disabilities, abuse, and mental health difficulties.

For ideas on fundraising as well as free resources, including special bunting and sponsorship forms, visit: www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk



Victoria Sailors Club puts on four days of entertainment for Bridlington Scooter Rally

Victoria Sailors Club in Bridlington, Yorkshire staged a four-day entertainment spectacular to tie in with the town's annual Scooter Rally.

The famous Rally, which this year took place around the weekend of the 28/29 of October, sees thousands of scooter owners from all over the country head to the seaside town for a few days of Mod-inspired entertainment and fun with clubs and pubs all enjoying a boost in trade from the many visitors.

The Victoria Sailors Club put on four days of special events from the Thursday to the Sunday of the Rally with entertainment taking place on both floors of the club, including a live band, Northern Soul DJ sets and karaoke sessions.

Barry West End Club honoured by CAMRA

Barry West End Club in South Wales has been named the Club of the Year for the Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend Branch of the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA).

The judges noted that the club has a “welcoming atmosphere and an ever-changing range of real ales and ciders. The club welcomes visitors and hosts beer festivals in the spring and autumn, often featuring Welsh beers”.

As a regional winner, the club is now in the running for CAMRA's prestigious Club of the Year competition 2022, alongside 14 other club across the country.

The Club of the Year competition is run in conjunction with *Club Mirror* magazine with the simple aim of finding the best clubs with the greatest commitment to quality real ale – those which “offer a fantastic atmosphere, welcoming surroundings and most importantly, top quality real ale served in great condition”.

The overall winner will be announced early in 2023.

Phil Gregg, National Coordinator for the CAMRA Club of the Year competition, said: “We believe that member only clubs are important community assets that promote the social wellbeing of the local area, and this competition aims to highlight the very best examples across the country.”



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Scissett WMC sponsors Under-7s football team



The Scissett FC Under-7s team in their new kit sponsored by Scissett WMC

Scissett Working Mens Club in Yorkshire has become the main sponsor of Scissett FC's Under-7s team.

The agreement was put in place during the summer months, so that the team's new strip, with Scissett Club branding, could be ready for the first match of the new football season.

The team is based locally at Nortonthorpe Sports Club, a thriving facility with indoor and outdoor seating and catering facilities.

Scissett WMC Chairman Matt Lawton said: "We were approached as potential sponsors of the Under-7s team and our committee members were all in favour of forming this partnership.

"The team look very smart in their new strip and we are delighted to support them, wishing them lots of luck in their matches."

Speaking on behalf of Scissett FC Under-7s, spokesman Sarah Jones, added: "We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Scissett WMC for their sponsorship and support. This kind of help is invaluable to the work we do with our junior football teams – the new strip looks very smart!"

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- A) 1970s
- B) 1980s
- C) 1990s

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Swarcliffe WMC raises £3,200 for Rob Burrow Foundation for Motor Neurone Disease

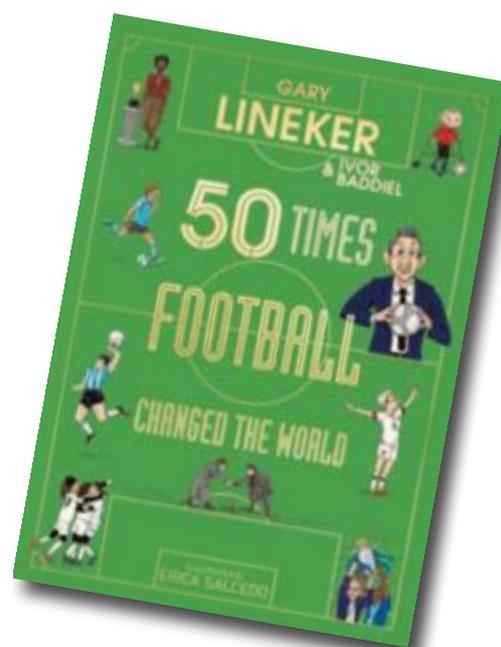
Swarcliffe Working Mens Club in Leeds held a charity Concert Night in October to raise funds for the charity foundation associated with former Leeds Rhinos scrum-half Rob Burrow MBE (pictured above).

The scrum-half was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in December 2019, just two years after ending his playing career by captaining Leeds to a record-extending eighth Super League Grand Final.

He is now a Patron of the MND Association which focuses on improving access to care, funding research, and campaigning for those people living with, or affected by, MND.

The Rob Burrow MND Association Concert saw a number of artistes – Bad Ska Madness, Emily Peters as Madonna, the Secret Agents and Big G – performing in the club's Concert Hall with several local companies offering support and raffle prizes for the evening.

A massive total of £3,200 was raised for this very worthwhile cause.





