

# Club Journal

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## Club Journal to go fully digital with expanded online offering



Club Journal is set to launch as a digital-only magazine in January 2025 as the Union continues to expand its online resources to connect more efficiently with its member clubs.

The new, expanded publication will stand alongside the revamped Union website at [www.ciu.org.uk](http://www.ciu.org.uk); the Club Journal website at [clubjournal.co.uk](http://clubjournal.co.uk) for rolling updates; a CIU Facebook page focusing on upcoming events and regular e-bulletins which you can opt to receive via email.

### Digital Club Journal

The expanded new magazine will be available to read and download at the beginning of each month and will be a bigger version of the current publication with even more content and news from clubland as well as business-building and legislative features.

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

The main Union website has vital updates from the CIU's Head Office and empowers clubs with comprehensive resources about legislation, rules and upcoming Union events.

### [www.clubjournal.co.uk](http://www.clubjournal.co.uk)

Complementing the Union's principal website and the monthly digital version of Club Journal, the website focuses on the news from CIU clubs.

### The CIU's Facebook page

There are regular posts on upcoming CIU events on Facebook.

### Regular e-bulletins

You can opt to receive regular e-bulletins to ensure that you keep up to date with the latest CIU information pertinent to clubs.

## Club of the Month: Brinsworth Social Club



November's 'Club of the Month' is Brinsworth Social Club in Rotherham, South Yorkshire.

Founded in 1918 in a simple wooden hut, the present-day club is now a comfortable, modern venue with a flourishing membership and year-round activities.

The club offers live entertainment at weekends, snooker, darts and pool plus live sport on the many screens dotted around the building.

Bingo is another popular activity with members and the various sessions are enhanced by the club's use of the Dransfields 'Spotlight' entertainment system

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# Welcome

Welcome to the November edition of *Club Journal*.

As you'll see from the main story on the front page, *Club Journal* will be going digital-only from January 2025.

This is an exciting step for the Union and will allow us to bring even more content to our readers in future editions of the *Journal* in a newly expanded e-reader version of the magazine which you will be able to download at the beginning of each month.

Watch this space for further details of this new expansion of the CIU's online presence.

This month sees the 2024 Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday which takes place on Saturday, November 9 at Doncaster.

It's sure to be another great day out for many hundreds of CIU club members from across the UK so please have a fantastic time if you are going along.

Last month we welcomed Mandy Crockford of Wessex Branch to the NEC as she takes up the position formerly taken by new Union Vice-President Bob Russell CMD.

If any clubs are keen to host the Union's Award in Club Management (ACM) day courses, please get in touch.

You will need minimum of 10 candidates eager to complete the

ACM, then the course will come to you and the three self-contained units will be delivered by Union lecturers over three Saturdays of your choice, at your club.

You could also team up with clubs in your branch area to share the hosting.

For further information, contact Senior Head Office Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick at: [Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmciu.org](mailto:Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmciu.org).

This month's 'Club of the Month' is Brinsworth Social Club in Rotherham, South Yorkshire.

The club was formed in 1918 and continues to adapt its facilities to ensure that it has remained at the heart of the local community.

Its members enjoy an array of activities, including regular live entertainment, snooker, pool, darts, line dancing and bingo.

For the full club profile, see pages 12-15.

To finish, just another reminder that the 2025 Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, April 26 in Blackpool with the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition staged on the day before – Friday, April 25.

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## Charity concert at club raises £1,145 for MIND charity



The cheque for £1,145 is handed over to MIND after a fundraising concert in memory of singer Darren Atkinson (stage name 'Darren York') was held at Hoyland Belmont WMC

A charity concert at Hoyland Belmont Working Men's Club in Barnsley in August raised a total of £1,145 for the local branch of mental health charity MIND.

The event was held in memory of much-loved local singer Darren Atkinson who had performed at the club many times under his stage name of 'Darren York' but sadly took his own life in 2022.

The event was completely sold out and featured a total of nine acts taking part, including The Downbeats, Steve Holly and The John Barry Duo.

Fittingly, the concert began with the audience watching a video of Darren performing at a club.

Club Treasurer Ray Sidebottom, said: "Darren was here all the time performing so we thought we'd get a few acts together to perform and raise some money for MIND.

"We had originally planned to start at 4pm, but I suggested we start at 3pm instead and do some games of bingo.

"We couldn't believe it, but we actually reached full capacity before 4pm – there weren't enough seats so we had to put a few banquet tables on the dancefloor.

"It was a brilliant night."

## News in brief



### Barry West End Club to stage musical fundraiser for 'Wheels For Harry' appeal

The West End Club in Barry, South Wales is holding a fundraising evening in aid of the 'Wheels for Harry' appeal.

The event, on Friday, November 22, will see performances from covers band One Foot Indie Grave and singer/guitarist Harrison Ollier.

The 'Wheels for Harry' appeal aims to raise £10,000 for a 10-year-old local boy, Harry, who has Angelmans Syndrome, a rare genetic condition that affects the nervous system and causes severe physical and learning disabilities.

The money will be used to fund the deposit for a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle which will be able to accommodate Harry's new power wheelchair.

Because Harry is under 16, there is no financial help available to fund the deposit for the vital vehicle via the Motability Scheme.

Harry's mother said: "The WAV vehicle is an absolute necessity for Harry. Without this he will literally be housebound for six years. We won't be able to get him to hospital, appointments, school, etc.

"He won't be able to come on family day trips, holidays. It's just so unfair he is being penalised for his condition and us working."

Tickets cost £10 and are available from the website: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/harrys-wheels](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/harrys-wheels)

## Cash For Kids fundraiser at Otley Social Club on December 6

Otley Social Club is holding a fundraiser for the Cash For Kids charity in December featuring comedian Albi Senior and singer Dene Michael.

Senior is famous for his long-running comedy show in the Spanish resort of Benidorm and only appears at UK venues on rare occasions, while Michael was the voice of chart-topping novelty act Black Lace whose hit 'Agadoo' reached No.2 in the UK music charts back in 1984, and sold over a million records worldwide.

Cash For Kids is a grant-giving charity which aims to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in communities who are affected by poverty, illness, neglect or have additional needs.

Tickets are £10 and are available from: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/otley-social-club](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/otley-social-club)



## News in brief



**Workington Trades Hall members get behind Kenny's half marathon in aid of cancer charity**  
Members of Workington Trades Hall in Cumbria were generous in their sponsorship of member Kenny Macleod (pictured, top left and below) who recently completed a half marathon for the charity Stronger Together – Cumbria, a friendship and cancer support group.

