

## Club members look forward to Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday



The Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday will take place on Saturday, November 29 at Doncaster Racecourse

The 2025 Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday – the 19th edition of the event – will be staged at Doncaster Racecourse on Saturday, November 29.

One of the world’s most celebrated racecourses and the home of the St Leger Festival, Doncaster will provide a magnificent backdrop for the biggest event in the Union’s sporting calendar.

This meeting sees the return of Jumps Season to Doncaster with seven races in prospect – and the action gets underway with the first race at 11.48am.

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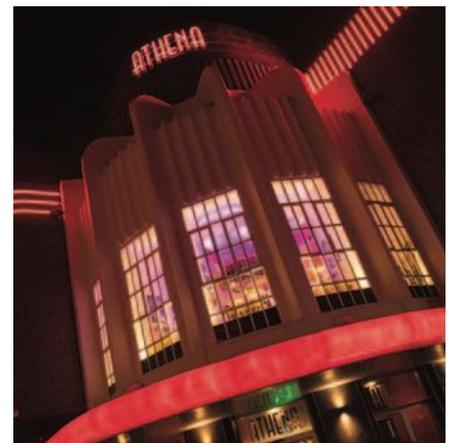
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Remember, Doncaster Racecourse will be donating £1 each from every ticket sale to the CIU charity so you will also be doing your bit to support Union clubs.

## Shortlist announced for CIU Club of the Year 2025



The shortlist for the prestigious CIU Club of the Year Award has been announced with a total of 24 clubs in the running.

The winning club will be announced at the Club Mirror Awards on Wednesday, November 26 at the Athena venue in Leicester.

Hosted by Ray Stubbs and Mark Lawrenson, the Awards will celebrate the hard work going on in members’ clubs across the country with CIU venues competing in several other categories as well as the CIU Club of the Year category.

- For the full shortlist of clubs, see pages 10-15.

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Welcome to the November edition of *Club Journal*.

This month sees the 2025 Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday which takes place on Saturday, November 29 at Doncaster.

It's sure to be another great day out for many hundreds of CIU club members from across the UK so don't miss out if you haven't bought your tickets yet.

Please see the front page for details of the special CIU ticket packages available and visit the Doncaster Racecourse website:

[arenaracingcompany.co.uk/offers/ciu/doncaster](http://arenaracingcompany.co.uk/offers/ciu/doncaster)

It is with immense pride that we announce the shortlist for the prestigious CIU Club of the Year 2025 award in this issue (see pages 10-15).

To be nominated for this accolade is a tremendous honour, recognising the very best of our clubs' commitment to their members and communities.

This nomination is far more than just a title; it is a resounding testament to the incredible dedication, passion and hard work undertaken by volunteers and staff in clubs across the country.

It is their unwavering efforts that create the vibrant, welcoming, and successful clubs that form the heart of so many communities.

The anticipation now builds for the grand finale. The winners of the CIU

# Welcome

Club of the Year 2025 award will be officially crowned at the gala ceremony of *Club Mirror's* Club Awards, taking place in Leicester on November 26.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to every club on the shortlist.

Being nominated celebrates your collective effort and the outstanding environments you create.

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, email: [Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmciu.org](mailto:Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmciu.org).

To finish, a further reminder that the 2025 Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, April 18 in Blackpool with the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition staged on the day before – the afternoon of Friday, April 17.

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## Richmond Place Club marks 80th birthday of Secretary Les



Les Walker, Secretary of Hereford Richmond Place Club (pictured, second from left), celebrated his 80th birthday in October

It has been a busy start to the Autumn for the Richmond Place Club in Hereford with a number of events drawing in members and guests in large numbers.

In October, Club Secretary Les Walker held his 80th birthday party with friends and family joining in to help him celebrate his milestone.

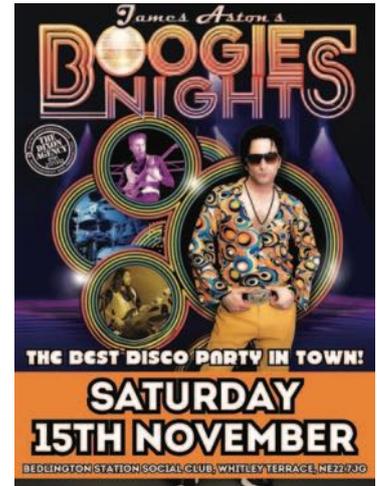
Also in October, the club welcomed a coach party from fellow CIU venue, Landore Social Club in Swansea, whose members travelled over the border to enjoy a night of entertainment courtesy of drag artiste Helles Belles.

Meanwhile, the club has been gearing up for the upcoming festive period and will be staging a Christmas Market, complete with Santa's Grotto at the club on Sunday, November 23.



Members of Landore Social Club in Swansea paid a visit to the Richmond Place Club in October

## News in brief



### Bedlington Station Social Club heads back to the 1970s with November disco party

Members of Bedlington Station Social Club will be digging out their flared trousers, flowery shirts and blouses, platform shoes and best Saturday Night Fever outfits as they head back to the 1970s for a Boogie Nights event on Saturday, November 15.

As well as a DJ spinning some dance classics, there will be live music, prizes for the best fancy dress costumes, games and 1970s-inspired cocktails galore.

Meanwhile, to mark Halloween the club invited ghost expert and medium Scott Williams to come in and conduct a paranormal investigation at the club to discover if any spectral presences were haunting the building.

## CLUB NOTICES

### Club name changes

From: Brookside Commercial Social Club  
To: Brookside Commercial Social Club Limited

From: Starbeck Working Men's Club  
To: The Forest Club Limited

From: Mildmay Club  
To: Mildmay Club and Institute Limited

From: Broseley Social Club  
To: Broseley Social Club Limited

## News in brief



### Chris Eubank Jr. takes on Conor Benn at Spurs Stadium on Saturday, November 15

Chris Eubank Jr. and Conor Benn return to the ring for their highly anticipated rematch – billed as ‘Unfinished Business’ – live from Tottenham Hotspur Stadium on Saturday, November 15.

The first encounter between the two fighters captivated a sell-out crowd of 70,000 and ended in a unanimous decision victory for Eubank Jr.

Backed by their legendary fathers, Chris Eubank Sr. and Nigel Benn, the fighters are set to deliver another unforgettable night of drama and the action will be available on DAZN via Sky Sports Box Office.

James Tweddle, Director of Hospitality at Sky Business, said: “We’re proud to bring this event to commercial venues through Sky Sports Box Office, offering premium viewing experiences to attract customers, excite fans and match the intensity of the ring.”

The fight is available exclusively to venues via Sky Sports Box Office through DAZN Pay-Per-View  
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 To book, call: UK: 0330 8281 331.

### Glendale Social Club to stage Charity Quiz Night for two children’s charities



Friday, November 28 sees a Charity Quiz Night at Glendale Social Club in County Durham.

The event will raise funds for two charities – Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) and Tiny Lives which benefits special care babies.

## West Worthing Social Club hosts charity scooter show



The scooter show raised £1,984 for the local branch of the MND charity

West Worthing Social Club in West Sussex hosted the Worthing Custom Scooter Show on Saturday, October 11 with a huge number of enthusiasts in attendance from right across the South East of England alongside an impressive array of scooters boasting unique designs.

