

## CIU mourns the loss of former President Derek Dormer OBE

Tributes have been paid to Derek Dormer OBE, the former President of the Union, who passed away on September 25, 2023 at the age of 97.

Derek served as President of the Union from 1981 to 2003, having previously served as Vice-President from 1970 to 1981 and was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1991 for 'services to working people'.

Derek continued to play an active role as a clubman as a member of the Committee of Higham Ferrers WMC for over 50 years.

He was also a very familiar face on CIU Conference Weekend, attending the Annual Meeting for over 60 years.

Current Union President George Smith paid tribute to Mr Dormer.

"Derek was a towering figure in the history of the Union and gave so much of his life to supporting the club movement," he said.

"He was instrumental in establishing the Parliamentary Group for members' clubs at Westminster as well as the Committee of Registered Clubs Associations (CORCA) in order to



Former Union President Derek Dormer OBE

influence legislation which affects our clubs and undertook many other successful initiatives during his time as our President and Vice-President.

"On behalf of the Union, its clubs and its members, we send our sympathy to all of Derek's family and friends for their sad loss."

- **For a full tribute to Derek Dormer OBE, please see pages 10-11**

## Don't miss the Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday

There is still time to buy a ticket for this year's Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday on Saturday, November 18 at Wetherby Racecourse.

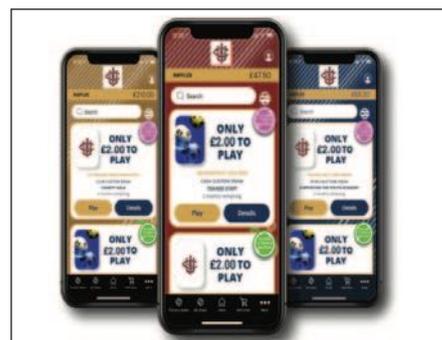
To book your ticket, please visit [www.wetherbyracing.co.uk](http://www.wetherbyracing.co.uk), go to the November 18 fixture, find the special CIU Package (costing £16 plus a 50p booking fee) and enter the code

PKCIU23 when prompted at the checkout.

Tickets are sold subject to Wetherby Racecourse Terms and Conditions of entry, and are non-refundable and non-transferable.

- **For more details on the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday, please see page 12-13**

## Win cash prizes with the CIU National Raffle



The CIU National Raffle gives Union members the opportunity to win significant cash prizes each month with tickets available to buy online via their computers or smartphones.

Tickets cost £2 each with three guaranteed cash prizes per draw.

Plus, if one of your members wins 1st prize, your club will receive £300.

This is the first digital raffle undertaken by the CIU and it will help to fund the vital work carried out by the Union in support of its member clubs.

To buy tickets for the Raffle, go to the website: [ciu.praxisplay.online/signin](http://ciu.praxisplay.online/signin) or scan the QR code below with your smartphone and it will take you to the website.





Welcome to the November edition of *Club Journal*.

As promised last month, we have prepared a fitting tribute to former Union President Derek Dormer OBE CMD who passed away in September.

Derek was a lifelong clubman who cared passionately about the Union, its members and its clubs and left a lasting legacy from his time as NEC Member, Vice-President and President.

To read our full tribute to Derek, please see pages 10-11.

The election process continues with all nominations now received by Head Office.

Ballot papers will have been issued to all clubs by Monday, November 6 and the deadline for them to be returned to Head Office is Tuesday, December 5.

The ballot count will then take place on Friday, December 8 with the candidates and NEC informed of the results on the same day.

The official release of the results will then be made to Branch Secretaries, *Club Journal* and Head Office.

There is still time to purchase your tickets for the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday which takes place at Wetherby on Saturday, November 18 and is always a fantastic day out for Union members.

The special Paddock admission entry for CIU members costs £16 per person (plus a 50p booking fee per ticket, to a

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maximum of 24 tickets/£12) and includes a bespoke Paddock admission badge for entry to the racecourse, Grandstand and exclusive CIU Paddock Marquee, an Official Race Programme (worth £2.50) and Pie & Peas voucher (worth £6.95).

To book please visit [www.wetherbyracing.co.uk](http://www.wetherbyracing.co.uk), go to the November 18 fixture, find the CIU Package and enter the code **PKCIU23** when prompted at checkout – please see pages 12-13 for more information on how to book your tickets.

Meanwhile, our 'Club of the Month' for October is the West End Working Men's Club in Braunstone, Leicester.

This club has invested massively in a rolling refurbishment programme in recent years and is reaping the rewards with increased trade and a boost in membership.

To read the full profile, see pages 16-19.

Finally, on pages 24-25, Fiona Davies, the Wine Category Manager for Preferred Supplier Greene King, gives her top tips on making the most of your club's wine offer.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

**Stephen Goulding**

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## St. James WMC celebrates Georgia's dance success



There were celebrations at St. James Working Men's Club in Northampton last month as Georgia Stevenson and her dance team came third in the prestigious Dance World Cup held in Portugal during the summer. Georgia proudly showed off her medal to club members on a Sunday lunchtime. Pictured, left to right: Dad Craig with international dance star Georgia Stevenson

## News in brief

**HARTLEPOOL WORKING MEN'S CLUB**

**SUNDAY LUNCHTIME:** Bingo, Play Your Cards Right and Raffles.

**MONDAY:** Quiz in the Lounge 8pm

**THURSDAY:** All In All Out Bingo - only £1 per game

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### Success for Hartlepool WMC in application to local council to extend its opening hours

Hartlepool Working Men's Club has been successful in its bid to extend the hours it can carry out various activities.

Club secretary Geoffrey Rowbotham told Hartlepool Borough Council's Licensing Sub-Committee the changes were the "best way forward" after the recent closure of several venues in the area.

He said: "We're looking for a bit of flexibility and we need to expand our business plans from a financial point of view."

The meeting heard that the club currently has entertainment on twice a week, which they may wish to vary, including charity nights, events for over 60s and activities for children.

The proposals were unanimously approved by councillors.

The club will now be permitted to host plays and show films seven days a week between 10am and 6pm.

The new licence also means indoor sporting events, live and recorded music and dance performances are allowed between noon and 11.30pm any day, while boxing or wrestling can be held between 6pm and 11.30pm.

All of the activities were allowed previously at the club, but the dedicated days and times were shorter periods.

The meeting heard police submitted no objections and had worked with the club to agree conditions around risk assessments and doormen being in place where necessary.

There is certainly plenty going on at the club this month with Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons tribute act New Jersey Tones performing there on Friday, November 17 and covers band Born Villains visiting the club on Saturday, November 25.

## Richmond Place Club announces darts competition

The Richmond Place Club in Hereford has announced the date of its latest charity darts competition.

The club's Charity Open Darts Singles Competition will take place on Sunday, December 17 and will raise funds for the Hereford Oxygen & Wellness Therapy Centre which supports those living with long-term health conditions, with a special focus on neurological disorders.