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Agenda

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Introduction and Welcome

George Smith, Union President

Outline of Event & Housekeeping

Stephen Goulding, Head Office Manager

Accounting & Auditing Requirements of Branches

Bryan Howarth, Union Auditor

The Union's Arbitration Scheme

Kenneth D Green CMD ACM, General Secretary

The Future of the Union's Recreation Scheme

Ken Roberts CMD ACM, Union Vice-President

Question & Answer Session

DAY 2

Award in Club Management course outline

Education Committee Members

Higos – Union's Insurance Partner

Belle Ridene and George Tucker

Union Finances

Uto Ekanem, Union Accountant

Legal Update

Allyn Walton, Legal Consultant
Vera Palazova, Rules Secretary

The Future of the Union and Our Role

Group Discussion

Head Office Update

Stephen Goulding, Head Office Manager

Question & Answer Session

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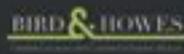
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Bartley Green Social Club	Cwm Riverside Social Club	Hednesford Ex-Service Mens Clb	New Eltham Social Club & Institute Ltd	Rubery Social Club	Walker Social Club (Scrogg Road Social Club)
Beckenham Social Club	Cwmbran Working Mens Band Club	Hen Lane Social Club	New How Club	Rushall Labour Club	Wallend Coronation Club
Bedford Russell Park W.m.club	Darford Social Club	Hereford Welsh Social Club	New Lodge Estate W.m.c.	Rushden Athletic Club	Walkers Road Social Club
Beechdale Social Club	Deventry W.m.club	Herne Bay Ex-Service Mens Club	New Newport Pagnell W.m.social Clb	Ryton Social Club	Wallend Coronation Club
Beechwood (Leeds) Wm Club Ltd	Dennis Hall (Raob) Club	High Town Club (Non Political)	Newport Social Club	Salford Progressive Club	Walsend R.o.a.b.club
Beeston Exservice Victory Club	Denton West End W.m. Soc. Club	Higham Village Club Ltd	Newport Social Club	Rushall Labour Club	Walmslow Trades Hall Club
Bellegrave Social Club	Dewsbury Irish Nat.league Club	Higham Village Club Ltd	Newton Aycliffe W.m.c	Rushden Athletic Club	West Auckland W.m.c
Bellingham Ex-Serv & Soc Club	Dons Our Bit Club	Hill Park Memorial W.m.club	Newton Heath W.m.club	Ryton Social Club	West Denton Soc.club And Inst.
Betws Social Club	Dunstable United Services Club & Inst. Ltd	Hillmorton Ex-Service Mens Clb	North Biddick & Dist Club	Salford Social Club	Westhope Excelsior Club
Bilmer Park Social Club	Durton Green Soc Club	Hinckley W.M.Club & Institute	North Chadderton Soc & Bowling	Salford Social Club	Westfield Social Club
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South Hylton Working Mens Club is at the heart of its community



South Hylton Working Mens Club

Wrecked by a fire back in 2014, South Hylton Working Mens Club in Sunderland has emerged from the ashes as a stunning modern venue which remains at the heart of its local community

Eight years ago, a faulty ice making machine at South Hylton Working Mens Club, on the outskirts of Sunderland, set the bar on fire and wreaked devastation on the building.

But this disaster proved to be a real blessing in disguise for the club which set about rebuilding from the ashes, spending over £300,000 on a project which utterly transformed the club's Bar and Lounge.

"The club really went for a hi-spec refit after the fire and spent a lot of money but it has really paid off as the club really has the 'wow factor' when people step inside," says the Club's Assistant Secretary David Jenkinson.

Of course, the fire was not the only obstacle that the club has faced in recent years with South Hylton WMC – along with the rest of society – also



The club was rebuilt and refurbished after fire wrecked the Bar and Lounge in 2014

contending with the uncertainty of the pandemic and the protracted Government-imposed lockdowns.

The club has made a very effective recovery post pandemic but adjustments have had to be made since the club reopened its doors.

“In the aftermath of the pandemic we’ve had to rationalise our staffing levels and take it down from 14 staff to 12 but we’ve found that our trading levels are now getting back up to where they were before COVID came along,” says David.

“It’s all very well buying cheap alcohol from a supermarket and staying at home, which was all you could do during the lockdowns, but it’s clear from our growing trade that our members really missed this club.

“When we reopened they couldn’t wait to get back in to meet people for a chat or a game of dominoes or snooker and experience live entertainment, even if it did take a while for the older members to overcome their fear of catching the Coronavirus.”

Further challenges have since come

along to test Clubland, not least the steep rise in energy costs which have caused many a sleepless night for club officials everywhere.

“We are quite a big club so the rise in energy costs is a major concern for us,” says David.

“It means we’ve looked at which rooms we use for which events to ensure we’re as efficient as possible and not having to heat the entire Concert Hall for an event which could be staged somewhere else.

“The rise in costs has made us look at the business side of things in far more detail than perhaps was the case years ago.

“For example, we do really well on the private function side of things with christenings, wedding receptions and celebratory parties taking place here regularly throughout the year.

“That is a really important stream of revenue for the club and also brings lots of new people into the club, many of whom have never been before and are impressed by our facilities to the extent that they often put in for membership.”

“So, we’ve decided that if we get a booking for a big private event on a Saturday – a party or a wedding reception, for example – we’ll take that instead of putting on live entertainment in the Concert Hall on that night.

