

Olympic skaters help Scissett Club to raise record charity total

Scissett Club members have excelled themselves this year, raising £14,000 to support three local charities in the West Yorkshire area – Kirkwood Hospice, Forget-Me-Not Children’s Hospice and Wakefield Hospice.

There was a real determination on the part of club members to beat the previous year’s total of £7,000, so the fundraising team pulled out all the stops to come up with ideas and events which would raise maximum revenue, supported by regular raffles and tombola stalls.

Four brave souls, including the local MP and a Parish Councillor, took on the challenge of abseiling down from the tower of Wakefield Cathedral, raising over £3,000 between them.

Local comedy legend Billy Pearce packed the club to capacity for a show which had guests literally crying with laughter throughout, and raised more than £2,000.

A Ladies Fashion Show, always a popular event, sold out within days and added to the ongoing total, also sowing the seeds of an idea for a subsequent Ladies Lunch.

Olympic figure skating champion Christopher Dean, who won the gold medal at the 1984 Winter Olympics, and his partner, fellow Olympic ice skater Karen Barber, attended the fashion event as special guests.

The afternoon was a huge success, and Christopher and Karen also attended the final presentation event when the resulting cheques were handed to the three hospices.

Longstanding club member Tommy Keady undertook a daring wing-walk



Olympic skaters Christopher Dean (2nd from right) and partner Karen Barber (far right) helped the Scissett Club to raise funds for local charities, including the Wakefield Hospice

and even lost two stone in order to meet the weight restriction required for the aerial feat.

With sponsorship from family, friends, colleagues and club members, Tommy raised over £1,800 on the day.

Local businesses were once again fully supportive of the club’s charitable efforts and generously donated prizes which were used throughout the year.

Club fundraiser Terry Rigg said: “Scissett Club may not be a big club, but the members certainly have the biggest hearts when it comes to supporting our chosen charities, and this year has been exceptional.”

Christopher Dean added: “Scissett Club has raised a substantial amount of money to support these local hospices, all thanks to the members.

“Karen and I are very pleased to have been invited to get involved and we now feel very much part of this local community.”

The club will now select a charity or charities to support over the next 12 months and will once again focus on beating the previous year’s total.

Tickets for Union Raceday are now available to buy



Special Union member ticket packages for the 2024 Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday at Doncaster Racecourse on Saturday, November 9 are now available.

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 is the finale of the British flat season and is one of Doncaster’s most popular meetings with an atmosphere to match.

● To purchase special Union member ticket packages for the 2024 Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday, see page 11

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Welcome to the October edition of *Club Journal*.

Many thanks to all club members who came along to last month's Dransfields CIU Greyhounds Racenight at Owlerton Stadium and enjoyed a great night out.

The Union's next sporting occasion will be the 2024 Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday on Saturday, November 9 at Doncaster.

There are two ticket options available to Union members. Option 1 costs £16 per person and covers entry to the racecourse and access to the CIU section of the main Hall.

Option 2 costs £18 per person and includes entry to the racecourse and access to the CIU section; an official race programme and a Pie & Peas voucher.

Please see page 11 for details of how to book the special ticket packages available for CIU members or click on the link on the Union's official website: www.ciu.org.uk.

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

Welcome

Saturdays of your choice, at your club.

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

For further information, contact Senior Head Office Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick at: Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org.

This month's 'Club of the Month' is the Tyneside Club in Sheringham, Norfolk.

The club was formed in 1949 and remains a focal point for the whole community.

It enjoys a very high profile in the local area with a full programme of live entertainment, games, charity fundraisers and many other activities, including the club's starring role in the annual Sheringham Festival which sees members build a spectacular float in order to participate in a parade through the town's streets.

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

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

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Allan Baker celebrates magnificent half century of service



Pictured, left to right: Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and Carcroft Village Club President Allan Baker (recipient of the 50-Year Distinguished Service Award)

Allan Baker, President of Carcroft Village Club in Doncaster, was presented with his 50-Year Distinguished Service Award on Friday, August 30 by CIU General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM.

Club Secretary Jim Hutchinson said: "This is a milestone that few can boast and is unlikely to be matched by many more – 50 years of unwavering dedication and service.

"Known to many as 'Butch', Allan has been the heart and soul of our club, guiding us with his passion and commitment since he joined the Committee in 1973, and we couldn't be prouder!

"We were delighted to have Mr. Kenneth Green, the General Secretary of the CIU, join us to present Allan with his much-deserved 50-Year Distinguished Service Award.

"Allan's love for our village club has never wavered. Whether it was rebuilding the club from the ground up after the fire in 1991, paying off our debts in the early 2000s, or ensuring we stay connected with the best music and community spirit, his tireless efforts have left an indelible mark on us all.

"To commemorate his incredible service, we have placed a plaque in the foyer, honouring his lasting impact and ensuring his legacy will be remembered for generations to come.

"On behalf of everyone, we extend our deepest gratitude to our friend Allan for his many years of dedication, hard work, and love for our club and community. Your leadership has shaped this club, and we are all better for it!"

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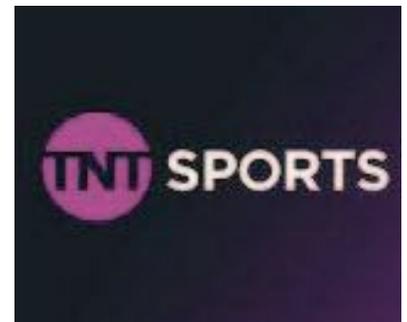
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Glendale Social Club to host 'Shark Tank' pool event featuring top player Ian Jeff

On Saturday, October 19 the Glendale Social Club in Houghton-le-Spring will be hosting a special 'Shark Tank' event.

