

Struggling clubs urged to seek expert help from the CIU



The Union President George Smith speaks at the 2021 Annual Meeting

The President of the Union, George Smith, has urged clubs finding themselves in difficulty in the wake of the pandemic to seek expert help from CIU officials.

Speaking at the 157th Annual Meeting of the CIU in Blackpool on September 11, Mr Smith said: “We understand the difficulties facing our clubs at this time with many having to fight against closure or being compelled to cut back on opening hours in order to help overcome financial losses.

“We have situations in some of our clubs where a new official, for example a Secretary or Chairperson, is elected or appointed, and they’re not too clear what the job entails.

“Help could come from their predecessors in these roles, but if not, then we at Branch level and the NEC are here to help at any time.

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dedication to our clubs and the Union. There’s a wealth of knowledge there on club life. You should tap into it – you’ll not regret it.”

Meanwhile, in his address, Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM announced that the CIU’s education programme would be restarting as soon as possible after being suspended during the pandemic.

“The education programme is being reintroduced, with two schools planned for this year and a full programme planned for next year,” he said.

“The education programme is a top priority for the NEC with a small group of the members being charged with the delivery of the Award in Club Management (ACM), and it is our intention to drive this forward at the earliest opportunity.

“The need to pass all three sections of the course over a three year period has been relaxed, with students being

given extra time to achieve the award.

“The course is designed to appeal to both new and experienced club management members, with a view to keeping our clubs well managed and thriving in today’s unusual times.

“I would recommend all clubs send at least one person to attend the course as they become available in your local area.”

Mr Green also warned club officials to ensure that they follow their club rules to the letter when dealing with disciplinary matters.

“I make no apology for repeating myself in this speech every year since 2015, but please, please, please follow your club rule book and guidance from ‘500 Points in Club Law’, and carry out disciplinary hearings with members within the rules of your club.

“Failure to carry out procedure correctly could lead to your committee made to look, at best, incompetent and, at worst, vindictive.

“Please remember you are guardians of your club, and members deserve to be treated fairly, and within club rules and the law.

“Failure to act accordingly could lead to accusations of discrimination and bullying which, of course, is against the law.”

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Welcome

Welcome to the October issue of *Club Journal* as we look back on Conference Weekend which saw our member clubs gather in Blackpool for the pandemic-delayed 157th Annual Meeting and the 29th Beer & Trades Exhibition.

On the Saturday, the AGM was held in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel where the assembled delegates met to approve the Union's Financial Statements for 2019 and 2020 following the cancellation of the 2020 AGM and rescheduling of the 2021 AGM from its normal April slot, thanks to Covid-19.

You can read the official minutes from the meeting on pages 8-13 or, if you'd rather listen to the proceedings, you can download the audio file from the Union's website:

<http://www.wmciu.org.uk>

There will also be a link to a gallery of images from across Conference Weekend taken by the official photographer, including images from the trade show.

The Beer & Trades Exhibition took place on the day before the AGM and was another well-attended event both in terms of club delegates and club-focused suppliers.

If you weren't able to attend this year's show, you can see what you missed in our coverage which starts on page 16.

The CIU stand was certainly very busy throughout the event as our team

from Head Office chatted to delegates about the many services and products which the Union provides for its member clubs.

Meanwhile, after 10 years, the Linneweber 2 case regarding VAT on gaming machine income has finally drawn to a close with a positive outcome for the many CIU clubs which had been pursuing a claim. In an article on page 25, the Union's VAT Consultant, Ian Spencer, explains the background to the case as well as setting out the next steps which need to be taken by those clubs who have made claims.

Looking forward to this month, the Dransfields CIU Greyhound Racenight takes place on Tuesday, October 19 at Owlerton Stadium in Sheffield.

It's always a fantastic night so it would be great to see as many club men and women as possible attending this event.

The following month will see the Dransfields CIU Annual Charity Raceday at Wetherby Racecourse. The date for this event is Saturday, November 13. (See page 24 for more information on both events.)

I hope you enjoy the issue.

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Sheerness East WMC raises £880 for Bliss



Left to right: Paula Smith, Mercedes Ireland and Alison Dowling

Members of staff at Sheerness East Working Men's Club in Sheppey, Kent have raised over £880 for the premature baby charity Bliss by taking part in a sponsored walk.

The fundraising stems from the fact that, in November 2020, a staff member – Liam – and his girlfriend Mercedes Ireland gave birth to their baby boy Freddie.

Freddie was born over three months early, during the second COVID lockdown, making it a worrying time for the family.

Some 10 months later, Freddie is thriving but the experience led his mother to suggest that staff members of the club took part alongside her in a charity walk for Bliss.

Club Manager Paula Smith, Deputy Manager Alison Dowling and Mercedes therefore took up the challenge of walking 60 miles each during the month of August.

“We jumped at the chance to get involved,” said Paula. “We even increased our miles from the original target of 60 to 100 during the month.

“Members, family and friends sponsored us. Every day we were out walking and, of course, clocking the miles up walking up and down the bars serving.

“As a result, by August 31, we as a team had clocked up 430 miles and raised £880 which was amazing in these difficult times. I'm sure the money will be put to good use by this fantastic charity.”

Bliss is the leading UK charity for babies born premature or sick. It supports families with a baby in neonatal care and works with health professionals to provide training and improve care for babies

For more information, visit: <https://www.bliss.org.uk>

CLUB NOTICES

Club Address Change

Salisbury Green Social Club
108 Bridge Road
Salisbury Green
Southampton
SO31 7EP

Clubs Name Changes

From: Seahouses and District Ex-Service and Social Club Limited **to:** Seahouses Social Club Limited

From: Barnstaple Ex-Service and Social Club Limited **to:** Barnstaple Social Club Limited

From: Saltash Social Club **to:** Saltash Social Club Limited

OBITUARY

BILLY WILSON

Oscott Social Club in Erdington, Birmingham, is sad to announce that its former President, Billy Wilson, passed away at the beginning of September at the age of 93.

He was a founder member of the club and received his Distinguished Service Award from the CIU in 2019 after many years of dedicated service to the club.

Billy will be much missed by everyone who knew him.

The club sends its best wishes to all his family and friends.

Main Line Social Club is the new home of weekly Leeds Jazz Club

The Main Line Social Club in Leeds has become the new home of the Leeds Jazz Club after the much-loved weekly music gathering lost its base during the pandemic.

The Jazz Club, which specialises in New Orleans-style jazz, has been going for 30 years but was left without a home after Armley Conservative Club closed down during the pandemic.

But, after finding out about the club's plight, Main Line Social Club has now come to the rescue and will be hosting Jazz nights every Tuesday at 8pm.

“It was looking like that might have been the end after all those years,” said Jazz Club organiser Mark Croasdale. “Fortunately, with a bit of work and investigation, the members of Main Line Social Club welcomed us here.”

News in brief



Fury v Wilder 3 showing on BT Sport Box Office on Saturday, October 9

The third round in one of heavyweight boxing's most memorable trilogies will take place on Saturday, October 9 on BT Sport Box Office as Tyson 'The Gypsy King' Fury takes on Deontay Wilder.