There will be a £500 1st prize for the winner, £200 for the losing semi-finalist, plus £25 prizes for the highest 'out' and the top female player.

"We're really looking forward to the event," said Club Secretary Les Walker.

"We are grateful for sponsorship from Molson Coors, Cellar Supplies and Thatchers."

Richmond Place Club

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## News in brief



### Amazon Prime Video announces Premier League live fixture list for December

Amazon Prime Video has released details of its Premier League coverage during December which will see a total of 10 evening fixtures being broadcast across Tuesday, December 5 and Wednesday, December 6 and then a further 10 fixtures taking place on the afternoon of Boxing Day.

Among the clashes taking place in early December are Aston Villa v Manchester City and Everton v Newcastle United while Boxing Day will see Arsenal hosting West Ham, Burnley taking on Liverpool, Brighton in action against Tottenham and Sheffield United v Luton Town.

The full list of fixtures is as follows:

#### Tuesday, December 5

(All KOs 7.45pm unless otherwise stated)

Aston Villa v Manchester City  
Brighton & Hove Albion v Brentford  
Everton v Newcastle United  
Fulham v Nottingham Forest  
Luton Town v Arsenal  
Sheffield United v Liverpool  
Tottenham Hotspur v West Ham United  
Wolves v Burnley  
Crystal Palace v AFC Bournemouth (KO 8pm)

#### Wednesday, December 6

Manchester United v Chelsea (KO 8pm)

#### Tuesday, December 26

(All KOs at 3pm)

AFC Bournemouth v Fulham  
Arsenal v West Ham United  
Brentford v Wolves  
Brighton & Hove Albion v Tottenham Hotspur  
Burnley v Liverpool  
Chelsea v Crystal Palace  
Everton v Manchester City  
Manchester United v Aston Villa  
Newcastle United v Nottingham Forest  
Sheffield United v Luton Town

## Honours for Roger and Mark Muddiman



Roger and Mark Muddiman of St. James Working Men's Club in Northampton both received their Certificates of Merit for 10 years' service in October in a ceremony held at the club. Pictured, left to right: Roger Muddiman, Angela Hudson (South East Midlands Branch Secretary), John Hudson (President of St. James WMC and South East Midlands Branch), Mark Muddiman (Vice-President of St. James WMC) and Ken Tidbury (Vice-President of South East Midlands Branch)

## Charity bash held at Haywards Heath Social Club



Haywards Heath Social Club recently held a party in their car park to raise funds for Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity.

There was live music, a barbecue, games, drinks, prizes, dancing, face-painting and a raffle.

Club Secretary Kim Dixon said: "It was a fantastic day. The sun was shining and we'd like to say a massive 'thank you' to all those that showed up, donated, worked, danced, got involved, played, drank, volunteered, ate, cheered, got wet, baked and helped clear up.

"Same time again next year!"

The club raised £660 on the day, adding to a number of other recent charity donations made by the club to good causes.

## Corringham Social Club hosts Macmillan events



On Saturday, September 30 a Coffee Morning, organised by Christine Curtis, and an evening of Karaoke organised by Jack Sheldon, were held at the Corringham Social Club in Essex in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. A lot of fun was had by all and they raised a total of £583.45 for Macmillan. Pictured, left to right: Jack Sheldon, Christine Curtis and Paul Iveson (Corringham Social Club Secretary)

## Grayshott Social Club to host charity music event

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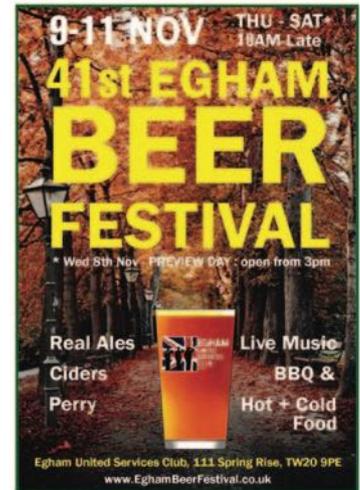
**CALL OF SIRENS** **THE REALISATIONS** **HOLLIE HUNT.**

**LIGHT BUFFET**  
**FULLY STOCKED BAR**  
**GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES**

Grayshott Social Club in Hampshire will be hosting a Charity Music Night on Saturday, December 2 in aid of Winston's Wish, a childhood bereavement charity which offers a wide range of practical support and guidance to bereaved children.

The event will feature three live acts – Call of Sirens, The Realisations and Hollie Hunt – and there will also be a raffle and buffet.

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### Egham United Services Club in Surrey set for 41st Beer Festival from November 9-11

Egham United Services Club (EUSC) will be hosting its 41st Beer Festival this month.

The festival kicks off with a special preview session on Wednesday, November 8 from 3pm-11pm.

Then from Thursday, November 9 until Saturday, November 11, the festival will run from 10am to 11pm.

The festival is open to non-members with entry to the Wednesday preview session costing £5 and entry to all day sessions between Thursday and Saturday priced at £7.

There is a £1 discount for NUS, CIU and CAMRA card carrying members and also guests of EUSC Club members.

Entrance is free to EUSC members throughout the festival.

The club is renowned for its year-round Cask Ale offering and has featured in the *CAMRA Good Beer Guide* for several years, including the current edition.

### Salisbury Green Social Club becomes new home of South Coast Rockers events

Salisbury Green Social Club in Southampton will host monthly South Coast Rockers events throughout 2024.

South Coast Rockers is a monthly Sunday afternoon event (3pm-7pm) which puts on bands playing authentic Rock'n'Roll music from the 1950s and 1960s and boasts a huge following across the South Coast.

The dates for 2024 are as follows:

January 14, February 11, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10 and December 8.

Entry costs £13 on the door.

## News in brief



### Club member completes sponsored sky dive to raise money for club's urgent roof repairs

When Herne Bay Ex-Servicemens Club in Kent discovered that an urgent roof repair was required and would cost in the region of £17,000, they immediately issued an appeal for donations in order to fund the work.

Club member Cheryl Heron (pictured, above and below) decided to go all in on fundraising and set herself a personal target of £3000 to contribute to the repairs.

As part of her efforts, she undertook a sponsored sky dive on October 15 at Headcorn Aerodrome in Kent, with fellow club members in attendance to witness her daring feat.



## CLUB NOTICES

### Club re-admitted into the Union (fast track)

Ynysir & District Working Mens Club (South Wales Branch)

## Honours for two great servants of Kent Branch



Two long-serving Kent Branch officials were honoured at a recent ceremony attended by Chris O'Neill CMD ACM, the NEC representative for the South East Metropolitan and Kent branches. Kent Branch Vice-President William Sibley received his certificate marking 10 years of service to Kent Branch. Pictured, left to right: NEC Member Chris O'Neill CMD ACM, William Sibley (Kent Branch Vice-President), Colin Lewing (Kent Branch Secretary) and Sky Eastwood (Kent Branch President)



Roger Tingley of Kent Branch was presented with a certificate for 41 years of service to the Branch. Pictured, left to right: NEC Member Chris O'Neill CMD ACM, Roger Tingley (Kent Branch Executive), Colin Lewing (Kent Branch Secretary) and Sky Eastwood (Kent Branch President).