This will see the club's sponsored IPA pool player Ian 'Nappa' Jeff giving eight opponents a chance to double their money and test their mettle in a Race to 4.

For £25, members will receive a spin on 'The Power Up Wheel' to improve their chances of a win as well as £5 in bar credits.



Usyk v Fury rematch set for Saturday, December 21 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Tyson Fury's much-anticipated rematch with Oleksandr Usyk will take place on December 21 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Usyk emerged victorious via split decision when the rivals met earlier this year, thus becoming the first undisputed heavyweight champion since Lennox Lewis in 1999 and the first in the four-belt era.

The details for the Pay-Per-View event are yet to be announced but the fight will be broadcast by TNT Sports Box Office.

For more information, visit:
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Northallerton WMC honours five stalwarts at Charity Night presentation



Pictured, left to right: Colin New (Recipient of Certificate of Merit), Jeff Lewis (Recipient of Long Service Award), Mick Herron (President of Northallerton WMC and Recipient of Certificate of Merit), David Wild (Recipient of Long Service Award), John Budgen (Recipient of Certificate of Merit) and Nathan Clarke (NEC Member)



Members took part in a raffle to raise money for the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton

Northallerton & District Working Men’s Club in Yorkshire held a special Presentation Night on Saturday, August 24 to honour five Committee stalwarts as well as raise funds for the nearby Friarage Hospital.

Receiving their Awards from NEC Member Nathan Clarke were John Budgen, Mick Herron, Jeff Lewis, Colin New and David Wild.

Members and guests enjoyed music from 1980s covers band Back To The Future and there were also several raffle prizes handed out on the night.

Club President Mick Herron said: “It was a really enjoyable night and we were delighted to welcome NEC Member Nathan Clarke and Club Journal Publisher Sean Ferris to our club to experience some Yorkshire hospitality!”



NEC Member Nathan Clarke



Covers band Back To The Future provided the music at the event on August 24

Broadwater WMCC celebrates centenary in style



Broadwater Working Men's Conservative Club members enjoyed a barnstorming performance by Rock 'n' Roll singer Ivor Potter as part of their weekend celebrating the club's centenary

Broadwater Working Men's Conservative Club in Worthing, West Sussex recently marked their centenary with a huge weekend party across August 24/25 which sold out many weeks in advance.

Saturday afternoon saw a family disco for the children and grandchildren of members while in the evening singer Ivor Potter presented his Vegas Lounge show, performing many of the songs associated with the Nevada gambling resort.

On the Sunday afternoon there was more live music, this time from Jason 'The Showman' Lee who provided some powerhouse singing for his appreciative audience.



There was a great turnout to mark the club's 100 years as the social centre of the local community

News in brief



Don't forget to keep up to date with all the latest news on the Union's online platforms

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

www.ciu.org.uk

The main Union website has taken a significant leap forward with the launch of its revamped website.

This platform not only serves as a hub for vital updates from the CIU's Head Office but also empowers clubs with comprehensive resources about legislation, rules, upcoming Union events – such as November's Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday at Doncaster Racecourse – contact details for clubs and Head Office personnel and information about the CIU's Award in Club Management (ACM) day courses.

www.clubjournal.co.uk

Complementing the Union's principal website and the monthly print version of Club Journal, the new website www.clubjournal.co.uk focuses on the news from CIU clubs as well as offering an e-version of the Journal.

The CIU's Facebook page

The Club & Institute Union now has a presence on Facebook with regular posts on upcoming CIU events.

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Cogan Coronation Club gets set for October Reggae Night with Zion Road

Cogan Coronation Club in Penarth, South Wales will be welcoming 'afro reggae' group Zion Road for a Reggae Night on the evening of Saturday, October 26.

The band are highly rated across South Wales and beyond and will be playing some classic reggae and ska tunes.

Tickets for the event are £10 each and can be purchased direct from the club.

Meanwhile, in August, the club hosted a Cardiff Magic Society lecture by Rich Relish, a member of the Magic Circle and regarded as one of the top magic technicians currently working in the UK.

Rich shared his unique insights and techniques to enable budding magicians to enhance their conjuring skills.

The club will also be hosting a children's Halloween Party on Friday, October 25 featuring hot dogs, games and prizes for the best costumes.

Tickets cost £5 per child.



News in brief



Autumn International Rugby Union ties set to be broadcast exclusively by TNT Sports

TNT Sports has secured exclusive broadcast rights to all fixtures for rugby union's 2024 Autumn Nations Series across the UK and Ireland.

The new deal will see all 21 matches from November's international rugby union series air on TNT Sports and Discovery+.

The series, which pits northern hemisphere international rugby sides against southern hemisphere teams, kicks off on Saturday, November 2 when England host the New Zealand All Blacks at Twickenham and Scotland host Fiji at BT Murrayfield in Edinburgh.

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Wesley Road Club unveils new darts facilities



Players on the oche at the Wesley Road Club in Trowbridge

The Wesley Road Club in Trowbridge, Wiltshire has invested in state-of-the-art darts facilities with new boards, surrounds and plasma lights.

Installed by local retailer Sportsbug, the new facilities were up and running for the start of the club's participation in the weekly winter league as well as the 'Garry Aland Memorial Cup' held at the club annually.

Richmond Place Club packed out for wrestling show



Wrestling fans watch the action unfold in the ring during the recent wrestling show in Hereford

Hereford's Richmond Place Club hosted the latest PRIZE Wrestling extravaganza – Game of Throws – as fight fans from across the area packed into the club's Concert Hall to witness the action in the ring, including the top-billed bout between Mad Dog Maxx and Leon Jackson.