Kenny raised a magnificent total of £1,100 and the money will be used to create care packages to be donated to the Henderson Suite, a chemotherapy unit at West Cumberland Hospital in Cumbria.



**Reddish Working Men's Club looking forward to spectacular Four Tops tribute on NYE**

The American Four Tops show will be coming to Reddish Working Men's Club in Stockport for the club's New Year's Eve Party on December 31.

Direct from the USA, this show has been travelling internationally for many years and offer powerful vocals, splendid harmonies and the high stepping dance routines associated with the Motown group.

They will also be playing songs by The Temptations, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Marvin Gaye, Ben E King and many more soul legends.

Tickets are available to members and non-members and cost £20.

For tickets, visit: [ticketsource.co.uk](http://ticketsource.co.uk)

## Alan Elkin retires after 40 years as Secretary



**Pictured, left to right: Alison White (Club Secretary, Upton United Services Club), Alan Elkin (former Club Secretary) and Peter Everett (Wakefield Branch Secretary)**

Alan Elkin, who has retired from Upton United Services Club after 40 years as Club Secretary, has received a Long Service Award from Wakefield Branch Executive Members Peter Everett and Colin Gillatt.

Alan, who tirelessly ran the club for four decades, has finally handed over the reins on his 70th birthday.

On a very emotional evening, Alan described his time at Upton as a bit of a roller coaster ride, with plenty of peaks and troughs during his time at the helm.

Naming numerous committee members and the times they shared throughout the years, he thanked them all and described the job of Club Secretary as being "very challenging but also very rewarding".

Alan also thanked Wakefield Branch Members Peter Everett and Colin Gillatt for always being there in times of need and said that he could always count on the CIU when in doubt or when requiring advice.

Alan then went on to thank his family who were there to support him throughout the years, especially his wife Maureen and daughter Lindsay who have helped him to keep the club afloat, and himself, over the last couple of years as things have got a little turbulent from his ongoing health issues which has forced him into retirement.

Incoming Club Secretary Alison White said: "As new Secretary of the club, I would like to wish Alan a very happy and restful retirement.

"I don't know how I am going to fill his shoes as he has always been a significant figure who has done his utmost to keep the club up and running and has ensured that members and guests can enjoy the venue and all the activities that it has to offer.

"So on behalf of the committee and members, past and present, thank you Alan for your service.

"You will go down in history as the longest serving Secretary this club has ever had, and will ever have. We will miss you!"

## Geoff Whewell steps down as Branch President



Pictured, left to right: Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM, retiring West Midlands Branch President Geoff Whewell, NEC Member and West Midlands Branch Secretary Jack Haughey CMD ACM and West Midlands Branch Vice-President Alex Royle

Former Union Vice-President Geoff Whewell has stepped down as President of West Midlands Branch.

Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM attended a ceremony held at the West Midlands AGM in September at Broomhill Albion WMC in Cannock to mark Geoff's service to the Branch over many years.

Geoff was presented with a carriage clock and tankard.

## Richmond Place Club sets date for charity darts event

The Richmond Place Club in Hereford has announced that this year's Charity Open Darts Singles Competition will take place on Sunday, December 15.

The prize for 1st place will be £500 with the runner-up receiving £200 and the losing semi-finalists £50 each.

Entry costs £10 with registration taking place from 2pm and play starting at 3pm.

For more information on the tournament, contact Gill on 07557 301958.

The event is being supported by Molson Coors, LWC and Thatchers and will benefit the Phoenix Bereavement Support charity which works with children and young people when someone close to them dies.

The run-up to Christmas is shaping up to be a busy time at the club and on Saturday, December 21 the club will be hosting a Drag Bingo Night featuring Rupaul's Drag Race star Ginny Lemon alongside Will Power and Nyongbella.

Tickets are available from: [ticketsource.co.uk](http://ticketsource.co.uk)

## News in brief



### Keep up to date with all the latest news with the Union's websites and regular e-bulletins

Don't forget that as well as your monthly digital Club Journal, the Union has a number of online resources to connect more efficiently with its member clubs with a revamped website at [www.ciu.org.uk](http://www.ciu.org.uk); a dedicated Club Journal website at [www.clubjournal.co.uk](http://www.clubjournal.co.uk); a CIU Facebook page focusing on upcoming events and regular e-bulletins which you can opt to receive via email at regular intervals.

## CLUB NOTICES

### Club name changes

From: Sacriston Working Men's Club  
To: Sacriston Workmen's Community, Social and Sports Club Limited  
(Durham Branch)

From: Oaks Working Men's Social Club  
(Ardsley)  
To: 680 Club Limited  
(South Yorkshire Branch)

From: Eccleshill Working Men's Club  
To: Morley Carr Club  
(West Yorkshire Branch)

From: Wolstanton Social Club  
To: Wolstanton Social Club Limited  
(West Midlands Branch)

### Club closed

Sydney Street Sports and Social Club Limited, Accrington  
(Manchester Branch)

## Wadsley Bridge WMC ready for 'Champagne Supernova' in February

With Oasis fever running high at the moment due to the imminent return of formerly estranged brothers Liam and Noel Gallagher to the stage together, members of Wadsley Bridge WMC in Sheffield have got in on the act by bringing 'The Oasis Experience' to the club next year.

The tribute act will be performing on Friday, February 7 with all the classic songs from the Oasis back catalogue on the set list.

Tickets (over-18s only) are available from the club for £5 – a real bargain when compared to the high ticket prices to see the real thing.

Meanwhile, this month – Friday, November 22 – will see the club staging a Ladies Night.

This includes a headline set from three-piece band Fuel who will be performing many crowd-pleasing hits by the likes of Take That, One Direction, Michael Jackson, Kaiser Chiefs and The Wanted.

Support is provided by drag act Vivian Twist.

Tickets are £5.

It has certainly been a busy few months for the club on the entertainment front with the sellout Halloween Party taking place in October and several top acts visiting in September including The Beautiful Martins, a tribute to the music of Paul Heaton of Housemartins and The Beautiful South fame.

Also in September, Dan Budd presented his highly rated Robbie Williams show.

For more information on upcoming acts coming to the club, visit the website at: [wadsleybridge-wmc.co.uk](http://wadsleybridge-wmc.co.uk)



### News in brief



#### December will see two rounds of Premier League action on Amazon Prime Video

Two full rounds of the Premier League will be shown on Amazon Prime Video in December with 10 fixtures showing live on the channel on Tuesday, December 3 and Wednesday, December 4 and a further 10 matches being broadcast on Boxing Day.

Among the fixtures taking place in the early December slot are: Arsenal v Manchester United, Newcastle United v Liverpool, Manchester City v Nottingham Forest and Everton v Wolves.

