

# CLUB JOURNAL

THE PAPER FOR ALL C.I.U. MEMBERS

CIU backs plan to tackle public drunkenness

## UNION SAYS YES TO MINIMUM PRICING

### Mac dies aged 68



THE Union's former Convalescent Homes and Education Secretary David Macdonald has died at the age of 68.

"Mac" joined the Union's staff in 1958 at the age of 16 and retired in 2004 after 46 years at Head Office.

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THE Union has responded to Home Office proposals on licensing by backing the new Government's plan to stop below-cost sales of alcohol.

The coalition is aiming to tackle public drunkenness and to end 24-hour licensing. The Union has pointed out in its response to the Government that our member clubs are not part of the "binge drinking" culture and have their own disciplinary procedures. We believe drinking in well-ordered premises where older people can show youngsters how to handle alcohol and be an active part of their community should be encouraged.

**By Mick McGlasham**  
GENERAL SECRETARY

The Home Office issued a consultation document in July and asked the Union among others for a response. The consultation highlights the need for a change to the practice of below-cost sales of alcohol which is, if successfully implemented, something that clubs will welcome – although "cost price" needs to be defined.

This underlines the continuing importance of the Union on the national stage despite our crippling financial problems, which have now led to more redundancies at Head Office including the closure of the Legal Department. The Union's advice and negotiating power save our clubs a fortune and it is critical that clubs either agree to honour the spirit of our rules – "that all members shall buy a Pass Card" – or that a realistic system of funding is found. The current

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THE Union was once again represented at this year's Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

Every three years we receive invita-

tioners Colin Howroyd and Mark Brewer and Assistant General Secretary Maxine Murphy.

Pictured (left to right) are Rita and

### By Royal Appointment

tions for three people and their partners to attend the party in the grounds of the palace and this year they were taken up by National Executive mem-

bers Colin Howroyd, Maxine Murphy and her partner Chris Page and Ann and Mark Brewer.

### Stars rock the club



The Manic Street Preachers performing at Hammersmith Club.

THE Manic Street Preachers chose the Hammersmith Club in West London to launch their new album with a concert for 250 people.

Frontman James Dean Bradfield had been impressed by the club when he attended a 40th birthday party. Full story – Page 4.

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### SKY jack up their prices

ALL member clubs will be aware that the Union has been in continued discussion with Sky regarding their fees – this year some clubs have informed us that their annual charges have almost doubled.

A meeting earlier in the year gave very encouraging signs that Sky recognised our clubs are not-for-profit and community-based. Our latest meeting last month was very disappointing, however, and I can report that the new Sky package and fee structure introduced in late August does not take into account our own or the whole of CORCA's requests for some special consideration with regard to fees.

We have always supported Sky in their attempts to halt the spread of illegal satellite viewing cards and will continue to do so until the legality or otherwise is settled in the European Court of Justice. We are, however, very disappointed that similar support, or understanding of member clubs, has not been returned.

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# CLUBS RECOGNISE YEARS OF SERVICE



LEEDS Branch President John Degan visited Tinchill & Cookridge Social Club and presented a Long Service Award to Committee member Barry Edwards.

Barry is also pictured with Club Secretary Terry Payne (left) and Treasurer Peter Towler.



NEWCASTLE Labour Club Treasurer Ken Wilkes celebrated the first of a hat trick of milestones when he was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by Northumberland Branch Secretary Dave Richardson.

Ken joined the Committee in 1970, then in 1974 became Sports Secretary. He was elected Vice-Chairman in

1979 and then Treasurer in 1992.

Later this month he celebrates his 70th birthday on September 16 and his Golden Wedding with his wife Lilian the following day.

Pictured (left to right) are: Club Secretary Bob Wealands, Ken Wilkes, Dave Richardson and Chairman Nicky Jardine.



WAKEFIELD Branch Secretary Gordon Winn visited Outwood & District WMC and presented Certificates of Merit to Club Vice-President Gerald Beane and Committee member Philip Stephen Benson in front of a concert room full of members.