The next PRIZE wrestling event at the Richmond Place Club will take place on Saturday, December 7.

News in brief



Local radio stars head to Palmerston Road Social Club in Chatham to unveil defibrillator

The Palmerston Road Social Club in Chatham, Kent recently received a visit from local DJs Cherry Little and Garry Wilson (pictured, above) who host the breakfast show on station KMFM.

The pair cut the ribbon on the club's newly installed defibrillator which will serve the local community.

The unveiling of this vital piece of lifesaving kit coincided with the club's annual Family Funday which provided a great afternoon of entertainment for local children.



As well as a range of activities, including facepainting, children also received free candyfloss at the event (see pic below).

Meanwhile, the club is gearing up for a big Cabaret Evening on Saturday, October 19 which will see a double bill of entertainment for members and guests.

First on the bill is a performance by TV hypnotist Dylan Lovegrove.



The entertainer has previously featured on ITV and Channel 5 and promises plenty of laughs and mindbending stunts.

Then Danny Graceland will be performing his highly rated tribute to the music of Elvis Presley with an emphasis on the King's Vegas years.

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The above link can also be found on the CIU website – ciu.org.uk.



The Tyneside Club is situated in Sheringham on the North Norfolk coast



The Tyneside Club, Sheringham

Situated in the town of Sheringham in North Norfolk, the Tyneside Club is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year and continues to be at the heart of its local community 365 days a year

Celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, the Tyneside Club in Sheringham on the North Norfolk coast has just enjoyed an extremely busy summer with locals, seasonal workers and holidaymakers alike all heading to the club in large numbers.

Autumn may now have arrived but that doesn't mean life at the club will slow down too much with the staff and Committee continuing to work hard to provide a home-from-home for the members and give them plenty of reasons to keep visiting the club.

Just before we continue to find out a little more about this much-cherished venue, what about the club's curious name, given that Tyneside is around 200 miles away from this very picturesque corner of North Norfolk?

"Well, there are a couple of



The club has an array of activities, including pool, darts and snooker

explanations for the name,” explains Club Steward Pete Allcock.

“One is that the wife of the club’s Founder hailed from the North East so he decide to name it the Tyneside Club as a tribute to her.

“The other is that the club was originally housed in a building called ‘Tyneside’ so it just took the name from that.

“Whichever is the correct version, it’s a great talking point, especially when visitors from the North East come in for a drink!”

However it came to be named, the Tyneside Club has been a popular venue since 1949 and continues to be a thriving social hub.

“It’s a real mix of people who come into the club throughout the year,” says Pete.

“We have a strong core of locals who support the club and then you have contractors who move into the area periodically and then in the holiday season you have an influx of people from all over the country.

“It’s a popular holiday destination

with a lot of accommodation, including static caravan and camping sites around the area and the beach is around a mile away from the club.

“We get a lot of summer members who love coming to the club and take up guest and summer memberships.

“You also have a lot of people who perhaps come down a few times a year so they become full members of the club.

“Our overall membership number is growing steadily and we currently have around 1,700 members of all ages.”

Club life centres around the club’s two main rooms – the Sports Bar and Lounge Bar – both with large screen TVs showing live sport, while members can also entertain themselves with the full-size snooker table, a pool table, a darts area, amusement and lottery machines and jukebox.

There is also a large outdoor area at the front of the club, including a marquee complete with a bar which is extremely busy during the warmer months.

The club prides itself both on the

quality and price of the drinks it provides with lagers like Foster’s and Cruzcampo proving very popular alongside John Smith’s Bitter and a range of cask ales, including Tyneside Club Ale, a rebadged cask ale supplied by Greene King which has proven very popular.

“Our ‘house’ ale has gone down well and we also have a rotating selection of cask ales from a variety of breweries, large and small, to ensure that lovers of cask ale have an incentive to come in and see what new beers we have on,” says Pete.

Live entertainment is a major driver of trade with bands or singers performing in the club on Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons.

“Throughout the summer months, we also have a singer in the outside bar on Wednesday afternoons,” says Pete.

“We have a real variety of acts with songs from across the eras so it has a wide appeal.

“We also do home-cooked food which is really popular with lots of classic dishes on offer, including Fish ‘n’ Chips, pies, Sunday Roasts, etc.



The club won first prize for its Wild West Saloon float during the Sheringham Carnival held in August

CLUB OF THE MONTH

The club has a large outdoor seating area



“Thursday is Steak Night where you get a steak dinner with all the trimmings for under a tenner.

“We also have many of the traditional activities you would associate with CIU clubs, including bingo every Sunday evening and a Meat Draw every Saturday lunchtime plus our various sports teams compete in the local leagues.”

Regular charity fundraisers are also held at the club with a recent music night staged in September benefiting the East Anglia Air Ambulance and a Race Night raising cash for the Stroke Association.

“On August 25, we staged ‘Porkfest’ in aid of Cancer Research UK which was a full day of music with six artists performing as well as a DJ playing sets,” says Pete.

“It all took place outside from 12 midday to closing time with people also enjoying a BBQ.