Fury shocked Wilder by battering him into submission the last time the two men met in February last year.

Just over a year before that bout, Fury dramatically pulled himself from the canvas to earn a draw after it looked like one of the Bronze Bomber's renowned power punches had ended the Manchester man's shot at another world title.

BT Sport Box Office is available via channel 490 on the Sky platform.

To sign up call BT Sport Box Office on 0800 678 1065



Dartford Social Club announces 2022 date for its 10th Annual Open Darts

Dartford Social Club is hosting its 10th Annual Open Darts Tournament on Sunday, January 16.

The men's winner will receive £500 and the Runner-Up £250.

In addition, Semi-Finalists will receive £125, while reaching the quarter-final will net £50.

In the ladies competition, the winner will receive £100; the Runner-Up £50 and Semi-Finalists £25.

The entry fee for the men's tournament is £10 in advance or £12 on the day.

Ladies entry is £10 on the day.

For more information, contact tournament organiser Robbie Turner on 07951 682 411.

Club approached to install digital billboard



How the digital billboard at the Richmond Place Club would look if permission is granted

The Richmond Place Club in Hereford is hoping to gain planning permission for a digital billboard on its land.

Alight Media approached the club about putting a digital screen – which would be 6.4 metres wide and 3.4 metres high – on land at the club which would be visible to motorists driving down the busy A49 road which runs past the club.

Club Secretary Les Walker said: "This offer came out of the blue but would be fantastic for the club if it goes ahead. It would give us another steady income stream after what has been a terrible couple of years for the club due to the pandemic.

"It would be a win-win situation for the club so we're hoping the local council will grant planning permission in October."

COM presentation made to Kenneth Horsman



Kenneth Horsman of Wallsend Ex-Services Social Club in Newcastle received his Certificate of Merit at a presentation ceremony held at the club on Saturday, September 11. Pictured with certificate (left to right): Ronnie Wonders (Northumberland Branch No.8 Division Executive Member) and award recipient Kenneth Horsman

Sheffield club enjoys on-screen role in new film



The Concert Hall of Crookes Social Club features in 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie'

Crookes Social Club in Sheffield is enjoying a starring role in new musical film 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' which was released in cinemas and on Amazon Prime at the end of September.

The film, based on a hit West End production, is about a 16-year-old boy who wants to become a drag queen and stars Sarah Lancashire, Richard E Grant and Sharon Horgan.

Several key scenes from the movie were filmed at the Crookes Social Club, including a spectacular song-and-dance number which takes place in the club's large Concert Hall.

Club Manager Maurice Champeau said: "They did 15 days filming at the club and it was incredible to see how they temporarily transformed the club to make it fit in with the story.

"They even put a special treatment on the walls to make it look like there were cigarette smoke stains and they also changed the sign outside to the name of a fictional club.

"At one point we had 300 extras in the building plus three double-decker catering buses outside so it was certainly a major production."

News in brief



Hebburn Legion Club stages 40-year reunion of Children's Cancer North

Hebburn Legion Social Club in Tyneside recently hosted the 40-year reunion of participants of a cycling club event which led to the formation of the Children's Cancer North charity.

The story of the charity began in 1981, when 15 friends took part in a 100-mile cycle from Newcastle's Royal Victoria Infirmary to Leeds to raise money for children's cancer research and treatment.

The £11,500 raised helped to launch the charity North Of England Children's Cancer Fund, which was subsequently renamed Children's Cancer North.

The success of the event encouraged the group to continue their fundraising. As the years went on the number of participants grew, as did the money that was being raised.

Over the following 16 years, around 1,500 riders took part, raising an incredible total of £1.7 million.

Around 60 people attended the reunion event which marked the 40th anniversary of the first cycle ride.

Charity found George MacLeod said: "When we started only 20% of children with cancer survived. Now that figure has increased to 80% which is fantastic."

Jim Askwith wins the Northumberland CIU Singles Bowls title

Jim Askwith of Wallsend RAOB Social Club has been crowned as the Northumberland CIU Singles Bowls Champion.

The final took place at Cowpen & Crofton Welfare Bowling Club on Sunday, September 4.

Presenting Jim with the trophy were Northumberland Branch Secretary Dave Richardson and Northumberland Branch President Alan Hardy.

Mr Askwith is a leading light of the bowls scene in the North East and has a proud record in previous Northumberland CIU competitions, having won numerous singles and team events in the past.



Pictured, left to right: Northumberland Branch Secretary Dave Richardson, Northumberland CIU Singles Bowls Champion Jim Askwith and Northumberland Branch President Alan Hardy

News in brief



Manchester derby tops the bill as November Premier League fixtures are announced

The live Premier League TV games for November have been confirmed by BT Sport and Sky Sports and includes the Manchester derby on Saturday, November 6 on Sky Sports at 12.30pm.

Manchester United face Chelsea later in November as they travel to Stamford Bridge on Sunday, November 28, with a 4.30pm start on Sky Sports.

Meanwhile, City host Everton on Sunday November 21 with a 2pm kick-off on Sky Sports.

Elsewhere, BT Sport's fixtures include games involving Arsenal and Chelsea.

Chelsea travel to Leicester on Saturday, November 20, with a kick-off at 12.30pm.

And Arsenal's Saturday November 27 clash with Newcastle also starts at 12.30pm on BT Sport.

Premier League TV fixtures in November

Monday, November 1: Wolves v Everton, kick-off 8pm - Sky Sports

Friday, November 5: Southampton v Aston Villa, kick-off 8pm - Sky Sports

Saturday, November 6: Manchester United v Manchester City, kick-off 12.30pm - Sky Sports

Saturday, November 6: Brighton v Newcastle, kick-off 5.30pm - BT Sport

Sunday, November 7: Arsenal v Watford, kick-off 2pm - Sky Sports

Sunday, November 7: West Ham v Liverpool, kick-off 4.30pm - Sky Sports

Saturday, November 20: Leicester City v Chelsea, kick-off 12.30pm - BT Sport

Saturday, November 20: Liverpool v Arsenal, kick-off 5.30pm - Sky Sports

Sunday, November 21: Manchester City v Everton, kick-off 2pm - Sky Sports

Sunday, November 21: Tottenham v Leeds, kick-off 4.30pm - Sky Sports

Saturday, November 27: Brighton v Leeds, kick-off 12.30pm - BT Sport

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Sunday, November 28: Brentford v Everton, kick-off 2pm - Sky Sports

Sunday, November 28: Chelsea v Manchester United, kick-off 4.30pm - Sky Sports

Alan Warnaby triumphs in Leek Show



The winner of the Northumberland CIU Leek Show held at Cramlington Working Men's Club on Thursday, September 2 was Alan Warnaby with a total of 261-31. Pictured, left to right: Alan Warnaby and Northumberland Branch Secretary Dave Richardson