Attendees were able to browse the many trade stalls selling scooter accessories and memorabilia while enjoying plenty of hospitality in the form of food and drink at the Bar and outside barbeque during the all-day event which lasted from 11am to midnight.

There was also live entertainment from The Inflatables who performed some classic two-tone, ska and reggae songs.

Prizes were awarded in a number of categories with the winners receiving trophies at a presentation held in the bar alongside their dream machines.

Most importantly, the event raised a massive £1,984 for the local branch of the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) charity.



Some of the prize-winning scooters on display inside the club

## King Street Social Club receives £40,000 music grant



King Street Social Club in North Shields has hosted some major music events in recent years and will be receiving just under £40,000 to upgrade its music facilities

King Street Social Club in North Shields is set to receive around £40,000 in mayoral funding in order to upgrade its status as a music venue.

It is one of just 11 venues to be awarded part of a £360,000 fund distributed by the North East Mayor to “unleash cultural creativity” in the region.

The organisation Are You Affiliated is one of 11 successful bidders and has been awarded £39,215 to convert King Street Social Club in North Shields into a contemporary electronic and live music venue, diversifying operations and boosting local night life.

North East mayor, Kim McGuinness, said: “I’m developing a thriving creative economy in the North East, and with this funding, we’re fuelling our energetic creatives, and giving them the tools to create real impact.”

“This region has it all – we’ve got amazing venues and museums, great festivals, hotels and restaurants, and a heritage to be proud of. The funding these programmes will receive will help us celebrate our culture, and put our region on the stage as the home of creativity and world class cultural events.”

Are You Affiliated added: “After three years of doing things that people initially said were impossible in North Tyneside this funding will enable us to make a huge step-change in what we’re capable of achieving and allow us to fully realise the potential of our unique venue model while maximising its value to the broadest range of people and communities in the North East.”

While the venue, with its striking multicoloured exterior and giant contemporary mural, continues to operate as a traditional CIU members club, the upstairs Concert Room is fully utilised as a live music and DJ venue with people travelling from all over the region – and further afield – to enjoy a variety of artists performing on the club’s stage.

Local promoter and artist Man Power (real name Geoff Kirkwood) has brought some of the world’s best DJs and dance music acts to King Street Social Club including: Caribou, Daniel Avery, Luke Una, Roman Flügel, Prosumer, Optimo and Gerd Janson.

## News in brief



### Egham United Services Club hosts its four-day winter beer festival from November 5-8

The winter edition of the Egham Beer Festival will take place at Egham United Services Club from Wednesday, November 5 to Saturday, November 8.

The festival is open to non-club members and entry to all day sessions between Wednesday and Saturday costs £7, although there is a £1 discount to NUS, CIU and CAMRA card-carrying members and also guests of EUSC Club members.

The opening times are as follows: Wednesday November 5 – 3pm-11pm. Thursday, November 6: 10am-11pm. Friday, November 7: 10am-midnight. Saturday, November 8, midday to midnight.



### Top Elvis tribute artist Thomas Gabbini to appear at Totton Recreation Club in November

Saturday, November 15 will see Elvis tribute artist Thomas Gabbini performing at Totton Recreation Club in Hampshire

Gabbini is a two-time finalist in the European Elvis Tribute Contest and will be performing songs from across the entirety of Elvis Presley’s career from the early days to his Las Vegas era.



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## Blyth SSC darts ace Alfie Knox heads to Gibraltar



Alfie Knox has already made his debut for the Senior Northumberland County side

Promising youth player Alfie ‘The Ox’ Knox will be taking part in the JDC World Youth Darts Championship in Gibraltar later this month and will have the full support of Blyth Sports & Social Club for whom he recently made his Super League debut.

A product of the Darts Academy North East, Alfie has already played for the Northumberland Senior County side, having already excelled for Northumberland Youth County Darts.

He was runner-up at the Blyth Sports & Social Club Youth CIU competition in October and is in great form heading to the Gibraltar tournament featuring the cream of world darts talent at youth level.



Alfie ‘The Ox’ Knox in action on the oche

## News in brief



### Top stand-up comedy night at Rotherham's Bradgate Working Men's Club in November

There will be a line-up of four stand-up comedians plus a compere at the latest comedy event hosted by Bradgate Working Men's Club in Rotherham on Thursday, November 21.

The laughs will get underway at 8.30pm with Benny Shakes, Lewy Morrison, Ryan Stephenson and Andy Lane performing and hosting duties carried out by Chris Maire.



### Greasbrough Working Men's Club unveils Sir Winston Churchill mural on club exterior

A genuine British icon now graces the front of Greasbrough Working Men's Club near Rotherham in Yorkshire after the club commissioned a large mural of Sir Winston Churchill to be painted on the wall of the venue.

This eye-catching artwork was completed in October, well ahead of Remembrance Day in November, with the work carried out by Spartan Site Solutions.

It is not known whether Sir Winston ever visited the town of Greasbrough but there is no doubt the great man would have approved of the new mural.



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**William Houson – Little Horton Social Cycling Club**

South Wales Branch

**Mark Lloyd – Cwmaman Workmens & Social Club**

**Mark Teague – Cwmaman Workmens & Social Club**

# CIU CLUB OF THE YEAR 2025 – THE SHORTLIST

Welcome to the 24 clubs vying to be crowned CIU Club of the Year at the Club Mirror Awards on 26 November.

## **Beechwood, Easterside & District Social Club, Middlesbrough**

The club has become a thriving success story by seeking member feedback and then investing in what they value most. With an unwavering commitment to high-quality, full-band live entertainment funded by a £130,000 annual budget, the club packs its 400-capacity room while simultaneously implementing rigorous cost-saving measures behind the scenes. This powerful combination of generous entertainment, astute financial management – including wage restructuring and strategic partnerships – and deep community engagement through charity and sports has resulted in soaring membership, and a vibrant, multi-generational venue that sets the standard for a modern members' club.



## **Brinsworth Social Club, Rotherham**

Founded in 1918, the club has evolved from a simple wooden hut for industrial workers into a modern, multi-room venue while steadfastly remaining the heart of its community.

While it honours its traditions with popular bingo, live entertainment and affordable drinks, the club actively adapts to modern times, exemplified by its innovative Dransfields Spotlight entertainment system that has revolutionised its games and events.

Navigating the challenge of appealing to younger generations while providing a vital, welcoming space for its loyal older members, the club successfully balances its foundational ethos with the need to stay relevant.



## **Broadwater Working Men's Conservative Club, Worthing**

Celebrating its centenary in 2024, the club is a thriving and family-friendly hub at the heart of its community.

By successfully blending traditional offerings like darts and snooker with popular live tribute acts, major sports screenings and a full range of quality drinks, the club attracts a loyal and growing intergenerational membership throughout the week.

Its future-focused ethos, demonstrated by ongoing facility refurbishments and events that cater to all ages – from children's parties to member-appreciation gatherings – ensures this welcoming club remains a vibrant and essential social venue for the people of Worthing.