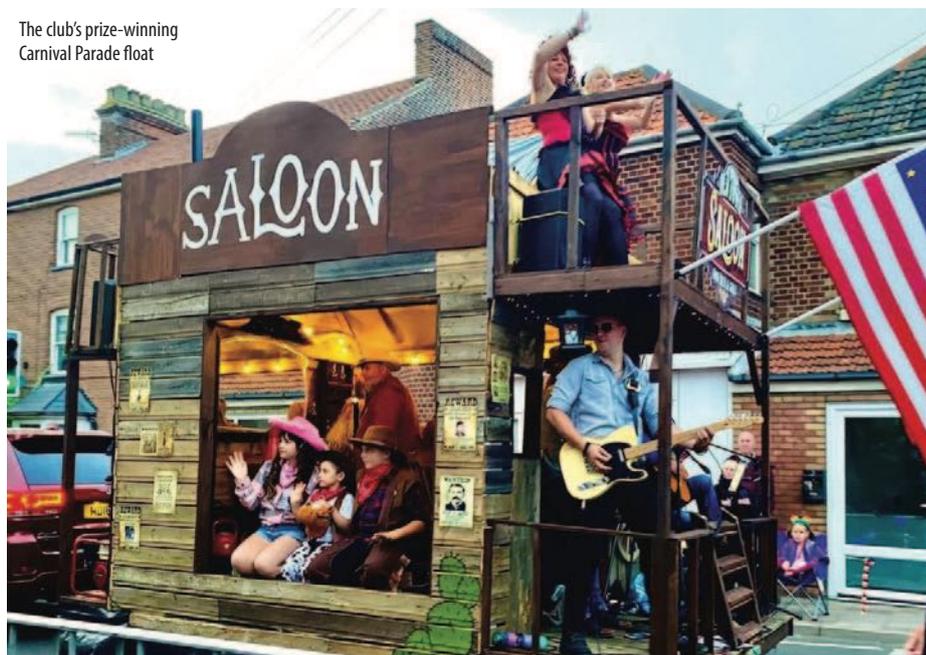
“There are charity events going on throughout the year for a variety of causes.”

The club enjoys an enviable position in the town with the main railway station just metres away while opposite is the station for the heritage steam railway known as the ‘Poppy Line’ which connects Sheringham with Holt

some five miles away.

“Our location is excellent in terms of attracting ‘passing trade’, people who are arriving or departing by train and end up coming in and paying day membership for £1 or holiday

The club's prize-winning Carnival Parade float



The club is renowned for its excellent facilities and range of well-priced drinks, including a cask ale offering



membership for £3.50 if they want to keep coming back,” says Pete.

In terms of community engagement, the club is part of the fabric of Sheringham life and is involved in all the major cultural events taking place in town, including the annual Sheringham Festival which is the busiest week of the year for the club.

“The Festival is massive for us and we stage a whole week of related activities in the club, including a darts tournament, a pool tournament, a Carnival Bingo Night and a Carnival Kids Party,” says Pete.

“This year we also had live music in the outside bar with an Elvis tribute and a band.

“One of the main events of the Festival is the Parade and we always pull out all the stops to create an amazing themed float.

“Last year the theme was Harry Potter and we’ve also done The Greatest Showman. This year the members created a Wild West Saloon on a Caravan chassis.

“It really was a fantastic effort complete with gunslingers, native

americans and a guitarist playing country music.

“We’ve now won first prize for our float for the past several years and it’s fantastic for the profile of the club and real testament to the hard work of the members who build the float each year.

“We also took part in the town’s 1940s-themed weekend in September with members dressing up in period outfits and live music from the era.

“This area had an important gunnery training camp during the Second World War and now there is a museum on the site with a tank collection and other military equipment.

“Then, each April, we have the Viking Festival which is another spectacular community event which commemorates the area’s involvement with the Vikings and culminates in the burning of a replica Viking longship on the local beach.

“Again, many people in the club – and in town – get involved and dress up in Viking costumes.

“All these events attract people in

their thousands so the club is always busy during the various festivals.”

It’s not just the bigger events which demonstrate the club’s commitment to community life but also its week-to-week support of local groups who need a place to meet, such as the Sheringham Folk Music Society who assemble every Monday and the North Norfolk Veterans Association who hold meetings in the club.

“It really is a great club with a fantastic set of members and a really dedicated Club Committee led by President Jimmy Morrison and Secretary Mo Thompson,” says Pete.

“The members are rightly proud of just how important the club is to the local community and to the life of the town.”

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

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 for the October draw cost £1.

Q: What happens to my personal data?

The image is a promotional poster for the CIU National Lottery. It features a red background with a central graphic of a dartboard with a star in the bullseye. The text on the poster reads: 'CIU NATIONAL 50/50 LOTTERY DRAW DATE 31TH OCTOBER AT 7PM'. Below the dartboard, it says '£1.00 PER TICKET' and 'Buy tickets at ciu.praxisplay.online'. At the bottom, it states '5% Revenue Share with the Winning Members Club' and 'T&C's apply CIU Licence Number LN/000023921'. There are also several gold coins scattered around the dartboard.

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 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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News in brief

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

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

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

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

National Executive Committee dates

The dates for the NEC meetings at Head Office in 2024 are: Wednesday, October 16 & Thursday, October 17 and Wednesday, December 4 & Thursday, December 5.

Please note that selected meetings are held via Zoom in order to save on travel costs and there is no scheduled NEC meeting in November.

CIU Conference 2025 dates

The dates for the 2025 Conference Weekend are as follows:

Thursday, April 24 – NEC Meeting

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

Saturday, April 26 – The 161st Annual Meeting

Club members urged to volunteer for the 2024 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



It's that time of year when CIU clubs are once again to the fore raising money for the annual Poppy Appeal as the country remembers those who gave the ultimate sacrifice as members of the Armed Services by wearing a red poppy.

Red poppies have been worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces community since 1921. Some 103 years later, the poppy remains as the symbol of Remembrance at the heart of the Poppy Appeal.

The Royal British Legion is issuing its annual reminder to club members to get involved during the organisation's most important fundraising campaign of the year.