*Please note that these captions were erroneously switched in last month's issue due to a production error – apologies to all concerned*

## Sheerness East WMC's Paula takes the plunge



Sheerness East WMC Manager Paula Smith in action during her charity abseil

Paula Smith, Manager of Sheerness East Working Men's Club in Kent, has embarked on her fifth year of charity fundraising, having taken part in a series of daring and serious challenges in past years, including a wing walk on an aeroplane, a skydive, a gyrocopter flight and a walk from Lands End to John O'Groats.

This year, she completed a series of abseils from a 10-metre tower in aid of the Royal Marsden and Great Ormond Street charities.

Paula completed a total of five descents and by the final couple of attempts was zooming downwards at speed like a seasoned climber.

In total, she raised over £2,500 in sponsorship.

"I would like to give a huge thank you to all the club members and friends who sponsored me," she said. "A special thank you must go to Swale Vehicle Enthusiasts Club who meet at the club twice a month who very kindly donated £500 towards my sponsorship

"I now have to put my thinking cap on to work out what charity challenge I am going to do in 2024."

### CLUB NOTICES

#### Clubs admitted to the Union

Landore Social Club (South Wales Branch)

Old Shildon Working Men's Club (Durham Branch)

Middlesbrough No. 1 Amalgamated WM and Social Club Ltd (Durham Branch)

#### Clubs closed

Aylesbury Railway Club (North West Metropolitan Branch)

Darlington & District ASE Club & Institute Ltd (Durham Branch)

#### Club name changes

**From:** Moss Bay Working Men's Club

**To:** Moss Bay Working Men's Club Ltd (Manchester Branch)

**From:** Victoria Club, Coulsdon

**To:** Victoria Club (Coulsdon) Ltd (South East Metropolitan Branch)

### News in brief

#### Newtown WMC in Wigan stages fundraiser for cancer centre

A Wigan resident has organised a charity night to boost the coffers of The Christie NHS Foundation Trust which has helped her and many others battle cancer.

Joanne Corless organised her second charity night at the club to assist the hospital.

Taking place on October 6, the event saw a raffle featuring a range of prizes donated by local businesses, including Cineworld tickets and a family pass to watch a Wigan Warriors Super League match.

Joanne said: "I'm doing it because a lot of people have been affected by cancer, including myself, and The Christie has played a big part in people's lives.

"The support and hard dedicated work they provide is so important."



# FOR SERVICE

## Long Service Award – 25 Years

**Robert Bainbridge – Coxlodge & Gosforth District Social Club (Northumberland Branch)**

**Kenneth Cook – Carcroft Village Social Club (South Yorkshire Branch)**

**John Musgreave – Ossett Club (Heavy Woollen Branch)**

## Certificate of Merit – 10 Years

**Dora Dobson – Dubmire Club & Institute (Durham Branch)**

**Kathleen Herron – Fishburn & District Club (Durham Branch)**

**Sylvia Coupland – Fishburn & District Club (Durham Branch)**

**John Appleton – Carcroft Village Social Club (South Yorkshire Branch)**

**Hodgson Richardson – Coxlodge & Gosforth District Social Club (Northumberland Branch)**

**William Stewart – Coxlodge & Gosforth District Social Club (Northumberland Branch)**

**John Richardson – Coxlodge & Gosforth District Social Club (Northumberland Branch)**

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# A tribute to Derek Dormer OBE

The Union lost one of the most influential administrators in its history in September – former President Derek Dormer OBE. We look back on the life of this esteemed clubman



Derek Dormer OBE who passed away in September at the age of 97

Former Union President Derek Dormer OBE – who passed away on September 25 at the age of 97 – was born in Wolverton, Buckinghamshire, the tenth of 12 children.

Throughout his childhood, the family's social life was centred around the local social club.

Derek began his many decades of service to the CIU in 1947 with Stony Stratford WMC having completed his National Service in the Army.

He went on to pass his Club Management Diploma (CMD) at the age of 21 and was a passionate advocate for the Union's Education Programme throughout his life.

He was Secretary of the Buckinghamshire Branch of the CIU for 14 years, was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) at the age of 24 and then, later, on moving to Higham Ferrers in

Northamptonshire, where he joined Higham Ferrers WMC, became Secretary of the Union's Northamptonshire Branch.

In 1970 he was elected as Union Vice-President where his forward-thinking approach was immediately apparent.

In 1971, at a Special Council Meeting held at the Central Hall, Westminster Dormer put forward the case for dropping the words 'Working's Men's' from the Union's name, arguing that it would help to change the outside perception of its member clubs.

Opening the debate, he said: "I will try to give you some of the reasons why some of our members feel this proposed change ought to be made.

"One thing is the fact that 50 per cent of the clubs seeking to join the Union do not include the name 'Working Men's' in their title.

"The Executive wonder how many clubs outside the Union refrain from joining because of the name.

"We have to decide whether the expansion of our Movement is being held up for this particular reason. We can be certain this is a factor to consider.

"During the last 10 or 15 years, most clubs have changed their rules in one special way.

"When I was a young club committee member 20 years ago, our rules contained a clause which said that the committee should be comprised of at least two thirds bona fide working man. They do not say that today. What is the reason for this? Is it because working men have changed?

"There is no doubt that in some ways they have changed in habits and social behaviour.

"Club life has changed very much in

the last 10 years. One thing which has not changed is the image which we get as a Movement.

“I get very annoyed when I see cartoons and skits and references, which depict us as we were some 70 years ago.

“I would like to think that we can break away from this image because most clubs have tried to move with the times.

“The Executive feel the time has come to see what that feeling is. Most of us, when we talk about our Movement, say ‘the CIU’ or ‘the Club Union’, very few of us say ‘the Working Men’s Club and Institute Union’.

“The NEC, as you are well aware, have a very arduous task to perform and in carrying out the important jobs of dealing with departments and state and government ministers, we have to exercise influence.

“This Union has to have an influence on the country as a whole. Therefore, we have to decide if we are to influence the powers that be, whether a change of name would give us more influence or will it give us less influence, or will it make no difference.”

It is worth noting that this name change was finally approved at the 2022 Annual General Meeting, some 51 years after this speech.

In 1981, following the retirement of incumbent Arthur Bates, Derek was elected Union President with an overwhelming majority, receiving 4,252 votes against 271 for his nearest challenger in a field of 11 candidates.

His Presidency was to last until 2003 and his successes during that time including the setting up of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Members Clubs and the Committee of Registered Clubs Associations (CORCA).

At the 1986 Annual Meeting, in his Presidential Address, Derek extolled the benefits of setting up a continuing dialogue with the country’s lawmakers, also paying tribute to the work of the Union and to the thousands of volunteers who keep clubland going.