Meanwhile, the Boxing Day fixtures will include: Chelsea v Fulham, Liverpool v Leicester City, Manchester City v Everton and Nottingham Forest v Tottenham Hotspur.

The full list of December Premier League fixtures on Amazon Prime Video – as well as those showing on Sky Sports and TNT Sports – will be published on the CIU website.

## Middleton-in-Teesdale Club aims to 'Raise the Roof'

Middleton-in-Teesdale Sports and Social Club in County Durham has launched an appeal to raise £40,000 to pay for urgent repairs to the club's roof.

Recent storm damage, added to normal levels of deterioration, means that repairs are badly needed.

The club has therefore launched its appeal – Raise the Roof – having obtained an estimate for the work to be carried out.

Club Committee Member Natalie Mitchell said: "Unfortunately, our roof has been deteriorating for quite some time and a harsh winter and storms have exacerbated the problem, causing quite significant damage.

"We got quotes to do all the work and although we could do another patch repair, we want to ensure the club is here for future generations."

Fellow Committee Member Ali Collinson added: "As successful as we have been in the last couple of years, we simply don't have that kind of money in the kitty to afford all the repairs."



Club Committee Member Ali Collinson alongside the fundraising 'thermometer'

## Twin sporting success for Locks Heath WMC



The victorious Locks Heath WMC snooker team with their hard-won trophies

Locks Heath Working Men's Club in Southampton is celebrating after achieving twin sporting success in recent months.

The darts team was confirmed as the winner of the 2023/24 Division 2 title and also clinched the Knockout Cup competition.

The snooker team also won a number of trophies, including clinching the Division One title in the highly competitive Southampton Snooker League.

This means that they won promotion to the Premier League and began their campaign in September.



The Locks Heath WMC darts team achieved League and Cup success

## News in brief



### Sheerness East WMC holds Fundraising Day for family injured in car crash incident

The Sheerness East Working Men's Club held a Family Fun Day on September 25 in order to raise funds to help a family who were injured when a vehicle hit the car in which they were travelling to the club.

The front passenger in the car, a grandmother in her 70s, was seriously injured and had to be cut from the car and was taken to hospital and suffered multiple injuries.

She is still recovering from her injuries caused by the other driver who did not stop at the scene.



The grandfather, who was driving, and the two grandchildren who were travelling in the back, were also injured.

When the club's youth football teams heard about the accident, they sprang into action and organised the Family Fun Day.

Each child paid £5 for a wristband which entitled them to get an inflatable toy and play a variety of games as well as take turns on the bouncy castle outside

There was also barbeque food available throughout the event and a performance by singer Michael Peters who donated his fee.

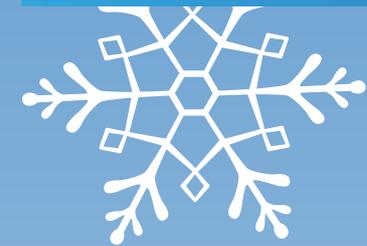
A great day was had by all and the family were presented with a card and £1,600 to help them with their expenses.



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## Bitterne Park Social Club raises £3,240 for hospice



Pictured, left to right: Club Trustee Ray Piddington, Rebecca Woodhead from Countess Mountbatten and Annette Bauck, sister of late Club President Trevor Carr, who presented the cheque on the club's behalf

Bitterne Park Social Club in Southampton recently presented a cheque for £3,240 to the Mountbatten Hampshire, the Southampton-based community and hospice end-of-life and palliative care provider.

This followed a concerted fundraising effort by the club's members in honour of the club's late and sadly missed Club President Trevor Carr.

Trevor spent his last days at the Countess Mountbatten Hospice at West End, and his family and friends were keen to run an event in order to raise money for the Hospice in order to thank them for the excellent care provided for Trevor.

The main event was a Horse Racing Charity Night which was extremely well supported by members and there were also a number of other fundraising events.

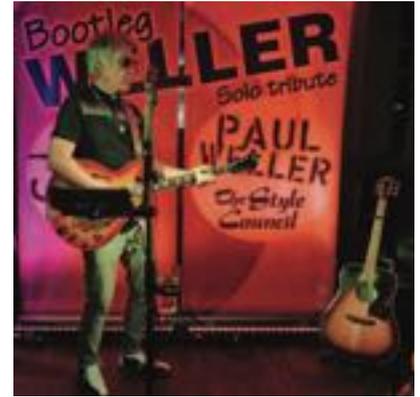
The cheque for £3,240 was presented to Rebecca Woodhead from the Countess Mountbatten Hospice by Trevor's sister Annette.

## Andy Way elected as SE Met Branch President



Pictured, left to right: Chris O'Neill CMD ACM (NEC Member and South East Metropolitan Branch Secretary), Nigel Heaton (Branch Executive Member), Andy Way (Branch President), Dave DeLuce (Branch Executive Member) and Roger Burns (Branch Executive Member and Secretary of Cheam Social Club)

## News in brief



### Bootleg Weller heads to Eyres Monsell Club in November for tribute to 'The Modfather'

The Eyres Monsell Club will be welcoming top tribute act Bootleg Weller on Saturday, November 23.

This tribute show will feature all the best songs from the career of Paul Weller from The Jam to The Style Council to his later solo career.



### Full house at East Dene WMC in Barnsley for top Elvis tribute artiste Simon Patrick

Members of East Dene Working Men's Club in Barnsley enjoyed a fantastic night of Rock 'n' Roll from 'The King' on September 27 as top tribute artiste Simon Patrick performed at the club.

Simon was voted the best 'Elvis' in Europe at the 2023 finals in Birmingham, beating 32 finalists at the 12th annual event and has spent the best part of 20 years honing his act at venues around the globe.

Simon presented a set which covered all the various eras of Elvis Presley's career from the early days to the Las Vegas years.

The night was such a success that the club has already booked Simon for another date on Friday, September 26, 2025.

Meanwhile, the club is now holding monthly car boot sales and the next dates are: Thursday, November 14 and Thursday, December 5.

The sales take place from 9am to 1pm and stalls can be booked by texting 07927 649115 or 07534 440122.