## **Brookside Commercial Social Club, South Elmsall**

Under a new Committee, the club has engineered a financial and community turnaround, transforming a £3,000 loss in 2023 into a profit in 2024. This success is driven by strategic business initiatives, including the introduction of new drinks brands, a two-tier pricing structure to boost membership and a volunteer-led model that minimises overheads. The surplus has been reinvested directly into the club, with new furniture and a volunteer-refurbished beer garden with an outdoor TV enhancing the member experience. Furthermore, the club provides a warm, inclusive hub for all generations and hosting vital initiatives like 'Disco-bility' nights that offer a safe, social space for young adults with disabilities and respite for their carers.



**Castle Ward WMC, Lincoln**

The Castle Ward Club stands as a success story and is the last remaining CIU club in Lincoln, having undergone an impressive transformation that has seen its membership soar from 300 to nearly 1,000.

This growth has been underpinned by smart business initiatives like a highly successful two-tier pricing system, which rewards member loyalty while keeping prices competitive and an increase in private party bookings.

The club's true strength, however, lies in its role as a community hub, providing a home for a diverse range of groups from slimming group 'Man v Fat Lincoln' to the Lincolnshire Beekeepers, while also rallying together to support members in times of need and running its own charity events for a variety of causes dear to the hearts of its members.



**Clacton Railway Social Club, Essex**

The club has transformed from a traditional railway workers' club into a vibrant, award-winning beacon of community spirit in Essex.

By officially rebranding as a social club in 2019, it threw its doors open to all, resulting in a staggering growth to over 1,800 members through a diverse programme of activities that cater to every generation.

This success is powered by a profound sense of care, from its groundbreaking Youth Darts Academy – opened last year by former darts pro turned commentator Wayne 'Hawaii 501' Mardle – to a dedicated Welfare Officer who supports vulnerable members, to a number of fundraising events for local causes.

The club is renowned for its great entertainment and fun events, including tribute acts, bands and solo singers.



**East Ham Working Mens Social Club, London**

After being closed since 2019 due to a redevelopment project on the site, this historic club has reopened in 2025 in a brand-new, purpose-built venue – complete with state-of-the-art audiovisual system – on the ground floor of a residential building. It has wasted no time in hitting the ground running and has enticed old members and new alike with a number of activities, including live entertainment, pool, darts and live sport.

The new club boasts impressive, modern facilities but also has plenty of memorabilia from across its history, including photos of the many West Ham players who used to be regular visitors to the club, including England's World Cup-winning captain Bobby Moore. The club is delighted to back at the centre of its local community after a six-year hiatus.



**Grangemoor WMC, Staffordshire**

Grangemoor Working Men's Club continues to keep its place at the heart of the Burntwood community by fostering intergenerational engagement, including the continuing integration of FC Grangemoor that has brought a vibrant new generation of members into the fold. The Over-50s Club continues to go from strength to strength with a number of special activities throughout the year on top of the weekly regular events.

Driven by a dedicated committee, the club is extremely vibrant with weekly live entertainment, including some very high-profile tribute acts, charity events and an annual children's pantomime. The club has also brought in specialist food trucks at weekends which has helped to give members even more reason to visit the venue.



### **Groby Ex-Servicemen's Club, Leicestershire**

The club is the vibrant heart of its Leicestershire village, functioning as far more than just a social club with excellent facilities. While its identity is deeply rooted in honouring the past through its War Memorial, it thrives on a forward-looking energy, offering everything from live entertainment and carveries via its in-house catering operation to live sports and a welcoming bar.

Governed by a dedicated committee that views its role as custodians of a community asset, the club is financially healthy and an essential home-from-home for its members.

The club recently unveiled an impressive new outdoor terrace at the front of the club and has also refurbished its upstairs pool and snooker rooms and there are several new projects in the pipeline.



### **Richmond Place Club, Hereford**

The club is home to a vibrant community, providing a vital, safe and welcoming venue for an incredibly diverse range of local people and activities. The club's service goes far beyond the traditional, hosting everything from christenings, weddings and wakes to becoming a weekly hub for the OpenGate organisation for those with learning disabilities, as well as conventions organised by the Herefordshire Boardgamers. This community role is further demonstrated by its status as the headquarters for the Hereford Invitation Skittles League, its popular, eclectic entertainment from country music to blues to burlesque nights to wrestling shows, and its regular coach trips for members. Darts is also a major attraction at the club with regular teams plus two charity open events held twice a year.



### **High Green Club, Sheffield**

Celebrating its 125th anniversary, the High Green Club in Sheffield is a thriving and resilient community cornerstone, boasting over 1,000 members and a strong financial position thanks to the dedicated, hands-on efforts of its committee.

By strategically balancing essential traditions like bingo, dominoes, and competitive snooker with modern attractions such as live entertainment and popular, competitively-priced drinks, the club serves as a vital social lifeline for all generations. This commitment is further demonstrated through savvy financial management, proactive facility refurbishments and robust support for private functions and charity fundraising, ensuring this beloved institution remains a vibrant and essential hub for the local community.



### **Leicester Railwaymen's Club & Institute, Leicester**

The Leicester Railwaymen's Club & Institute is a vibrant and inclusive hub that has successfully honoured its 101-year legacy while dynamically evolving to serve its diverse, multi-cultural community.

With a strong membership of over 1,500, the club has driven engagement through popular, well-attended initiatives like themed parties and Reggae/Ska nights, as well as the successful introduction of the 'Find the Joker' game to increase footfall. Its role as a cornerstone of the community is demonstrated by hosting a wide array of local groups – from Salsa and line dancing classes to the Haribol Walking Group – alongside a steadfast commitment to fundraising for major local charities like LOROS, making it a truly deserving contender for recognition.



**Lindley Liberal Club, Huddersfield**

A community institution that balances its 138-year heritage with dynamic, forward-thinking management to create a thriving and financially robust hub for its 2,150 members. Through a number of successful business initiatives – including highly popular raceday events, a significant investment in staff training and a modernised website and eco-conscious measures like solar panels – the club has dramatically increased revenue while futureproofing its operations.

This commercial acumen is perfectly complemented by a profound commitment to its community, evidenced by its support for over a dozen local groups from the ‘Chimes’ club for senior members to the RAFA and various charities, all driven by an exceptional and dedicated team of officers and volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure the club remains a key community hub.



**New Eltham Social Club, London**

This club - which boasts first-class facilities, including a modern beer garden – blends its long-standing CIU traditions, dating back to 1892, with a dynamic and modern approach to become a thriving, award-winning hub for its 1,660 members.

The club’s exceptional success is driven by a vibrant and frequent live entertainment programme that appeals to all ages, complemented by innovative, best-in-class social media and website presence that keeps the community engaged. This is all underpinned by a profound commitment to its community through significant charity fundraising, family-friendly events and dedicated, long-serving staff and committee who ensure the club remains a financially stable, welcoming, and indispensable part of life in New Eltham.



**North Biddick Social Club, County Durham**

The club, which fought its way back from devastating flood damage a few years ago, is a thriving and financially robust community hub, having achieved an impressive £77,000 profit under the exceptional stewardship of David Leask. David’s leadership extends far beyond standard duties, as he demonstrates remarkable business acumen through stringent stock control, negotiating the best supplier deals, and managing club maintenance. The club’s community spirit is evidenced by the club taking a hands-on role in sponsoring local football and rugby teams, founding a popular golf society, collaborating with a local amateur theatre group, and even providing a base for the Durham CIU branch secretary, solidifying the club’s reputation as a welcoming, well-run, and indispensable local institution.