He said: “I feel in all due modesty that your Executive has applied itself diligently to the problems which

working people in general and our Movement have been obliged to tackle.

“I feel that the All-Party Parliamentary Group has played a large part in improving the situation of our Movement as a whole.

“I feel there may be a good case with the Union to set up a political and parliamentary fund on similar lines to trade unions, all of which are, it seems, conscious of the value of parliamentary involvement.

“If such a fund were developed by us, it would of course be on an All-Party basis.

“There is absolutely no doubt that your Union has progressed and has gained some remarkable successes.

“These have been achieved in an honourable way without violence or hysteria. We find that in a democracy, most people and authorities will listen to the voice of this union.

“It’s impossible for anyone to comprehend the vastness of our Union or the benefit for the working population derived from its activities.

“Most of the work falls on the 60,000 Club volunteers and the 400 who serve on the executive committees of our branches. And without this small army, we could not administer our 3,800 clubs.

“We could not organise and sponsor 2,800 separate sports contests each year. We could not provide convalescence for 5,000 men and women every year.

“We could not provide technical education for 10,000 every year. We could not take on the work we do for hundreds of charities every year.

“The Union is indebted to those men and women who struggle and strive for the future club life of Great Britain.”

Derek was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1991.

Gus Crawford, President of Higham Ferrers WMC, said: “Derek will be fondly remembered by all at the club.

“His commitment and help as a member and officer, over so many years, was truly remarkable. This in turn has driven the club forward into the success it is today.

“Until very recently, even at the age

of 97, he would appear every evening for his three half pints, always to be served in his glass and play his game of cards.

“He would survey the bar and note what changes had been taking place and always remark on them.

“Derek was an avid clubman and took great delight in speaking proudly about his life and achievements to the many existing and new members he interacted with.

“His picture on the Associate Card was always proudly shown, the fact the Queen had given him an OBE always discussed and usually an offer to listen to him playing the piano at his house was extended.

“He was a unique and one-off character who will be sadly missed and never forgotten.”

But it is perhaps apt to round off this tribute with a comment from a member of Derek’s family.

His son Tom said: “He was an extraordinary bloke. His life was dedicated to social change through the working men’s clubs.

“He was driven by social conscience – that working people should be able to enjoy themselves. Working people to organise themselves for the sake of themselves.

“He led several campaigns including the introduction of women to have a pass card and the independence of working men’s clubs to police themselves. These are things that nowadays we just take for granted.

“He should have been a politician. He was an old-fashioned co-operative Labour man through and through. He never forgot his roots – they were crazy poor. He saw that people were inherently decent.

“For me it’s about the end of an era. He was a family man and cast a long shadow. He knew everyone under the sun.

“Every Sunday we’d go as a family for a drink before lunch. But it wasn’t about drinking, it was a respectful thing to do.

“He would play pool and snooker. He loved dancing and was fiercely competitive at dominoes, and he was an amazing pianist. He was an incredibly clever man.”

# Book your tickets for the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday



Pictured, left to right: Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM, Michelle Campbell, Sales & Marketing Manager, Wetherby Racecourse and Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM with the 2022 cheque for £1,672 for the Union's Education Programme

The 2023 edition of the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday will take place on Saturday, November 18 at Wetherby Racecourse.

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

It is always a bumper day for charity with the event raising over £40,000 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.

Hundreds of CIU members came along to the 2022 event and witnessed seven excellent races over the well-regarded jumps course, as well as enjoying some great food and drink.

Union President George Smith is looking forward to big day out at the

racetrack for Union clubs and their members from across the country.

"This is the 17th edition of this annual event and we would love to see as many of our clubs represented as possible at Wetherby.

"Every ticket we sell will raise money for the CIU's Education Programme and help the Union to continue to

support its clubs so you will be helping clubs as well as having a great day of sporting action and hospitality."

The special CIU ticket package costs £16 per person (plus 50p booking fee). See the page opposite for details of how to order directly from the racecourse.



CIU Members have their own dedicated marquee next to the Winners' Enclosure, also providing access to the Main Grandstand



There will be a total of seven jumps races on November 18, including the Dransfields CIU Charity Race Day Handicap Hurdle

### Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday 2023 Package

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- Pie & Peas Voucher (Worth £6.95)

\*plus a 50p booking fee per ticket, to a maximum of 24 tickets/£12.

*This is an E-ticketed offer, available only on advance booking via [wetherbyracing.co.uk](http://wetherbyracing.co.uk). Your E-tickets will be emailed to you and must be printed out to bring with you on arrival and your badge/voucher/racecard will be provided to you at the racecourse*

To book please visit [www.wetherbyracing.co.uk](http://www.wetherbyracing.co.uk), go to the November 18 fixture, find the CIU Package and enter the code **PKCIU23** when prompted at checkout.

Tickets are sold subject to Wetherby Racecourse Terms and Conditions of entry, and are non-refundable and non-transferable.

# Win cash prizes with the CIU National Raffle

The CIU National Raffle offers guaranteed prizes of one 1st prize of £3,000, a 2nd prize of £1,500 and a 3rd prize of £500. Plus, if one of your members wins 1st Prize the club will also receive £300

The CIU National Raffle gives Union members the opportunity to win significant cash prizes each month with tickets available to buy online via their computers or smartphones.

For the initial raffle, the winning tickets will be drawn and confirmed in November with guaranteed winner prizes of one 1st prize of £3,000; a 2nd prize of £1,500 and a 3rd prize of £500.

Plus, if one of your members wins 1st prize, the club will also receive £300.

**Q: How do I create an account?**

**A:** Please go to [ciu.praxisplay.online](http://ciu.praxisplay.online) or follow the QR code on the poster image to create an account to buy raffle tickets.

**Q: What happens if I forget my password?**

**A:** You can reset your password at any time by clicking in the reset password link on the screen.

**Q: Is there a cap on the amount I can spend?**

**A:** Yes – the maximum number of tickets you can buy is 20 tickets (£40).

**Q: Is there a minimum or maximum amount that I have to keep on my account?**

**A:** Yes, one ticket (£2).

**Q: What happens to my personal data?**

**A:** Praxis is ICO registered and has full GDPR statement in the T&C's & log-in/sign up process.

**Q: I don't own a smartphone. Can I still play the CIU Raffle?**

**A:** Yes, Please go online to [ciu.praxisplay.online](http://ciu.praxisplay.online) and sign up to create an online account and play the CIU Raffle.