“It’s a simple case of bringing in the guaranteed income for the club and thinking about the business rather than doing things out of tradition, because you’ve always done it that way. Tradition is great but in business you have to keep adapting and making sure things are bringing in money.”

Indeed, David, who runs two businesses of his own, was asked to take on the Assistant Secretary role 18 months ago in order to help ensure the economic viability of the club and has made huge progress in that period.

“As soon as I came on board, I looked at the club’s financial performance in detail so that we could look at the areas where we can cut costs and others where we can boost our income,” he explains.

The club has two competition-level snooker tables



CLUB OF THE MONTH

“For example, we’ve moved from having a Steward to having a Bar Manager which has really saved us a lot of money. He has done a fantastic job and has been very proactive in helping to cut costs.”

The club is certainly buzzing throughout the week with plenty of activities for members to enjoy, including playing snooker on the club’s two competition-standard tables.

“We kick off the week with a very well-supported dominoes handicap on a Monday night and that’s followed by a quiz and bingo on Tuesday nights,” says David.

“We also run bingo on a Thursday night and then we usually have live entertainment on Saturdays and Sundays alongside things like raffles, draws and ‘Open the Box’.

“In terms of the acts, we tend to get a band in once a month and then a solo singer or duo on the other weekends.

“Our members love bands but it’s obviously more expensive to book them than a solo artiste so we’ve got a good balance of acts.

“We recently hosted Toronto who are one of the best classic rock covers bands in the North East and they went down brilliantly.”

Live sport is yet another reason to visit the club with football a particular favourite among members who flock through the doors to see the action on the club’s four large screens.

“Sky Sports is a major attraction and brings in a lot of people into the Bar for live football,” says David.

“Obviously the Championship games featuring Sunderland are a big draw for us being situated where we are.”

And with the World Cup kicking off in November, the club is expecting a major boost to trade.

“We love our football around here so we’re really looking forward to the World Cup,” says David.

“There is plenty of activity planned around it and we will be decking out the club in special World Cup bunting as well as working with our brewery to do some special drinks offers around the England games to get as many people in as possible.”

Encouraging members to visit more often is a major preoccupation of the club’s Committee and David pays tribute to the club’s hardworking Committee Members who are very proactive in this regard.

“We’re very lucky that we have a great balance across our Club Committee with an equal split between men and women and people of various ages,” he says.

“It means that when we’re making decisions, we can get different viewpoints about what members want from the club and ensure that we’re appealing to as wide a cross section of people as possible.

“We’re actively looking at ways of attracting younger people to the club



A stunning pictorial memory wall takes pride of place in the club



Live entertainment takes place every weekend

to ensure we have a strong membership base going forward and one of the ways we do that is through keeping up with all the latest drinks trends at the bar.

“We make sure that we’re offering premium lagers like Staropramen, flavoured vodkas and gins, the latest shots, etc. alongside the more traditional drinks.

“When younger people come in to the club for a party and see what premium drinks they can get – at a very good price – they can see they’re missing out by not being a member.

“Around six months ago, Molson Coors put in a new cellar and bar system so we’re really up to date in what we can offer and we’re also much more efficient in terms of energy costs and wastage.”

While the club is happy to embrace change for the greater good, above all the club remains rooted in its local community and opens during the day to ensure that its older members feel part of the club even if they perhaps don’t feel up to coming in at the really busy times.

“If you’re an older person living by

yourself it can be really hard and being a member of the club can really help to combat that sense of isolation and loneliness,” says David.

“This was really driven home to everyone during the shutdown when older, vulnerable people were left isolated.

“Thank goodness the club is open again and they can come in for a drink, a game of dominoes or darts rather than just sitting at home on their own.

“At the other end of the age spectrum, we have various children’s events during the year, including Halloween and Christmas parties which are always great fun with a disco, games and food put on for the kids.

“We also allow community groups and charities to use the club’s facilities for events and fundraisers and have partnered with three local charities to raise funds for them throughout the year.”

The club is on the shortlist for the ‘CIU Club of the Year’ at this year’s Club Awards in Leicester and David is looking forward to having the

opportunity to network with fellow Union clubs and officials at the event on November 16.

“We attended last year’s Awards and it was a thoroughly enjoyable night,” says David.

“It was great to get together with other people from Clubland and find out about how their clubs operate and what is working for them.”

It would appear that plenty of clubs will be taking inspiration from the shining example of South Hylton WMC as it looks to a bright future after overcoming major obstacles during the past decade.

“It’s looking very good for the club and the financial performance over the past six months has been really encouraging and shows that we’re on the right track,” says David.

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News in brief

Updated CIU Contracts and Club Secretary's Handbook now available from branches

Updated versions of the CIU contracts are now available to buy from your Branch.

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

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

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

National Executive Committee dates for 2022

The remaining dates for the monthly NEC meetings at Head Office in 2022 are: November 2/3 and December 7/8.