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**Tom Young – Northallerton Working Men's Club (York Branch)**

**Colin New – Northallerton Working Men's Club (York Branch)**

## Certificate of Merit

**Keith Seymour – Mill View Social Club (Durham Branch)**

**Ian Rawson – Castleside Club (Durham Branch)**

**George Douglas – Castleside Club (Durham Branch)**

**Graham Greaves – Castleside Club (Durham Branch)**

**Lynnie Lyons – Mountain Ash Hibernian Band Club (South Wales Branch)**

**Tony Lyons – Mountain Ash Hibernian Band Club (South Wales Branch)**

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

## Branch Executive Award – 21 Years

**Frank Wilde (South East Met Branch)**



Brinsworth Social Club in Rotherham  
was founded in 1918



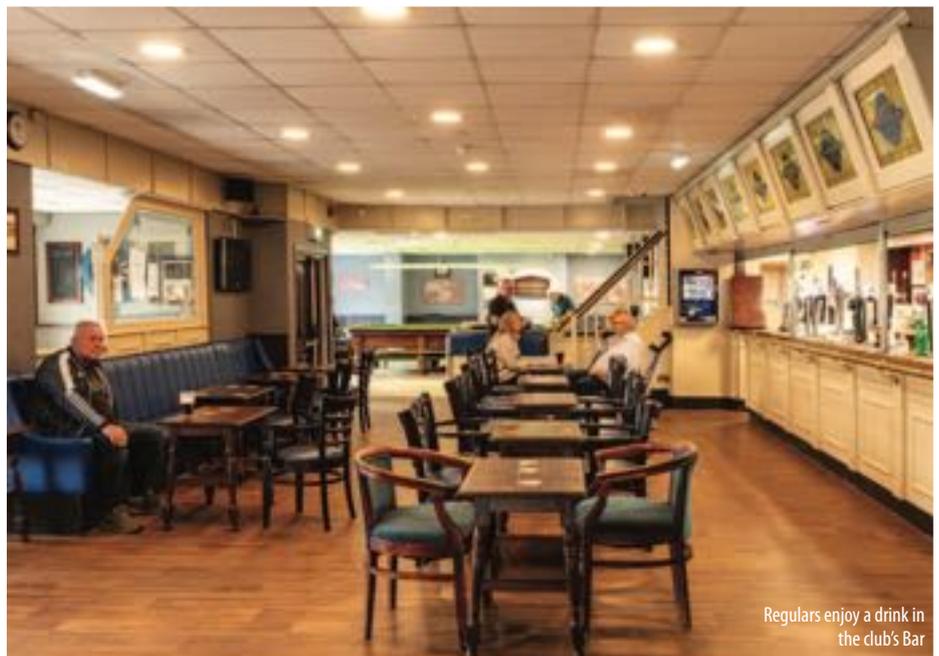
# Brinsworth Social Club

Founded in 1918 in a humble wooden hut, Brinsworth Social Club in Rotherham is now a modern, welcoming venue which has remained at the heart of its local community

Founded in 1918 as Brinsworth and Canklow Working Men's Club and Institute, Brinsworth Social Club in Rotherham began life as a simple wooden hut, the centrepiece of which was a large cylindrical coal stove in the centre of the room.

Scroll forward 106 years and the club, while occupying the same site, has been expanded and modernised many times over by successive committees during the intervening decades to become the comfortable and spacious venue of today.

Rather than the single room of old, present day members can avail themselves of superb facilities in the Bar, Lounge, Concert Room and Games Room, while the coal stove has been replaced by eco-friendly solar panels and an ultra-efficient boiler.



Regulars enjoy a drink in  
the club's Bar

While the appearance of the club has changed beyond all recognition since those earliest days, the club remains – as always – at the heart of the local community and has continued to adapt to the needs of its members.

“This club was built on coal and strengthened by steel,” says Club Secretary Mark Fergusson CMD.

“Until the decline of heavy industry, a high proportion of our members worked in the pits or steel works.

“Many others fed off the wages earned by these people. The shopkeepers, clubs, pubs and local tradesmen all enjoyed the benefits of the good money earned from the industries.

“The boom times of the 1970s and 1980s may have gone, but the club continues to survive – although it’s not easy keeping everyone happy and managing the finances.

“We have a loyal membership who support us from week to week and the club’s Committee and staff work hard to ensure that we provide a great environment, a good range of drinks at

the right price points and plenty of activities to enjoy.”

The club opens at 4pm Monday to Thursday; 2pm on Fridays and midday at the weekend, a schedule which suits the vast majority of members.

“We have defined busy periods throughout the week, including the ‘workers’ playtime’ period between 5pm and 7pm midweek when you get members coming in for a pint and a bit of chat straight after they’ve finished the day’s work and are on their way home,” explains Mark.

“We have Sky Sports, TNT Sports and Racing UK, with football and racing being the main attractions, so there’s also the European football ties during midweek to attract people on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as well as the Premier League ties at the weekend.”

The club also runs pool and snooker teams who play league fixtures in midweek, while the Concert Room hosts live entertainment at weekends.

“We have a good mix of bands and singers throughout the month and we

put it all up on our website and Facebook to ensure that members know what’s coming up,” says Mark. “We look at live acts as an added incentive for our members so we never charge extra for our entertainment which we think is an important principle of clubland.

“Fridays nights are different each week. We have an extremely popular Northern Soul event once a month, a decent band another week or perhaps a singer. In October, we had a rock covers band from the North East - Top Gun – and they went down a storm covering classic hits from groups like AC/DC, Guns ‘N’ Roses and Iron Maiden.

“We have modern and sequence dancing once a week and that is something which is very popular with our older generation, but also attracts some younger dancers as well.”

And bingo remains a mainstay at the club with sessions held several times a week, alongside other traditional draws such as the Meat Raffle.

“Bingo has always been popular at



Member Billy Edge alongside a picture of himself with snooker legend Alex Higgins who visited the club in the 1980s for an exhibition match

Club Secretary Mark Fergusson CMD



the club and the sessions draw a good crowd,” says Mark.

“The club took a massive leap last year when we installed the new Dransfields ‘Spotlight’ entertainment system and it has revolutionised entertainment in the club and changed the way we run the bingo.

“Dransfields spent time with us talking us through the system and loaned us a trial system before we committed to having it installed.

“Quizzes, raffles, ‘Open the Box’ and a music system are all built into the package but the most popular of all the features is the bingo. The numbers are displayed on a big screen and on small monitors around the club, as well as called out by the system.

“This has proven really popular with our members, who like to be able to see the numbers as well as hear them, especially if you’re hearing-impaired.

“The system also enables you to run music-based bingo games which can be changed depending on the event or season. For example, there’s a game which just has Christmas songs - or in

October, we did Halloween music-themed bingo.

“With any major projects comes teething problems, but Dransfields professional team have been there to quickly sort any issues out.

“As an added bonus, the system allows us to show upcoming events on the TV screens around the club so we can promote events to the members.”

As December approaches, the club is getting ready for a busy trading period over the festive season.