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FOR SERVICE

Distinguished Service Award – 50 years

South Yorkshire Branch

Douglas Moxon, Chapeltown WMC

Northumberland Branch

Jack Jennings, Bankhouse Social Club

Charles Pattinson, Dinnington Village Social Club

Durham Branch

Jack Guthrie, West Ryton & Crawcrook Club

Distinguished Service Award – 40 Years

Durham Branch

John Burdis, Ryton Social Club

Graham McClean, Hopetown WMC

Geoffrey Austin, Hopetown WMC

Michael Joyce, Rodbourne Cheney Social Club

Northumberland Branch

James Bohill, South Gosforth Social Club

West Yorkshire Branch

Colin Emmett, Buttershaw Lane WMC

Derek Wilson, Buttershaw Lane WMC

Long Service Award

Durham Branch

Brian Young, Washington Station Club – 25 years

James Tindle, Washington Station Club – 26 years

West Midland Branch

Anthony Whitehouse, Yardley Ex-Servicemens Club – 26 years

South Yorkshire Branch

Jason Grimes, Chapeltown WMC – 26 years

]Roy Somerset, Chapeltown WMC – 26 years

Doncaster Branch

William Weston, Hawthorn Recreational Club – 25 years

Certificate of Merit

SE Metropolitan Branch

Lisa Stratton, Monson Club Ltd

Steve Agate, Monson Club Ltd

Doncaster Branch

William Swinwood, Hawthorn Recreational Club

Steve Harper, Hawthorn Recreational Club

William Cuffling, Hawthorn Recreational Club

West Midlands Branch

Paul Lidgbird, Rushall Labour Club

Durham Branch

John Dood, Washington Station Club

Elizabeth Keenan, Ryton Social Club

Catherine Bell, Ryton Social Club

South Yorkshire Branch

Graham Bonnington, Chapeltown WMC

Branch Award – 10 Years

Sue Graham, South East Metropolitan

Frank Healy CMD, York City Branch

Service Awards Application

Please remember to allow sufficient time when applying for your Service Award Certificates as all applications are approved initially by your local Branch Office then approved at the monthly NEC meeting in London (see page 24 for dates of all the NEC meetings in 2021).

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

Blackpool 2021: The 157th Annual Meeting

The delayed 157th Annual Meeting of the Union took place in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel in Blackpool on Saturday, September 11 with Union President George Smith chairing the proceedings



Delegates discussed the Union's Annual Reports for the last two reporting years

The 157th Annual Meeting of the Club & Institute Union, held in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel, Blackpool, on Saturday, September 11, began at 10.30am with **GEORGE SMITH, THE PRESIDENT** of the Union, asking the assembled delegates to agree the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting as per the May 2019 edition of *Club Journal*.

The minutes were accepted unanimously on a show of hands.

The National Executive Member for Wessex and Standing Orders Committee Chairman, **BOB RUSSELL CMD**, gave the official welcome to delegates as well as introducing the other members of the Standing Orders Committee present on stage at the meeting: NEC Members Geoff Blakeley CMD ACM (Manchester Branch); Dave Gravel

CMD (Doncaster Branch), Chris O'Neill CMD ACM (South East Metropolitan Branch), in addition to two branch representatives who were in the main audience: George Dawson CMD (West Yorkshire Branch) and John Vanderwolfe (Western Counties Branch).

Mr Russell also explained that two further Standing Orders Committee members had been unable to attend the Annual Meeting due to illness.

Mr Russell then explained the function of the Standing Orders Committee to delegates.

Ahead of the President's Address, Mr Russell introduced Head Office Manager Stephen Goulding, Union Accountant Uto Ekanem and Union Auditor Bryan Howarth of BH Accountancy who were all present on the stage.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

"Ladies and gentleman, fellow Club members, it gives me the greatest pleasure to welcome you all to the Conference here in Blackpool, albeit two years after our last Annual Meeting.

"We apologise for the short notice but the pandemic left Head Office with little time to carry out the administration, sort out the venues, arrange and send out the various information to our clubs.

"I would now ask you to stand for a minute's silence please, for members who have sadly passed away since our last meeting and, indeed, all of the people who were stricken by that horrible virus. We send our condolences to the families and friends at their tragic loss of their loved ones.

"First of all, I'd like to thank you for

electing me as your Union President, which has honestly made me the proudest man in the world. My father would have been over the moon if he'd been here.

“Obviously, we had a business and trade exhibition yesterday, and I noticed how much you all seemed to enjoy the day with a few pints and free bingo and so on.

“And, of course, the various suppliers showed how much they could help us in our clubs with their various offers.

“We also thank the NHS workers, a lot of them members of our clubs, for the work and dedication to their patients and families in these trying times.

“You have just heard about the retirement of Steve Connell, our Union Accountant after 50 years' service, and Maureen Ross, our Rules Secretary after 45 years' service. We thank them both for their valued contribution to the Union.

“Following a training and probation period in our office, Uto Ekanem has been appointed as the new Union Accountant, and Vera Palazova has been appointed as the new Rules Secretary and both are proving that they are more than capable of carrying out their respective roles.

“Marlene Bruce, the Administration PA to the Union Officers, is also about to retire so we wish her good luck for the future.

“After those losses and replacements, we welcome a new addition to the NEC, Mr Nathan Clarke. He is the representative for Derbyshire and Leicestershire and is a very keen young man who has settled in already.

“We also have our Union Legal Representative, Allyn Walton, who looks after our clubs and the Union throughout.

“The procedure is for the clubs with legal problems to get in touch with Branch Office first and then Allyn will contact the club and discuss a course of action. If he can't help them, he'll tell them. Allyn is also working on updating the manual '500 Points of Club Law'.

“It's well behind the times, so this gentleman is going to do that job. Don't forget that the volume is a guideline but that the CIU Rules Book is the 'bible'.



Union President George Smith chaired the 157th Annual Meeting

“At last, we've got a result in the Linneweber debacle. Linneweber 1 has finally ended up in our favour and is now being paid out. Linneweber 2 has also been settled in our favour, and should be paid out in the near future.

“We must thank VAT Consultant Ian Spencer, for the invaluable effort he's put into our clubs with this long drawn out problem over several years – actually, since 2004.

“Regarding the Union's Education Programme, our Award in Club Management, the ACM, is a qualification which comprises of three self-containing units, each taking one day of classroom study.

“Unit 1 covers the law regulations, Unit 2 covers law and regulations, Unit 3 covers management, finance and administration, all for people who look forward to being Committee members.

“Again, I stress, all this information is kept up to date in the *Club Journal* which is the perfect insight into club life. We've got to thank Stephen Goulding, Sean Ferris and Justin O'Regan for their input into this.

“In terms of the many sports and games competitions run by the Union, the NEC is contemplating replacing the trophies with money prizes. This has

not been finalised yet and is still in the first stages of being changed.

“I'm going to deviate a little bit from the regular President's speech, which, in the past has probably been copied forward from year to year.

“We understand the difficult times of our clubs, having to fight against closures at this time, some in fact closing the doors midweek or cutting back on opening hours in order to help overcome financial losses.