Pictured (left to right) are: Philip Stephen Dobson, Gordon Winn, Gerald Beane and Club President Ronnie Simpson.

Ken Green, Branch Secretary of the neighbouring South Yorkshire Branch, made the short trip to Barnsley Central Club along with Vice-President William Ingram and presented a full set of awards. President Michael Silcock received a Certificate of Merit, Secretary Gary Bray a Long Service Award and Treasurer Gerald Owen a Distinguished Service Award.



HAREHILLS Labour Club Committee member Hilda Rangely receives the Long Service Award from Leeds Branch President John Degan (left) watched by Club President Mally Rider.

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# CHILDREN CATCH A PERFECT DAY

CHILDREN from a special school in Coventry had a perfect day – thanks to good weather and the efforts of anglers from a local social club.

Fourteen members of the Angling Section at the Unicorn Social Club again made the effort to give one-to-one attention to the children from the Exhall Grange School & Science College, which caters for children with a range of physical handicaps and learning difficulties.

The club gave the children breakfast at a café then took them fishing to the lakes at Blythe Waters near Solihull where there are good facilities for wheelchairs.

This is the fourth year that members have given up a day for the children and after the wet weather of previous years Angling Section Chairman Gez Dollard was delighted to see a sunny day.

“The weather could not have been better. We all caught fish by the end and instead of umbrellas we had sun cream and ice lollies.”

The children were also given pop, cakes and fruit donated by engineering company Cam Tec and each of them received a trophy presented by the fisherman that looked after them.

The club was also helped by volunteer teachers from the school; British Waterways, who allowed them a free licence for the day; Gail from Blythe Waters Café, who looked after everybody on the day, and Susan Carr, who raised money with a raffle at the club.



Unlike last year the weather allowed the children and anglers to pose for a picture. Below: two members show a disabled boy how to fish.



## Grand night of C&W

MINSTER WMC on the Isle of Sheppey in Kent raised £1,026 for Help for Heroes with a Country & Western evening.

As well as being entertained by local singer Pat Cash, there was a Country & Western disco run by Tony Akehurst and a grand raffle.

Organisers Tracey Barnes and Ivan Webster are pictured with some of the raffle prizes.

## Concert to help Amy

PARK Social Club in Doncaster, known as the Waggies is raising money to help send a seriously ill teenager to the United States for treatment.

Amy Kennedy, the 13-year-old granddaughter of club members John and Ann Angel, has been diagnosed with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, which leaves her with crippling pain, unable to leave her bed or have doors or windows open.

Amy's family have set up a website [www.helpamy.com](http://www.helpamy.com) and are raising money to send her to the South Texas Innovative Medicine Clinic where Dr Donald Rhodes has had similar patients walking round within a few weeks.

They have already held a hog roast at Thorne Coronation Club and attracted support from singer Peter Andre.

The Waggies club is staging a concert, put on by its regular jam session musicians on Friday, October 22, and is also holding a raffle. Treasurer Peter Cresswell said: “We would like to see Amy treated as soon as possible so she can have some sort of life back.”

“People who live too far away to attend can make donations or buy raffle tickets from me via email: [pete.cresswell@sky.com](mailto:pete.cresswell@sky.com) or our website [www.waggies.org.uk](http://www.waggies.org.uk)”

Amy first complained of knee pain around the age of seven but was never diagnosed despite several trips to the doctor, MRI scans and X-rays.

It was only after she fell awkwardly in January 2009 at a dancing class that her condition got worse.



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Ian Pratt celebrates his win.

## VIVA LAS VEGAS!

### Club's poker nights lead to ace prize

A CLUB that gambled on holding poker nights has seen a great return and one of its members has even been able to celebrate with a trip to Las Vegas.

Washington Station Club, known as the Westwood Club, has had a tremendous boost in recent months with more than 30 people regularly attending its Thursday night sessions.

"It's been a great boost for the club," says Durham Branch Secretary Brian Young, who is also Club Secretary. "It's been really popular and proved a great success."

