

## Union President urges the Government to boost support for members' clubs in the 2025 Budget

The CIU has issued a stark warning to the Government, urging it to support members' clubs in the upcoming 2025 Budget.

Mirroring the calls of the wider hospitality industry, the CIU would welcome a fundamental reform of business rates, a reduction in VAT for the hospitality sector and a cut to employer National Insurance contributions.

The Union argues that without this vital assistance, the future of these community hubs is in serious jeopardy.

The CIU points out that members' clubs are a unique and vital part of the UK's social fabric.

Unlike commercial pubs, they are not-for-profit organisations, reinvesting any surplus directly back into their facilities and the communities they serve.

They provide affordable social spaces, host charity events, support local sports teams, and act as a crucial meeting point for people of all ages, thus helping to combat loneliness and social isolation.

CIU President Ken Roberts CMD ACM emphasised the foundational role of clubs, stating:

“For generations, our clubs have been the bedrock of countless communities across the nation.

“Week in, week out, our volunteers and staff work tirelessly to provide a safe, affordable and welcoming environment.

“We are more than just a place to have a drink; we are community centres, a place to hold family celebrations and mark milestones, a



Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM

haven for friends and families in which to socialise safely.

“But our clubs are an institution under threat from soaring costs.

“The Government must recognise our value and provide the support we need to not just survive, but to continue thriving and serving our members.”

The CIU highlights that the current business rates system is fundamentally unfair, punishing bricks-and-mortar community venues with bills that bear no relation to their not-for-profit status or their current viability.

It argues that a reduction in VAT from 20% to 12.5% for hospitality would bring the UK in line with other European nations and provide immediate cashflow relief, while a cut in employer National Insurance contributions would help clubs retain

staff and manage rising wage bills in clubs.

Alongside its budget demands, the CIU is launching a campaign calling on its member clubs to take direct action.

Clubs are being urged to contact their local Members of Parliament, invite them down for a visit, and demonstrate first-hand the vital work they do.

“We need every MP to see what we see,” added Mr Roberts.

“The best way to understand our value is to walk through our doors, meet our members, and see the community in action.

“We are calling on all our clubs to extend that invitation. Let's show Westminster the real, positive impact we have on the ground every single day.”

The message from the CIU is clear: members' clubs are a vital asset worth protecting, and the 2025 Budget coming up in November is a critical opportunity for the Government to prove it supports them.

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Welcome to the October edition of *Club Journal*.

As you'll see from our front page story, the Union has issued an urgent warning to the Government, stating that the future of members' clubs is in serious jeopardy without vital support in the upcoming 2025 Budget.

We are asking for a fairer business rates system, a reduction in VAT for hospitality, and a cut to employer National Insurance to help manage soaring costs.

To help our sector, please get in touch with your local MP as soon as possible and let them know just how important our clubs are to their local communities.

On pages 14-17, we have the results of the 'Future of the Union' survey which we have conducted over the last few months.

Many thanks to those of you who took part – your feedback will now be taken into account as the Union embarks on a modernising process.

The 'Club of the Month' for October is Clacton Railway Social Club in Essex.

The club is doing incredibly well at the moment with 1,800 members enjoying an array of activities, including darts, pool, live entertainment and community events – no wonder there is a waiting list of people wanting to join.

# Welcome

For the full profile of the club, please see pages 10-13.

I hope those of you who attended the Dransfields CIU Greyhound Night in September had an enjoyable evening of sporting action.

Next month, Saturday, November 29, will see the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday taking place at Doncaster.

If you would like to attend, please go to the Union website where you'll find all the details of the ticket packages for our club members.

As ever, please get in touch if your club is keen to host the Union's Award in Club Management (ACM) day courses.

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

Incidentally, please read the latest article by CIU Solicitor Allyn Walton on pages 18-19 in which he gives a step-by-step guide to what actions to take in the event of your club receiving a sexual harassment complaint.

I hope you enjoy this month's issue.

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## Carla marks 20 years at Groby Ex-Servicemen's Social Club



In September, Groby Ex-Servicemen's Social Club in Leicestershire held a special celebration for Assistant Steward Carla Crane to mark her 20 years of service to the club. Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM presented Carla with a Long Service Award from the CIU. Pictured, left to right: Alison Whitmore (Assistant Secretary), Tim Russell (Vice-President), Ken Roberts CMD ACM (CIU National President), Carla Crane (Assistant Steward), Eddie Pagett (Club President) and Nathan Clarke (Secretary)

## Grangemoor WMC's Luke prepares for his sixth marathon

Members of Grangemoor Working Men's Club in Staffordshire will be getting behind Bar Supervisor Luke Stretton (pictured, right) as he prepares to run his sixth London Marathon in April 2026.

This time, he's taking on the challenge in support of the incredible charity Barnardo's with the aim of raising £2,500 for the organisation which helps children across the UK.

Luke has set up a donation page at: [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com).

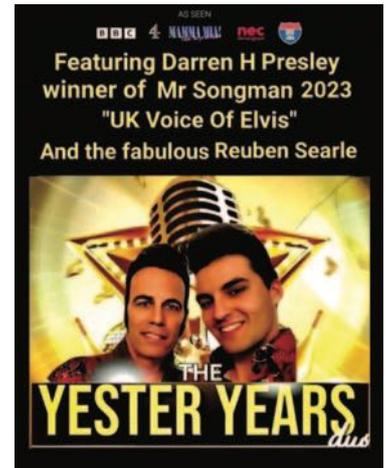
Meanwhile, on Saturday, November 1 the club will be staging a 'Rock The 80s' Night featuring three acts – Lee Stretton performing some top 80s tracks followed by top comedian 'Our Trace' and five-piece band Shellshocked topping the bill on what looks to be a fantastic night.

Tickets are available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) and cost £10.84 each.



Luke Stretton

## News in brief



### Sarisbury Green Social Club members get set to enjoy top Rock 'n' Roll from duo

The Yester Years Duo will be performing at Sarisbury Green Social Club in Hampshire on Sunday, October 19.

Featuring the vocal talents of Darren H. Presley and Reuben Searle, the duo will be singing some of the best classic rock songs of all time from artists such as Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison and Eddie Cochran.



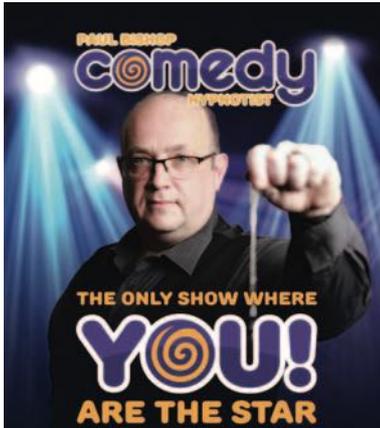
### Wadsley Bridge WMC gets ready for Halloween Spooktacular

Wadsley Bridge Working Men's Club in Sheffield will be staging a Halloween Spooktacular Family Party on Thursday, October 30.

'The Laughing Legends' will be performing their 'Scary Elsa and Beetlejuice' pantomime-style show, alongside plenty of games, photo opportunities, fancy dress competition and sweets.

Tickets are available from the club and cost £4 for adults and £2 for children. The event will run from 6pm-10pm.