**Q: How will I receive my winnings?**

**A:** The Winners will receive an email and text confirming their win, along with the payment into the client's

The poster features a red background with a sunburst pattern. At the top center is the CIU logo. Below it, the text reads 'MONTHLY CASH PRIZES' in large white letters, followed by 'To be won on the CIU National Raffle'. A horizontal line separates this from the text 'Purchase a ticket at £2.00 each. Best of luck!'. Below this are three prize boxes: '1st PRIZE £3000', '2nd PRIZE £1500', and '3rd PRIZE £500'. At the bottom, it says 'Raising funds to support the CIU lobbying, education, advice and help. Go to [ciu.mygamesaccess.com/login](http://ciu.mygamesaccess.com/login) or follow the QR code to play.' There is a QR code on the left and the Praxis Play logo on the right. A small disclaimer at the bottom reads: 'Our online contest to win includes a method of free entry via post, please see t&cs for details. No purchase is necessary to enter but the intention of the raffle is to support the work of the CIU. Only gamble responsibly.'

account which is held in the CIU National Raffle account.

The user can then withdraw the funds via the raffle account to another bank account by going to...

Phone users go to Menu – Redeem Funds, select the amount to withdraw, add your bank details (Bank Name, account number, sort code) and the monies will be transferred.

Online user go to Main Menu, Redeem Funds, select the amount to withdraw, add your bank details (Bank Name, account number, sort code) and the monies will be transferred.

**Q: How often will the draw take place?**

**A:** The number of draws is controlled by the CIU Head Office.

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# The West End Working Men's Club

The West End Working Men's Club in Braunstone, Leicester has transformed itself over the past few years into a modern, comfortable venue to be enjoyed by local people of all ages

The West End Working Men's Club in Braunstone, Leicester has invested heavily in its facilities in the past few years with the result that the club is renowned as a modern, forward-looking venue which serves as a vital social hub for its local community.

Secretary Lee Burchell has been at the helm of the club since 2018 when he took over the role from his late father Kevin who had worked tirelessly for many years to ensure the continuing success of the club.

"It's a privilege to build on the legacy put in place by my dad and since he passed away and I took over as Secretary, I've refurbished every room in the club," says Lee.

The club is busy seven days a week



“The whole process has been a significant investment but it has really given the place an uplift with people enjoying the environment which has been created.

“We’ve brought what was a traditional working men’s club into the modern times.

“My dad was incredibly dedicated and did a brilliant job running the club but I think it’s fair to say that he was happy to make do with the club as it was and had an ‘if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it’ approach.

“But times do change and I believe that nowadays you’ve got to move on and look to bring younger people in as well as looking after your existing members.

“That’s basically what we’ve tried to do and we’ve really turned a corner in

the past few years having successfully relaunched following the pandemic shutdowns.”

As part of the rolling refurbishments which have transformed the club, the Bar/Lounge is the most recent area to benefit from the investment with all the furniture and fittings ripped out and replaced with brand-new furniture.

“We got in touch with Graeme Miller at ACE Furniture and he came in with his team and did the whole job in two and a half days at the end of July,” says Lee.

“The results are stunning and the members are really pleased with the new look as it really has the ‘wow’ factor.

“Guests come into the club for the first time with preconceptions about

what it’s going to be like and then are really surprised and absolutely love it,” says Lee.

“For example, our Concert Room – which has a capacity of 250 – is really popular for our own events as well as private parties and we can transform it completely for events like wedding receptions with round tables and special decorations.

“We can do any colour scheme required and have lots of really nice options for receptions like a doughnut stand, a sweet stand and a wishing well so we can make it really special for the couple getting married.

“It’s really well kitted out technology-wise with a new lighting rig including laser and disco lights so it’s amazing when we have live entertainment, a disco or a private party.



The club's Concert Room boasts state-of-the-art technology



The club's Lounge was recently completely refurbished by ACE Furniture

“We’ve also ensured that we have a really up-to-date drinks offering so that we’ve got something for everyone – those members who have more traditional tastes and want a pint of bitter or Guinness – as well as premium lagers like Madri on tap and all the spirits, mixers and shot serves that appeal more to a younger crowd.

“We also do food on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays so that is another string to our bow.

“It’s just about bringing everybody in and giving them a great night out.”

Part of the evolution at the club alongside the modernising process has been the ramping up of activities and events to boost trade and give people of all ages a reason to come to the club more often.

“It’s pretty much non-stop,” says Lee. “Bands, singers, tribute acts plus private parties take place every weekend and there’s karaoke from 1.30pm to 6pm every Monday alongside some bingo.

“We’re also the home of the

Braunstone Soul Club who hold regular events on Friday evenings as well as ‘Northern Soul All-Dayers’ which start at 1pm and go on until midnight.

“Other interesting events we’ve held recently include a ‘Night of Mediumship’ with top medium Grant Harris.

“Private functions are an important income stream for the club and we offer the room hire for free and then make our money from the increased bar takings.

“It really works well for us and we’re already taking bookings for 2024 and 2025.”

Meanwhile, the club has also also engaged as much as possible with the community and enabled groups to utilise the club’s facilities to put on classes and activities.

“We have roller skating on, a wide variety of different styles of dance classes, karate – there’s just always something going on here,” says Lee.

“And with the skating and karate, it

has the advantage of helping to get kids interested in a sport or activity rather than just hanging out in the street.

“It gives them a really positive focus and their parents know that they’re safe at the club.

“It’s a very family-orientated club and children come in with their parents and now that Christmas is coming up, we have some more festive events going on for families, including a pantomime and a party where the kids can meet Santa.”

The club also stages regular boxing and wrestling events with a ring set up in the middle of the Concert Room.

“With the wrestling the promoters approached me and they take care of setting up the ring and selling tickets for the event and we do well out of it as we take the money over the bar,” says Lee.

“The wrestling is incredibly popular and you have a lot of families coming in and really enjoying it, cheering the good wrestlers on, booing the ‘villains’,

joining in the chants and all the rest of it.

“We also stage events for Braunstone Boxing Club with regular nights of top amateur action featuring some of the best young up-and-coming fighters in the region.”

Alongside watching the wrestling and boxing, members can take part in slightly more sedate sports with snooker, darts, pool and skittles played regularly at the club.

“We have really good sporting facilities, including a snooker table and two pool tables and our teams compete in the local leagues,” says Lee.

Other traditional club activities available include bingo, but with a modern spin.

“Bingo is really popular in clubs so we still have bingo but we’ve tried to bring it up to date,” says Lee.

“Instead of having a bingo caller, the

numbers are done by computer and then a bit later on we have ‘Bingo Beats’ where you hear 15-20 seconds of a song and then have to mark the song titles off your card.

“It’s great fun and creates a really good atmosphere as everyone can still have a chat while the game is going on.”

Live entertainment is a key driver of trade at the club with events taking place every week.

“We find that tribute acts are really successful for us and we have had some brilliant acts performing here, including tributes to UB40, Oasis and Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons,” says Lee.

“On New Year’s Eve we have a superb singer, Levena Johnson, who will be doing a tribute to Whitney Houston and Motown.

“Further ahead, in February of next year, we have An Audience With Tommy Cannon at the club.

“It’s going to be fantastic with Tommy singing some songs and talking about his double act with the late Bobby Ball and there will be opportunities for the members to have a chat with Tommy.