The nights have been particularly popular with club member Ian Pratt, who won a trip to Las Vegas from organisers Pokerinthepub. After playing at the club he qualified for a regional final in Newcastle which led to the national final in Liverpool. The top

eight players then won the chance to spend a week in Las Vegas with spending money and to contest the overall competition final in the famous gaming room of the six-star Wynn Hotel. The competition was eventually won by scientist Mariata Jutson from Plymouth.

The Westwood Club, which confusingly is in the same street as the Washington Station Celtic Club, celebrated its centenary over the August Bank Holiday, and Brian hopes the poker nights will help it to thrive well into its second century.

- NEW Meadow Street Labour Club in Preston celebrates its centenary this month with a special four-day offer from Thursday, September 16 to Sunday, September 19.

The club will have special artistes every night and beer at £1 a pint.

### Jobs are lost at Head Office

IN light of the Union's financial position the National Executive Committee had to make the unsavoury decision recently to cut expenditure. Three more posts at the Union's Head Office have been made redundant – a cut of nearly 20 per cent of the workforce.

The decision was not made in haste and the Executive and myself had to take a long hard look at the organisation of staff within Head Office concluding that unfortunately we had to lose the Legal Department.

It was also decided that both positions as Personal Assistant to the Assistant General Secretary and myself were no longer required and one position of Office Administrator was introduced. This resulted in three individuals leaving the Union's employment – Janice Merkelt, the Union Solicitor; Etta Hinds, the Legal Secretary; and Rosalind Willmore the Assistant General Secretary's Personal Assistant and Arbitration Secretary.

## USE IT OR LOSE IT

THE Union's recent national agreement with Walkers Snacks (PepsiCo) is becoming very popular among clubs around the country and we would urge member clubs to contact Account Executive Angie Sparling on 07740 640425 or [angie.sparling@intl.pepsico.com](mailto:angie.sparling@intl.pepsico.com)

Speak to your local Walkers deliv-



ery person and ensure that the CIU is listed as the group your club wishes to trade under. Walkers will require a letter on your club's headed paper indicating that you wish to trade under the Union's agreement.

The Union has negotiated an excellent deal – use it or lose it.



The Hammersmith Club's Victorian Green Room where the Manic Street Preachers performed.

### A MANIC NIGHT IN THE CONCERT ROOM

SINGER James Dean Bradfield went to a party at a CIU club – and he was so impressed he decided to go back there with his band, rock supergroup The Manic Street Preachers.

The Welsh songsters chose to launch their new album "Postcards from a Young Man" with a "secret" gig in front of 250 fans, journalists and celebrities at

Hammersmith Club in West London. "It's a great boost for the club," said Club Secretary Alan Brodrick. "We're hoping it'll lead on to other things. Our concert room is a beautiful venue with a fantastic stage and it's a perfect size for up-and-coming bands."

The club used to be housed in a mansion near the Thames called Kent House. It was sold to a property developer and the club is continuing in what was its old snooker hall and dance hall.

Earlier this year the club hosted a 40th birthday party for the band's agent, which was attended by James Dean Bradfield.

"I got a phone call from the agent afterwards," said Alan. "He'd been impressed and said he might be able to get me some business. A couple of days later he explained who would be playing. We just took it all in our stride."

Alan, who's 63, added: "They're not really my cup of tea. I was a lot more excited when The Clash re-formed for a gig here."

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**CHEERS!** (L-R): Barman Roy Churcher, Heineken UK Business Development Manager Steve Smith and Treasurer John Topp raise a glass to the future success of their business partnership at the Hampshire club



**QUALITY AND VALUE:** Barman Roy Churcher says members are enjoying top quality pints at a very competitive price

Trade has increased significantly at Burley Club near Ringwood in Hampshire since it approached Heineken UK for advice on how best to recover from a downward spiral and falling membership numbers.