Each year thousands of amazing volunteers across the country help raise millions of pounds during the Poppy Appeal to support the Armed Forces community.

RBL would like your support as a Poppy Appeal Organiser. As an individual, or a representative of your club, you can coordinate the Poppy Appeal within your local area.

Or as a Poppy Appeal Collector, you can make a difference by raising vital funds to help support the Armed Forces community and their families by collecting donations from the public during the two weeks of the Poppy Appeal at the end of October.

In either role, you can help raise awareness, helping people find out more about what the Royal British Legion does and how they can support.

For more information, visit: www.britishlegion.org.uk

CIU members enjoy racenight in Sheffield

Dransfields CIU Greyhounds Racenight took place on Friday, September 13 at Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium with Union members enjoying 13 races, including the Dransfields CIU-sponsored 10th race



The winner of the Dransfields CIU Race on September 13 was Ballymac Lawless. Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley (far left), NEC Member Nathan Clarke (second right) and Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM (far right) make the post-race presentation

Sheffield's iconic Owlerton Stadium hosted the Dransfields CIU Racenight on Friday, September 13 with club members from across the country gathering to witness an evening of top-class greyhound racing.

There were 13 races in all, including the tenth, the Dransfields CIU Race, which took place across a distance of 500 metres.

This closely contested battle was won convincingly by Ballymac Lawless, trained by Barrie Draper.

The winning team was presented with the trophy by Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM, NEC Member Nathan Clarke and Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley.

Also in attendance on the night were Dransfields Director of Operations Trevor Roberts and Heavy Woollen Branch Secretary Les Hepworth CMD ACM.

General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM said:

"It was great to see so many club colleagues enjoying a night of exciting action and hospitality at this famous stadium.

"Many congratulations to the

Citizens Club, Hinckley who won the CIU Sweepstake by picking the winning 'Trap 2' in the Dransfields CIU Race.

"Finally, many thanks to Dransfields for their continuing support of this annual event."



There were 13 fast-paced races throughout the evening at Owlerton Stadium



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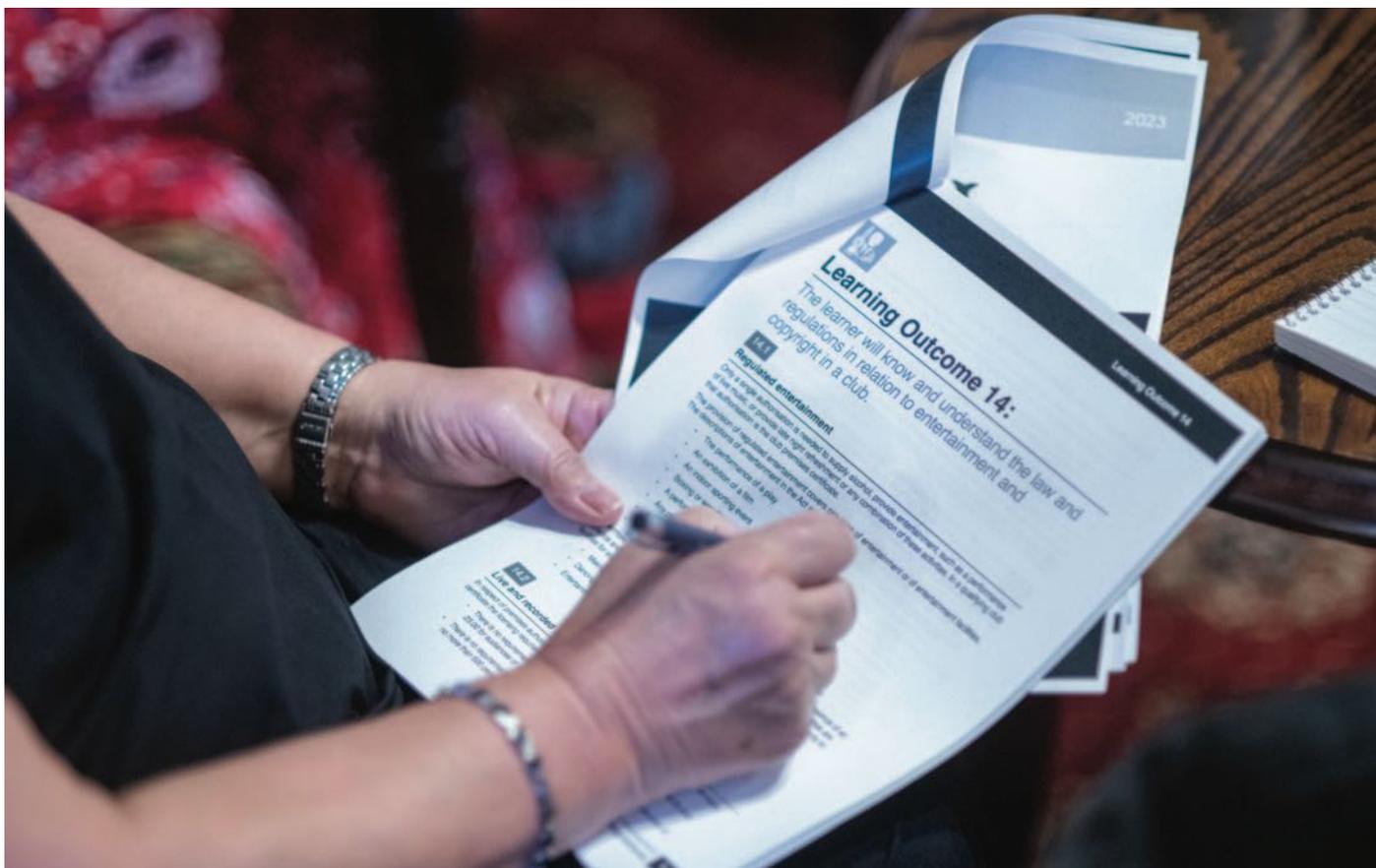


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Boost your administration skills with the Award in Club Management

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



At the ACM sessions, candidates receive a thorough grounding the skills required to run a club efficiently

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

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

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

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

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

examination, they receive the ACM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mix it up for margin!