Annual Meeting 2023 dates confirmed

The dates for the 2023 Conference Weekend in Blackpool have been confirmed and are as follows:

Thursday, April 13 – NEC Meeting (Blackpool)

Friday, April 14 – 31st CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition (Blackpool)

Saturday, April 15 – AGM (Blackpool)

Union encourages clubs to standardise email addresses for ease of communication

The Union is encouraging clubs to communicate with their branches and Head Office via email for obvious reasons of efficiency and speed.

One of the easiest ways to set up a new club email address in the format of your choice (for example, 'anytownwmc@gmail.com') is via Google's GMail.

If you'd like to do this, simply follow our step-by-step guide and you will be able access your club email account from any computer, tablet or smartphone by logging into your account securely.

1. Create your new account

To create a new Gmail account, go to google.com/gmail and click the blue Create an account button at the top right of the page, and fill in your first name and surname, and then your preferred username such as 'anytownwmc', and then create a secure password.

For the password, avoid using your own surname, your date of birth, the word 'password' or simple number combinations such as '12345' or '0000'. All of these are easy to hack.

On the next screen, fill in your mobile phone number.

You'll be sent a code by SMS to your mobile phone that you fill in on the next screen.



Click the blue Verify button, and on the next screen you'll be asked to fill in an email address that can be used as a backup if you lose access to the address you're creating now - this is optional, but it's a good idea if you have access to another email - and your date of birth and gender.

You'll be asked if you want to add your phone number for additional services, such as receiving video calls and messages, and making ads more relevant, but you can click 'Skip' at the bottom left of that screen.

2. Personalisation

On the next screen, you'll be offered the choice of Express personalisation or Manual personalisation.

The latter is longer, but it is recommended as it allows you to decide how much data you want to share with Google.

Once you've worked through those steps, you'll be asked to agree to Google's Privacy and Terms.

Once you've done that, you'll be taken to your new inbox. You'll be asked if you want to turn on smart features.

Again, it is suggested that you turn those on as they're useful, and you can always turn them off if you don't like them.

On the next screen you'll be asked if you want to turn on Personalise other Google products – again, these features are useful so you might want to turn them on and see how you get on with them.

3. Customise your preferences

Your next step is to customise your preferences: click on the cogwheel icon in the top right-hand corner and you'll see some options appear on the right of the screen.

You can experiment with those until you find the way you prefer your inbox.

4. Turn on two-factor authentication

Although you will have chosen a strong password, your email account should always have the extra protection of two-factor authentication.

To turn that on, click your initial in the circle in the top

right-hand corner and then click 'Manage your Google Account'.

In the next window, click 'Security' in the bar above your name, and then scroll down to Signing in to Google.

In that pane, click 2-Step Verification and then click the blue 'Get Started' button.

5. Set up on your smartphone

On the next screen you'll be asked to enter your password again, and then on the next window you'll see 'Let's set up your phone'.

You can use your phone: if you choose this, you'll always be sent a code via SMS to your mobile phone when you sign in to confirm that it's you.

Make sure that the phone number is right and that Text message is selected, and click 'Next'. You'll be sent a code to your phone: type that in and when that's confirmed, you're all set.

To go back to your inbox, click the box of nine dots next to your initial in the top right-hand corner and click Gmail.

Blow to clubs as Government cancels freeze on alcohol duty rates

The UK government has cancelled next year's planned freeze to alcohol duty rates, less than a month after announcing the policy.

In a statement to Parliament on October 17, the new Chancellor Jeremy Hunt (pictured, right) confirmed that the freeze – due to come into force in February 2023 – would no longer take place. (Correct at time of going to press.)

"Whilst we will continue with the abolition of the Health and Social Care Levy and stamp duty changes, we will no longer be proceeding with the cuts to dividend tax rates, the reversal of payroll working reforms introduced in 2017 and 2021, the new VAT-free shopping scheme for non-UK visitors or the freeze on alcohol duty rates," Hunt said.

Alcohol duty will now rise in line with inflation, as measured by the retail price index (RPI) which was 12.3% at the time of writing.

The rise would be the equivalent of 7p on a pint of beer, 38p on a bottle of wine and £1.35 on a bottle of spirits.

The Government said the next steps of its alcohol duty review – which included measures to introduce an 18-month transitional measure for wine duty, as well as a draught duty rate for beer by August 2023 – would continue as planned.



Club Notices

Clubs withdrawn

Shotton Comrades Club & Institute (Durham Branch)

Prudhoe Social Club Ltd (Northumberland Branch)

Wyken Club (Warwickshire Branch)

Bilton Working Mens Club (Leeds Branch)

Clubs added

Hill & Cakemore Ex-Servicemen's Social Club (West Midlands Branch)

Thornhill Briggs WMC (West Yorkshire Branch)

The Cefn Fforest Dagger Reform Club (Monmouthshire Branch)

Wolsingham Constitutional Club Ltd (Durham Branch)

Showcase your club in the Club Outings pages of *Club Journal*

Your club could be hosting groups and individuals from other CIU-affiliated by advertising in the Club Outings. Just get in touch and your club's facilities will be showcased in the magazine and online

One of the great benefits of being a member of a CIU club is undoubtedly the opportunity to visit the Union's network affiliated clubs spread across the UK.