“Like the majority of our live entertainments it’s going to be a sellout so we’re really looking forward to that.

“It’s really pleasing that the club is so busy at the moment and providing such a great, fun environment for our local community.”

### CONTACT DETAILS

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The club has impressive sports facilities including the Snooker Room

# HQ

## News in brief

### Updated CIU Contracts and Club Secretary's Handbook are available to buy from branches

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

- Club Staff Accommodation Contract
- 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 2023

The dates for the remaining monthly NEC meetings at Head Office in 2023 are: November 1&2 and December 6&7. Please note that selected meetings will be held via Zoom in in order to save on costs.

### Annual Meeting 2024 dates

The dates for the 2024 Conference Weekend in Blackpool have been confirmed and are as follows:

*Thursday, April 18 – NEC Meeting*

*Friday, April 19 – 32nd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition*

*Friday, April 19 – CIU Showcase (Viva)*

*Saturday, April 20 – The 160th Annual Meeting*

## Hilltops Sports & Social Club becomes the latest CIU venue to install a defibrillator



The official opening of the new community defibrillator at the Hilltops Sports & Social Club was attended by officials from the the Town Council and the club

The Hilltops Sports & Social Club in Bolton is one of a growing number of CIU venues to install a defibrillator for the use of the community.

This vital piece of equipment for use in cardiac emergencies was paid for by fundraisers at the social club and an additional donation by Blackrod Town Council.

A spokesperson for the Council said: "The installation of this defibrillator was made possible by the fundraising efforts of several events organised by

the Hilltops Social Club and a donation by Blackrod Town Council.

"Thanks to the hard work and generosity of all involved, the Hilltops Social Club now has a potentially life-saving device at its disposal in case of an emergency.

"The decision to place the defibrillator at this location was made in order to ensure that it is accessible to as many people as possible in case of an emergency and following two incidents at the club."

# Have your say on the CIU's games and sports

The Union would like your feedback on our National recreational games and competitions which were put on hold during the pandemic and have yet to return. Please fill in and return the form below

We are planning to relaunch our recreational games and competitions this year following COVID.

We highly value you as members and believe it is important for you to be able to make choices on games you will enjoy for your clubs.

We appreciate your input on which games would be of interest to you.

Please tick the yes or no boxes for the games that you would wish to participate in.

If you do not see a game of your choice then please provide more

details on the reverse of this form.

Then return to the CIU Head office via post – 253-254 Upper Street, London N1 1RY

Or if you would prefer to email – send your comments to: [reception@wmcIU.org](mailto:reception@wmcIU.org)

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# Shortlist announced for CIU Club of the Year



There are 17 clubs shortlisted for the prestigious 'CIU Club of the Year 2023' Award which will be presented to the winners on Wednesday, November 22 during the Club Mirror Awards at Athena in Leicester

With the entries complete for the 31st edition of the Club Mirror Awards, the attention now focuses on the Gala Dinner at Athena, Leicester on Wednesday, November 22 when representatives from across clubland will gather under one roof.

The shortlist for the 'CIU Club of the Year' Award has now been finalised and includes some outstanding Union clubs from all over the country.

The final winners in this category will be chosen by the Union's National Executive Committee and will receive their award on stage from the three officers of the CIU – President George Smith, Vice-President Ken Roberts ACM CMD and General Secretary Kenneth D Green ACM CMD.

All finalists receive two free tickets to the Awards, set in Leicester's prestigious Athena venue, where they will enjoy a spectacular night of entertainment and five-star food and drink.

Many clubs use the Awards as an opportunity to thank their committees and members, coming along in numbers to celebrate success and make some noise in this annual celebration of Clubland.

In addition to the 'CIU Club of the Year' award there are a whole range of categories which involve Union clubs, including Community, Charity, Family, Social Media and Turnaround, as well as people categories from Community Heroes and Long Service Awards to Young Ambassadors and Volunteers.

All clubs reaching their centenaries who attend the event will also be invited to come up on stage to be inducted into 'The 100 Club'.

So, good luck to all of the CIU finalists across the categories and we will be reporting on all the successes by Union clubs at the Awards in the December issue of *Club Journal* with an extra special focus on the winner of the 'CIU Club of the Year' category.

## CIU CLUB OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST

**Calverton WMC  
(Leicestershire Branch)**

**Minster WMC  
(Kent Branch)**

**Castle Ward WMC,  
Lincoln  
(South Yorkshire Branch)**

**New Eltham Social Club  
(Kent Branch)**

**Eastbourne & District  
TUC & Institute Club  
(South East Metropolitan  
Branch)**

**North Biddick Social Club  
(Durham Branch)**

**Filton & District Social  
Club, Bristol  
(Western Counties  
Branch)**

**Nottingham Oddfellows  
Club, Leicester  
(Leicestershire Branch)**

**Grangemoor WMC,  
Burntwood  
(West Midlands Branch)**

**Sandhurst Social Club  
(South East Metropolitan  
Branch)**

**Hayes WMC  
(North West  
Metropolitan Branch)**

**Stanhill Social Club  
(Manchester Branch)**

**Tanfield Lea  
Working Mens and  
Community Club  
(Durham Branch)**

**Herne Bay Ex-Service-  
men's Club  
(Kent Branch)**

**West End WMC, Leicester  
(Leicestershire Branch)**

**Long Valley Sports &  
Social Club, Dartford  
(Kent Branch)**

**Wombwell WMC  
(South Yorkshire Branch)**

# How clubs can win with wine

Greene King's Wine Category Manager Fiona Davies explains how an extensive wine range can help your club to exploit an extremely exciting category ahead of the festive period



Greene King and Belhaven can provide their customers with a wide range of high-quality, great-value wines

I don't think anyone needs to be reminded that the past year has been another challenging one for the trade in general and the wine category particularly, but there's still no question that this is an exciting time for the category.

As we approach the critical festive period and look ahead to 2024, it's probably safe to assume that the year ahead will also have its challenges with the ongoing cost-of-living crisis affecting consumer spending and, of course, the challenges that every hospitality venue now faces following the overhaul of the alcohol duty system in August.

Despite all of this, wine remains a vibrant, exciting and opportunity-

laden category.

This is in no small part because we are seeing strong and positive indicators that the way consumers engage with wine is changing.

## Our Vision for wine

Greene King and Belhaven have a centuries-old history of providing the finest quality beers to venues across the country – but we also have a long and venerable history of providing our customers with a carefully curated range of high-quality, great-value wines.

We are therefore perfectly placed to help you exploit the enormous sales and profit opportunity of the wine category.

## 1. Just for You

Our extensive list of wines has been specifically created by experts with the Free Trade in mind.

The wines have been chosen to allow you to appeal to a broad cross-section of consumers.

## 2. Exclusives

Our range features many new and exclusive wines that can help set you apart from the competition.

## 3. At Your Service

We are also able to provide a number of important support services to help you maximise your wine sales.

We offer, for example, a wine menu design and print service that helps

you ensure your wine menus look great.