“We are putting on entertainment on all the major days, including a live act on Christmas Day and a family pantomime taking place on December 27,” says Mark.

“We’re also going to stage a special ‘Spirits Bingo’ evening where the



The club's original Committee



The club's Concert Room hosts a number of events throughout the week, including Sequence Dancing and live entertainment

winners receive a bottle of spirits rather than a cash prize.

“In addition, we’re taking a group of members on a coach trip to the Christmas Market at York in December so there’s plenty for members to enjoy during the festive period.

“We’re a family-friendly club so in addition to the pantomime we do regular events throughout the year which children can attend, most recently a Halloween Party, and we are



actively trying to get younger people involved in the club,” says Mark, who in addition to his role as Club Secretary is also a member of the Union’s NEC and recently took over as South Yorkshire Branch Secretary.

“Like many clubs, it can be difficult to get the 18-plus crowd in regularly even though the drinks prices are so much more reasonable in our bars than in other licensed premises around the area.

“We certainly ensure that we keep up with all the latests trends and brands drinks-wise as well as offering the classic ‘clubland’ beers such as John Smith’s (£3.20 a pint) and Carling (£3.30 a pint).

“But it’s just a fact of life that a lot of people in that 18-30 age bracket want to head to Sheffield and end up paying a fortune for drinks.

“Part of the problem is that many young people see clubs as old fashioned but that’s a perception which a lot of clubs are trying to change.

“With my NEC and Branch Secretary hats on, that’s something

which can be a problem right across the board in clubland and many clubs are pulling out all the stops to get new people through their doors by looking at what they have to offer their members.

“At the other end of the age spectrum, clubs like ours are a real community asset and somewhere where older people, perhaps seniors who are otherwise socially isolated, can come in and be made welcome.

“It always a hard balancing act to ensure a club can adapt to the modern world while keeping true to its traditions and ethos but it’s worth the effort when you see the many positive effects that Union clubs like us have on their local communities.”

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# Get involved with the CIU National Lottery

The CIU National Lottery is a great way to support your club and your Union as well as giving yourself the chance to win some fantastic cash prizes. Plus: regular opportunities to win beer and other prizes

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

The next Draw takes place at 7pm on Saturday, November 30 and will be a 50/50 Draw which will also see 5% of the total revenue raised going to the winner's club.

**Q: How do I buy tickets?**

**A:** It's a very simple process:

- Create an account at [ciu.praxis-play.online](http://ciu.praxis-play.online)
- Add funds to your account
- Receive email confirming you have added money to your account.
- Buy tickets by selecting PLAY on the raffle you wish to purchase tickets
- Receive an email confirming your tickets purchase, including ticket numbers. This will be sent by email in a PDF attachment and you can also see tickets in your account.

**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.

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

**A:** You only need credit in your account to buy tickets for the draws. Tickets are just £1 each.

**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 receive an email and

text confirming their win, along with payment into the client's CIU draw app account. The user can then withdraw the funds via the app account to another bank account.

**Q: I have a technical issue with the App. Who do I contact?**

**A:** In-app users can create a support ticket to resolve a query or call the CIU Head Office on 0207 226 0221 for help with any problems they encounter when buying a ticket.

# HQ

## News in brief

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

- 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

The last NEC meeting at Head Office for 2024 will take place on Wednesday, December 4 and Thursday, December 5.

The list of NEC meeting dates for 2025 will be published on the CIU website and in Club Journal when they have been confirmed.

### CIU Conference 2025 dates

The dates for the 2025 Conference Weekend are as follows:

*Thursday, April 24* – NEC Meeting

*Friday, April 25* – 33rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition (Norbreck Castle Hotel)

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

## Obituary: Former NEC Member and Derbyshire Branch Secretary John Batchelor

The Union is sad to announce that former NEC Member and Derbyshire Branch Secretary John Batchelor has passed away.

John was first elected to the National Executive in 2001 as the representative for Derbyshire and also served as Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee at the Annual Conference in Blackpool.

In addition, he served as Chairman of the CIU's Education and Leisure Committees.

He was a former Secretary of Alvaston & Crewton Working Men's Club as well as being a longstanding member of the Derbyshire Branch Executive, including his term as Branch Secretary.

John stepped down from all his Union duties in 2021.

The Union sends its condolences to John's family and friends.



Former NEC Member John Batchelor

## Sky Sports presents a festive feast of football

Sky Sports will be showing 25 Premier League games in December and January, including: Tottenham v Chelsea, Manchester City v Manchester United, Brighton v Palace, Tottenham v Liverpool, Liverpool v Manchester United, Arsenal v Aston Villa and Manchester City v Chelsea.

Manchester United's away trips to Liverpool and Manchester City headline the 25 matches during the festive period.

Pep Guardiola's City will meet United on Sunday December 15, with kick-off at 4.30pm. United will then travel to Anfield to face Arne Slot's Liverpool on Sunday January 5, with kick-off at 4.30pm.

For more information on Sky's upcoming Premier League and EFL fixtures, visit: [skyforbusiness.sky.com](https://skyforbusiness.sky.com)

## Obituary: Henry Shanahan CMD

The Union is sad to announce that former South Wales Branch Secretary Henry Shanahan CMD has passed away.

Henry took over the role of Branch Secretary in 2014.

Henry was Secretary of Mountain Ash Hibernian Band & Musical Institute from 1980 to 1990 following a spell as a Committee member and as Assistant Secretary.

During the 1980s he passed the Union's CMD examination and was Secretary of Cardiff General & Municipal Workers Club, running both clubs simultaneously for a period.

He was elected to the Branch Executive in 2007, after being co-opted the previous year

Henry was a familiar face in his role

with the CIU and attended many Annual Meetings in Blackpool.

Indeed, at the 153rd Annual Meeting in April 2016 he proposed the Annual Report during the AGM, saying:

"Unfortunately, there has never been a greater need for support to clubs from Branch and national level. There is a wealth of information contained in this little book, and I urge committeemen, especially club secretaries, to take the time to check it out.

"I therefore have no compunction in asking delegates to accept this truly professional report, and congratulate the team and all those who participated in its production."

The CIU sends its condolences to all Henry's family and friends.



Henry Shanahan CMD

## Obituary: Frank Healy CMD

York City Branch is sad to announce that Branch Secretary Frank Healey has passed away.

Born in Glasgow, Frank – who had a degree in Business Management as well as an HND in Business and Finance – moved to Yorkshire in 1974 and spent 25 years working in retail management before becoming a self-employed tax agent.

A devoted family man, Frank brought up his two young sons single-handedly following the untimely death of his wife.

After a spell as Secretary of Acomb WMC in York, Frank became Secretary of the New York Club & Institute.