**Northallerton & District Working Men’s Club, Yorkshire**

The club is steered by Secretary Jeff Lewis and a dedicated, female-majority committee that has driven impressive growth with over 100 new members this year. The club is committed to live entertainment with live bands, singers and tribute acts booked well in advance. There have been significant improvements to the club, including a refurbished bar and multi-channel Sky Sports system. The club has a strong community and CIU spirit, hosting visits from other clubs and running numerous charity nights in aid of such causes as the Friarage Hospital, Guide Dogs for the Blind, a local special needs school and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. The club has a talented bar management team, with the club a leading light in the local PubWatch scheme. It is also very strong on bar sports including snooker, pool and darts.



### Queens Park WMC, Northampton

Under the leadership of Steward Julie Bodsworth, the club has undergone a remarkable renaissance, evolving from a traditional club into a vibrant, family-friendly hub that is the fastest-growing in Northampton, with membership soaring by 200 in just over a year. Julie is the heart of this success, creating a warm, inclusive atmosphere and driving community engagement through popular, low-cost events like curry nights while single-handedly raising an astounding £16,000 for charity over the past two years. This energy is perfectly supported by the club's investment of over £100,000 in essential upgrades and a thriving sports scene that has expanded to include multiple skittle, darts, pool, and bowls teams. By blending its history with modern appeal and community spirit, Queens Park WMC is a shining example of a traditional club.



### Rubery Social Club & Institute, West Midlands

The club was saved from the brink of closure in late 2023 and has now reclaimed its vital role as a community-orientated club at the heart of the community.

This fantastic turnaround has been engineered by the promotion of Maryann Peters to Club Manager/Secretary and her dynamic leadership and commitment to introducing new ideas and popular weekly entertainment have reinvigorated the club and brought in new members, as well as encouraging existing members to visit more frequently.

The club is a genuine community where everyone knows each other, proving that through the hard work of staff, committee and members, a struggling club can ensure that it has a very bright future.



### Sandhurst Social Club, Berkshire

Sandhurst Social Club blends its long-standing CIU traditions with innovative, member-focused initiatives to create a vibrant venue with a reasonably priced bar selling quality drinks.

Driven by a team of dedicated individuals like Bar Manager Carl Farrell, whose lifelong passion for the club ensures its pristine operation and welcoming atmosphere, and Administration Secretary Julie O'Neil, who leads a tireless entertainment team, the club puts on around 20 diverse monthly events.

This operational excellence, which includes a successful in-house catering brand (KUBUTI), significant facility refurbishments and highly successful charity fundraising events generating thousands for local causes, is matched by a community spirit that supports local schools, businesses and families.



### Sheerness East Working Mens Club, Sheppey, Kent

The club serves its community right across the board and, having been a Covid testing and vaccination centre during the pandemic, now hosts a quarterly blood donor clinic that serves over 100 people on each occasion. The club also provides a free, regular base for NHS dementia support services and pioneering groups like a thriving Deaf Club, while also fostering future generations through a weekly Youth Darts Academy that aims to give young players the basic skills of the sport. The club also hosts a major charity darts weekend that raised over £1,300 for Prostate Cancer UK and stages family-focused events like its annual Easter party, as well as supporting the local youth football team. It also hosts Sheppey Bikers Club events in the year, including the annual Christmas charity ride.



**Skegness Ex-Service Club, Lincolnshire**

The Skegness Ex-Service Club is a thriving and inclusive community hub where remarkable growth, driven by a dedicated team, is matched by an extraordinary spirit of generosity. Under the historic leadership of Secretary Annemarie Wagstaffe and supported by long-serving volunteers like the Wagstaffe brothers and darts ambassador Chris Fletcher, the club has seen membership surge over 10% to 1,500 members.

The club has a very varied programme of events, including packed weekly entertainment and nationally-recognised darts pro-am events. Its charity fundraising is second-to-none and the club has already raised over £15,000 in 2025 – including £10,000 for Prostate Cancer UK – and earned the national title of Charity Club of the Year.



**Snodland Working Mens Club, Kent**

The club is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year and balances its tradition with a modern, forward-thinking attitude. Currently it has over 500-plus members who gathered earlier this year for a special anniversary party and were able to buy pints for 2p.

The club’s ongoing relevance is driven by its family-friendly ethos, popular ‘Friday Madness’ drinks promotions, live sports on Sky Sports and TNT Sports and entertainment that appeals to all ages – from its oldest centenarian member to new families from recent housing developments – including race nights, charity events and raffles. It also has highly competitive darts and pool teams. Under the dedicated leadership of Secretary Julie Martin and a proactive, modernised committee, the club continues to thrive.



**The Oatlands, Harrogate**

Established in 1899, the club has achieved record membership of 1,200 and prestigious recognition, including being named CAMRA Club of the Year for an unprecedented third consecutive year. This success is driven by its leadership team, led by Secretary Lucy Hague and Bar Manager Arj Flora, who have implemented transformative initiatives like a dual pricing system, membership cards and targeted discount days to significantly boost revenue and footfall. The club’s vitality is further cemented by its role as a community hub, sponsoring local sports teams, hosting a diverse array of local groups, raising thousands for local charities, and serving as a venue for significant civic events.

They also host charity days during the big racing events such as the Cheltenham Festival and Royal Ascot.

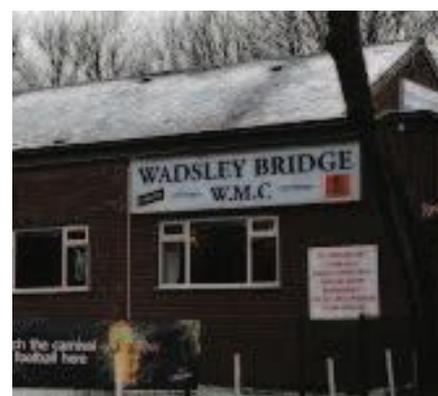


**Wadsley Bridge WMC, Sheffield**

Wadsley Bridge WMC is a thriving 105-year-old club that has evolved into a vibrant, multi-generational hub under the dedicated leadership of its management team. The club has made big improvements in its buildings and grounds, a new outdoor TV ‘fanzone’ with a huge screen for summer sporting events.

Its modernised function rooms are consistently booked many months in advance for family occasions and parties, including wedding receptions.

The club has a successful social media presence and popular free weekend entertainment – including major tribute acts – putting the club in a strong financial position. It provides a safe, inclusive space that combats loneliness, features its own set of allotments and a large children’s play area.



# 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 is under review.

### National Executive Committee dates

The NEC meetings at Head Office for 2025/26 are: December 3/4, January 14/15, February 25/26, March 25/26, April 16 (Blackpool), June 3/4, July 15/16, September 2/3, October 14/15, December 2/3.

### CIU Conference 2026 dates

Friday, April 17 – CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition

Saturday, April 18 – The 162nd Annual Meeting (Both events are being held at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool).

### Find out if a club is a member of the CIU

To find other Union clubs, use the search facility on the official website: [ciu.org.uk](http://ciu.org.uk).

There are several areas that can be searched in order to find clubs, general information on the CIU and *Club Journal* articles going back to 2011.

## Survey finds 69% of people say hospitality venues play an important role in communities

A new report from Zonal, in partnership with CGA by NIQ and UKHospitality, reveals the deep emotional, social and economic value of hospitality venues across the UK.