Whichever town, city or region you happen to be in, there's a good chance that a Union-affiliated club will be close by and ready to welcome you in for a reasonably priced drink.

Whether you're on holiday, enjoying a trip to the races, attending a football match or organising a club coach trip, knowing where the local Union club is situated is always extremely handy and ensures that you won't have to take your chances in an anonymous pub.

That is why *Club Journal* is reintroducing our popular Club Outings section which gives CIU clubs the chance to let our readers know they have a friendly oasis to visit when on their travels in a different part of the country.

Club Outings took an enforced break during the COVID-19 pandemic when clubs were forced to shut their doors for long periods and travel was not an option for most people.

Now it is set to return so please fill in the form on the opposite page if you would like to advertise your club's facilities to the Club Journal readership and ensure that they don't have to miss out on the club experience just because they're not able to attend their 'home' club.

As well as the printed version in the magazine, we'll also be launching an online version of Club Outings on the Union's official website to ensure that listed clubs can include the latest live entertainment and events taking place at their club.





How to ensure your club is featured in Club Outings

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Inclusion in a special supplement to be distributed at CIU events.

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To register your interest, contact: sean@clubjournal.co.uk or telephone: 01753 272022

CIU to the fore at the Club Awards 2022



The Club Awards celebrate the achievements of members' clubs across the UK and, as you'd expect, many Union clubs will be competing for honours in several different categories at this year's awards

Now in their 30th year, all elements of club life are recognised at the Club Awards, which this year will take place on Wednesday, November 16 in Leicester.

Clubland will gather together to celebrate all that's great about Clubs across the UK and throw a spotlight on the vital role that clubs play in their communities.

As you'd expect, CIU clubs will be to the fore, demonstrating their outstanding service to their members and to their local communities as they compete for honours in several categories, including the prestigious 'CIU Club of the Year' Award.

Here are some of the outstanding CIU clubs who will be vying for honours at the Gala Dinner.

In July, extreme weather warnings saw **Baddesley Ensor Social Club** providing free squash, tea and coffee in its air-conditioned rooms.

The club has a defibrillator for community use located on the outside of the club, and runs a donation fund for when they are approached by organisations looking for financial help.

During the Pandemic (and now ongoing) the club issued 1,310 contact cards to every household in their area with details of a person who could help them.

Volunteers were issued with official badges and ID, and a website was created called <https://baddesleyvolunteers.uk>. A food bank was created and the club delivered over 7,000 cooked meals.

Bellingham Ex-Servicemen's and Social Club in South East London has recently invested in an impressive refurbishment and is reaping the rewards with an increase in bar trade and new members.

The club is a hub for the local community with live entertainment taking place every weekend, and throughout the year the club also



The Club Awards take place at The Athena in Leicester on Wednesday, November 16

hosts events for the Armed Services, most notably on Remembrance Sunday and on the annual commemoration of the sinking of the HMS Hood in World War II.

The club is a custodian of the large adjoining Allerford Garden of Remembrance which pays tribute to fallen heroes from all three Services.

Egham United Services Club is renowned for its cask ale offering. The club stages three beer festivals a year which raise funds for various charities including SSAFA (Armed Forces Charity) and Combat Stress.

Weekly live entertainment takes place at the club while an array of traditional activities are organised throughout the week, including games, prize draws and quizzes.

The club is now in its 102nd year and continues to be a hub for the local community and ex-services personnel.

Hamsterley & District Social Club serves the small village of Hamsterley and draws people from miles around thanks to its friendly atmosphere and community events.

The club opened its new Beer Garden in June and having the outside area was a major boost to trade during the hot summer. A range of local cask ales are available at the club.

Live music takes place regularly at the club while the club has also hosted a Cream Tea Afternoon, an antique tractor convention, craft fairs and race nights. The club also has a thriving games section.

With 900 members and founded in 1907, the **Harrowgate Club & Institute** describes itself as a hub for the local council, hosting several meetings regarding the Harrowgate Hill area of Darlington, and with monthly meeting held by the local councillor.

Latest initiatives include a monthly family party which sells out every month, and it will soon be hosting Saturday matinee cinema screenings following the closure of the nearest Odeon cinema.

The club has both BT Sport and Sky Sports, an Angling club, Pigeon society and a Leek club plus plenty of live entertainment including regular tribute acts.



New Eltham Social Club won 'Membership Club of the Year' in 2019

The Richmond Place Club in Hereford has successfully relaunched after the pandemic and is swiftly moving towards pre-COVID levels of trade.

The club remains a community hub for all ages and interests and has a 700-plus membership. Live entertainment is a major part of the club's appeal with bands and solo singers covering a wide array of musical styles.

There are also monthly jazz, blues and country performances which have proven extremely popular.