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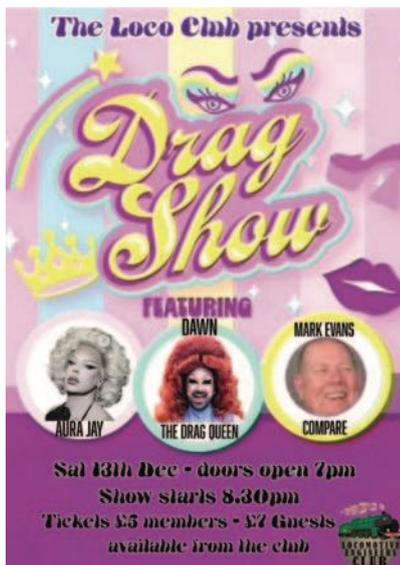


### Wombwell Working Men's Club books date with top stage hypnotist on October 24

Paul Bishop, the highly rated comedy hypnotist, will be appearing at Wombwell Working Men's Club in South Yorkshire on Friday, October 24.

The evening will be in aid of the MAT Charity which provides listening support services for those who are having issues with their mental health.

Tickets cost £3 each.



### Eastleigh Locomotive Engineers Club set for big Drag Show on Saturday, December 13

Tickets are on sale for the Drag Show at the Locomotive Engineers Club ('The Loco') on Saturday, December 13.

The evening will feature Dawn The Drag Queen, Aura Jay and Mark Evans as compere.

Tickets cost £5 for members and £7 for non-members and are available from the club.

Meanwhile, there is plenty of entertainment coming up at the club during October and includes ska outfit The Accelerators playing on Saturday, October 11 and covers band Planet 80 performing on Saturday, October 25.

## Monty Python legend Eric Idle heads to namesake club



Eric Idle outside Idle Working Men's Club in West Yorkshire

Eric Idle, one of the founding members of the Monty Python's Flying Circus comedy troupe, recently paid a visit to Idle Working Men's Club in Bradford, Yorkshire.

The club has enjoyed many celebrity visitors over the years with Johnny Depp, Uri Geller, Lester Piggott and Roger Moore among the famous names who have become honorary members of the club.

## Snodland WMC celebrates its 150th anniversary

Snodland Working Men's Club in Kent marked its 150th anniversary on August 30 with a special party attended by members of all ages.

The day got underway with children's entertainment and a BBQ in the afternoon before live entertainment in the evening from a Dolly Parton tribute artiste.

Members were able to buy a pint for 2p and there was also a raffle with a number of prizes up for grabs.

As an additional incentive, the pool tables were free for the day, adding to a great day at the club.



## Report: Dransfields CIU National Charity Racenight



Pictured, left to right: Mandy Crockford (NEC Member), Jack Haughey CMD ACM (NEC Member), Trevor Roberts (Director of Operations, Dransfields), Handler of winning dog Keady Cashout, Kenneth D Green CMD ACM (Union General Secretary) and Nathan Clarke (NEC Member)

Sheffield's iconic Owlerton Stadium hosted the Dransfields CIU Racenight on Friday, September 26 with club members from across the country gathering to witness an evening of top-class greyhound racing.

There were 12 races in all, including the eighth, the Dransfields CIU National Charity Race, which took place across a distance of 280 metres.

This closely contested battle was won convincingly by Keady Cashout, trained by Paul Prior and owned by Neil Prior.

The winners were presented with their trophy by Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM, Dransfields Director of Operations Trevor Roberts, Nathan Clarke (NEC Member), Mandy Crockford (NEC Member) and Jack Haughey CMD ACM (NEC Member).

General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM said:

“Thanks to all those who came along to Owlerton Stadium to enjoy a night of sporting action and Yorkshire hospitality.

“Many congratulations to Bramley Social Club who won the CIU Sweepstake by correctly picking ‘Trap 5’ in the Dransfields CIU National Charity Race.

“Finally, many thanks to Preferred Supplier Dransfields for their continuing support of this annual event.”



Owlerton Stadium hosted the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday on September 26

## News in brief



### Fantastic turnout for Liphook & Bramshott Social Club's Beer, Music and Food Festival

The Liphook & Bramshott Social Club in Hampshire staged its first-ever Beer, Music and Food Festival in August and enjoyed great support from the local community.

The outdoor event was staged in tandem with the adjoining Village Hall and drew in a huge number of members and non-members alike.



The day ran from 12 midday to 11pm and saw live music, family entertainment, BBQ food and, of course, a selection of cask and keg ales available.



### Ponders End Working Men's Club hosts annual Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Afternoon

On Saturday, September 20 the Ponders End Working Men's Club in North London hosted its annual Coffee Afternoon on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support.

As well as offering coffee, tea, cakes and biscuits, the club ran a quiz and raffle to raise further funds for a fantastic charity which does so much to support those living with cancer, as well as their families.

For more information on Macmillan, visit: [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)



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## Cartshaft WMC stages Wild West Family Hoedown



The Cartshaft Club held its Western Hoedown in August

The Crompton Central WMC in Lancashire – AKA The Cartshaft Club – held a very successful Wild West Family Hoedown in August.

Held in the club's car park, the event saw a variety of Wild West-themed activities taking place, including line dancing, a bucking bronco, BBQ, raffles and tombolas and an all-day DJ.

Fancy dress was the order of the day with members wearing their best cowboy and cowgirl outfits.

With local businesses and individuals donating sponsorship and raffle prizes, the event helped to raise money for the refurbishment of the Pool and Jukebox Room for younger members.



The Hoedown raised funds for the refurbishment of the club's Pool and Jukebox Room

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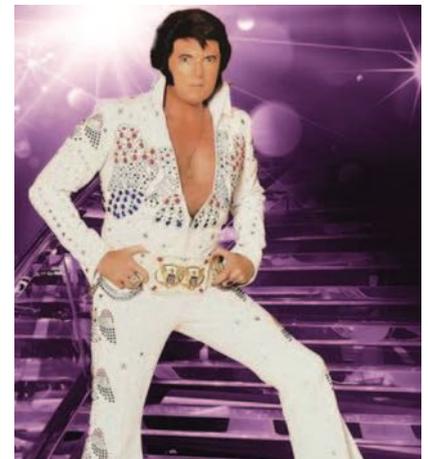


### Freckleton Sports & Social Club welcomes Royle Family star Ricky Tomlinson for Q&A

Legendary actor Ricky Tomlinson was the guest of honour at Freckleton Sports & Social Club in September as the star of *The Royle Family*, Mike Bassett: England Manager and Brookside appeared on the club's stage for a special Q&A session.

The attendees were treated to some fantastic anecdotes from Ricky's long career in showbusiness as well as his time as a plasterer.

Ricky also sang some musical numbers accompanied by event host Asa Murphy.



### Top Elvis tribute act Garry J Foley heading to Frimley Green Social Club in November

The Frimley Green Social Club will be welcoming Elvis tribute act Garry J Foley on Saturday, November 22.

Garry is widely recognised as one of the world's leading Elvis tribute artists, having won an array of awards internationally including the 2019 European Championships.

Tickets are available direct from the club.



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Stanley Roberts – Belvedere Working Men's Social Club

## Branch Executive Award

Leicestershire Branch  
Baz Weir – 10 Years  
Mick Challinor – 21 and 31 Years



The club is a hub for the local community and a place to mark such events as VE Day

## Clacton Railway Social Club, Essex

Founded in 1951, Clacton Railway Social Club in Clacton-on-Sea, Essex is a thriving community venue with something to offer each and every one of its 1,800 members

In the town of Clacton-on-Sea on the Essex coast, situated within the community it has served for over seven decades, stands the Clacton Railway Social Club.

Founded in 1951, the club has undergone a remarkable transformation in recent years, evolving from a traditional members' club for workers on the East Coast Railway into a pulsating hub of community spirit, inclusivity and innovation.