The report, *GO Technology: The social value of hospitality*, based on a survey of 5,000 nationally representative British adults, shows that 69% of British consumers say hospitality plays an important role in their communities, and 74% agree the industry needs and deserves greater support from Government.

The survey of 5,000 British adults shows the importance that hospitality venues have in our everyday lives and bringing people together, with 67% of respondents agreeing that eating and drinking out is as important to their social lives as it was a year ago.

When asking consumers about a local business that holds significance for them, 66% choose a hospitality venue. More than a fifth (22%) name an on-trade venue and 15% cite a restaurant. Cafes and coffee shops (12%) and bars (7%) are also deemed important.

What makes our favourite venues so special comes down to a selection of key factors which shape the connections and memories we make, such as:

- Staff remember me (32%)
- It's independent (32%)

- Visiting is a tradition with family and friends (27%)
- It's inclusive to everyone (26%)
- It has a great atmosphere/music I like (25%)
- I have special memories from visits (24%)

Nearly three quarters (72%) of consumers agree the hospitality sector is a good local employer.

The industry is particularly important to younger adults, whether starting a long-term career or earning money in the short-term.

From city centres to rural villages, hospitality is the beating heart of Britain's social life. Yet closures are rising, especially in rural areas where alternatives are few and far between. Just 21% of rural residents say their high street has improved in the past year, compared to 62% in urban areas.

Tim Chapman, Chief Commercial Officer, Zonal, comments: "The hospitality industry is well aware of the important role we play on our high streets, of the great community work we do, and that we are a fantastic employer and creator of jobs in every corner of the country.

"However, to see that reflected in consumer sentiment in this research is really encouraging and the sector should take heart from it."

# Preferred Supplier Greene King breaks ground on new brewery



Greene King CEO Nick Mackenzie at the site of what will be a new £40m brewery

Preferred Supplier to the CIU, Greene King, has started building its new £40m state-of-the-art brewery in Bury St Edmunds.

Greene King CEO Nick Mackenzie and Managing Director of Brewing & Brands Matt Starbuck were joined by Peter Prinsley, MP for Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket; Cliff Waterman, Leader of West Suffolk Council; and Julie Baird, Director of Planning and Growth at West Suffolk Council, at the site on Suffolk Business Park to mark the start of the building process.

The new custom-built facility extends Greene King’s connection with Bury St Edmunds, where it has brewed its beer for more than 200 years since the company’s founding in 1799. It also represents a major commitment to the future of British brewing and Greene King’s production of cask ale, alongside its newer premium craft beer brands.

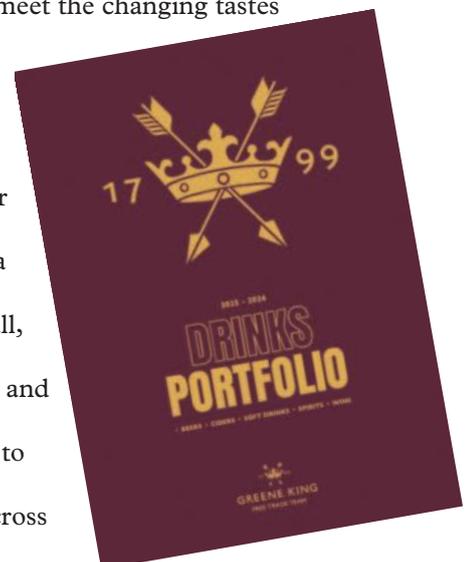
The brewery will enable Greene King to evolve its brewing operation to adapt to customers’ changing tastes, future-proofing its ability to brew the highest quality beer for future generations and create future-facing brewing roles. It will also improve the sustainability of the company’s brewing operations.

Greene King expects to complete construction of the brewery in 2027.

Matt Starbuck, Managing Director, Brewing & Brands, at Greene King said: “Brewing in Bury St Edmunds is at the heart of Greene King’s heritage, and we’re proud to secure its future for generations to come.

“Our new state-of-the-art brewery not only strengthens our long-term commitment to the town, but also enables us to brew more sustainably, while continuing to innovate and evolve our beers to meet the changing tastes of our customers.”

Meanwhile, last month saw Greene King and Belhaven releasing their new Free Trade Product Guide for 2025/2026 (pictured, right) which aims to be a complete guide to help clubs to maximise footfall, sales and profits across beer, cider, wine, spirits, and soft drinks, the vital categories that continue to shape the great British hospitality experience across the country.



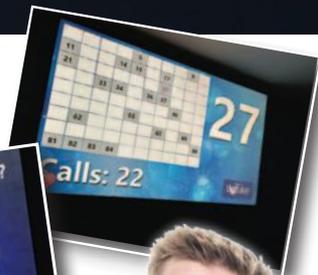
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# CIU Election 2025: Timeline

The timeline for the 2025 CIU Election of National Executive Members and the positions of President and Vice-President has been finalised and is shown below

The Ballot Count for the 2025 CIU Election will take place at Head Office on December 10



**Wednesday, September 10, 2025**  
**Letter and Nomination Form issued to all clubs**

**Wednesday, October 8, 2025**  
**Deadline for forms to be received at Head Office**

**Wednesday, November 5, 2025**  
**Ballot Papers issued to all clubs**

**Wednesday, December 3, 2025**  
**Deadline for Ballot Papers to be received at Head Office**

**Wednesday, December 10, 2025**  
**Ballot Count at Head Office**

**Wednesday, December 10, 2025**  
**Notification to Candidates and NEC**

**Wednesday, December 10, 2025**  
**Official Release to Branch Secretaries, *Club Journal* and Head Office**

# The road to Blackpool 2026

The 162nd Annual Meeting and the 34th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will both be staged at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool in April 2026 as clubs gather for Conference Weekend

Blackpool 2026 edges ever closer with the Norbreck Castle Hotel hosting both the 162nd Annual Meeting and the 34th Beer & Trades Exhibition next April.

The key event for CIU delegates is the morning of Saturday, April 18 when the 2026 Annual Meeting – the 162nd edition – takes place in the hotel’s Function Room.

During the meeting, the 2025 Annual Report and Financial Report for 2025 will be considered by delegates.

There will be several motions proposed by the NEC which will be debated and then voted upon by delegates.

Friday, April 17 will see the 34th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition taking place in the Norcalympia Suite of the hotel.

This is the UK’s largest trade show for private members’ social clubs and offers a wealth of products and services designed to help clubs save money and grow their business.

A wide range of key club suppliers from across the UK will be in attendance, including Preferred Suppliers such as BOC, Dransfields, Greene King, Brown & Brown Insurance and Pure Purchasing.

At the complimentary bar, Greene King will be showcasing its leading brands, creating the perfect setting for networking with fellow club officials.

So, don’t forget to put Conference Weekend in your diary and ensure that your club takes part in the key event of the CIU Calendar.