Another key revenue stream for the club is wedding receptions, with the club able to set up an indoor marquee in the Concert Room.

The club also holds several charity fundraisers annually benefiting such local causes as the Haven Breast Cancer centre and Prostate Cancer UK.

Herne Bay Ex-Servicemen's Club in Kent is a much-loved meeting place for former members of the armed services and their families, as well as local people drawn by the friendly atmosphere and amenities.

The club nearly closed for good in June 2021 but the former Committee was replaced by a new team who set about ensuring that the club would not be lost forever.

A special AGM was held with over 200 people in attendance and the new

Committee members set out their plans to save the club – and were true to their word.

The club reopened in November 2021, just in time for Remembrance Weekend, and has not looked back since with trade continuing to increase and the club now on a level financial footing.

Founded in 1889 with 2100 members, **Lindley Liberal Club** describes itself as socially active within the community with several groups using the club as its base, including Lindley Chimes (over-65s), Lions clubs and RAFA clubs, plus a chess club, book clubs, stamp and coin clubs, an operatics group and Heartliners who bowl three times a week during the season or play table tennis (this is for people who have had heart attacks/complaints).

The club also has teams in bowling, dominoes, cricket teams, snooker and billiards.

Recently the club held a charity night for Ukraine, raising £1,135.44 on the night and holds regular Macmillan coffee mornings.

Established in 1896, **Midland Band Social Club** in Kettering celebrated its 125th anniversary at the end of last year.

In recent years, the club has become renowned for serving some of the finest cask ales in the area and in June was named as its 'Club of the Year' by the

Northamptonshire Branch of the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA).

The club puts on live entertainment twice a month alongside regular discos featuring Northern Soul and Motown, plus a monthly acoustic 'jam night' which is open to all musicians.

Food has also become a big attraction at the club across the weekend with a new Carvery proving a massive hit with members on Sundays.

New Eltham Social Club in

London is celebrating its 130th year in 2022 and puts on live entertainment every Friday, Saturday and Sunday (plus Bank Holidays) including bands, solo singers and tribute acts.

The club has over 1,000 members and serves a wide range of beers, lagers, real ales and spirits.

The club has two pool tables which are only 50p a game, gaming machines, quiz machine, a big screen and four large LCD TVs for watching live sports.

The club has recently installed a defibrillator through money raised by the members during charity quizzes and has hosted sessions to show local people how to use the equipment.

Charity events take place regularly at the club include fundraisers for local charities and Macmillans Cancer Care.

New Lodge Working Mens Club in

Barnsley, South Yorkshire decided to embark on a major refurbishment project, investing £250,000 in work on the club during lockdown.

Secretary Frank Poulton says: "It's my view that it's crucial to reinvest in the facilities, otherwise you end up with fewer and fewer people coming in, your trade takes a hit and you've subsequently got less money to spend on the club.

"It can become a downward spiral which threatens the future of a club. We've taken that step forward and made the investment and it's really paying off."

The club has also installed a new EPOS till system, a Freeflow system and brought in BeerPro in order to ensure that their beers are of the highest quality. It has also helped the club to make a massive reduction in beer wastage.

Rainham Working Mens Club in Essex reached its centenary in 2021 which was celebrated by its 1300-plus membership.

Secretary Gayna Griffiths lists the following as activities run by the club: Fundays, shows, dinner and dances, charity events, a Santa day, coach trips, Fireworks night, a Sunday carvery, wakes and christenings.

“Children are the club’s future,” says Gayna, so the club has a children’s play area in the garden. Sport is important to members, and the club has both BT Sport and Sky Sports, snooker, pool, darts and bingo.

It runs group outings and gets involved with local charity events.

The Remembrance Club in Birmingham celebrated its centenary in July and was presented with a special CIU certificate by Union President George Smith, Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM and NEC Member and West Midlands Branch Secretary Jack Haughey CMD ACM.

The club has successfully relaunched following the pandemic and continues to be a home-from-home for its members with a great range of drinks, games and activities taking place throughout the week and live entertainment at weekends.

The club also offers freshly prepared food and its Sunday Carvery is always extremely busy.

An integral part of village life, **South Hylton WMC** in Sunderland has first-class facilities and a well-priced drinks offering which appeals across the generations.

The club has roared back into life after the pandemic with live entertainment every Saturday and various activities - including quiz nights, bingo, prize raffles and snooker - seven days a week encouraging members back through the doors.

Live sport is a major draw for members and the club stages regular charity events for good causes and allows its facilities to be used by local groups for meetings.

The St. James Working Mens Club in Northampton was established in the 1870s and is still going strong and currently has over 800 members.



Members of Baddesley Ensor Social Club line up with their trophy at the 2019 Club Awards

During the pandemic, the club was refurbished by members of the Committee who took advantage of the enforced closure to ensure that the club would be ready to hit the ground running when the doors reopened.

Sport and games are extremely popular at the club with pool, snooker, cribbage and Northamptonshire skittles among the games played regularly. Live entertainment is also a major draw.