“This sort of action is sometimes difficult for club members to understand.

“Unless they are in the position of being officials in the Club Committee and are party to the decisions that have been taken to keep their clubs alive at the moment, it's understandable that they may complain a club has cut back on its opening hours.

“The Committees are asking, as we are, for our members to back us in the present situation as we entice people back into the clubs.

“We have situations in some of our clubs where a new official, for example a Secretary or Chairperson, is elected or appointed, and they're not too clear what the job entails.

“Help could come from their

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predecessors, but if not them, then we at Branch level and the NEC are here to help at any time.

“At Branch level, we’ll come to your club and help you out. There are some clubs who have officials who want to take them out of the CIU, and will use their own rules, their personal rules, to try to do this; for example, arranging special meetings and AGMs when it’s impossible to get enough members to attend the meetings, although they may find a number of members who agree with them, wrongly.

“We have a situation in one place where Life Members have been prevented from voting, and when, due to COVID, several other members who were isolating couldn’t attend these meetings, they were not given the chance to vote on key issues.

“We asked these clubs to give us a chance to meet their members and explain what they would lose by dropping out of the Union. Let us attend these meetings.

“I personally have gone round some of the clubs in Durham and, after speaking to the members who don’t get enough information from their officials – or some of their officials – they’ve changed their minds and voted for their clubs to remain part of the CIU.

“I’d like to thank these good people behind me on the stage here, the

National Executive Committee, for their dedication to our clubs and the Union.

“There’s a wealth of knowledge behind here on club life. You should tap into it – you’ll not regret it.

“Another idea has come to my mind. In the past, when we were 18 years old, our parents often got us made as members of the club. It would be very beneficial to clubs if that could happen again on a more regular basis.

“Maybe the kids might not like it at the beginning, but if they’re passing the club one day, they may fancy popping into the club with their membership card and are likely to be impressed by the activities they see: darts, snooker, billiards, pool, golf, – even the gardening and leek sections – and football.

“When they see this, they might think ‘Well, I want a bit of that’ and they might stop in the club.

“We’ve got people like NEC Member Nathan Clarke, who is 22 years old – these are the people we want back in our clubs to keep them alive.

“This is not a very long speech. Thanks for putting up with me, and I hope I’ve been of some help to you.

“Don’t forget, we’re all here to give you a hand and help you. These are things that the Union and our branches do for you. Come and see us.

“And if I can ask the members to support branches that sell goods – bingo tickets, raffle tickets, etc. It might be a couple of bob dearer than the bloke down the road, but it’ll help keep our Union going. Just pop in to the Branch and buy what you need.

“The famous Reverend Sully kicked this movement off without beer. He didn’t like the thought of drinking alcohol in his clubs – he drank tea – but the movement adapted in order to keep our Union alive in his memory.

“Thank you very much.”

THE PRESIDENT asked the Meeting to consider the 2019 Annual Report.

MARK FERGUSSON, President of South Yorkshire Branch and Secretary of the Brinsworth Club, Rotherham, was invited to propose the Annual Report.

He said: “Ladies and Gentlemen. I have the pleasure of proposing the Annual Report 2019. When Ken Green asked me to propose the motion 18 months ago, his guidance was ‘nowt controversial’.

“Not being intimidated, I prepared a thought-provoking speech, however this has now been gazumped by the passage of time, and this document is now historic.

“As with all reports, it’s a bit heavy going at best and, at worst, a bit boring.



There was a total of 156 delegates in attendance at the 2021 Annual Meeting



Union Accountant Uto Ekanem presented the Annual Financial Statements for 2019 and 2020

“Perhaps, in future years, we could invite guest authors to prepare the book. Jilly Cooper could write about the horse racing, and perhaps add a little bit of sauciness to it.

“There’s Roger Hargreaves, whose Mr Happy would be pleased that the Education Department has launched a new diploma, but Mr Grumpy wouldn’t be very pleased that, again, we’re losing money hand over fist.

“Had the volume been written by the authors of *The Good Book*, we would have pooh-poohed the idea that we would get a plague and the world would be changed for 18 months and counting.

“However, that book does offer new hope and new beginnings, and that’s what we hope we’ve got to look forward to.

“We do need to make sweeping changes and stop the draining of funds, and unless some bold moves are made, the CIU won’t be able to provide the vital service, and our clubs will have to rely on sharks and cowboys for our support.

“I propose the 2019 Report.”

The 2019 Report was seconded by **LEONARD POPPLE**, Executive

Member of the Heavy Woollen Branch and was accepted by delegates on a show of hands.

The 2020 Annual Report was then proposed by **DAVID WOODBURN CMD** of Lamberhead Green Working Men’s Club and President of Manchester Branch.

He said: “Mr President, National Executive, fellow delegates, does this organisation have a long-term future? Nearly every conference, we report a financial loss.

“This year is not just a loss, but a huge disaster. To our finances, over £800,000 has gone down the drain. How long can we expect this to continue?

“Occupancy expenses of £275,000 a year – that’s the occupation expenses just for the offices in London, which is £5,300 a week we’ve got to find. Wages are £412,000 – over £7,000 a week in wages for the office staff. It’s horrendous.

“Executive and miscellaneous staff expenses almost £79,000, which is £1,500 per week. A lot of the meetings were conducted during the pandemic using the internet and Zoom system. I’ve used it and I find it very, very good.

“The rental income was a measly £13,000. I’ve never been down to London, so I don’t know physically the size of the building, but there are spaces in there which are leased off.

“I couldn’t find in the actual reports the amount of money that we get from these leases – perhaps somebody could inform us what they are.

“We had four convalescent homes at one time, but all were sold off. A lot of that money was evaporated somewhere, and the Executive must be made more accountable for these figures. We cannot blame it all on the COVID pandemic.

“Maybe an independent finance committee can be set up to oversee these problems? Why do we need all this money sat in monthly meetings that the Executive attend?

“Cut it down to quarterly, with Zoom being used in-between. Do we need to travel first-class to our meetings? Well, you all know the price of first-class fares, it’s horrendous.

“There must be drastic action taken to stop this haemorrhaging flow of our funds. Move away from this rip-off area of London and huge salaries, and be more realistic in the management of our resources.

“If we keep going at this rate, we will cease to function in the not too distant future. These comments were made in the 2019 Conference, and promises were made to reform the system.

“I took a note before from one of the Journals, and it said between 2006 and 2017, we had losses of £5.7 million. Now, if you’ve read the report, you’ll know how much money we have in the bank, and that money won’t last forever.

“The matter of fact is it’ll soon evaporate if we carry on at the rate that we’re doing now, so that must be addressed. I cannot say a lot has changed.

“And not long ago, the Union had over 4,000 clubs. I can remember coming to Blackpool many years ago at the Winter Gardens, and it was full.

“At the bottom, and around the balcony, we had a job to find a seat, and it was fantastic, and the atmosphere was great as well.

“As you can see now, there’s over 100 people here today – what a reduction

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from 4,000. It's just unbelievable. It just shows what's happening to the clubs.