It doesn't matter whether your club wants to go all out with shakers and muddlers or simply stock a few ready-to-drink lines. Everyone can benefit from getting involved in the colourful and growing cocktail category



Funkin pre-batch cocktails can be purchased from Greene King and bar staff just need to add the appropriate spirit to complete the drink

With COVID chaos, ingredients shortages, a staffing crisis, and a failing economy, the UK cocktail industry, and indeed hospitality as a whole, has been well and truly shaken and stirred in the last four or five years.

But despite all this, or perhaps because of it, demand for cocktails is huge. Britain's cocktail market is now valued at an impressive £707 million (CGA's Mixed Drinks Report, March, 2024).

And with drinks boasting typical gross margins of 70%, it remains a lucrative opportunity for venues to exploit.

As people seek out value for money serves, the cost of living crisis has seen

many consumers veer towards safer, tried-and-trusted cocktails, according to the CGA by NIQ's first-half Mixed Drinks Report.

But the tide is starting to turn as while almost half of all drinkers (47%) prefer classic cocktails, this has declined 5% from a year ago.

They haven't abandoned the category, however, they've just changed what they're looking for.

The number of people preferring more innovative signature cocktails has risen 3% to 21% while 16% of customers are opting for modern cocktails (up 1%).

CGA says interest in new cocktails is seeing consumers widen their tastes

and they now have an average of 7.1 flavours and 4.6 cocktails in their standard repertoires (up 1% and 0.6% respectively).

These more experimental consumers are becoming increasingly confident about trying less familiar flavours.

Consumption of smoky flavours has risen by 4% year-on-year, while interest in sour, creamy, coffee flavours and hot cocktails have all climbed by 3%.

What's more, coconut-based flavours have rocketed 8% year-on-year while lemon and vanilla are up 6%.

Apple, pineapple, lime, and cherry are among the other non-standard flavours on the rise.



Diageo's On Tap Cocktails are available to order from Greene King

The research also shows that time of day comes into play as there is evidence to show consumers are open to drinking cocktails, midweek and earlier in the day.

When it comes to in-venue theatre, the magic of a cocktail being created before a customer's very eyes is clearly hard to beat but it's not right for every venue of course.

What's more, while extravagant cocktails are undoubtedly impressive, both in terms of taste and entertainment value, not every customer wants to wait five minutes while their drinking is being prepared.

And even if someone is happy to wait, the people in the queue behind them may not be.

Just because a full 'mixology experience' isn't suitable for every venue doesn't mean that your club members have to miss out on an engaging cocktail experience.

There are ways to incorporate all the fun and excitement of cocktails without the wait.

Developing a finely tuned menu of cocktails with no more than five ingredients each, means that all bar staff can take on the role of mixologist.

For example, for an Espresso Martini, you only need to combine equal measures of a coffee liqueur,

vodka, and espresso with ice and shake for around 20 seconds.

Then pour your drink into a martini glass and add a few coffee beans for garnish.

A Dark N Stormy is equally untaxing.

Fill a glass with ice and add ginger beer, leaving a space at the top. Squeeze the juice from half a lime and pour 15ml of dark rum. And there you have it.

Using fewer ingredients not only makes life easier for bar staff, it also means that you minimise your wastage and cost.

Paying attention to seasonality is also important in the cocktail game.

Adding an autumnal cocktail at this time of year will add interest and limited edition serves might even be worthy of a premium price tag.

You don't need to spend hours deciding what to create, just adding a simple twist to an existing popular serve can do the trick.

For example, you could offer a Pumpkin Spice Espresso Martini around Halloween, simply by adding a dash of pumpkin syrup to your base recipe.

Or, if you already serve a summer spritz with gin, tonic and elderflower, you could swap out the latter for

cranberry juice for an autumnal vibe.

Whether or not to incorporate premium spirits into your cocktails is also a key consideration. For example, will your Gin Spritz feature Bombay Sapphire or perhaps Whitley Neill?

One solution offering zero prep time and big brands is Diageo's On Tap Cocktails available to order from Greene King.

Featuring a choice of Smirnoff Espresso Martini and Passion Fruit Martini, Captain Morgan Strawberry Daiquiri and Gordon's Pink Martini brands, each 10l bag in box offers 80 serves.

The draft system is able to create six cocktails in the time it takes to make one by hand, which could be a game changer

For high volume venues, another option, if you don't have the time or inclination to get mixed up in making cocktails, but still want to give customers a good time, are RTDs.

Greene King has just started stocking 1.5l party box cocktails from the Drinks Bureau.

Available in Passion Fruit Martini, Strawberry Daiquiri, Lychee Martini, Spicy Margarita and Espresso Martini, the drinks have a 10% ABV, and each box contains a total of 10 servings.

Cocktails from Bacardi are another premixed option with each 1l bottle serving up eight glasses.

The range comprises Passion Fruit Martini, Espresso Martini, Pina Colada and Classic Mojito.

Or if you want to put on a bit of a show but don't want the bother of all the different ingredients, then Funkin pre-batch cocktails, which can be ordered through Greene King, could strike a happy medium.

It's 1l cocktail mixers come in Passion Fruit Martini, Pina Colada, Strawberry Daiquiri and Zombie variants and all you need to do is add the appropriate spirit to complete the drink.