The club is a big supporter of the CIU with Club President John Hudson also President of South Midlands Branch while his wife and Committee Member Angela Hudson is Branch Secretary.

Founded in 1888, **Stansted Mountfitchet Social Club** in Essex reports record sales on entertainment evenings which has helped the club invest in its club refurbishment.

The club’s Snooker Hall was re-opened by legend Jimmy White, and also sponsors a 14-year-old darts player trying to get a tour card.

It provides its senior citizens with a free three course Christmas meal served by staff and Committee members, and sponsors Stansted Mental Health, offering them free meeting space with free food and drinks.

Chairman Alan Snook says: “We have gone from almost shutting down a few years ago due to poor management, to the ‘in place’ to go in the village.”

Founded in 1961 and with over 1,200 members, **West End Working Men’s**

Club in Leicester has been refurbished from top to bottom.

Secretary Lee Burchall says: “We now have a beautiful function room with all-new mood and disco lighting rigs installed.

“The lounge bar was completely redecorated and now includes numerous TVs and a giant projector screen for sports.

“The stage has been revamped and all in-house lighting has been switched to LED to help with costs. The entrance and foyer got a new look, the sports room also has new lighting, new carpeting and wall art.”

The club has introduced a new loyalty scheme for members which has proved a great success.

Founded in 1919, **Willaston Sports & Social Club** in Cheshire has excellent facilities with a well-stocked bar which caters for all tastes.

Snooker, pool and darts are very popular at the club while a number of large screens ensures that it is one of the best venues in the area to watch live sport.

The club prides itself on giving everyone a warm welcome and is extremely family-friendly with an outdoor seating area and play area which includes a climbing frame and large bouncy castle. There are also a number of children’s events held throughout the year.

Live entertainment is a major draw for the club’s members with bands and singers performing music from across the decades.

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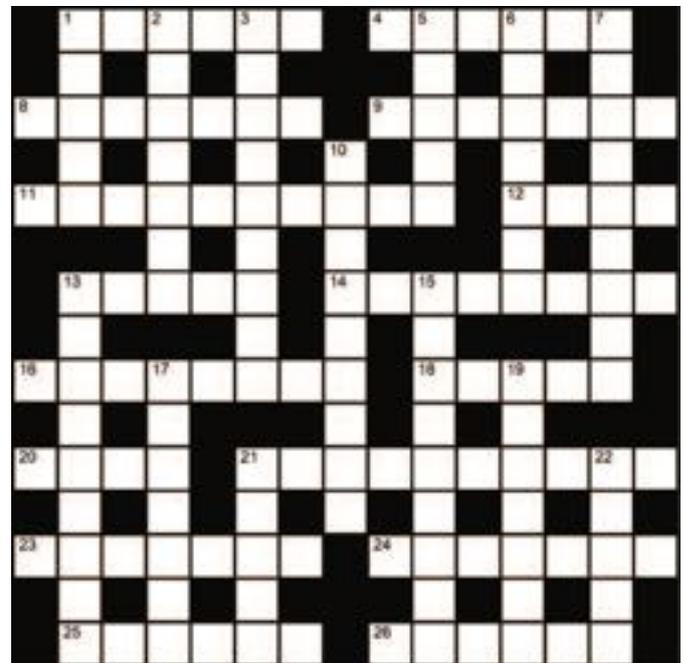
- 1 Under-arch fist, of sorts (6)
- 4 Turn slime that's decomposed into breakfast food? (6)
- 8 Served a stew that was disadvantageous (7)
- 9 Recasts pattern as a make-believe type (7)
- 11 Ersatz player? (10)
- 12 Need I take out a cut? (4)
- 13 Milky drink to hand, as a greeting (5)
- 14 Mythical, but 'absolutely, Patsy/Edina!' (8)
- 16 Lawful and true, but frightfully short (8)
- 18 Employment of sausage at last! (5)
- 20 Swig of Mogul potion (4)
- 21 The original sob-story? (10)

- 23 Accelerate use of PEP's, due to be adjusted (5,2)
- 24 Weak flu strain that makes one alert (7)
- 25 Oppose the sister's scheme (6)
- 26 Depletes of all vertical purposes? (4,2)

- 7 Establish Inuit test by default (9)
- 10 Dug out baffle, reconstituted as a shoulder-bag (6,3)
- 13 Winter athletes need dodgy umpires? Just kidding in text! (3,6)
- 15 June, hopelessly blasé in denim garment (4,5)
- 17 The slap she dished out was pitiable (7)
- 19 Stuffy? Would be bald if hothead had it! (7)
- 21 Rusts too badly to be used as a roof frame (5)
- 22 Provide with a virtual joke? (5)

DOWN

- 1 Hindu leader had us in stitches! (5)
- 2 Fair to see the mistake as a bloomer (7)
- 3 Fit out the wild ponies regardless (2,5,2)
- 5 Begun clearing a bit, but it is relative (5)
- 6 Dreamlike ruler, as imperfect (7)



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- Emma Stoddart of Ferryhill Community Sports & Social Club





Saturday, November 12, 1pm – Sky Sports Arena
Grand Slam of Darts

The world's top pros will battle it out at the WV Active in Aldersley for a share of the total £650,000 prize fund. Gerwyn Price of Wales has won this tournament three times in succession – in 2018, 2019 and 2021 – and will be among the bookies' favourites to continue his winning run such is his form in recent professional tournaments.