Delegates will have the opportunity to vote on a number of issues



Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM delivers his address at the 161st AGM



Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM delivers a speech at the 2025 Annual Meeting



There will be debate about the Future of the Union at the 2026 Annual Meeting



The Norbreck Castle Hotel will be the focal point for Conference Weekend 2026



The CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition is a great opportunity to meet a number of club suppliers



The Head Office team at the 2025 trade event were able to advise members and officials about the services and products which the CIU offers to its clubs



Chris Haley, Managing Director of Preferred Supplier Dransfields, alongside his company's Dart Shark machine



Union Vice-President Bob Russell CMD officially opened the 33rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition and welcomed exhibitors and delegates to the event



A winner is presented with his prize by the Officers of the CIU and Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley

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# Buy your ticket for the CIU National Lottery

The CIU National Lottery is a great way to support your club and your Union as well as give yourself the chance to win some fantastic cash prizes, as well as 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 **Monday, December 1** 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.



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## Ready to take your club management skills to the next level?

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



The ACM course consists of three self-contained units, each taking one day to complete

The Union's Award in Club Management (ACM) course is specifically designed for people running CIU clubs and aims to give club officials a thorough grounding in the key aspects of managing a club with maximum efficiency.

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 at the end of each unit, they receive the ACM.

The course is primarily aimed at

people who are going to be sitting on club committees and occupying positions of authority within clubs for the first time.

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 Senior Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick at the CIU Head Office on 020 7226 0221 or email: [Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org](mailto:Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org) to discuss hosting a future series of day sessions at your club or with fellow CIU clubs.

# WHAT CAN THE CIU DO FOR YOUR CLUB?

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

## Advice and Help for Clubs

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

## Education

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

## Club Journal/Clubjournal.co.uk

*Club Journal* is the Union's official online monthly magazine and is a must-read for CIU members. Each month the magazine features news from around the branches, club profiles, opinion columns from leading Union figures, business-building advice from the experts, sporting news and results, plus details of the CIU Racing Club discounts available to members. There is also an associated website at: [clubjournal.co.uk](http://clubjournal.co.uk) to ensure that club members are kept up to date with all the latest news.

## Charity

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

## Lobbying on Behalf of Clubs

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

## Rules

The CIU Rules Department deal with all matters relating to rules on behalf of clubs, the Union and the Branches. The preparation of all rule changes for the approval of the club members, the registration with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the printing through the Union's printer, are all dealt with by the team at Head Office. Head Office also deals with clubs' affiliation to the Union. For further information, contact the Union's Head of Rules and Affiliations Vera Palazova.





**Events - CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition**

Staged during Conference Weekend in April, the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition provides a fantastic opportunity for club delegates to attend a free trade show which is specifically targeted at the needs of CIU clubs. The show provides a great day out for club men and women, as the many exhibitors – including several of the CIU’s Preferred Suppliers – showcase their services and products to attendees and demonstrate how they can help increase revenues and save money on running costs at their clubs.

**The CIU Racing Club**

The CIU Racing Club enables clubs to take advantage of special discounted tickets for club outings to a variety of Arena Racing Company (ARC) racecourses across the country. There are a number of fixtures throughout the year for which CIU members can obtain their discounted ticket packages, as well as exciting ‘one-off’ offers and packages, including racedays at some of the country’s top racing venues including Bath, Chepstow, Doncaster and Newcastle.

**CIU National Lottery Draw**

The CIU National Lottery Draw, which launched at the end of 2023, gives Union members the opportunity to win significant cash prizes by purchasing tickets online via their computers or smartphones. The funds raised by the CIU National Lottery Draw help to fund the vital work undertaken by the CIU in support of its member clubs across the country. Already many Union members have won sums of up to £2,500. To take part, go to the website: [ciu.praxisplay.online/signin](http://ciu.praxisplay.online/signin)

**CIU Official Website**

The CIU’s official website ([www.ciu.org.uk](http://www.ciu.org.uk)) provides a wealth of information regarding the activities going on throughout the Union, as well as contact details for Head Office and Branch personnel. It also has a ‘Breaking News’ section which will keep you abreast of the latest Government legislation concerning members’ clubs, as well as links to the Union’s various Preferred Suppliers. It also has a regularly updated database of all the clubs affiliated to the CIU.

**Events - Dransfield CIU National Charity Raceday**

Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday is an annual event, now held at Doncaster Racecourse in November. This is one of the highlights of the CIU calendar and gives Union members the chance to enjoy a fantastic day out and raise money for the CIU’s Education Programme. The CIU also runs an annual Greyhound Racing Night each September in Sheffield at the iconic Owlerton Stadium. Look out for ticket details elsewhere in the issue.

**PRS for Music Tariff**

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





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# Let the arrows fly at Ally Pally!

In December the sporting world's gaze will turn to North London as the PDC World Darts Championship takes place at Alexandra Palace, with all the action showing on Sky Sports

Luke 'The Nuke' Littler beat Michael Van Gerwen in the 2024/25 Final



As the nights draw in and the year edges towards its close, a unique sporting spectacle will be required viewing in CIU clubs across the land.

Starting on Thursday, December 11, the hallowed stage of Alexandra Palace in London will once again host the PDC World Darts Championship, with every second of the action showing on Sky Sports.

More than just a tournament, this is a 128-player, multi-week drama of tungsten, trebles and towering pressure, where dreams are forged and hearts are broken in the glow of the oche.

The question on every darts fan's lips is a compelling one: who will emerge from the cauldron to be crowned king of the palace?

All eyes, inevitably, are on the reigning monarch, Luke 'The Nuke' Littler.

His victory last year was the culmination of a meteoric rise, and he arrives in North London not just as defending champion, but as a genuine sporting superstar who has inspired

many young people around the UK to take up the sport.

His breathtaking run to the final in 2024 as an unheralded 16-year-old was a fairytale that captured the global imagination.

On his current trajectory, Littler looks set to dominate the sport for many years to come and become even more of a household name than he is already.

Of course, Littler is far from infallible on the oche and there are a number of challengers who will hope to wrest the crown from his considerable grasp.

The 2024 Champion, 'Cool Hand' Luke Humphries – who beat his namesake in the final – possesses a game built on formidable, rhythmic scoring and a lethal combination finishing style.

The 2025 runner-up, Michael van Gerwen, remains a constant threat.

While his dominance of a decade ago has waned, the three-time champion's sheer will to win and explosive scoring power make him a

danger in any match.

The hunger to reclaim his throne at Ally Pally will be palpable.

Then there is the consistent brilliance of Michael Smith, the 2023 champion, whose effortless, fluid throwing action can blow any opponent away. His quest for a second title is a serious one.

Beyond the individual rivalries, the World Championship is an event defined by its unique atmosphere.

The Palace is more than a venue; it is a character in the story. The raucous, fancy-dress-clad crowds create a party atmosphere unlike any other in professional sport.

Yet, for the players, it is a gladiatorial arena. The walk-on, under blazing lights and deafening music, is a test of nerve in itself.

It's all shaping up to be a 'must-watch' event for club members and Sky Sports will be capturing all the excitement in their wall-to-wall TV coverage, beginning on Thursday, December 11 and concluding with the Final on Saturday, January 3.