"So, what must be done to resolve this situation? I believe that we are living beyond our means and need to address this situation before it gets beyond saving.

"I move that we accept this 2020 Financial Report. Thank you."

The 2020 Annual Report was seconded by **MANDY**

CROCKFORD of the Wessex Branch and was accepted on a show of hands.

The Financial Statements for 2019 and 2020 were proposed by West Midlands Branch Executive Committee Member **ELIZABETH HAUGHEY** of Heath Gap Welcome Working Men's Club in Cannock.

In presenting the Union's Annual Financial Statements for 2019 and 2020, the Union Accountant

UTO EKANEM said:

"Good morning. Mr President, delegates and guests. I am honoured to stand before you today to present the Financial Reports for the Club & Institute Union for the years 2019 and 2020, on behalf of your National Executive.

"The financial statements for the year to September 2019 were not presented because the Annual General Meeting was not held in 2020. I will therefore give a summary of that report before proceeding to the year to September 2020.

"The financial results for the year ended September 2019 revealed a total recognised loss of £420,186, compared with £327,340 in the previous year from the Head Office and your 25 branches. That is an increase of £92,846, or 28%.

"There was a sharp decline in the Union's income, totalling £1,464,276, compared with £1,510,211 in the previous year, which resulted in an operating loss of £904,955 after expenditure. This compares with an equivalent operating loss of £857,016 in the previous year.

"That year also recorded a poorer performance from the investments, with gains amounting to £250,826, compared with £361,948 the previous year – a drop of £111,122, or 31%.

"The Union's balance sheet, though on the decline, remained healthy, with

net assets of £7,544,506 as of September 2019, compared with £7,966,542 a year earlier. That is a reduction of £422,036, or 5.3%.

"In that year, your 25 branches returned a total recognised loss of £87,369, compared with £188,779 in the previous year. Twenty out of your 25 branches returned net losses.

"A profit on the sale of a fixed asset of £82,684, coupled with a reduction in operating expenses due to budgetary controls improved the total recognised loss for the year. The operating expenses fell to £703,824 from £757,335 the previous year.

"I will now present the Financial Statements for the year ended September 2020. This year was peculiar due to the effect of the pandemic on the operations of the Union, and its member clubs.

"It showed an even steeper increase in the total recognised losses, recording £802,461, compared with £420,186 in the previous year. This is an increase of £382,275, or 91%.

"You will however agree with me that this comparison is not exactly like-for-like, considering the unprecedented times in which we have found ourselves in the past 18 months.

"The huge increase in this loss is due mainly to the poor performance in the stock markets at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in a net investment loss of £328,653, compared with a gain of £250,826 in the previous year. This is a massive negative turnaround of £579,479.

"I will take the liberty at this point to quote my predecessor, Mr Steve Connell, who gave this presentation at the last AGM held in 2019.

He said, and I quote: 'It has now come to the stage where it doesn't matter how successful the results from our investment are each year, they will never be sufficient to overturn future operating losses.

"That assumes that the investment return stay positive. If they were to also return negative results due to global issues outside of our control, the effect on the Union's finances would be devastating.'

"The global pandemic in which we find ourselves today, and its effect on our finances, make his words seem

rather prophetic. The Union's income totalled £1,340,865 this year, compared with £1,464,276 in the previous year in spite of government grants extended as a result of the pandemic.

"This is a decline of £123,411 in continuation of a steady decline in income year on year. After expenditure however, this resulted in an operating loss of £667,751 compared with £904,955 in the previous year.

"The reduction results from budgetary controls, as well as from taking advantage of the government's Furlough Scheme.

"It is vital to note that previous reports show that the Union has been running with operating losses for many years now. Efforts are still being made at both branch and Head Office levels to curtail expenditure.

"This has helped the results over the years, but has not been sufficient to overturn the negative operating losses. We have reached a position where improvements to income levels is vital.

"The Union's main source of income is affiliation fees, namely annual fees, pass cards and associate cards, which this year fell collectively from £927,290 in 2019 to £857,827.

"With all other items of income falling as well, total income has fallen by 8%.

"Our main revenue source has been in decline for many years. Government grants of £172,747 were extended to the Union due to the pandemic. This year, we also made a profit on the sale of a fixed asset of £107,783.

"These are, however, one-off items, without which a loss of £1,082,991 would have resulted. An improvement in the take up of the Union's associate and pass cards will go a long way in securing the future of the Union.

"The Union's balance sheet is healthy, but its net assets are down by £803,861, or 11%, from £7,544,506 in 2019 to £6,740,645 this year. We have lost £1,225,897 in net assets in the two years from 2018 to 2020.

"Without a strategy to address this continued financial decline, the medium to long-term health prospects of the Union appear quite bleak.

"I will now address the last section of your Annual Reports, following on



The Union's General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD AMC delivers his address

from the Financial Statements which gives a brief summary of the results of your 25 branches for the year. Your 25 branches returned a total recognised profit of £55,840, compared with a loss of £87,369 the previous year.

"This is due mainly to government grants extended during the year, as well as from profit on the sale of a fixed asset, which together amounted to £264,856. However, in spite of this, 14 out of your 25 branches returned net losses, and two branches let liabilities.

"One branch made a net loss of £8,655 and has just £5,605 worth of net assets. It is easy to make out that it is on the brink of extinction. We lost one branch in the year, resulting in a total of four branches lost over the last ten years.

"In conclusion, with these results, the future of the Union seems pretty bleak, but now more than ever before, we have to concentrate on our core purpose of looking after the welfare of our member clubs in a more sustainable way that will ensure our continued existence into the long term.

"The COVID-19 crisis has sharpened our focus to ensure that we

continue to provide the much needed support to our clubs. We remain committed to ensuring that you are fully informed at all times, and to providing you with the best advice and guidance you may require.

"We have demonstrated this by keeping you as up-to-date as possible during these unprecedented times with information, such as the business disruption insurance, Coronavirus job retention scheme and other grants available to our member clubs.

"We shall continue to tighten our expenditure base, but must equally increase our income levels. We shall be relying on our member clubs to support this mission to save the Union.

"Finally, Mr President, I would like to thank BH Accountancy, our Auditors for their expert advice given throughout the year, and to wish you all success in the management of your clubs. Thank you, Mr President."

The 2019 and 2020 Financial Statements were seconded by **BARRY CROCKFORD** of Wessex Branch and were duly accepted.

THE PRESIDENT said: "Before we go any further I would like to thank

the rest of Stephen's [Goulding] staff at Head Office – Marlene Bruce, Samantha Hagan, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Maureen Hawkins, Annette Johnson and Tahir Gul.

"So, to answer a few people around the country, there are eight people running Head Office, not the hundreds that some people think. Eight people run our Union in that office and we thank them."

THE ADDRESS BY GENERAL SECRETARY KENNETH D GREEN CMD ACM

"Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the Annual General Meeting, delayed, of course, due to the pandemic.

"I've had a few comments as to why we have gone ahead with this meeting, with the main reason being to fulfil our legal obligation to hold a General Meeting, and present accounts for the last two years.