### 4. Guaranteed Availability

We guarantee that the vast majority of the wines we list will be available for a full 12-month period, allowing you to build your wine list in confidence.

### 5. Great Prices and Promotions

With price as important as ever, we offer an extensive array of great pricing and promotions throughout the year to help you maximise sales.

Despite total UK wine volumes reducing over the last five years, the regular wine-drinking population has actually increased.

People regularly drink wine in the On-Trade but they choose to drink in moderation.

Encouragingly, we see that the higher-spending, more adventurous wine segment has grown, and these consumers are spending more on quality and premiumisation.

This explains why market value at the premium end has remained stable post-Covid and also when compared with three years ago before the pandemic took hold.

It also explains why the biggest falls in volume have come in the lowest price bands.

### Engaged Audience

We see clearly that wine drinkers are more involved with the category than ever.

They want to know more about the wines they are drinking, seek out new and exciting wines, and want wine to be a fundamental element of their experience when they visit a venue.

What we term 'Generation Treaters' are on the rise. This consumer segment is seeking out enhanced experiences – and they are prepared to pay a premium.

Conversely, the number of bargain-driven consumers is on the decline.

The key question, then, is how you take advantage of that trend.

The first step is to build a wine list that delivers what this new generation of consumers is looking for.

Just as importantly, however, it's important to help satisfy those

consumers keen to engage more deeply with wine. They seek information that helps enhance their drinking experiences and elevate them.

That could be as simple as adding more details onto your wine menu.

Ask yourself how you can help your customers make great choices.

### Duty Calls

The recent increases in wine duty for most wines remain a key challenge, but to protect our customers from this cost, we have long been working closely with our winemakers to reduce alcohol in our entry-level wines in a way that does not impact wine taste and style.

Our passionate winemakers are using various cutting-edge methods to ensure that any changes to ABV will align with Greene King's high standards.

### New and Exclusive

One really effective way of growing your wine sales is by building a wine list that will help add interest and excitement for your customers and set you apart from the competition.

To help you do that, we have been busy sourcing new and exciting wines from some of the world's leading up-and-coming producers.

We have also secured an extensive range of exclusive wines, available only through Greene King and Belhaven, which you can use to build a unique wine list that will help bring customers to your venue and provide them with interesting and unusual wines that will elevate their experience.

A great example is the new Chapel Down Brut NV. With English wines continuing to perform well, this sparkling wine is a fantastic, high-quality, home-grown wine that you comfortably offer as a credible alternative to Champagne.

With aromas of crisp red apple, citrus fruits and freshly baked bread alongside hints of strawberry and quince on the palate, it's a fantastic wine that is well worth trying.

Also available exclusively through Greene King and Belhaven is the elegant new South African red wine

Doctor's Orders.

Delicate with ripe cherries and Turkish Delight on the palate, it's a clean, fruit-driven wine that goes well with food, but it is also fantastic as a glass on its own.

The Yalumba brand from Australia already enjoys a strong following so the new Yalumba Organic Shiraz should find a ready audience, while the organic nature of the wine will appeal to a growing segment of customers keen to seek out organic wines.

It's a medium-bodied wine with aromas of fennel, blueberries and plums, finished with a hint of black pepper and spice in the classic Australian Shiraz style.

### Range by Venue

While new and exclusive wines may appeal to most venues, it's obviously vital to create your range with your specific consumer base in mind to ensure that your wine list meets the needs of all of your members.

With long experience and expertise across all venue types, we can help you build a list that will work for your specific venue.

All you have to do is speak to your Greene King or Belhaven SDM and they will provide you with the support and advice you need.

Our annual Wine Brochure offers a wealth of advice and information to help you grow your wine sales, as well as a full list of every wine available from Greene King and Belhaven.

With the wine category so full of opportunity at the moment, it's the perfect time to take a fresh look at your offer and make sure you are making the most of this category.

Our 2023/24 Wine Guide is available now. This lists every wine that we offer and is a great place to start when looking to refresh and reinvigorate your wine range.

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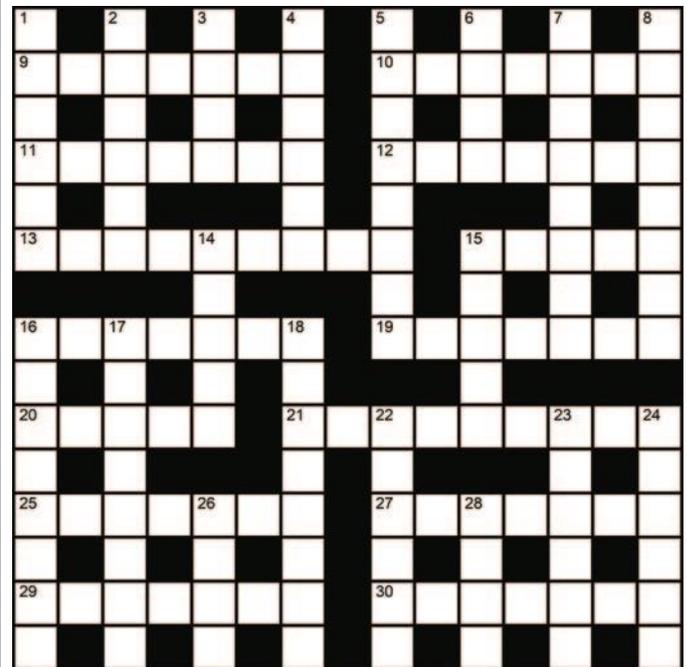
- 9 Maintenance (not for mice) that could pick up signals (7)
- 10 Old washer with sibling? Objection from the Right! (4,3)
- 11 No bird's wing could have such a view! (7)
- 12 Over-use the phrase 'in a cab' (7)
- 13 Site left for the fire when things get worse (6,3)
- 15 Sweetcorn is less twee, perhaps than contempt? (5)
- 16 Freeloaders taking the road off towards sensors (7)
- 19 Treat the deck to an ambling gait? (7)
- 20 Aromatic substances crafted from epics (5)
- 21 Young life of a gangster tot? (9)

- 25 Feudal domain could die off by 1000 (7)
- 27 Talk of addictions without advertising! (7)
- 29 Refurbish in order to get better (7)
- 30 Possibly insurmountable, but not the noblest metal (7)

**DOWN**

- 1 Bribe that could prove worth it? (6)
- 2 Tippy, right, about being like the US flag? (6)
- 3 Bit naive to hold back against (4)
- 4 Cap it all with odd tin 'Moggy' plant (6)
- 5 Chins that get in the way of engravings? (8)
- 6 Could be slipped on a Desert Island programme? (4)

- 7 No-win situation where the defence held? (8)
- 8 Any ace could be being held over (8)
- 14 Sent out the sentence of a relative (5)
- 15 Secure sort of noise? (5)
- 16 Sea-food source evolving from a sham riff (4,4)
- 17 Exceedingly led off and astray by the urgent situation (8)
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- 22 Unlimited, but let off the unusual silvery metal (6)
- 23 Beginning at the first good book? (6)
- 24 Monday? Can be for an electricity supplier (6)
- 26 Partly talked over the peace bird (4)
- 28 Talk of such atonement (4)



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

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Congratulations to the five winners of our £10 Prize Crossword for October.