Saturday, November 19, 4.30pm – BBC1

Rugby League World Cup: Final

A year later than planned due to the global pandemic, the Rugby League World Cup reaches its climax at Old Trafford. In 2017, it was Australia and England who battled it out for the trophy in Brisbane. The game was a very tense affair which saw the Kangaroos edge to a narrow 6-0 win, Boyd Cordner scoring the game's only try which was converted by Cameron Smith.



Tuesday, November 29, 7pm – BBC1

World Cup 2022: England v Wales

England will finish their 2022 World Cup group stage against familiar opposition in the form of Robert Page's Wales side. This is the first meeting of the sides at this stage of a World Cup with Wales only qualifying for the finals of the tournament on one previous occasion, back in 1958, when they were knocked out in the quarter-finals by Brazil.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

The 2022 FIFA World Cup kicks off in November and fans of England and Wales will be hoping that their teams can go all the way. This month also sees plenty of action in Rugby League and Union, plus horse racing

Saturday, November 5, 3.15pm

Prime Video

International Rugby Union: Wales v New Zealand

Sunday, November 6, 12 noon

BT Sport

Premier League: Chelsea v Arsenal

Sunday, November 6, 2pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Southampton v Newcastle United

Sunday, November 6, 4.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Tottenham v Liverpool

Thursday, November 10, 8pm

Sky Sports Football

League Cup – Round 3: Manchester United v Aston Villa

Friday, November 11, 1pm

ITV

Horse Racing: November Meeting, Cheltenham

Friday, November 11, 7.45pm

BBC2

Rugby League World Cup: Semi-Final 1

Friday, November 11, 8pm

Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Birmingham City v Sunderland

Saturday, November 12, 12.30pm

BT Sport

Premier League: Manchester City v Brentford

Saturday, November 12, 1pm

Sky Sports Arena

Darts: Grand Slam of Darts

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Horse Racing: November Meeting, Cheltenham

Saturday, November 12, 2.30pm

BBC1

Rugby League World Cup: Semi-Final 2

Saturday, November 12, 3.15pm

Prime Video

International Rugby Union: England v Japan

Saturday, November 12, 5.30pm

Prime Video

International Rugby Union: Wales v Argentina

Saturday, November 12, 5.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Newcastle United v Chelsea

Saturday, November 12, 7.45pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Wolves v Arsenal

Sunday, November 13, 12.30pm

Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Burnley v Blackburn Rovers

Sunday, November 13, 1pm

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Darts: Grand Slam of Darts

Sunday, November 13, 2pm

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Premier League: Brighton & Hove Albion v Aston Villa

Sunday, November 13, 4.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Fulham v Manchester United

Horse Racing: Haydock Park
– Sunday, November 20,
1.10pm, ITV



Sunday, November 13, 6pm

Sky Sports F1

Formula 1: Heineken Sao Paulo Grand Prix

Monday, November 14, 7pm

Sky Sports Arena

Darts: Grand Slam of Darts

Tuesday, November 15, 7pm

Sky Sports Arena

Darts: Grand Slam of Darts

Wednesday, November 16, 7pm

Sky Sports Arena

Darts: Grand Slam of Darts

Saturday, November 19, 1pm

Prime Video

International Rugby Union: Wales v Georgia

Saturday, November 19, 1.30pm

ITV

Horse Racing: Haydock Park & Ascot

Saturday, November 19, 4.30pm

BBC1

Rugby League World Cup: Final

Saturday, November 19, 5.30pm

Prime Video

International Rugby Union: England v New Zealand

Sunday, November 20, 1.10pm

ITV

Horse Racing: Haydock Park, Punchestown & Exeter

Monday, November 21, 1pm

BBC1

World Cup 2022: England v Iran

Monday, November 21, 7pm

ITV

World Cup 2022: USA v Wales

Friday, November 25, 10am

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World Cup 2022: Wales v Iran

Friday, November 25, 1pm

ITV

Horse Racing: Newbury

Friday, November 25, 7pm

ITV

World Cup 2022: England v USA

Saturday, November 26, 1pm

ITV

Horse Racing: Newbury

Saturday, November 26, 3.15pm

Prime Video

International Rugby Union: Wales v Australia

Saturday, November 26, 5.30pm

Prime Video

International Rugby Union: England v South Africa

Saturday, November 26, 7pm

ITV

World Cup 2022: Argentina v Mexico

Sunday, November 27, 7pm

BBC

World Cup 2022: Spain v Germany

Tuesday, November 29, 7pm

BBC

World Cup 2022: England v Wales

Wednesday, November 30, 7pm

BBC

World Cup 2022: Poland v Argentina



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