While Secretary of the New York Club, Frank spearheaded the club's winning entry to the Racing UK Club of the Year competition, which earned the club £5,000 and saw the broadcaster decking out the club in the colours of the Cheltenham Festival and covering its floor with turf.

In typical fashion, Frank was very amused that, following the club's win, the broadcaster used a stand-in double for him in a subsequent advertisement

alongside his words of endorsement.

"The words are mine but the good-looking bald chap in the ad is a model, it isn't me," said Frank.

"I can't think why they wanted somebody better looking to appear in the ad!"

Frank took over as York City Branch Secretary in 2011 and was a fearless advocate for CIU clubs in the area.

In 2015, he launched a broadside against the local council after it prosecuted and fined a CIU club – St Lawrence WMC in York – following noise complaints from tenants within the club premises.

Despite accompanying the club to the court hearing, Frank was not allowed to speak on their behalf to the magistrates.

"I'm really angry about the way the Council handled this matter and feel that St Lawrence WMC has been the subject of a 'stitch-up'," Frank told the Club Journal following the final judgement.

"In court I wasn't allowed to speak even though the club had brought me



Frank Healy CMD

in to advise in my capacity as Branch Secretary and the prosecuting lawyer and the magistrates were having very lengthy discussions, from which we were excluded, before the hearing started.

"I would advise clubs in a similar situation to co-opt their Branch Secretary onto the Club Committee well in advance of court proceedings so that they can speak on behalf of the club in court."

Frank will be much missed by his family, friends and colleagues.

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## Boost your administration skills with the Award in Club Management

The Award in Club Management (ACM) enables CIU club officials to gain a thorough grounding in the skills associated with running a club. If you would like to host future ACM sessions at your club, or share sessions with clubs in your area, please get in touch with Catherine Fitzpatrick at Head Office



Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM is a regular lecturer at ACM day sessions

It is no secret that having a well-run operation is absolutely crucial to the continuing financial health of members' clubs.

The Award in Club Management (ACM) course is specifically designed for CIU clubs and aims to give club officials a thorough grounding in the key aspects of running a modern and efficient club.

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

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

Once a candidate has completed the course and been examined in all three units through a multiple choice

examination, they receive the ACM.

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

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

The lectures are carried out by highly experienced lecturers from within the CIU – including Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM – who lead

the day sessions and can draw from their knowledge of the club scene to illustrate the key points and explore real-life scenarios and problems which can crop up at members' clubs.

If you have a minimum of 10 participants from your club or a combination from clubs in your surrounding area, the ACM course will come to you.

The three self-contained units will be delivered by Union lecturers over three Saturdays of your choice at your club – or a combination of clubs in your area if that is a more practical arrangement.

Please contact Cath Fitzpatrick at the CIU Head Office on 020 7226 0221 or email:

**Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org** to discuss hosting a future course at your club or with fellow CIU clubs.

# Make those festive tills ring

A fantastic Christmas trading period would be a suitably positive end to another challenging but encouraging year for clubs – and CIU Preferred Supplier Greene King has everything you need to make that happen



Rocking Rudolph has been the best-selling festive cask ale for the past eight years

There's nothing quite like the festive season to get people off their sofas at home and out to the club for a few drinks with friends and family.

We know that many people are choosing to venture out less often than they once did but we also know that when they do make a trip to the club they want to really enjoy the experience.

What that means is that Christmas represents a huge opportunity for venues in terms of growing footfall and driving sales and profits.

It's a once-in-a-year unique opportunity that will hopefully see many people loosen the purse strings

and spend some much-needed time relaxing and enjoying a few drinks.

One of the biggest opportunities of all lies in cask ale – a drink that is literally like no other.

Beer has a proud place at the heart of the great British bar and when it comes to finding the freshest beer or ale, you can't do better than fresh cask ale.

Crafted with traditional and artisanal techniques, cask ales need to be served fresh to get the best of its uniquely complex and intricate flavour.

It's an experience that simply cannot be enjoyed at home so cask

offers a brilliant opportunity like no other to drive footfall in venues.

## Rock it

As many venue operators will know cask ale drinkers are a loyal bunch.

Some 70% of them say they know they'll choose cask even before they leave the house.

Not only that – 60% of them say they will try at least two different cast products per visit.

To meet that demand, Greene King has the finest selection of cask beers available spanning both our permanent range of classics and favourites and our seasonal stars that



Fireside Winter Ale is available throughout November and December

form part of our annual Fresh Cask Releases programme.

The undoubted star of that seasonal show is Rocking Rudolph, the best-selling festive cask ale for eight consecutive years and looking set to make that a ninth chart-topping performance this festive period.

It really is a must-stock this Christmas and not only will it deliver for you, Greene King will give 5p (plus VAT) from every pint sold to Macmillan Cancer Support – doing the right thing never tasted so good.

### Popular demand

But it's not just Rocking Rudolph that will be driving the cask category over the next couple of months.

Back by popular demand once again, Abbot Reserve has become a staple in the seasonal calendar and has done a remarkable job over the years of driving footfall, sales and profits for venues stocking it every December.

At 6.5% ABV, it's a full flavoured, dark-copper premium ale that is

considered by many drinkers to be a natural festive trade-upon the much loved Abbot Ale.

Utterly distinctive, smooth and mature, it's bursting with fruitcake and toffee flavours – the perfect pint for a winter's evening.

This December marks the first time that Abbott Reserve is available in smaller 4.5 gallon pins format, making it easier than ever to cash in on the popularity of the Abbott brand and offer your members a true Christmas treat. In other words, you can trade up with minimum risk.

### Fireside favourite

Also returning this year is the limited edition Fireside Winter Ale, another winter classic.

A full-bodied ruby winter ale with a mellow fruity finish, it features zingy grapefruit and lemon notes while black malt adds a nice level of refreshment.

At 4.5% ABV it's an easy-to-drink ale and is another fantastic option to offer on those cold, dark winter nights.

Available through November and December this year Fireside features a new pump clip to help catch the member's eye.

### Premium push

With more of your members looking to make more of their nights out, Christmas is the ideal time to shift your focus slightly towards premium products.

This means products like the cask beers highlighted above, but it also means taking a fresh look at your range of wines and spirits.

These categories tend to see major growth in the festive period and it's the premium end that grows quickest.

Premium lines mean premium profits – and it also tends to make happier members, the perfect win-win.

Greene King offers a vast range of premium options – from the luxury classic Champagne to a huge range of premium and super premium spirits.

Remember, however, that encouraging your members to trade up doesn't necessarily mean trading up all the way to the top.