Now, having already been crowned 'Community Club of the Year' at the prestigious Club Mirror Awards in 2023, it is currently in contention for the title of 'CIU Club of the Year' for 2025.



The club runs a Christmas Fayre each year in the build-up to the festive period

Those lucky enough to count themselves as members will understand precisely why this nomination is not just deserved, but a testament to a truly extraordinary team effort on the part of committee and staff – as well as the wholehearted support given to them by the membership.

The club's renaissance can be traced to a pivotal decision in 2019, when the membership voted to officially rebrand as a community club.

This was not merely a change of name, but a fundamental shift in philosophy.

A concerted effort was made to throw the doors open wide, inviting everyone in the community, regardless of background, identity or belief, to find a place where they belong and join the club.

The results have been staggering. Member numbers have swelled by an incredible 700 in the past 12 months alone, reaching a total surpassing the 1,800 mark, with a waiting list testament to its soaring popularity.

This growth is not accidental; it is

the direct result of a vibrant and diverse programme of activities that caters to all ages and interests.

From bingo and chair aerobics to a board games club to a cheese and dominoes group to watching live sport on the club's TV screens, there is scarcely a day without something engaging happening.

The club kitchen provides a vital social lifeline, serving everything from Sunday roasts to themed meals on tribute nights, ensuring the club is a place to dine and connect, as well as somewhere to enjoy an array of quality drinks at the bar, including a selection of well-kept cask ales.

Indeed, the club's spirit of community was highlighted in an episode of the BBC1 documentary series *We Are England* filmed in 2022 which focused on how the club's members view their colleagues as a second family.

This was not the only appearance of the club on national television and two years ago, rapper and comedian Big Narstie visited the venue to get a crash course in darts for an item on his late-



night Channel 4 show.

Darts is certainly a huge part of the club and its forward-thinking ethos has led to the formation of a groundbreaking Youth Darts Academy which takes place each Saturday morning.

Launched in May of last year by none other than Wayne 'Hawaii 501' Mardle, the former professional darts player turned Sky pundit, it has blossomed from a small group of eight children to a thriving community of 50 young people, ranging in ages from eight to 17.



Wayne 'Hawaii 501' Mardle (pictured, second from left) officially opened the club's Darts Academy last year

The club works hard to stage great live entertainment at weekends



“The children taking part have all gained skills in their dart playing, maths and socialising as they share a common interest,” says Club Treasurer Alison Sherman.

Run by dedicated parent and committee volunteers, including Club Secretary Alan Kirkham, the Academy is about more than sport.

“We have been holding fundraising events and have been able to provide

all the players with a club t-shirt,” says Alison.

“We provide competition nights to celebrate the children’s achievements by giving out certificates and trophies and darts equipment to help them practise at home.

“We are a family club, and therefore the families of the children playing come along to help cheer them on and have a bite to eat from our club kitchen.”

It is a holistic approach that nurtures both talent and community bonds, ensuring the club’s future is in safe hands.

The darts tradition is a longstanding one in the club with a number of adult teams successfully competing in the local leagues and tournaments while several junior players are already starting to make an impact on the wider darts scene, their skills nurtured by the club.

This profound sense of care extends to every single member, thanks to one of the club’s most innovative initiatives:

the volunteer Welfare Officer

Held by Neil Aylward, this role is pivotal in ensuring the well-being of the membership.

The committee’s commitment here is deeply personal. “If members become unwell or in need of support, the club committee members will step in to help – providing support such as food hampers, hospital pick-ups and drop-offs, or attend appointments with members if requested to do so,” says Alison.

The support network is comprehensive, from helping with form-filling and benefit applications to visiting vulnerable members who live alone.

“We give cards and flowers, chocolates or vouchers to wish them well when they’re ill,” she says.

This is a club that truly looks after its own, embodying the very best principles of the CIU movement.

The club’s generosity radiates outwards into the wider Tendring community.



Darts is a huge part of club life with a number of teams competing in local leagues and cup tournaments

Its fundraising efforts are relentless and heartfelt, supporting causes close to members' hearts.

Current initiatives include raising funds for Shorefields Primary School, a local school for children with learning disabilities; the Jaywick Mens Club SHED for mental health support; and the charity NEST, which provides beds and bedding for local children in need.

They also consistently raise funds for Macmillan and Dementia UK. Furthermore, the club actively supports local LGBT+ groups, hosting a bi-monthly quiz for them, reinforcing its unwavering commitment to being a space for all.

None of this would be possible without the small army of dedicated volunteers who form the club's committee.

These individuals give their time tirelessly, and their passion is the engine of the club's success.

Alison Sherman is quick to pay tribute to two stalwarts in particular.

The first is Vice-Chairperson Wendy Haywood.

"Wendy is the first face that greets our members daytime and evening," says Alison.

"She helps to support our members individually and has always got time for our members no matter how busy she is.

"Wendy will always be the first to get up on the dance floor in the evenings to encourage others."

"Her role is multifaceted, from running the popular bingo sessions to decorating the hall and helping wherever needed, be it behind the bar or in the kitchen.

"Wendy always has a smile on her face and her warm, approachable aura is such an amazing quality. The club would be lost without her."

The second figure is Club Secretary Alan Kirkham whose dedication knows no bounds.

"Alan goes above and beyond his job description and works at the club seven days a week," says Alison.

"His workload is staggering. He single-handedly sources, arranges, and books all the weekend entertainment – Friday tributes to acts like Elvis and Abba, and Saturday live bands who



now seek out the club for its renowned atmosphere.

"He manages the darts and pool leagues, runs the club's social media, handles memberships, and supports the bar management.

"Alan also gives up his Saturdays to help the Youth Darts Academy.

Alison adds: "Nothing is ever too much for Alan and he is always happy to help. He is a familiar face known by all our members."

The club's physical space reflects this commitment to members.

Recent renovations include a new access ramp with handrails and beautifully revamped toilets with disabled facilities and a baby-changing area, ensuring everyone can enjoy the club in comfort.

As evening falls on a weekend, the Clacton Railway Social Club truly comes alive.

The sound of a live band or a tribute act will usually fill the air, families gather for a meal, and there will be plenty of dancing throughout the

evening.

It is a place where generations can meet, where isolation is replaced with companionship, and where a simple membership card represents a key to a caring, vibrant community.

The CIU Club of the Year award seeks to honour excellence, innovation, and community impact.

In every conceivable way, the Clacton Railway Social Club doesn't just meet this criteria; it defines it.

It is a beacon of what a modern social club can and should be, and a most worthy contender – alongside several other outstanding CIU venues – for the title in 2025.

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# Results of the 'Future of the Union' survey

Our survey shows that CIU members across the country support the proposed changes to the structure of the Union as set out at the 2025 Annual Conference in Blackpool by NEC Member Mark Fergusson CMD ACM

Many thanks to those who took the time to take part in the Future of the Union survey which ran for a number of months.

We have collated all the many responses in order to get a measure of how clubs view the proposed changes to the Union's operations and structure in order to ensure its survival.

NEC Member Mark Fergusson CMD ACM delivered a presentation at the 2025 Annual Meeting back in April in which he warned that financial sustainability and structural inefficiencies threaten the Union's long-term viability – but that decisive action could safeguard its future.

Mr Fergusson, who also serves as South Yorkshire Branch Secretary, outlined some key proposals, including: branch consolidation into larger regional units, downsizing the National Executive Committee (NEC) and implementing standardised accounting systems across all branches to streamline finances.