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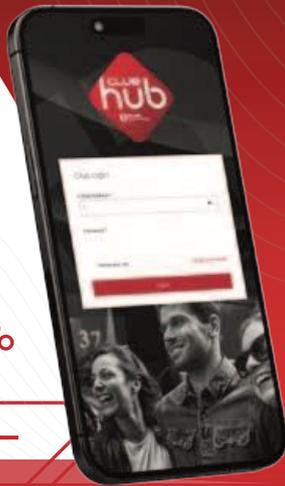


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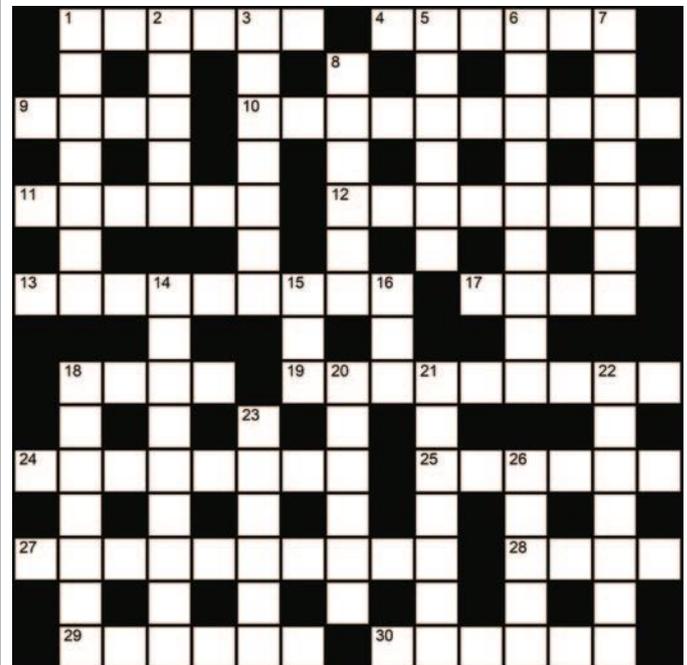
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# Get ready for the Ashes Series

TNT Sports and discovery+ will be showing all the live action from the upcoming Ashes Series Down Under, alongside next day highlights and analysis of play taking place overnight



Becky Ives and Sir Alastair Cook will be part of the TNT Sports and discovery+ Ashes presentation team

All the action from the Ashes Series Down Under this winter will be available live and on-demand via TNT Sports and its streaming platform, discovery+.

The coverage in Australia will be led by presenter Becky Ives alongside a heavyweight team of former England internationals – Sir Alastair Cook, Graeme Swann and Steven Finn – across the five Tests.

Together, the trio boasts 257 Test appearances and 10 Ashes series victories and were part of the last England squad to win an Ashes series on Australian soil.

Throughout the series, the team will be joined by a host of special guests giving their thoughts from an Australian perspective.

To complement the live action, TNT Sports will broadcast highlights throughout the daytime on its linear channels and discovery+.

In addition, TNT Sports will produce *The Edge* – a review programme presented from its studios in London – airing in an evening prime-time slot on

TNT Sports after the completion of each Test (UK time).

Host Craig Doyle will be joined by two special guests with each show delving into the key moments and standout performances, offering expert analysis and fresh perspectives.

TNT Sports' coverage of the NRMA Ashes Series forms part of a busy winter of cricket that includes every England men's team fixture.

Sir Alastair Cook said: "The Ashes is always one of the tours you look forward to – it's one of the toughest challenges in cricket.

"Winning a Test series in Australia is incredibly rare for touring sides. I've experienced both the highs of victory and the disappointment of falling short over there, but there's a real buzz around this England team.

"You get the sense they're capable of doing something special this time."

Becky Ives added: "As a lifelong cricket fan who grew up scoring matches and still follows the game closely today, it's an enormous privilege to be leading TNT Sports'

coverage of The Ashes.

"It's one of the most iconic events in the world of sport, and to have the opportunity to present the series alongside some of the modern greats of the English game, sharing the story of each Test with millions of viewers is a true career highlight."

## NRMA Insurance Men's Ashes schedule – TNT Sports

21–25 November: West Test, Perth Stadium, Perth

4–8 December: Day-Night Test, The Gabba, Brisbane

17–21 December: Christmas Test, Adelaide Oval, Adelaide

26–30 December: Boxing Day Test, MCG, Melbourne

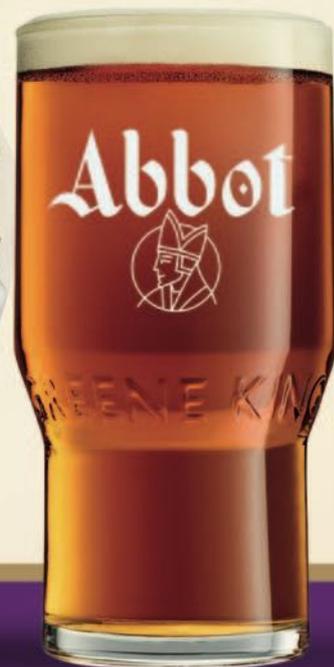
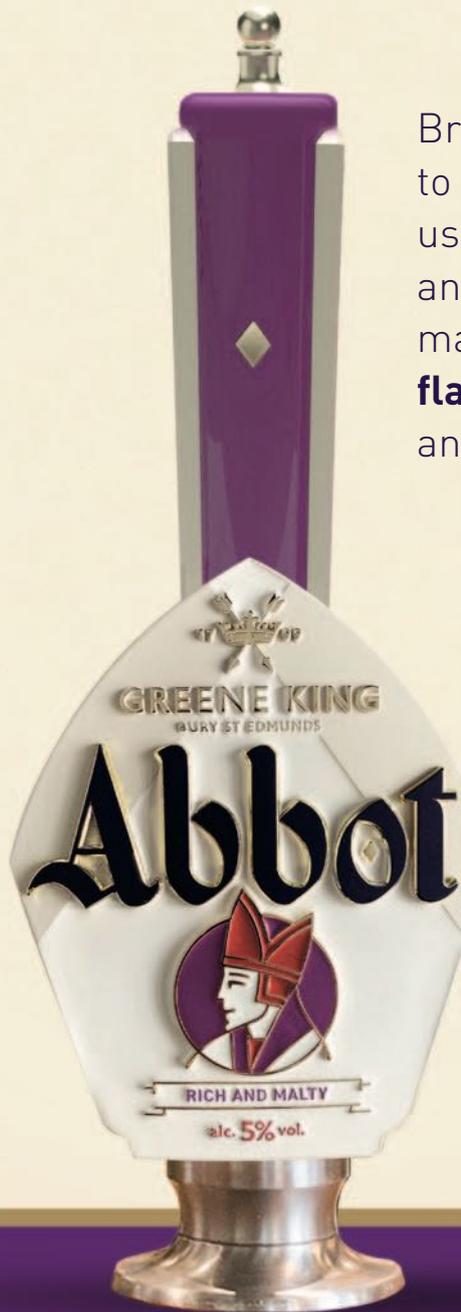
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Tuesday, November 4, 8pm, Prime Video

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

Liverpool got their 2025/26 European campaign off to a disappointing start as they crashed to a 1-0 defeat to Galtasaray but followed that up with a 2-1 victory over Atletico Madrid. Real Madrid, meanwhile, won both of their opening encounters and look set to make a challenge in the latter stages of the competition.



Saturday, November 8, 1pm, Sky Sports

**Darts: Grand Slam of Darts**

Wolverhampton is the venue for the 2025 Grand Slam of Darts. This is the 19th edition of the 32-player tournament which will see the winner receiving £150,000. All matches will be in leg play format. The 32 players will be drawn into eight groups of four, contested on a round-robin basis where every player faces each other once. Luke Littler is the defending champion.