Founded in 1945, for some years the club had been run almost entirely by the Chairman but, on his retirement, it was clear that a more business-like approach was needed, with responsibilities being shared and delegated across all aspects of managing a club.

While still trading with another beer supplier, Club Steward Matthew Newbury called on Steve Smith, Heineken UK Business Development Manager, to address the members and carry out a review of the club's operations.

According to Club Treasurer John Topp, it was following meetings with Heineken UK that a decision was made to change suppliers and begin the process of spreading the load of running the club.

"We once had a membership of 800, but over the past few years this has dropped to around 450, which is, of course, very bad for business!"

"We set up two elected Committees - Finance and Entertainment - with our Steward Matthew acting as negotiator with suppliers and members and looking after the day-to-day running of the club, but we still needed professional advice on how best to turn the business around.

"Working alongside Steve, we all now have individual responsibilities but still work as a team to enhance the members' enjoyment of the club

at the same time as increasing turnover.

"On the entertainment front, we have teams in the local snooker and darts leagues as well as a pool team in the winter leagues. Our function room is available for private parties and discos and we are looking to increase the number of live music nights and introducing Race Nights, quizzes and Casino Nights over the coming months.

"We have contracted out our kitchen to a friend of the club who sources local produce to cook up some great food at lunchtimes and weekends and he even provides a takeaway service for those who require it. The food side of the business has already brought in new members and it is proving so popular - not only with the many holidaymakers in and around Ringwood during the summer months - but also other club groups like the Royal British Legion and WI - that we offer 'member-for-a-day' passes so they can enjoy a pint and a meal.

"The benefits we have already seen of working with Heineken UK are numerous. A review of current suppliers found their rates uncompetitive. Heineken, however, stepped in with a deal which significantly improved value for members. The company also gets involved in promotions such as Heineken UK's 'Best Seat in the House' World Cup promotion and we, as a Committee have a new partner in the shape of our Business Development Manager Steve Smith.

"Steve has proved by his regular telephone calls, visits and unquestionable knowledge of the club sector that he lives up to his job title and you get just what it says on the tin! He didn't just come here to get a supply agreement, he is here to help us run and manage the club's business and offer us ways of attracting new members through promotions and branded activities and, acting upon his advice and

support, we are seeing improvements across the business.

"We are looking to build on our new business partnership with Heineken UK and would have no hesitation in recommending the company to other clubs who may be in difficulty in the current economic climate," says John.

Heineken UK Business

Development Manager Steve Smith says: "It's good to see that clubs can survive when they are prepared to be open-minded and accept the advice and support Heineken UK is in a position to offer.

"I am delighted that the introduction of our brands and any contribution I have made to develop the business is paying dividends and I look forward to continuing to work alongside the club's officials well into the future."



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# LIVELY NIGHT COMPLETES LINE-UP



Champions Newbottle WMC (left to right): Tony Gold, Dave Taylor, Mick Frith and Bill Eddy are pictured with Northumberland Branch President Alan Hardy, Cathrine Moore, Branch Secretary Dave Richardson and Steven Charlton from national sponsors Freeclaim IDC.

## Still time for the CMD

THE Union has dropped its deadline for members planning to take the highly-regarded CMD course. The course in club management is a correspondence course, normally carried out over six months, culminating in exams in Club Law and Administration and Club Accountancy in April or May.

Enrolment forms are available from the Education Department, Club & Institute Union, 253-254 Upper Street, London N1 1RY or from last month's issue of *Club Journal*. The enrolment fee is £31. For more information ring Maria Barry on 020 7226 0221. We are also holding two autumn schools at Saltburn, sponsored by Heineken UK. The Club Law and Administration Weekend is from Friday, October 8 to Sunday, October 10; the Club Finance Weekend is from Friday, November 12 to Sunday, November 14. Each course costs £60 and you can use the form on this page to book either course.

### LECTURE TIME

**September 11:** Rothwell WMC, Leeds Branch. John Tobin, Open Forum.  
**September 25:** Pennyraig Labour Club, South Wales Branch. John Vanderwolfe, Employment Law.