Your voice has been heard. The survey reveals a powerful consensus: 82.7% of respondents agreed that a radical transformation is essential for our Union to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

This strong mandate is a testament to the Union's

collective ambition.

It would appear that members are committed to ensuring the Union is stronger, more agile and more effective in serving its member clubs.

Meanwhile, over 55% of members have expressed support for a move to a regionalised branch structure which would see existing branches consolidated into regions, thus ensuring there is still a local connection between clubs and their branch.

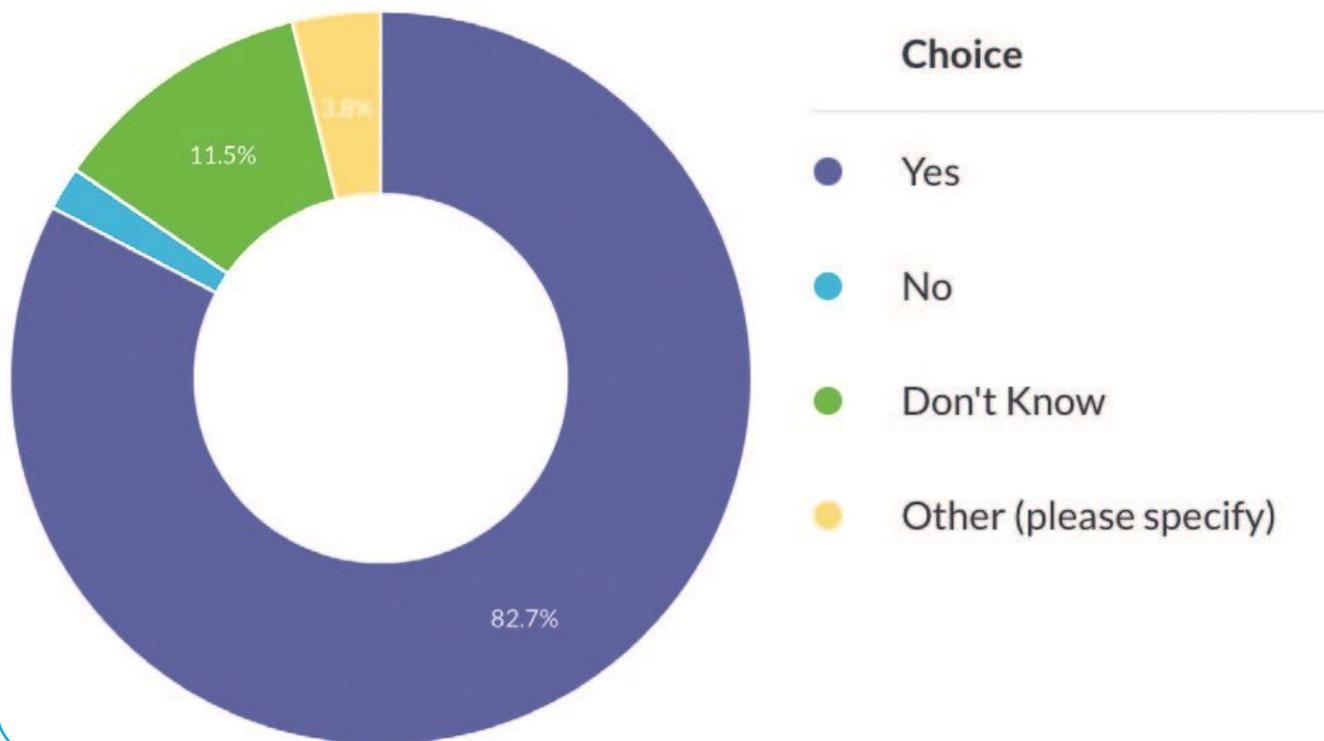
In terms of how branch secretaries should be appointed, over 50% of respondents said that they should be elected by clubs within each regional branch.

Over 60% of respondents agreed that the number of National Executive Committee members should be reduced and that a suitable structure would be General Secretary, President, Vice-President and one representative for each of the regional branches.

Elsewhere, a resounding 75% of respondents said that they would welcome the Award in Club Management (ACM) being available online and 72% of respondents said that the CIU's Rules Department was 'important' to them.

The importance of the CIU's discounted PRS For Music tariff was noted by 72% of respondents.

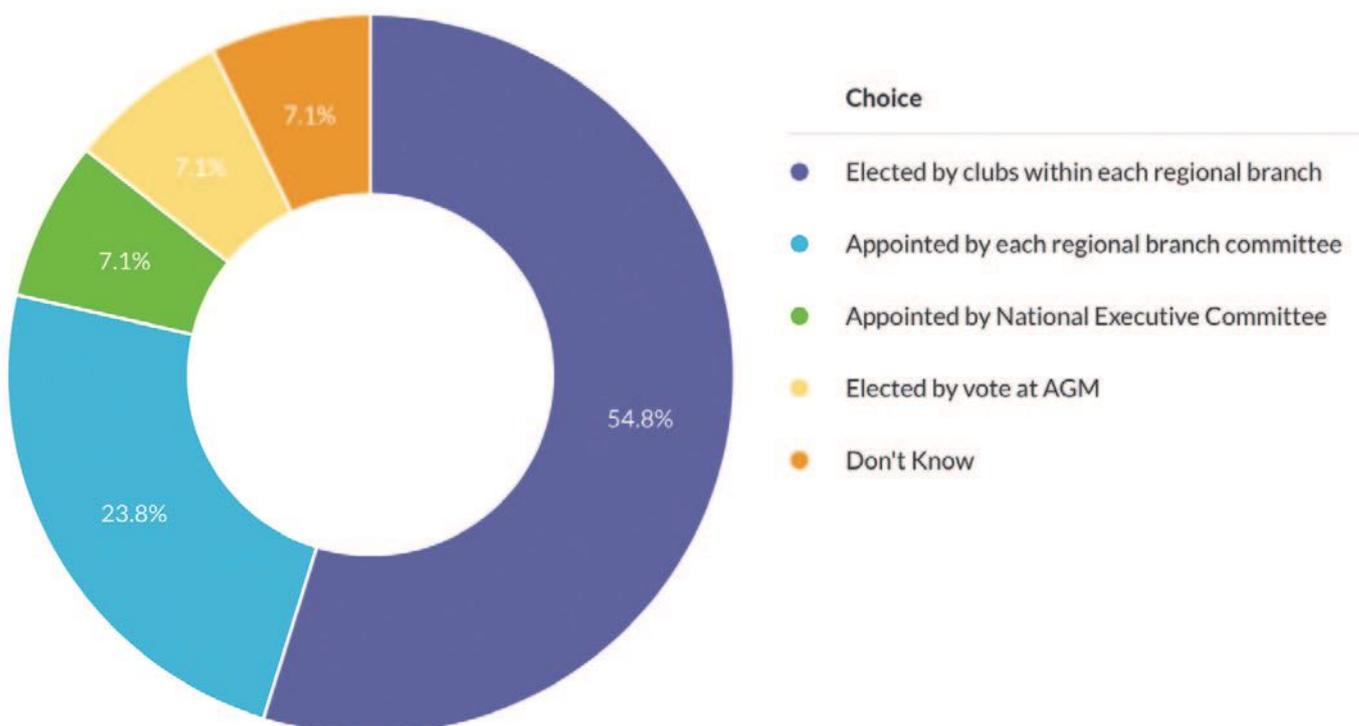
## Do you agree that the Union must undergo a radical transformation in order to fulfill its mission to support its member clubs?