Saturday, November 15, 3.10pm – TNT Sports

**International Rugby Union: England v New Zealand**

The Autumn International Series continues as England take on the All Blacks at the Allianz Stadium, Twickenham. New Zealand have won their last three encounters against the men in white, most recently in November 2024 when they recorded a 24-22 victory in a hard-fought match.

# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

November will be another bumper month for fans of live sport with Premier League, Champions League and international football action coming up, in addition to top-class rugby union, darts and horse racing

Saturday, November 1, 3pm, TNT Sports

**International Rugby Union: England v Australia**

Saturday, November 1, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Chelsea**

Saturday, November 1, 8pm, TNT Sports

**Premier League: Liverpool v Aston Villa**

Sunday, November 2, 2pm, Sky Sports Premier League

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

Sunday, November 2, 4.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Manchester City v AFC Bournemouth**

Monday, November 3, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Sunderland v Everton**

Tuesday, November 4, 5.45pm, TNT Sports

**UEFA Champions League – League Phase: Slavia Prague v Arsenal**

Tuesday, November 4, 8pm, Sky Sports Football

**Championship Football: Coventry City v Sheffield United**

Tuesday, November 4, 8pm, Prime Video

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

Tuesday, November 4, 8pm, TNT Sports

**UEFA Champions League – League Phase: Tottenham Hotspur v FC Copenhagen**

Wednesday, November 5, 5.45pm, TNT Sports

**UEFA Champions League – League Phase: FK Qarabag v Chelsea**

Wednesday, November 5, 5.45pm, TNT Sports

**UEFA Champions League – League Phase: Manchester City v Borussia Dortmund**

Wednesday, November 5, 8pm, Sky Sports Football

**Championship Football: Portsmouth v Wrexham**

Wednesday, November 5, 8pm, TNT Sports

**UEFA Champions League – League Phase: Newcastle United v Athletic Bilbao**

Thursday, November 6, 5.45pm, TNT Sports

**UEFA Champions League – League Phase: Sturm Graz v Nottingham Forest**

Thursday, November 6, 8pm, TNT Sports

**UEFA Champions League – League Phase: Aston Villa v Maccabi Tel-Aviv**

Saturday, November 8, 12.30pm, TNT Sports

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

Saturday, November 8, 1pm, Sky Sports

**Grand Slam of Darts**

Horse Racing: November  
Meeting, Cheltenham, Saturday,  
November 15, 12.15pm, ITV



Saturday, November 8, 5.30pm, Sky  
Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Sunderland v  
Arsenal**

Saturday, November 8, 5.40pm, TNT  
Sports  
**International Rugby Union:  
England v Fiji**

Saturday, November 8, 8pm, Sky  
Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Chelsea v Wolves**

Sunday, November 9, 1pm, Sky  
Sports  
**Grand Slam of Darts**

Sunday, November 9, 2pm, Sky  
Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Nottingham  
Forest v Leeds United**

Sunday, November 9, 3.05pm, TNT  
Sports  
**International Rugby Union: Wales  
v Argentina**

Sunday, November 9, 4pm, Sky  
Sports F1  
**Formula 1: Sao Paulo Grand Prix**

Sunday, November 9, 4.30pm, Sky  
Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Manchester City  
v Liverpool**

Monday, November 10, 7pm, Sky  
Sports  
**Grand Slam of Darts**

Tuesday, November 11, 7pm, Sky  
Sports  
**Grand Slam of Darts**

Wednesday, November 12, 7pm, Sky  
Sports  
**Grand Slam of Darts**

Thursday, November 13, 7pm, Sky  
Sports  
**Grand Slam of Darts**

Thursday, November 13, 7.45pm,  
ITV  
**FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier:  
England v Serbia**

Friday, November 14, 7pm, Sky  
Sports  
**Grand Slam of Darts**

Saturday, November 15, 12.15pm,  
ITV  
**Horse Racing: November  
Meeting, Cheltenham**

Saturday, November 15, 3.10pm,  
TNT Sports  
**International Rugby Union:  
England v New Zealand**

Saturday, November 15, 5pm,  
BBC1 Wales  
**FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier:  
Liechtenstein v Wales**

Saturday, November 15, 5.40pm,  
TNT Sports  
**International Rugby Union:  
Wales v Japan**

Saturday, November 15, 7pm, Sky  
Sports  
**Grand Slam of Darts**

Sunday, November 16, 1pm, Sky  
Sports  
**Grand Slam of Darts**

Sunday, November 16, 5pm, ITV  
**FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier:  
Albania v England**

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November 20, 1.30pm, Sky Sports



Tuesday, November 18, 7.45pm,  
BBC1 Wales  
**FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier:**  
**Wales v North Macedonia**

Thursday, November 20, 1.30pm,  
Sky Sports  
**Golf: The RSM Classic – Day 1**

Friday, November 21, 1.30pm, Sky  
Sports  
**Golf: The RSM Classic – Day 2**

Saturday, November 22, 12.15pm,  
ITV  
**Horse Racing: Betfair Chase**

Saturday, November 22, 12.30pm,  
TNT Sports  
**Premier League: Burnley v  
Chelsea**

Saturday, November 22, 5.30pm, Sky  
Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Newcastle  
United v Manchester City**

Saturday, November 22, 5.40pm,  
TNT Sports  
**International Rugby Union: Wales  
v New Zealand**

Saturday, November 22, 6pm, Sky  
Sports  
**Golf: The RSM Classic – Day 3**

Sunday, November 23, 2pm, Sky  
Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Leeds United v  
Aston Villa**

Sunday, November 23, 4.10pm, TNT  
Sports  
**International Rugby Union:**  
**England v Argentina**

Sunday, November 23, 4.30pm, Sky  
Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Arsenal v  
Tottenham Hotspur**

Sunday, November 23, 6pm, Sky  
Sports  
**Golf: The RSM Classic – Day 4**

Monday, November 24, 8pm, Sky  
Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Manchester  
United v Everton**

Sunday, November 30, 12.30pm,  
Sky Sports Football  
**Championship Football:**  
**Leicester City v Sheffield United**

Saturday, November 29, 3.10pm,  
TNT Sports  
**International Rugby Union:**  
**Wales v South Africa**

Saturday, November 29, 5.30pm,  
Sky Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Everton v  
Newcastle United**

Saturday, November 29, 5.45pm,  
TNT Sports  
**PREM Rugby: Bristol Bears v  
Northampton Saints**

Saturday, November 29, 8pm, Sky  
Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Tottenham  
Hotspur v Fulham**

Sunday, November 30, 12 noon,  
TNT Sports  
**Premier League: Crystal Palace  
v Manchester United**

Sunday, November 30, 2.05pm, Sky  
Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: West Ham  
United v Liverpool**

Sunday, November 30, 2.05pm, Sky  
Sports  
**Premier League: Nottingham  
Forest v Brighton and Hove  
Albion**

Sunday, November 30, 2.05pm, Sky  
Sports  
**Premier League: Aston Villa v  
Wolverhampton Wanderers**

Sunday, November 30, 4pm, Sky  
Sports F1  
**Formula 1: Qatar Grand Prix**

Sunday, November 30, 4.30pm, Sky  
Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Chelsea v  
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