THE last three places have been claimed in the final of this month's Freeclaim IDC/CIU National Quiz Final in Derby.

A lively evening at Lemington Social Club in Newcastle saw Newbottle WMC near Sunderland finish first, ahead of rivals Gosforth Empire Club, three of whose team also compete against them in the Sunderland Quiz League.

Another local rivalry saw Lemington Labour Club, who have hosted the North East heat in the past make the short trip down the hill to "the bottom club" to clinch a place in the final by finishing third. The Social Club didn't live up to their nickname as their B team finished eighth and their A team won the £20 consolation prize for finishing second bottom, and that was despite being handicapped as they'd attended a Committee member's wake at the club in the afternoon.

The regional final, which was co-sponsored by Bissett Kenning & Newiss, was attended by several members of the Northumberland Branch Executive including National Executive member Sid Hicks. In his introduction organiser Chris Brewis said he



Paul McGarrity of Innisfree Social Club is presented with his spot prize by Cathrine Moore.

had recently heard of clubs in the South where the attitude of some Club Secretaries meant even Committee members had not heard of *Club Journal* and did not know about the Union's extensive games programme despite every club being sent a poster.

Fortunately this was not the case in Northumberland because of the work of the Branch Executive members. A determined effort by the Branch and by Club Secretary Tom Satterthwaite meant seven teams entered this year's quiz who were not at last year's

quiz and two of them, Innisfree Social from Newcastle and Relton Terrace Club from Chester-le-Street won £40 by being the top scorers from outside the top three in the sport and TV &

### Kama Sutra

Films rounds. They were also among the winners of the spot prizes for the closest guess to such questions as "How many chapters are there in the *Kama Sutra*?" – which was answered exactly. (There are 36).

The top three from each of the six regional finals – at Blackpool (North West), Leatherhead (South East), Northampton (Midlands), Newport (South Wales & West of England), Normanton (Yorkshire) and Newcastle – have qualified for the final at Alvaston & Crewton Mens Social Club at 1pm on Sunday, September 12, where the top prize is £500, courtesy of national sponsors Freeclaim IDC, the company behind the CIU Benefit Card. The final is also being co-sponsored by The Co-operative Bank.



CHARTERED SURVEYORS

## Finalists ~

THE 18 qualifiers for the final are:

- Sydney Street WMC A, Accrington
- Sydney Street WMC B, Accrington
- Hampton Road Social Club, Blackpool
- Ashford Road B, Swindon
- New Haw Social, Weybridge
- Epsom Common WMC, Surrey
- Radford Social Club, Coventry
- Stoke Ex-Servicemen's, Coventry
- Ashford Road A, Swindon
- Trefelin WMC, Port Talbot
- Maesglas Sports A, Newport
- Maesglas Sports D, Newport
- Smauthorne Lane, Castleford
- Lindley WMC, Huddersfield
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Date of Birth : \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation : \_\_\_\_\_

Position at present held in Club (if any ?): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you any physical disability ? : \_\_\_\_\_  
 (for accommodation purposes only)

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a) In what year ? \_\_\_\_\_ b) School Name / Venue \_\_\_\_\_

Are you/or have you previously enrolled for the CMD Course ? YES/NO (delete as applicable)

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Club Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

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## HOLIDAY AND CONVALESCENT CENTRES

*Valda Edmunds*

29 with a visit to a local club. The Centre also stages a Hallowe'en Ball on Saturday, October 30.

To book, call the Centre on (01287) 622 008 and don't forget to bring fancy dress!



Staff members Jayson Copeland and Tracy Collantine get in the Hallowe'en mood at a previous Saltburn party.



Members of the North East Metropolitan Branch Executive and their wives regularly pay for a stay at Saltburn and they are pictured in the lounge.

## LETTERS ♦ ♦ ♦

# MP's column is not inspiring

Dear Sir,

THE arrival of the July edition, with its front page asking us all to encourage our MPs to participate in the Parliamentary Group arrived coincidentally in the same week as the first visit of our new MP to this club. I was minded to present her with a copy furthering your invitation but then recalled the joint-chairman's column inside the same edition.