Whether you are ready to brave making your own concoctions or simply want to branch out with a few premixes, capitalising on the cocktail market is a great opportunity to infuse some energy into your club's drinks menu and encourage your members to trade up.

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The CIU has teamed up with Arena Racing Company (ARC) to give CIU club members fantastic, great-value offers to enjoy a brilliant day out at the races this year!

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- Booking fee applies.
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Applicants must provide references and a CV addressed to: Heath Gap Welcome WMC, Heath Gap Road, Cannock, WS11 6DY

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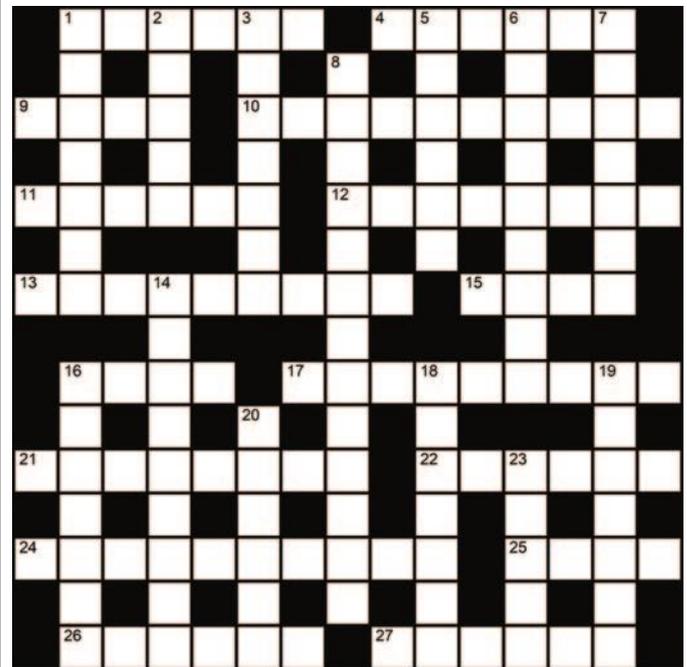
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- 4 Deliver a sermon about a carp. Eh? (6)
- 9 Head of department, powerless to remove (4)
- 10 Lack of skill with a tune, to be pitied anyway (10)
- 11 Make a start at these levels (6)
- 12 Extortioner not without changes outside (8)
- 13 Corks that wore out professional colleagues (2-7)
- 15 Bit of a sparkler that could be national (4)
- 16 Tab-end for holding water (4)
- 17 Genial, as a way to go towards pain relief (9)

- 21 A do involving belligerent cakes? (3-5)
- 22 A wren’s astonishment at the solution! (6)
- 24 Mournful IOU’s depicted in bulgur recipe (10)
- 25 Sterile part of anger? (4)
- 26 Ditch would be terse when facing a worker (6)
- 27 Sort of street in which to owe, anyhow? (3-3)

- 6 Take turns that are latent yet broadcast (9)
- 7 Ad hoc? Don’t know. Could be a fishy one! (7)
- 8 Wandering with engineered pioneering art (13)
- 14 Discordant UFO with Teuton-style refinements (3,2,4)
- 16 Flower arrangement in a wineglass? (7)
- 18 No deals struck for connected flexes? (5,2)
- 19 In a perfect world of concepts? (7)
- 20 A cigar, rolled into a mushroom (6)
- 23 Fixer depicted in seamstress’ crewelwork (5)

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- 1 Just going to take the boat out, unwisely (5,2)
- 2 Read, say, in a mainframe (5)
- 3 Puzzled Kim asks, ‘Piste face covering?’ (3,4)
- 5 Revolve rate, to be confusing (6)



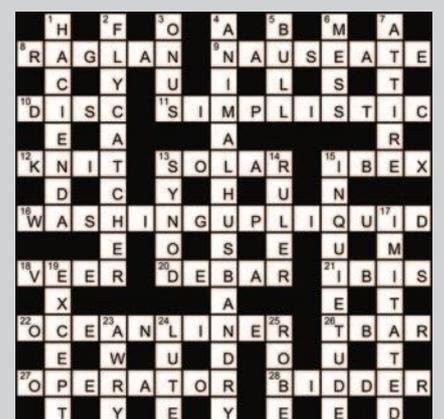
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- Rod Sockett of Sheffield Lane WMC
- Graham Hogg of Seaton Carew Social Club
- Simon Hinchcliffe of Brighton Street WMC
- Ron Kane of The Putney Club





Sunday, October 13, 8pm, Sky Sports Main Event
Darts: World Grand Prix

The Final of the annual £600,000 tournament which is being staged this year at the Mattioli Arena in Leicester. The format of the tournament sees 32 of the world's top stars competing for the coveted title which was won by Luke Humphries in 2023 when he beat Gerwyn Price 5–2 in the Final. Expect plenty of outstanding marksmanship this time around.



Sunday, October 20, 4.30pm – Sky Sports PL
Premier League: Liverpool v Chelsea

The second leg of Sky's 'Super Sunday' of Premier League football sees Liverpool hosting Chelsea at Anfield. Liverpool enjoyed a great start to the season under new Manager Arnie Slot and will be confident ahead of this tie against a Blues side which has so far failed to hit top gear. The Stamford Bridge faithful will be hoping that Head Coach Enzo Maresca's approach will swiftly start to bear fruit.