"We decided mainly, due to our membership profile – we are of a certain age, certainly I am – that rather than be accused of bringing changes to the Constitution to a limited number of

delegates, that that side of the AGM would be delayed until next April when we have a better chance of more delegates attending, and a better chance of restrictions on travel, etcetera, not being in place.

“Subject, of course, to the virus not still being a pandemic – no one knows – and further restrictions being introduced, the meeting should be held in April 2022.

“I can tell you the date is the 9th of April, it’s the week before Easter when, hopefully, we can get back to a fully attended meeting.

“The NEC have been holding regular meetings over Zoom over the last 18 months when we couldn’t get to London or anywhere else.

“I think it was a learning curve for each and every one of us. We’ve all been affected one way or another over the last 18 months, and we ought to get back to some form of normality.

“Head Office has been open when allowed, with, at other times, staff either on furlough or working from home, and I believe they have given a sterling service during these strange times.

“We also continue to publish the *Club Journal* with all the relevant information regarding grants and the like. I believe not all organisations like us stayed open and, indeed, some just closed during the duration of lockdown – not naming names.

“With face-to-face meetings not possible, we took the decision to suspend all our games programme and our arbitration service, as well as the education programme.

“These are due to resume with all suspended arbitrations being dealt with in turn.

“The education programme is being reintroduced, with two schools planned for this year and a full programme planned for next year. The games will be resurrected in due course.

“The education programme is a top priority for the NEC with a small group of the members being charged with the delivery of the Award in Club Management, and it is our intention to drive this forward at the earliest opportunity.

“The need to pass all three sections of the course over a three-year period has been relaxed, with students being

given extra time to achieve the award.

“The course is designed to appeal to both new and experienced club management members, with a view to keeping our clubs well managed and thriving in today’s unusual times.

“I would recommend all clubs send at least one person to attend the course as they become available in your local area.

“I make no apology for repeating myself in this speech every year since 2015, but please, please, please follow your club rule book and guidance from ‘500 Points in Club Law’, and carry out disciplinary hearings with members within the rules of your club.

“Failure to carry out procedure correctly could lead to your committee made to look, at best, incompetent and, at worst, vindictive.

“Please remember you are guardians of your club, and members deserve to be treated fairly, and within club rules and the law.

“Failure to act accordingly could lead to accusations of discrimination and bullying which, of course, is against the law.

“As you are aware, it is to myself any application to arbitration is made, and my main ambition, whilst General Secretary, is to firstly to do a full year without an arbitration, and then for them to become extinct. It’s down to yourselves and committees.

“Not all doom and gloom, but a little good news.

“After 13 years, HMRC have decided to repay the VAT wrongly paid by our clubs under the Linneweber claim after numerous court cases.

“However, this is only for claimants with a valid appeal lodged with HMRC, and under HMRC rules, no new claims will be allowed.

“If your club followed the Union’s guidance throughout the period from, I think, 2004, you should be in a good position for a windfall. My own club stands to recoup about £20,000.

“By the way, the issue of Minotaur and the *Panorama* programme that put a blight on our organisation has not gone away, and we are still progressing this.

“As you are no doubt aware, our Annual Accounts show a loss of £858,000 which, of course, cannot be

allowed to continue or we would face extinction within a few years, a scenario I believe no one wants.

“The NEC has a heavy workload on its hands going forward if we are to halt the losses without relying on the stock market which, as I am sure you are aware, is extremely volatile.

“Sadly, we’ve lost more branches, not only due to the pandemic, but with Cumbria closing, and the clubs being absorbed into Manchester branch; Derbyshire also closing with clubs being split between South Yorkshire and Leicester branches. And Burnley and Pendle closing at the end of this financial year on 30th of September at the end of this month.

“The NEC not only regrets these closures, but realises the need to reorganise how our branch structure is both managed and financed in the future, with a full consultation being needed in the very near future.

“I am very sorry again to appear the doom merchant, but we need to be proactive with our Union, or lose it for the future.

“Please don’t forget this is an election year, every two years, with elections being held for the position of President, Vice-President and all the NEC members.

“I would hope all clubs would at least cast their vote, if not nominate members for these positions, and keep our Union as one of the most democratic organisations in the country, if not the world.

“As we continue into the digital age, may I urge you to use email and the like as a way of communicating with both branch and Head Office as it is a faster and more economical method of keeping in touch.

“For those of you who are unsure of modern technology, please do as I do and ask your grandchildren for help as they seem to be born with an iPad attached these days!

“Thank you for your attention. I hope you have a safe journey home and keep the faith.

“I hope to see everybody here in Blackpool next year on the 9th of April. Thank you.”

THE PRESIDENT thanked the General Secretary and declared the 2021 Annual Meeting closed.

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CIU trade show roars back to life after Covid-enforced absence

Conference Weekend saw the long-awaited return of the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition as club suppliers showcased their products and services to delegates at Blackpool's Norbreck Castle Hotel

The 29th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition took place at Blackpool's Norbreck Castle Hotel on Friday, September 10.

The event drew a wide cross-section of suppliers showcasing their products and services, as experts from a number of areas were on hand to give advice to clubs on how to increase revenue and reduce costs.

The Trade Show has become the traditional curtain-raiser to the main event of Conference Weekend – the AGM – and it was fantastic to see so many club delegates in attendance after what has been the worst two years for clubs in living memory due to the global pandemic.

With club life now having roared back into life across the country, the event was a great opportunity to swap ideas with delegates from other clubs about how they are encouraging members back into the fold after emerging from the various national shutdowns imposed by the Government since March 2020.

As usual, delegates were able to enjoy complimentary John Smith's, Foster's and Strongbow at the bar supplied by Preferred Supplier Heineken UK, as well as cask ale courtesy of the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA).

A new exhibitor, Pukka Pies, was also in attendance and, along with the range of tasty snacks supplied by Mr Scratchings, ensured that delegates did not go hungry.

Another longstanding Preferred Supplier, Dransfields, demonstrated an impressive array of the latest gaming and entertainment machines available to clubs as well as running bingo sessions and competitions which saw many delegates leaving the show with some fantastic prizes, including widescreen television and giant cuddly toys.

The Union itself also ran a large stand at the event with delegates able to find out from Head Office staff about the many services which the CIU offers its members.

Reflecting on the 2021 trade show, Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM, said: "It has been 27 months since the last CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition so thank you to all the club men and women who made the effort to attend this year's event and network with other clubs as well



The Beer & Trades Exhibition was staged in Blackpool on Friday, September 10



Preferred Supplier Dransfields attracted a lot of interest from delegates as they showcased some of the latest gaming and entertainment machines, including the Club Elite

as suppliers.

"The Union also thanks the many exhibitors who supported the show and made it a very useful and enjoyable afternoon for club officials looking to cut their costs and boost trade.

"After such a long gap between shows, the next one will be coming around a little more quickly – Friday, April 8, 2022 – so please be sure to put this date in your diaries."