While I acknowledge my own expectations may be high in anticipating some incisive comment on the shiny new Government's divisive education policies; debate as to Government policy on alcohol pricing and opening hours or a campaign to free clubs from the burdens of corporation tax and business rates, I hoped something vaguely relevant might encourage a new MP to the cause. Instead we have waffle about clamping, insipid humour about TV magazine typing errors and obscure science-fiction trivia.

New MPs must be queuing up. This is not inspiring.

Yours sincerely,  
Neal Terry,  
Treasurer,

Innisfree Social Club, Newcastle

Greg Knight MP replies:

I AM sorry that Mr Terry did not appreciate my last column. He is, of course, entitled to his opinion.

However, my articles have always

been a mixture of the serious and the light-hearted and have never been intended to be a recruitment exercise for new MPs.

Mr Terry should also be aware that at the beginning of every Parliament, every all-party group needs to be reconstituted. At the time my last column went to press, the Parliamentary Clubs group had not even met, let alone been re-constituted, so I could not possibly give a report on what we would be doing next, as this had not been determined. I chose instead to give a (mainly) light-hearted and personal "Westminster view".

Mr Terry oddly questions why I did not refer to the new Government's education plans - a policy area less relevant to our clubs than our wheel-clamping laws, before bemoaning current tax levels and business rates.

Now that we have been satisfactorily re-constituted as a group, current tax policy will undoubtedly feature in our future discussions but it is not for me to prejudge what our conclusions might be.

Mr Terry would do better to use his energies to admonish those MPs who have shown complete indifference to the plight of our clubs or, even worse, have, by their actions, brought many clubs financially to their knees - and I am not one of them.

## PRIZE CROSSWORD

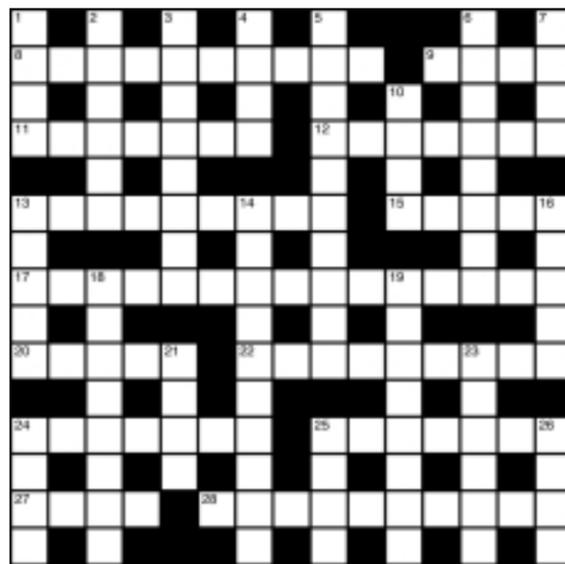
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### ACROSS

- 8 Following a bust of the Queen's bust. (10)
- 9 Slid off into the pool place. (4)
- 11 Strident sound of tender swearword. (7)
- 12 Courage of little Indian railway. (7)
- 13 Starburst to confuse leg on each side. (9)
- 15 Cat's paw nearly has fish eggs. (5)
- 17 Green keeper unkindly described as tree hugger. (15)
- 20 Big cat burns bright, according to Mr Blake. (5)
- 22 Curry aside, could it be taken as grandma's loaf? (4,5)
- 24 Sabbath tub-thumper has cleansing aid. (7)
- 25 Coarse gravel that's singularly like chickenpox follow-up. (7)
- 27 Affection that counts for nothing at court. (4)
- 28 Sanguine type one can safely mix with. (5-5)