Wednesday, October 23, 8pm – TNT Sports
UEFA Champions League: Manchester City v Sparta Prague

Action from the Etihad Stadium as Man City host Sparta Prague. This is the first season under a new format, with 36 participating teams taking part in a 'League Phase' each playing eight games against different opponents in order to achieve a ranking that they hope will carry them through to the late stages.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

October promises a great line-up of live sporting fixtures for clubs including international, UEFA Champions League and Premier League football action, as well as the Darts World Grand Prix in Leicester

Sunday, October 6, 4.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Brighton v Tottenham Hotspur

Tuesday, October 8, 7pm
Sky Sports Main Event
Darts: World Grand Prix

Wednesday, October 9, 7pm
Sky Sports Main Event
Darts: World Grand Prix

Thursday, October 10, 7pm
Sky Sports Main Event
Darts: World Grand Prix

Thursday, October 10, 7.45pm
ITV
UEFA Nations League Group Stage: England v Greece

Friday, October 11, 7pm
Sky Sports Main Event
Darts: World Grand Prix

Friday, October 11, 7.45pm
S4C/BBC iPlayer
UEFA Nations League Group Stage: Iceland v Wales

Saturday, October 12, 8.30pm
Sky Sports Main Event
Darts: World Grand Prix

Sunday, October 13, 10.30am
Sky Sports Cricket
ICC Women's Cricket T20 World Cup: England v Scotland

Sunday, October 13, 5pm
ITV
UEFA Nations League Group Stage: Finland v England

Sunday, October 13, 8pm
Sky Sports Main Event
Darts: World Grand Prix

Monday, October 14, 7.45pm
S4C/BBC iPlayer
UEFA Nations League Group Stage: Wales v Montenegro

Tuesday, October 15, 2.30pm
Sky Sports Cricket
ICC Women's Cricket T20 World Cup: England v West Indies

Friday, October 18, 8pm
Sky Sports Football
Championship Football: Leeds United v Sheffield United

Saturday, October 19, 12.30pm
Sky Sports +
Championship Football: Cardiff City v Plymouth Argyle

Saturday, October 19, 12.30pm
TNT Sports
Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v West Ham

Saturday, October 19, 1.30pm
ITV
Horse Racing: British Champions Day, Ascot

Saturday, October 19, 5.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Bournemouth v Arsenal

Sunday, October 20, 2pm
Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Wolves v Manchester City

Sunday, October 20, 2.30pm
Sky Sports Cricket
ICC Women's Cricket T20 World Cup: Final

Sunday, October 20, 4.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Liverpool v Chelsea



Sunday, October 20, 8pm
Sky Sports F1

Formula 1: United States Grand Prix

Monday, October 21, 8pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Nottingham Forest v Crystal Palace

Tuesday, October 22, 8pm
Amazon Prime Video

UEFA Champions League: Arsenal v Shakhtar Donetsk

Tuesday, October 22, 8pm
TNT Sports

UEFA Champions League: Aston Villa v Bologna

Wednesday, October 23, 8pm
TNT Sports

UEFA Champions League: Manchester City v Sparta Prague

Wednesday, October 23, 8pm
TNT Sports

UEFA Champions League: RB Leipzig v Liverpool

Wednesday, October 23, 8pm
Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Middlesbrough v Sheffield United

Thursday, October 24, 8pm
Sky Sports Football

UEFA Europa League: Fenerbahce v Manchester United

Friday, October 25, 8pm
Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Portsmouth v Sheffield Wednesday

Friday, October 25, 8pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Leicester City v Nottingham Forest

Saturday, October 26, 12.30pm
Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Coventry City v Luton Town

Saturday, October 26, 5.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Everton v Fulham

Sunday, October 27, 2pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Chelsea v Newcastle United

Sunday, October 27, 3pm
Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Norwich City v Middlesbrough

Sunday, October 27, 4.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Arsenal v Liverpool

Sunday, October 27, 8pm
Sky Sports F1

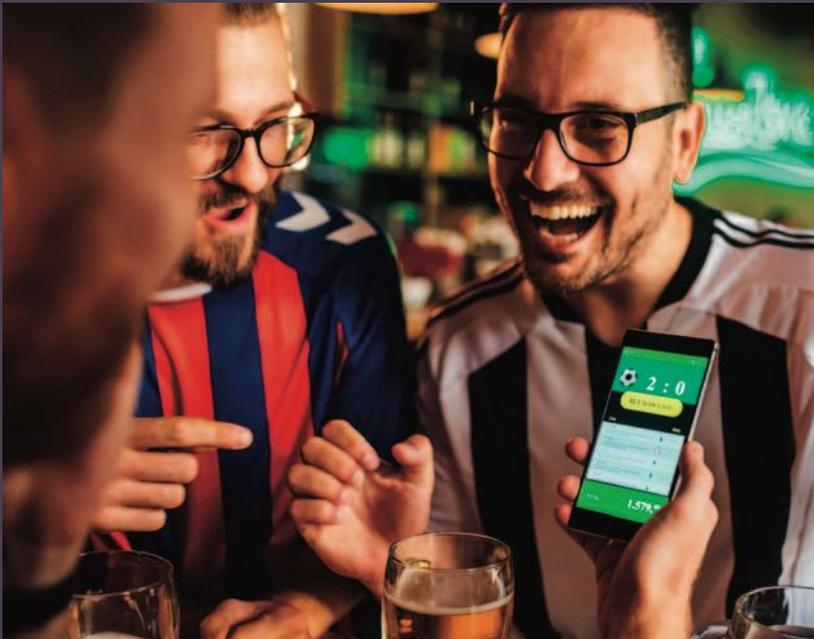
Formula 1: Mexico City Grand Prix

Monday, October 28, 8pm
Sky Sports Football

League One Football: Blackpool v Wigan Athletic

Saturday, November 2, 3pm
TNT Sports

Rugby Union: England v New Zealand



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