Higos Insurance representatives chat to a delegate at the trade show



Delegates enjoyed complimentary refreshments at the Heineken UK bar



Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM pulls a pint on the Heineken Blade



CIU Education Assistant Cath Fitzpatrick was part of the team from Head Office



The Mr Scratchings stand had an array of snacks for delegates to sample



Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley and Operations Director Trevor Roberts



The CIU stand (pictured, left to right): Tahir Gul, Stephen Goulding, Annette Johnson, Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM, Samantha Hagan, Uto Ekanem and Marlene Bruce



The Pukka Pies stand was very busy throughout the afternoon



The event was a great opportunity to enjoy drinks from the Heineken UK and CAMRA bars plus complimentary food and snacks



Delegates take part in the Dransfields Speed Pool competition

CIU Trade Show – The Exhibitors

The CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition returned to Blackpool with a bang in 2021 with an array of exhibitors on hand to discuss their products and services with the assembled delegates



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Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM with Graeme Miller, MD of ACE Furniture



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Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM is welcomed at the CAMRA stand



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Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM at the Card Industry Professionals stand



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Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM visits the Club Control stand



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Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM with Dransfields MD Chris Haley



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Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM with Regional Sales Director Duncan Barlow (right)



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Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM with Phil Roe (left) and Darren Siwec (right) of Higos



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Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM with Roger Gladman, MD of Mr Scratchings snacks



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Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM visits the team at the Nationwide Energy stand



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Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM joins the team at the Pukka Pies stand

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News in brief

Contracts and Handbook available from Branch Offices

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

The documents available are:

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

The club documents are priced as follows: £5 for each Handbook; £2.50 for each Contract (except the Club Staff Accommodation Contract and Zero Hours Contract which are priced at £2.00) and £2.00 for each Terms and Conditions document.

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

National Executive Committee dates for 2021

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

- October - 6/7;
- November - 3/4;
- December - 1/2.

Annual Meeting 2022 dates

Thursday, April 7 – NEC Meeting

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

Saturday, April 9 – AGM

Burnley & Pendle Branch closes

The Burnley and Pendle Branch of the CIU closed on September 30, 2021.

This means that all its clubs have now been transferred to the Manchester Branch.

The Secretary of the Manchester Branch is Geoff Blakeley CMD.

His contact details are as follows:

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CIU Annual Raceday at Wetherby



Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday will be staged on Saturday, November 13 at Wetherby Racecourse.

The 2020 edition of the event was cancelled due to the pandemic but previously had been one of the best attended annual CIU events of the year with around 1,000 members enjoying a fantastic day of jump racing and hospitality at the last event.

This year's event has been themed by the racecourse as 'Peaked Cap and

Pearls', a very popular theme which normally sees many racegoers dressing up to add to the atmosphere.

As is usual, the Racecourse and their caterers will be donating £1 for every ticket sold to CIU members and this will go towards the Union's Education programme.

The ticket packages for CIU members cost £18.50 and includes 'Pie and Peas' in the CIU's own dedicated area at the side of the Winners' Enclosure.

Linneweber 2 – a successful outcome for VAT claims

CIU VAT Consultant **Ian Spencer** explains the recent ruling in the Linneweber 2 case in the High Court which concerns VAT claims on Gaming Machine income and explains the next steps for clubs who are set to receive funds from HMRC

Following on the heels of a successful outcome in the Linneweber 1 VAT case (more on this later) HM Courts & Tribunals recently delivered a decision in the Linneweber 2 lead case, finding in favour of the Taxpayer and determining that HMRC were obligated to repay VAT incorrectly received by HMRC from income derived from gaming machines in the VAT periods between December 6, 2005 and January 31, 2013.

HMRC were given the opportunity to challenge the decision, but on August 26, 2021 concluded that there was little chance of success for any appeal and, instead, set out what HMRC considered was required for any taxpayer with a valid claim and appeal against the original decision to reject the claim in order to receive repayment, together with interest on the amounts due and payable by HMRC.

This whole matter has taken more than 10 years to reach a successful conclusion and clubs have benefitted from the support of WMCIU together with other parties, most notably Dransfields, in assisting professional advisers in challenging HMRC and ensuring that the correct actions were taken to ensure claims remained valid.

HMRC have listed a host of information they say is now required in order for claims to be processed. This can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/revenue-and-customs-brief-12-2021-vat-treatment-of-gaming-machines-from-6-december-2005-to-31-january-2013>.

This list of information can also be obtained by contacting your local branch or the CIU Head Office.

When making the claim don't forget to request payment of interest. If you failed to make a claim or to take action to maintain the claim, then unfortunately it is too late to do so now.

If you used an accountant or tax adviser to submit and maintain your club's claim they should now be actively pursuing HMRC for repayment.

Returning to the subject of Linneweber 1, the CIU has taken advice reading outstanding claims. There are two issues that seem to be delaying the processing of claims for the period prior to December 6, 2005.

Firstly, a lack of resources within both HMRC and HM Courts & Tribunals Services has meant a backlog of claims to be cleared.

HMRC are doing their utmost to encourage HM Court & Tribunals Service to provide the necessary confirmations HMRC require to process the claims. HMRC currently consider that this problem is being addressed slowly but surely.

Secondly, some clubs are in the position that they never had a valid appeal as HMRC consider is required, with the reason that they never had a decision to appeal against.

This issue is being addressed with the ongoing support of the CIU and should hopefully be resolved in favour of clubs in this position in the not too distant future.

If you require any advice regarding either issue, please don't hesitate to contact Ian Spencer by email at ianspencer@vatproblemsolved.com, or by calling 07904 864209 and leaving a message.

Dransfields CIU Greyhound Racenight – October 19

Dransfields CIU Greyhound Racenight, normally staged in September, will now take place on Tuesday, October 19 at Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium.