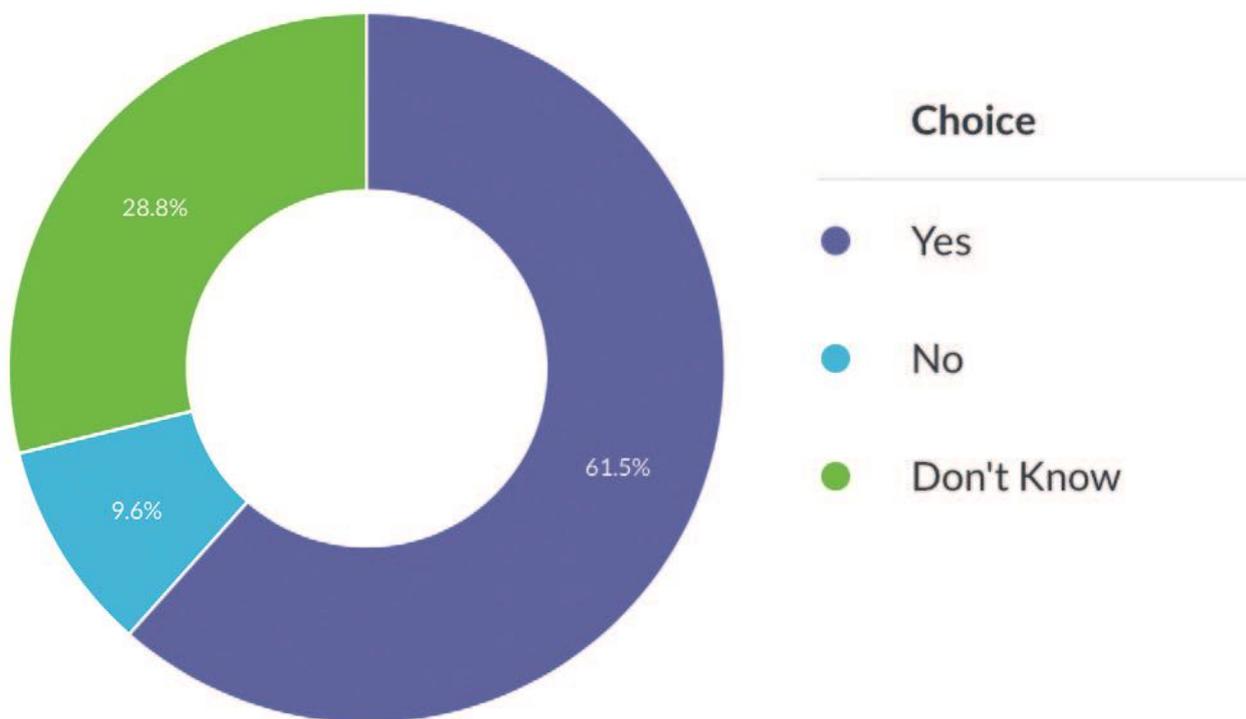
**Are you in favour of restructuring the branches into a regionalised format along the following lines? North East; Yorkshire, Manchester; Midlands; South East and South West**



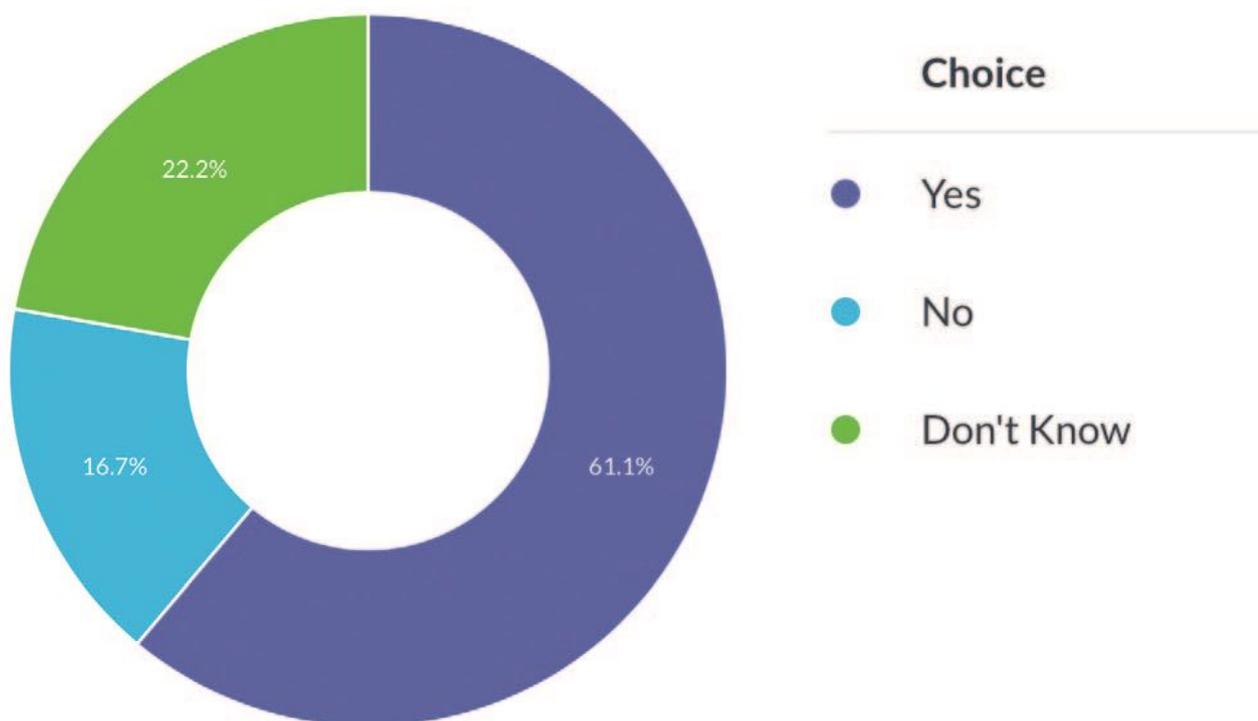
**How do you think Branch Secretaries should be selected?**



**Do you think that there should be fewer members of the National Executive Committee?**



**Would you be in favour of an NEC comprising a General Secretary, President, Vice-President plus one member each representing the six new regional branches?**



## Survey respondents' comments on the Future of the Union

As well as completing the key questions posed by the survey, respondents were invited to include comments pertinent to their clubs and areas. Here is a selection of the comments:

**“The Union as an organisation is no different than our clubs. People have been saying that clubs are going to die out for years because they are old fashioned and don't move with the times but that doesn't have to be the case.**

**“We can all get stuck in our ways (clubs and the Union) but if we take some time to look at what we are doing from the outside the chances are we will see things differently.**

**“Every little saving adds up, look at everything as an outsider and do what's best to repair it and not just look after those involved, even if it means upsetting the apple cart in the short term. It has to be all about what is going to save the Union – full stop!”**

**“Restructuring Durham and Northumberland would mean covering a vast distance from South Durham and the Scottish border.**

**“Also the finances of Durham to the finances of Northumberland are miles apart and would Durham have to carry Northumberland which would drain the resources of Durham Branch.”**

**“The CIU does need restructuring but common sense has to be applied and areas have to be carefully looked at. Clubs like face-to-face meetings and the areas suggested are too large for one person to cover. You could certainly cut the branches in half but to quarter them is not effective in my opinion.”**

**“We feel very much out on a limb here in Norfolk when most events such as racedays, etc. are all up North. However, over my years as Secretary here, the availability of the Branch Secretary has been invaluable to our club.”**

# HQ

## News in brief

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

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

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

Due to increased production and postage costs the price list is under review.