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- Keith Kingston of Queens Park WMC
- Alan Hogan of Stormont Main WMC





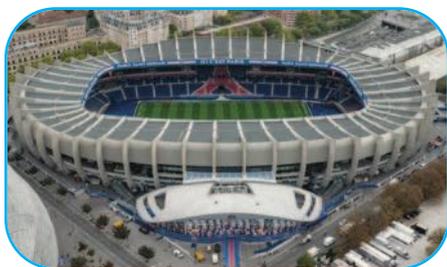
Friday, November 17, 7.45pm – Channel 4  
**Euro 2024 Qualifier: England v Malta**

International minnows Malta travel to Wembley to take on the Three Lions – a huge task for a team who, at the time of writing, have lost all five of their previous Euro 2024 qualifying ties. They have enjoyed friendly victories against Luxembourg and Gibraltar during 2023 but their last encounter with already-qualified England saw them crashing to a 4-0 defeat.



Saturday, November 19, 8.30am – Sky Sports Cricket  
**Cricket World Cup 2023: Final**

Can defending champions England make it to the showpiece final of this one-day cricket event being held in India? They certainly seem to have the firepower to propel themselves towards the latter stages of the competition and will hope that their key men, including talismanic batsman Ben Stokes, can stay free of injury during a gruelling tournament which will take place in very warm conditions.



Tuesday, November 28, 8pm – TNT Sports  
**UEFA Champions League: PSG v Newcastle United**

This is the much-anticipated return fixture in the group stages of the UEFA Champions League following the stunning 4-1 Newcastle victory back in October at St James' Park. The French champions, who include superstar Kylian Mbappe amongst their number, were simply blown away by an inspired Magpies side.

# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Expect some sporting fireworks this month with action from the Premier League, UEFA Champions League, Euro 2024 Qualifiers, the Las Vegas Grand Prix and Snooker's UK Championship in York

Monday, November 6, 8pm  
*Sky Sports Premier League*  
**Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Chelsea**

Tuesday, November 7, 5.45pm  
*TNT Sports*  
**UEFA Champions League: Borussia Dortmund v Newcastle United**

Tuesday, November 7, 8pm  
*TNT Sports*  
**UEFA Champions League: Manchester City v Young Boys**

Wednesday, November 8, 8.30am  
*Sky Sports Cricket*  
**Cricket World Cup 2023: England v Netherlands**

Wednesday, November 8, 8pm  
*TNT Sports*  
**UEFA Champions League: Arsenal v Sevilla**

Wednesday, November 8, 8pm  
*TNT Sports*  
**UEFA Champions League: FC Copenhagen v Manchester United**

Thursday, November 9, 5.45pm  
*TNT Sports*  
**UEFA Europa League: Toulouse v Liverpool**

Thursday, November 9, 8pm  
*TNT Sports*  
**UEFA Europa League: West Ham v Olympiakos**

Thursday, November 9, 8pm  
*TNT Sports*  
**UEFA Europa Conference: Aston Villa v AZ Alkmaar**

Friday, November 10, 8pm  
*Sky Sports Football*  
**Championship: Blackburn Rovers v Preston North End**

Wednesday, November 8, 8.30am  
*Sky Sports Cricket*  
**Cricket World Cup 2023: England v Pakistan**

Saturday, November 11, 12.30pm  
*TNT Sports*  
**Premier League: Wolves v Tottenham Hotspur**

Saturday, November 11, 12.30pm  
*Sky Sports Football*  
**Championship: Sunderland v Birmingham City**

Saturday, November 11, 3pm  
*TNT Sports*  
**Premiership Rugby Union: Leicester Tigers v Harlequins**

Saturday, November 11, 5.30pm  
*Sky Sports Premier League*  
**Premier League: Bournemouth v Newcastle United**

Sunday, November 12, 2pm  
*Sky Sports Premier League*  
**Premier League: West Ham v Nottingham Forest**

Sunday, November 12, 2pm  
*Sky Sports Premier League*  
**Premier League: Chelsea v Manchester City**

Wednesday, November 15, 8.30am  
*Sky Sports Cricket*  
**Cricket World Cup 2023: Semi-Final 1**

Thursday, November 15, 8.30am  
*Sky Sports Cricket*  
**Cricket World Cup 2023: Semi-Final 2**

Friday, November 17, 7.45pm  
*Channel 4*  
**UEFA Euro 2024 Qualifier: England v Malta**



Horse Racing: The Open Meeting, Cheltenham, Saturday, November 18, 12.30pm, ITV

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**Horse Racing: The Open Meeting, Cheltenham**

Saturday, November 18, 2pm  
S4C

**UEFA Euro 2024 Qualifier: Armenia v Wales**

Sunday, November 19, 6am  
Sky Sports F1

**Formula 1: Las Vegas Grand Prix**

Sunday, November 19, 8.30am  
Sky Sports Cricket

**Cricket World Cup 2023: Final**

Sunday, November 19, 5pm  
TNT Sports

**MotoGP: Qatar Grand Prix**

Monday, November 20, 7.45pm  
Channel 4

**UEFA Euro 2024 Qualifier: North Macedonia v England**

Tuesday, November 21, 7.45pm  
S4C

**UEFA Euro 2024 Qualifier: Wales v Turkey**

Saturday, November 25, 1pm  
Eurosport

**Snooker: UK Championship - Day 1**

Sunday, November 26, 1pm  
Sky Sports F1

**Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix**

Sunday, November 26, 1=2pm  
TNT Sports

**MotoGP: Valencian Grand Prix**

Sunday, November 26, 3pm  
TNT Sports

**Premiership Rugby Union: Newcastle Falcons v Exeter Chiefs**

Tuesday, November 28, 8pm  
TNT Sports

**UEFA Champions League: Manchester City v RB Leipzig**

Tuesday, November 28, 8pm  
TNT Sports

**UEFA Champions League: PSG v Newcastle United**

Wednesday, November 29, 5.45pm  
TNT Sports

**UEFA Champions League: Galtasaray v Manchester United**

Wednesday, November 29, 8pm  
TNT Sports

**UEFA Champions League: Arsenal v RC Lens**

Thursday, November 30, 8pm  
TNT Sports

**UEFA Champions League: Bayern Munich v FC Copenhagen**

Thursday, November 30, 5.45pm  
TNT Sports

**UEFA Europa League: AEK Athens v Brighton & Hove Albion**

Thursday, November 30, 5.45pm  
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**UEFA Europa League: Backa Topola v West Ham**

Thursday, November 30, 8pm  
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**UEFA Europa League: Liverpool v LASK**



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