Yes, some of your members will want the best of the best but for many, trading up can simply mean buying a more premium alternative to the drink or brand they usually buy.

Focus on key categories like gin, vodka, whisky and rum and add a more premium option or two and you won't go far wrong.

### Cocktail cash

Similarly, cocktails tend to be popular at Christmas whether you painstakingly make them from scratch or whether you offer ready to drink premix options in cans (see the last issue for more details).

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# Friday, April 25 – Beer & Trades Exhibition

Join fellow CIU club delegates and a wide variety of key club suppliers at the 33rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition at the Norbreck Castle Hotel on the afternoon of Friday, April 25

The Union's 33rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place on Friday, April 25 at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool.

The event is the UK's biggest trade show for private members' social clubs with an array of products and services on display which are all targeted at helping clubs to boost trade, save money and support clubs, while taking part in some fun activities and networking along the way.

All the key club suppliers across the UK will have a presence at the show, including Preferred Suppliers BOC, Card Industry Professionals, Dransfields, Greene King, Higos Insurance and Pure Purchasing so make sure you put the date in your diary and come along for expert business advice.

Greene King will be showcasing some of their flagship brands at the complimentary bar making the occasion a great opportunity to network with officials from other clubs and to share knowledge.

There will also be food available on the day with delegates last year enjoying a range of delicious Pukka Pies as well as bar snacks from Mr Scratchings.



Delegates will be able to find out about the services and products offered by the Union to affiliated clubs at the dedicated CIU stand



The Dransfields team will be on hand to talk to delegates about all their gaming and entertainment machine requirements



The Beer & Trades Exhibition is a great opportunity to network with officials from other CIU clubs



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**What we are looking for:**

Our current Steward is moving on after 14 years with us, so we have a rare opportunity for a full time Club Steward couple to start at the beginning of December and cover all aspects of managing the day-to-day running the bar including stock, cellar and staff management, in conjunction with the Club Secretary and Committee, to whom they report and accountable. Ideally you will have worked in a similar position of responsibility within the hospitality sector or licensed trade and will hold a personal licence, although training will be provided.

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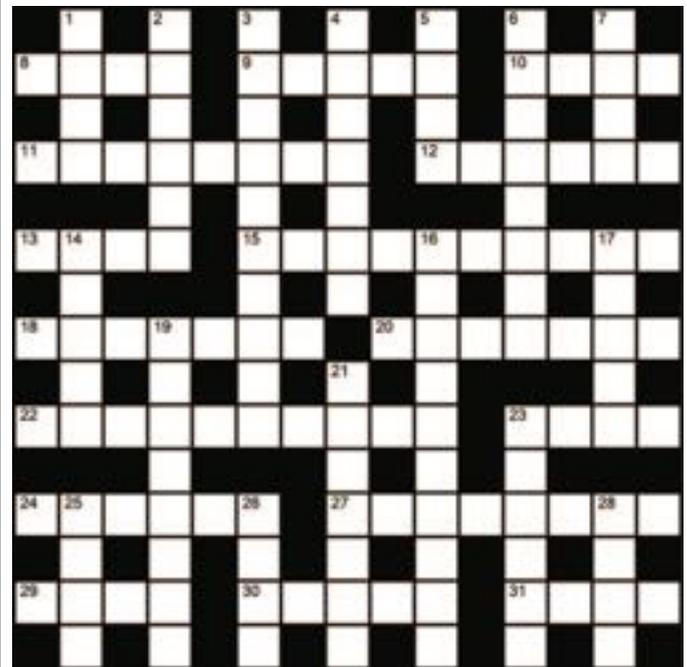
**ACROSS**

- 8 One will, 'tis said, have an old-fashioned Christmas (4)
- 9 Banded mineral at field entrance? (5)
- 10 Baker in Coventry city centre (4)
- 11 Make a saint out of one's Inca connections (8)
- 12 No hugs given out for a Japanese leader (6)
- 13 Each upset causes pain (4)
- 15 Eye any roar from an angle continually, annually (4,2,4)
- 18 Predictors set out, possibly as a jumper's one to pull (7)
- 20 Skaters dancing with some lightning (7)
- 22 Folk ode to CFC played as the shift was ended (7,3)
- 23 She was first to be right, always! (4)

- 24 Did that car just go over a personal document? (1,1,4)
- 27 Is afraid to act on rodents in a convoluted way (5,3)
- 29 Heard you were that blue when alone (4)
- 30 Note where little brother goes to the day before (5)
- 31 Force the edge to be teller, say (4)

**DOWN**

- 1 Atmosphere of the restaurant (4)
- 2 DNA sequence that for me has gone awry (6)
- 3 Fairly complicated way to meet one's genealogy (6,4)
- 4 Bear, struggling to the max in law test (3,4)
- 5 Bathers lose ball partner, but she's got it! (4)
- 6 Tycoon has me working on defender cell (8)
- 7 Tableaus not last for the dandy (4)
- 14 Such illustrations are a bit cool! (5)
- 16 Needs repair? That's not on! (3,2,5)
- 17 It rangles a bit as a leg joint (5)
- 19 Parrot, from Oz, which ruined the cook's coat (8)
- 21 Radioes tuned by the ones setting up for stars (7)
- 23 Flag brightens ignition parts (6)
- 25 Prod about a reduction? (4)
- 26 Hotbed, backing out of what you owe (4)
- 28 Medley of olive oil that's not vile (4)



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Send your entry to Club Journal Crossword, Link Spaces, Botanica Ditton Park, Riding Court Road, Slough, SL3 9LL. **Deadline November 25.**

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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

- Rich Arnold of Kettlebrook WMC
- Mervyn Saunders of Pentrebach Labour Club
- Mr DG Hunter of Bishopthorpe Social Club
- David Gamble of Kenilworth Sports & Social Club
- G Windebanke of Woolley Bridge WMC





Saturday, November 9, 7pm, Sky Sports

### Grand Slam of Darts

The latest staging of the £650,000 tournament takes place in Wolverhampton, as 32 of the world's top stars compete for the coveted Eric Bristow Trophy. Reigning champion and world No.1 Luke Humphries will headline a star-studded field, which also includes three-time champion Michael van Gerwen and newly-crowned Premier League winner Luke Littler.



Thursday, November 14, 7.45pm – ITV

### UEFA Nations League: Greece v England

Lee Carsley has made a great start as England Manager with victories over the Republic of Ireland and Finland. Following the Wembley leg of this fixture, England now head to Athens where they will aim to gain three points from Ivan Jovanovic's men who also recorded their own wins against Finland and the Republic of Ireland and line up with a formidable squad, particularly in defence.