### National Executive Committee dates

The remaining NEC meetings at Head Office for 2025 will take place on:  
October 15&16 and December 3&4.

### CIU Conference 2026 dates

Friday, April 17 – CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition

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

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

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

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

There is also a map facility that is available which enables you to find a CIU club in a particular area.

## Dealing with a sexual harassment complaint

CIU Solicitor **Allyn Walton** gives a step-by-step guide of what to do when your club receives a complaint of sexual harassment

Please note that this is a general guide based on UK law and best practices.

Every case is unique, and it is highly recommended that clubs seek legal advice to ensure they are following a correct and fair procedure, especially in complex or serious cases.

The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) provides excellent guidance and a Code of Practice that employers should follow.

### Step 1: Receive the Complaint

#### • Take it seriously:

Treat all complaints of sexual harassment with seriousness, sensitivity, and confidentiality.

Do not dismiss the complaint or assume it is not serious, regardless of who the person accused is.

#### • Initial meeting:

Meet with the person who has made the complaint. This should be done in a private setting where they feel safe and comfortable.

#### • Listen and record:

Listen carefully to their account and take detailed notes.

This should include dates, times, specific actions or words, and any potential witnesses.

#### • Clarify expectations:

Explain the next steps in the process, including whether the complaint will be handled informally or formally, and what the investigation will involve.

Reassure the employee that you will not tolerate victimisation against them for making a complaint.

• **Offer support:** Provide them with information on support services, such as counselling options.

### Step 2: The Investigation

#### • Appoint an investigator:

A manager or club MC member who is impartial and preferably has been trained in conducting investigations should be appointed.

#### • Maintain confidentiality:

Stress the importance of confidentiality to all parties involved, including the complainant, the person accused, and any witnesses.

#### • Inform the person accused:

Tell the person accused about the complaint against them, providing them with enough detail to respond. They should also be informed that an investigation will be taking place.

- **Gather evidence:**

- **Interview the complainant:**

Conduct a formal interview, allowing them to bring a work colleague or trade union representative.

- **Interview the person accused:**

Conduct a separate, formal interview with the person accused, giving them the right to be accompanied.

- **Interview witnesses:**

Speak to any witnesses privately to gather their accounts.

- **Collect other evidence:**

Collect any relevant documentation, such as emails, messages, CCTV footage or other records, while being mindful of data protection laws and club policy.

- **Handle with care:**

The investigation should be fair and thorough, without presuming guilt or innocence.

### **Step 3: Interim Measures (if necessary)•**

- **Consider suspension:**

In very serious cases, consider temporarily suspending the member/employee accused while the investigation is ongoing.

This is not a punishment and should be done on full pay, where applicable. The primary purpose is to protect the complainant and prevent the possibility of further harassment or a breakdown in working relationships.

- **Do not move the complainant:**

As a rule, do not move the person who made the complaint, as this can be seen as a form of punishment. Any changes to their role or location should only happen if they explicitly request it.

### **Step 4: The Decision**

- **Review all evidence:**

Once the investigation is complete, the investigator should review all the evidence collected.

- **Make a decision:**

Based on the balance of probabilities (which is the standard for workplace disciplinary matters, not the criminal standard of “beyond a reasonable doubt”), decide whether the harassment took place.

- **Communicate the outcome:**

- **To the complainant:** Inform them of the outcome of the investigation and the action (if any) that will be taken.

- **To the person accused:** Inform them of the outcome and any disciplinary action that will be taken.

- **Finalise a report:**

Ideally, create a formal report documenting the entire process, including the evidence, findings, and decision.

### **Step 5: Follow-up and Actions**

- **Disciplinary action:**

If the complaint is upheld, follow your club’s formal disciplinary procedure.

This could range from a verbal or written warning to expulsion, demotion or dismissal, depending on the severity of the harassment.

- **No disciplinary action (if complaint not upheld):**

If the complaint is not upheld, the person who made the complaint should not face disciplinary action unless it is found that the complaint was malicious.

- **Preventing future harassment:**

- Implement training for all staff on sexual harassment, and specific training for managers on their responsibilities.

- Review and update your policies.

- Consider other measures like mediation (if appropriate and agreed to by both parties), or changes to working arrangements to prevent the individuals from having to interact.

- **Manage the aftermath:**

Offer ongoing support to the complainant and, if appropriate, to the person accused. This can include counselling or other forms of assistance. The aim is to rebuild a positive and safe working environment.

### **Legal Considerations**

- **Equality Act 2010:** Sexual harassment is unlawful under the Equality Act 2010.

- **Vicarious Liability:** As an employer, you can be held legally responsible for harassment committed by an employee if you have not taken "all reasonable steps" to prevent it.

- **Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Act 2023:** This legislation places a new positive duty on employers to take reasonable steps to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace.

Failure to do so can lead to an Employment Tribunal increasing compensation by up to 25%.

- **Employment Tribunal:** Employees have the right to take a claim to an Employment Tribunal. In most cases, there is a strict time limit of 3 months minus one day from the date of the last incident.

- **Criminal Offence:** If the behaviour involves sexual assault or rape, it is a criminal offence.

In this case, the employer should discuss with the complainant whether they wish to report the matter to the police and should cooperate with any police investigation, while being careful not to prejudice the ensuing criminal process.

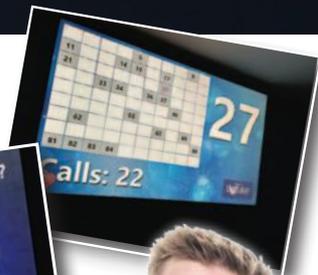
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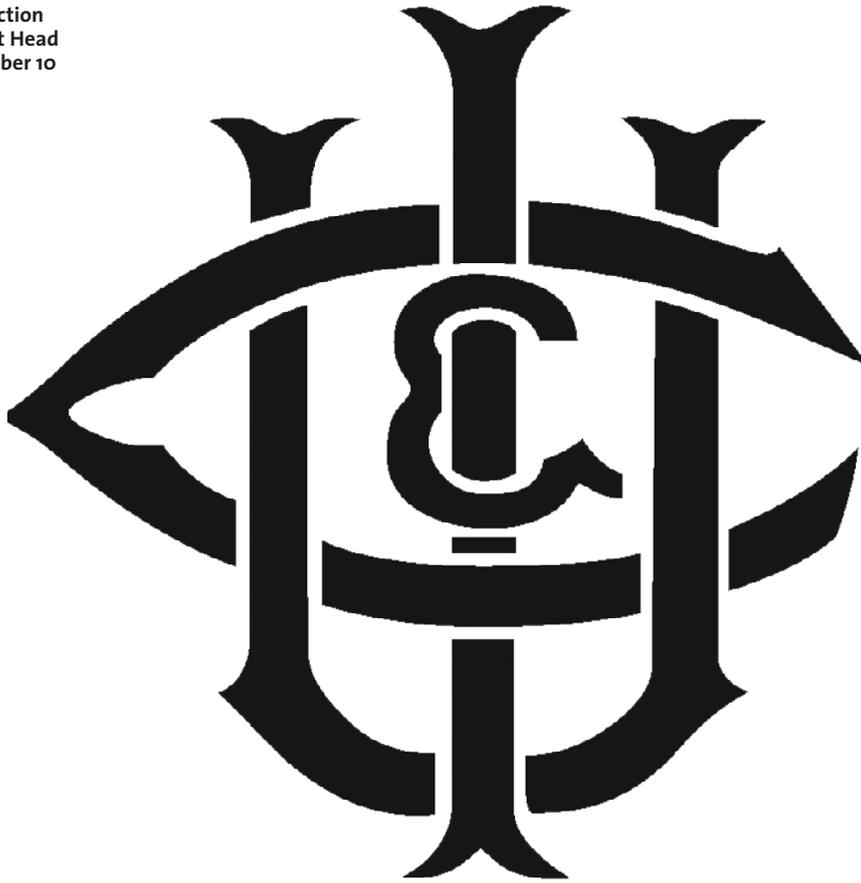
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# CIU Election 2025: Timeline