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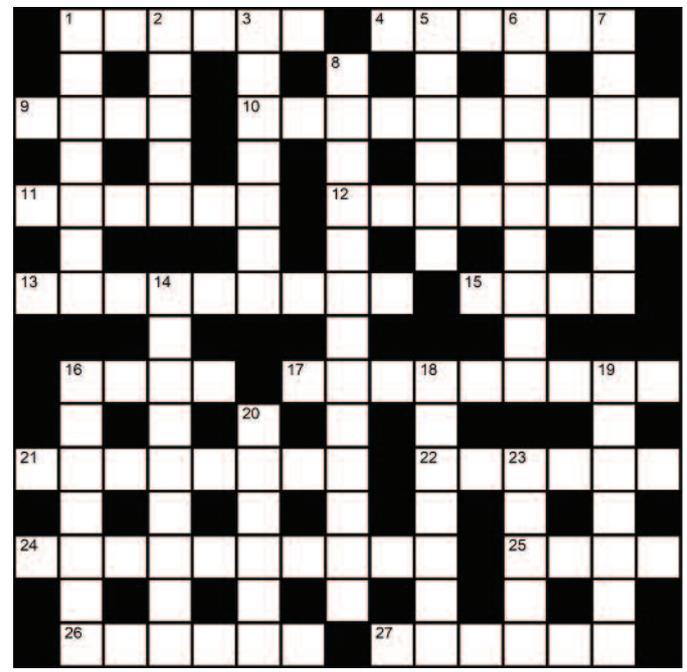
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 - 4 Badly aggravate, but do not egg on godly form (6)
 - 9 No writer should begin with this! (4)
 - 10 Party, with novelty candy for the serfs! (5,5)
 - 11 Press out coprocessor, working in old French style (6)
 - 12 Sorting out round a church musician (8)
 - 13 Certificate of debt to be used for denture repairs (9)
 - 15 How the fans went, for squirrels? (4)
 - 16 The only sound a spirit makes? (4)
 - 17 Pleasant beer, but unfortunately has algae in it (9)
 - 21 Sample, on reflection, is just a useless mass of cells (8)
 - 22 Conquer, when the submarine is about to come in (6)
 - 24 The adoption of a peculiar Cape accent (10)
 - 25 Deposit of ore could blow in after elf (4)
 - 26 Have you ruined a telly recently? (6)
 - 27 Sort of street to owe, anyhow (3-3)
- DOWN**
- 1 Beg to lope round the rim (7)
 - 2 Wild dog at the wedding of two people (5)
 - 3 Thaw the soft red furnishings (7)
 - 5 Trip of a maiden's following? (6)
 - 6 Arachnid at a natural, yet surprising juncture (9)
 - 7 Opposes the sisters getting together (7)
 - 8 Support the encounter of a game plan (13)
 - 14 Kit that can quieten the member (9)
 - 16 Awkward client's printing tool (7)
 - 18 Nearest approximation to being Oriental (7)
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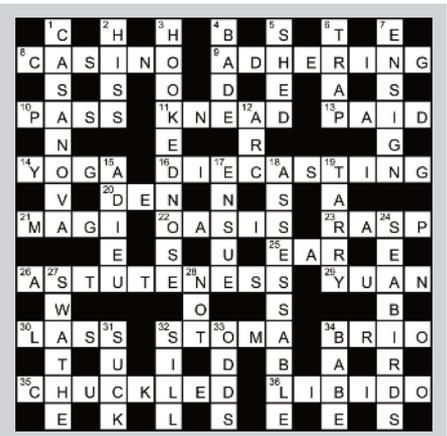
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As the UK heads into autumn, there is plenty of red-hot sporting action coming up, including the Super League Grand Final, crucial World Cup 2022 Qualifiers plus some unmissable ties in the Premier League



Saturday, October 9, 6pm – Sky Sports
Super League: Grand Final

The Super League season reaches its climax at Old Trafford after last year's showpiece event was staged at the KCOM Stadium in Hull due to the pandemic. On that occasion, it was a pulsating game with St Helens beating local rivals Wigan Warriors by 8-4 with Jack Welsby sprinting in for the match-winning try seconds after the hooter had sounded for full-time.



Tuesday, October 12, 7.45pm – ITV

World Cup 2022 Qualifier: England v Hungary

Gareth Southgate's men continue their journey to the 2022 World Cup with memories still fresh of their outstanding Euros campaign earlier this year. England were clinical in their demolition of Hungary back in September, beating them 4-0 in the away leg of this fixture. The Three Lions will be out to achieve an equally impressive victory on home turf.



Tuesday, October 19, 8pm – BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: Atletico Madrid v Liverpool

The group stages of the UEFA Champions League continue as Liverpool travel to the Spanish capital for a tricky assignment in the toughest pool in the competition. The Reds got off to a flying start with their 3-2 win over Milan in September and will aim to build on that victory here.

Friday, October 8, 9am

Sky Sports Arena

Darts: World Grand Prix

Saturday, October 9, 9am

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Saturday, October 9, 3pm

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Premiership Rugby Union:

Saracens v Newcastle Falcons

Saturday, October 9, 6pm

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Super League: Grand Final

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World Cup 2022 Qualifier: Andorra v England

Saturday, October 9, 9pm

BT Sport Box Office

Boxing: WBC and The Ring Heavyweight World Championship - Tyson Fury v Deontay Wilder

Sunday, October 10, 9.30am

Sky Sports F1

Formula 1: Turkish Grand Prix

Monday, October 11, 7.45pm

S4C/Sky Sports Main Event

World Cup 2022 Qualifier: Estonia v Wales

Tuesday, October 12, 7.45pm

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World Cup 2022 Qualifier: England v Hungary

Friday, October 15, 7.45pm

Sky Sports Football

Championship: West Bromwich v Birmingham City

Saturday, October 16, 12.30pm

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Premier League: Watford v Liverpool

Saturday, October 16, 12.30pm

ITV

Horse Racing: QIPCO British Champions Day

Saturday, October 16, 3pm

BT Sport

Premiership Rugby Union: Wasps v Exeter Chiefs

Saturday, October 16, 5.30pm

Sky Sports PL

Premier League: Brentford v Chelsea

Sunday, October 17, 12 noon

Sky Sports Football

Championship: Swansea City v Cardiff City

Sunday, October 17, 2pm

Sky Sports PL

Premier League: Everton v West Ham United

Sunday, October 17, 4.30pm

Sky Sports PL

Premier League: Newcastle United v Tottenham Hotspur

Monday, October 18, 8pm

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Premier League: Arsenal v Crystal Palace

Tuesday, October 19, 5.45pm

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Moscow v Leicester City**

Wednesday, October 20, 8pm

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**UEFA Champions League: Chelsea
v Malmo**

Wednesday, October 20, 8pm

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

Thursday, October 21, 8pm

BT Sport

**UEFA Europa League: West Ham v
Genk**

Friday, October 22, 8pm

Sky Sports PL

**Premier League: Arsenal v Aston
Villa**

Saturday, October 23, 12.30pm

Sky Sports Football

**Championship: Cardiff City v
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Saturday, October 23, 12.30pm

BT Sport

**Premier League: Chelsea v
Norwich City**

Saturday, October 23, 5.30pm

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**Premier League: Brighton v
Manchester City**

Sunday, October 24, 6.30pm

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Formula 1: USA Grand Prix

Sunday, October 24, 2pm

Sky Sports PL

**Premier League: West Ham United
v Tottenham Hotspur**

Sunday, October 24, 4.30pm

Sky Sports PL

**Premier League: Manchester
United v Liverpool**

Friday, October 29, 7.45pm

BT Sport

**Premiership Rugby Union:
Gloucester v Exeter Chiefs**

Saturday, October 30, 12.30pm

Sky Sports Football

**Championship: Fulham v West
Bromwich**

Saturday, October 30, 12.30pm

BT Sport

**Premier League: Leicester City v
Arsenal**

Saturday, October 30, 3pm

BT Sport

**Premiership Rugby Union:
Northampton Saints v Leicester
Tigers**

Saturday, October 30, 5.30pm

Sky Sports PL

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

Sunday, October 31, 2pm

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**Premier League: Norwich City v
Leeds United**

Sunday, October 31, 4.30pm

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**Premier League: Aston Villa v
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