Wednesday, November 27, 8pm – TNT Sports

### UEFA Champions League: Liverpool v Real Madrid

A real battle between two European giants takes place at Anfield as the reigning champions from the Spanish capital head to Merseyside. Last season, Real Madrid won their 15th title, their sixth in 11 seasons, and will always be a force to be reckoned with.

# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

As well as some choice Premier League and UEFA Champions League tiers, November brings international football and rugby union action, the Grand Slam of Darts and the November Meeting at Cheltenham

Saturday, November 9, 3pm

Sky Sports Main Event

### Darts: Grand Slam of Darts

Saturday, November 9, 3pm

TNT Sports

### International Rugby Union: England v Australia

Saturday, November 9, 5.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

### Premier League: Brighton & Hove Albion v Manchester City

Saturday, November 9, 8pm

TNT Sports 1

### Premier League: Liverpool v Aston Villa

Sunday, November 10, 12.30pm

Sky Sports Football

### Championship: Sheffield United v Sheffield Wednesday

Sunday, November 10, 1pm

Sky Sports Main Event

### Darts: Grand Slam of Darts

Sunday, November 10, 1.40pm

TNT Sports

### International Rugby Union: Wales v Fiji

Sunday, November 10, 2pm

Sky Sports Premier League

### Premier League: Nottingham Forest v Newcastle United

Sunday, November 10, 1.40pm

TNT Sports

### International Rugby Union: Wales v Fiji

Sunday, November 10, 4.30pm

Sky Sports Premier League

### Premier League: Chelsea v Arsenal

Monday, November 11, 7pm

Sky Sports

### Darts: Grand Slam of Darts

Tuesday, November 12, 7pm

Sky Sports

### Darts: Grand Slam of Darts

Wednesday, November 13, 7pm

Sky Sports

### Darts: Grand Slam of Darts

Thursday, November 14, 7pm

Sky Sports

### Darts: Grand Slam of Darts

Thursday, November 14, 7.45pm

ITV

### UEFA Nations League Group Stage: Greece v England

Friday, November 15, 7pm

Sky Sports

### Darts: Grand Slam of Darts

Saturday, November 16, 12.30pm

ITV

### Horse Racing: Cheltenham

Saturday, November 16, 5pm

S4C/BBC iPlayer

### UEFA Nations League Group Stage: Turkey v Wales

Saturday, November 16, 5.40pm

TNT Sports

### International Rugby Union: England v South Africa

Saturday, November 16, 7pm

Sky Sports

### Darts: Grand Slam of Darts - Quarter-Finals

Sunday, November 17, 2pm

Sky Sports

### Darts: Grand Slam of Darts - Semi-Finals

November Meeting, Cheltenham: Saturday,  
November 16, 12.30pm, ITV



*Sunday, November 17, 4.10pm*

*TNT Sports*

**International Rugby Union: Wales  
v Australia**

*Sunday, November 17, 5pm*

*ITV*

**UEFA Nations League Group  
Stage: England v Republic of  
Ireland**

*Sunday, November 17, 7pm*

*Sky Sports*

**Darts: Grand Slam of Darts -  
Final**

*Tuesday, November 19, 7.45pm*

*S4C/BBC iPlayer*

**UEFA Nations League Group  
Stage: Wales v Iceland**

*Saturday, November 23, 12.30pm*

*TNT Sports 1*

**Premier League: Leicester City v  
Chelsea**

*Saturday, November 23, 5.30pm*

*Sky Sports Premier League*

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

*Saturday, November 23, 5.40pm*

*TNT Sports*

**International Rugby Union: Wales  
v South Africa**

*Sunday, November 24, 2pm*

*Sky Sports Premier League*

**Premier League: Southampton v  
Liverpool**

*Sunday, November 24, 4.10pm*

*TNT Sports*

**International Rugby Union:  
England v Japan**

*Sunday, November 24, 4.30pm*

*Sky Sports Premier League*

**Premier League: Ipswich Town v  
Manchester United**

*Monday, November 25, 8pm*

*Sky Sports Premier League*

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

*Tuesday, November 26, 8pm*

*Prime Video*

**UEFA Champions League:  
Manchester City v Feyenoord**

*Tuesday, November 26, 8pm*

*TNT Sports*

**UEFA Champions League:  
Sporting CP v Arsenal**

*Wednesday, November 27, 8pm*

*TNT Sports*

**UEFA Champions League:  
Liverpool v Real Madrid**

*Thursday, November 28, 8pm*

*TNT Sports*

**UEFA Europa League:  
Manchester United v  
Bodo/Glimt**

*Friday, November 29, 8pm*

*Sky Sports Premier League*

**Premier League: Brighton &  
Hove Albion v Southampton**

*Saturday, November 30, 5.30pm*

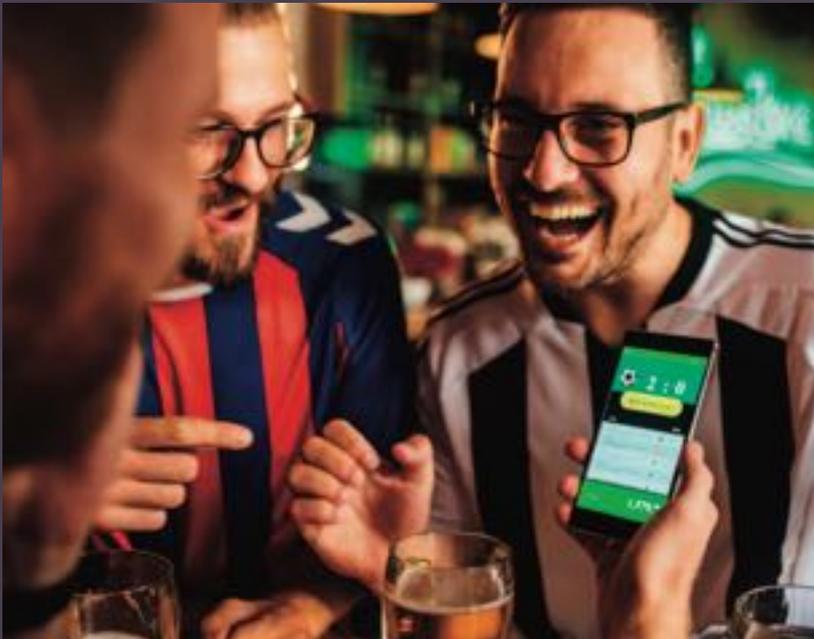
*Sky Sports Premier League*

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

*Sunday, December 1, 2pm*

*Sky Sports Premier League*

**Premier League: Chelsea v  
Aston Villa**



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