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Planning for Blackpool continues

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

As we announced last month, Blackpool's Norbreck Castle Hotel will host both the 162nd Annual Meeting and the 34th Beer & Trades Exhibition in April 2026.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



A delegate picks up some CIU-branded giveaways on the Union's stand



Former BDO World Darts Champion Darryl Fitton was part of the Dransfields team in 2025



ACE Furniture brought an impressive array of furniture to the last trade show



Club Control Director Chris McNally and Union Vice-President Bob Russell CMD



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



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



David King, Managing Director of Pure Purchasing (pictured right), talks to delegates at the 2025 trade show



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

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# Buy your ticket for the CIU National Lottery

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

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

The next Draw takes place at 7pm on **Saturday, November 1** and will be a 50/50 Draw which will also see 5% of the total revenue raised going to the winner's club.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

**A:** The Winners receive an email and

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

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

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



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

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



The ACM course is taught by experienced club administrators such as Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM

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

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

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

Once a candidate has completed the course and been examined in all three units through a multiple choice examination at the end of each unit, they receive the ACM.

The course is primarily aimed at

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# WHAT CAN THE CIU DO FOR YOUR CLUB?

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

## Advice and Help for Clubs

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

## Education

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

## Club Journal/Clubjournal.co.uk

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

## Charity

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

## Lobbying on Behalf of Clubs

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

## Rules

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





**Events - CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition**

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

**The CIU Racing Club**

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

**CIU National Lottery Draw**

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

**CIU Official Website**

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

**Events - Dransfield CIU National Charity Raceday**

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

**PRS for Music Tariff**

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



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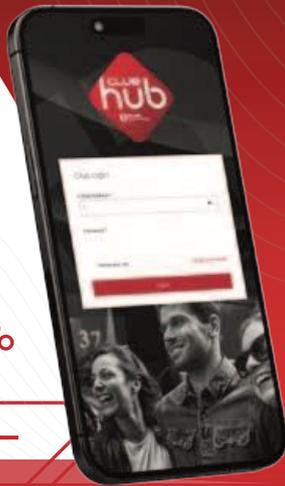


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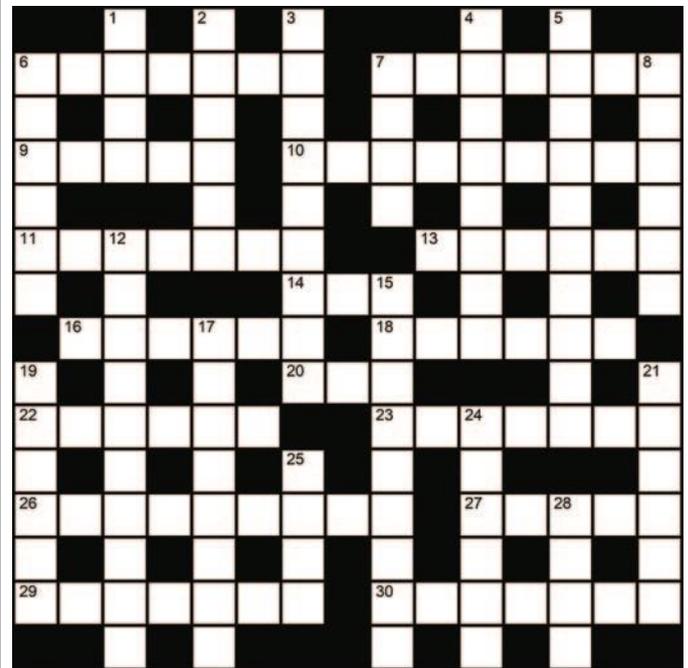
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# Non-stop rugby in November

The Autumn International Series will see England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales taking on the best teams in the southern hemisphere with a total of 22 matches showing on TNT Sports



The Autumn Nations Series returns in 2025, as the world's leading nations from the northern and southern hemispheres go head-to-head in what promises to be a hugely exciting month of rugby union in November.

TNT Sports and discovery+ is the place for fans to watch the action, with England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland set to face the world's best from south of the equator.

There will be a total of 22 of the most eagerly anticipated fixtures of the annual sporting calendar, following hot on the heels of the recent Women's Rugby World Cup and the British & Irish Lions tour of Australia back in July and August.

It all gets underway on November 1 when England host Australia at the Allianz Stadium, Twickenham, before attention turns to Scotland's clash with competition debutants USA at Murrayfield.

The action from a thrilling opening day concludes when Ireland face New Zealand in unfamiliar quarters: Soldier Field in Chicago.

There are then three full weekends of action to look forward to across the remainder of the month. England host the All Blacks on November 15 and Ireland welcome South Africa to Dublin a week later, to name just two of the many blockbuster clashes.

The final match of the series sees Wales face South Africa on November 29 as the home side look for their first win against the Springboks since 2022.

The 2025 instalment of the competition promises plenty of action throughout November and many rugby fans will be heading to their club to witness the drama.

## Autumn Nations Series

### Saturday, November 1

England v Australia – 3.10pm  
Scotland v USA – 5.40pm  
Ireland v New Zealand – 8.10pm

### Saturday, November 8

Ireland v Japan – 12.40pm  
Scotland v New Zealand – 3.10pm  
England v Fiji – 5.40pm

Italy v Australia – 5.40pm  
France v South Africa – 8.10pm

### Sunday, November 9

Wales v Argentina – 3.10pm

### Saturday, November 15

Italy v South Africa – 12.40pm  
England v New Zealand – 3.10pm  
Wales v Japan – 5.40pm  
Ireland v Australia – 8.10pm  
France v Fiji – 8.10pm

### Sunday, November 16

Scotland v Argentina – 3.10pm

### Saturday, November 22

Wales v New Zealand – 3.10pm  
Ireland v South Africa – 5.40pm  
Italy v Samoa – 8.10pm  
France v Australia – 8.10pm

### Sunday, November 23

Scotland v Tonga – 1.40pm  
England v Argentina – 4.10pm

### Saturday, November 29

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Wednesday, October 1, 5.45pm, TNT Sports  
**UEFA Champions League: Saint-Gilloise v Newcastle United**

The Magpies head to Union Saint-Gilloise to take on the Belgian champions on their home turf. Having got their 2025/26 Champions League campaign underway with an away trip to European powerhouse Barcelona, Newcastle should have little to fear against the Brussels-based outfit.



Monday, October 6, 7pm, Sky Sports  
**Darts: World Grand Prix**

Leicester's Mattioli Arena is the venue for the World Grand Prix which is played on the 'double in, double out' rule requiring the players to score 501 points to win a leg, beginning with as well as finishing on either a double or the bullseye – the only 'double in' tournament on the PDC circuit. The 2024 edition was won by Belgian sharpshooter Mike De Decker.



Tuesday, October 14, 7.45pm – ITV  
**FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier: Latvia v England**  
Latvia achieved its greatest success in 2004, when the team qualified for the UEFA European Championship – the nation's only major tournament appearance. Latvia came close to reaching the FIFA World Cup on several occasions, most notably during the 2010 qualification campaign. England will be aiming to obtain full points from this qualifying tie.

# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

There's a feast of live sport coming up in October, including ties from the Premier League, UEFA Champions League and World Cup Qualifiers, plus the Super League Grand Final and the Darts World Grand Prix

Wednesday, October 1, 5.45pm, TNT Sports

**UEFA Champions League: League Phase – Saint-Gilloise v Newcastle United**

Wednesday, October 1, 8pm, TNT Sports

**UEFA Champions League: League Phase – Arsenal v Olympiakos**

Wednesday, October 1, 8pm, TNT Sports

**UEFA Champions League: League Phase – Monaco v Manchester City**

Thursday, October 2, 5.45pm, TNT Sports

**UEFA Conference League: League Phase – Dynamo Kiev v Crystal Palace**

Thursday, October 2, 8pm, TNT Sports

**UEFA Europa League: League Phase – Feyenoord v Aston Villa**

Friday, October 3, 7.45pm, TNT Sports

**Gallagher Prem Rugby Union: Bath v Sale Sharks**

Friday, October 3, 8pm, Sky Sports

**Super League: Semi-Final 1**

Friday, October 3, 8pm, Sky Sports

**Championship Football: Wrexham v Birmingham City**

Friday, October 3, 8pm, Sky Sports

**Premier League: AFC Bournemouth v Fulham**

Saturday, October 4, 12.30pm, TNT Sports

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

Saturday, October 4, 3pm, TNT Sports

**Gallagher Prem Rugby Union: Leicester Tigers v Harlequins**

Saturday, October 4, 5.30pm, Sky Sports

**Premier League: Chelsea v Liverpool**

Saturday, October 4, 5.30pm, Sky Sports

**Super League: Semi-Final 2**

Sunday, October 5, 1pm, Sky Sports

**Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix**

Sunday, October 5, 2pm, Sky Sports

**Premier League: Brentford v Manchester City**

Sunday, October 5, 3pm, TNT Sports

**Gallagher Prem Rugby Union: Gloucester v Northampton Saints**

Sunday, October 5, 4.30pm, Sky Sports

**Premier League: Brentford v Manchester City**

Monday, October 6, 6pm, Sky Sports

**Darts: World Grand Prix – Day 1**

Tuesday, October 7, 7pm, Sky Sports

**Darts: World Grand Prix – Day 2**

Wednesday, October 8, 7pm, Sky Sports

**Darts: World Grand Prix – Day 3**

Thursday, October 9, 7pm, Sky Sports

**Darts: World Grand Prix – Day 4**

Thursday, October 9, 7.45pm, ITV

**Football: International Friendly – England v Wales**

F1: Singapore Grand Prix, Sunday,  
October 5, 1pm, Sky Sports F1



Sunday, October 12, 8pm, Sky Sports  
**Darts: World Grand Prix – Day 7**

Friday, October 10, 7.45pm, TNT  
Sports  
**Gallagher Prem Rugby Union:  
Sale Sharks v Newcastle Red Bulls**

Saturday, October 11, 1pm, ITV  
**Horse Racing: Future Champions  
Day, Newmarket**

Saturday, October 11, 3pm, TNT  
Sports  
**Gallagher Prem Rugby Union:  
Northampton Saints v Leicester  
Tigers**

Saturday, October 11, 5.30pm, Sky  
Sports Football  
**League Two Football: Oldham  
Athletic v Barrow AFC**

Saturday, October 11, 6pm, Sky  
Sports  
**Super League: Grand Final**

Saturday, October 11, 8pm, Sky  
Sports  
**Darts: World Grand Prix – Day 6**

Saturday, October 11, 8pm, Sky  
Sports  
**Darts: World Grand Prix – Day 6**

Monday, October 13, 7.45pm, BBC1  
Wales  
**FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier:  
Wales v Belgium**

Tuesday, October 14, 5.30pm, Sky  
Sports Football  
**EFL Trophy Group Stage:  
Blackpool v Nottingham Forest**

Tuesday, October 14, 7.45pm, ITV  
**FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier:  
Latvia v England**

Friday, October 17, 8pm, Sky Sports  
Football  
**Championship Football:  
Middlesbrough v Ipswich Town**

Saturday, October 18, 12.30pm, ITV  
**Horse Racing: British Champions  
Day, Ascot**

Saturday, October 18, 12.30pm, TNT  
Sports  
**Premier League: Nottingham  
Forest v Chelsea**

Saturday, October 18, 3pm, TNT  
Sports  
**Gallagher Prem Rugby Union:  
Leicester Tigers v Bath**

Saturday, October 18, 5.30pm, Sky  
Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Fulham v  
Arsenal**

Saturday, October 18, 5.30pm,  
TNT Sports  
**Gallagher Prem Rugby Union:  
Saracens v Sale Sharks**

Sunday, October 19, 2pm, Sky  
Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Tottenham  
Hotspur v Aston Villa**

Sunday, October 19, 4.30pm, Sky  
Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: Liverpool v  
Manchester United**

Sunday, October 19, 7pm,  
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**Formula 1: USA Grand Prix**

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UEFA Champions League: Eintracht Frankfurt v Liverpool, Wednesday, October 22, 8pm, TNT Sports



Monday, October 20, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League  
**Premier League: West Ham United v Brentford**

Tuesday, October 21, 8pm, TNT Sports  
**UEFA Champions League: League Phase – Arsenal v Atlético Madrid**

Tuesday, October 21, 8pm, TNT Sports  
**UEFA Champions League: League Phase – Arsenal v Atlético Madrid**

Tuesday, October 21, 8pm, TNT Sports  
**UEFA Champions League: League Phase – Newcastle United v Benfica**

Tuesday, October 21, 8pm, TNT Sports  
**UEFA Champions League: League Phase – Villarreal v Manchester City**

Wednesday, October 22, 8pm, TNT Sports  
**UEFA Champions League: League Phase – Chelsea v Ajax**

Wednesday, October 22, 8pm, TNT Sports  
**UEFA Champions League: League Phase – Eintracht Frankfurt v Liverpool**

Wednesday, October 22, 8pm, TNT Sports  
**UEFA Champions League: League Phase – Monaco v Tottenham Hotspur**

Wednesday, October 22, 8pm, Sky Sports Football  
**Championship Football: Sheffield Wednesday v Middlesbrough**

Thursday, October 23, 5.45pm, TNT Sports  
**UEFA Europa League: League Phase – Go Ahead Eagles v Aston Villa**

Thursday, October 23, 8pm, TNT Sports

**UEFA Conference League: League Phase – Crystal Palace v AEK Larnaca**

Thursday, October 23, 8pm, TNT Sports

**UEFA Europa League: League Phase – Nottingham Forest v FC Porto**

Friday, October 24, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League

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

Friday, October 24, 8pm, Sky Sports Football

**Championship Football: Preston North End v Sheffield United**

Saturday, October 25, 12.30pm, Sky Sports Football

**Championship Football: Ipswich Town v West Bromwich Albion**

Saturday, October 25, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Manchester United v Brighton & Hove Albion**

Saturday, October 25, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Brentford v Liverpool**

Sunday, October 26, 2pm, Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Aston Villa v Manchester City**

Sunday, October 26, 4.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Everton v Tottenham Hotspur**

Sunday, October 26, 7pm, Sky Sports F1

**Formula 1: Mexico Grand Prix**

Friday, October 31, 8pm, Sky Sports Football

**Championship: Wrexham v Coventry City**

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