### DOWN

- 1 Manipulative sort of addict? (4)
- 2 Beat brat up? It's a bit brusque! (6)
- 3 Pack/octet said to award an honour. (8)
- 4 Sundays - without any form of froth! (4)
- 5 Innate bias is somehow not there in Rome. (2,8)
- 6 The letter types of retail outlet to back it. (8)
- 7 Column inches that can pre-empt the cat. (4)
- 10 Mountain gap - as seen in



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- postscript. (4)
- 13 Singular northerner has a race place. (5)
- 14 Has it got submarine ring-tones? (6-4)
- 16 Spotted - like a score? (5)
- 18 It's not a positive way to make old pictures. (8)
- 19 Beastly one dominates card game at double unis. (8)
- 21 Speed tariff. (4)
- 23 One to three Gs all mixed up - it's spirited one to knock back! (6)
- 24 Light source for, say, tulips? (4)
- 25 Tops up the place. (4)
- 26 Extra-sensory perception you begin to see by. (4)

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## DRANSFIELDS UP THEIR GAME

DRANSFIELDS are well known to clubs as the Northern family-run firm that has been supplying gaming and amusement machines to clubs for over 60 years. In recent years however they have expanded and upped their game to become a major player, lobbying the Government and helping the CIU to stand up for clubs' rights, as well as offering new services such as pull tab lottery machines and no-risk profit sharing.

The Leeds-based firm, which famously invented the nudge, has been giving the Government more than a nudge over the tax treatment of automated lottery machines and quiz machines. Together with the CIU Dransfields also led the campaign to retain jackpot gaming machines in clubs when they were threatened by the Budd Review which led to the 2005 Gambling Act. They remain hopeful that a fair solution will be found in their battle with HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) over the tax treatment of automated lottery machines.

### Saltburn

Along with General Secretary Mick McGlasham, Director Chris Haley recently met members of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for non-profit making clubs and was able to explain the Union and Dransfields' case to the MPs. "We're proud to support the work of the CIU," he says. "We have our roots in clubs and we are committed to club traditions and their values, we regularly attend Branch functions, presentations and social events and support the Saltburn Centre and many of the good causes that clubs adopt." This year the firm is again sponsoring a race at the Union's national charity raceday and as an extra courtesy to the Union they have even provided help to clubs that are not their customers that have been approached by HMRC about automated lottery machines.

Dransfields is the CIU's recommended supplier for all gaming equipment and for pull tab lotteries following the successful launch of Dransfields Lucky Dip at last year's CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition in Blackpool. "We have had many approaches from clubs over the years who have asked if we would supply them with lottery machines," said Operations Director Alan Jackson. "A lot of clubs were complaining about the machines that were on the market at the time and asked us what we could do — in response we developed Dransfields Lucky Dip.

"It's gone really well and we're now a major player with more than 1,000 machines in clubs."

### Fraud

Tickets for the machines are offered at prices for the player ranging from 25p to £1 and with various prizes up to £500. All the tickets are security-enabled with a five-point checking system to prevent fraud. A big bonus with the pull tab machines is that the profits generated are free from VAT and there is no Amusement Machine Licence Duty (AMLD) payable.



Dransfields buy more club gaming machines than any other operator and many of them are designed exclusively for the firm, meaning customers always have access to a wide selection of the best and most up-to-date equipment. They also supply juke boxes, pool tables and quiz machines.

Another recent development that has proved extremely successful is the changed legislation that now allows



Union Vice-President John Tobin helps Chris Haley (left) and Alan Jackson launch Lucky Dip at the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition.

firms such as Dransfields to install gaming machines on profit-sharing terms. The club pays no rent for the machine and therefore has no risk but Dransfields keep a share of the profit, giving the firm an extra incentive to invest in better machines, keep them working and to supply the club with the most up-to-date models.

An added attraction is that the supplier keeps the keys and carries out the cash collection on behalf of the club saving a lot of work for hard-pressed Committees. "The legislation for this was introduced in 2007 but it's really taken off in the last six months, mainly in response to the difficult economic conditions," says Chris. A machine out of order does not earn money for the club so it is vital that any problems are dealt with as quickly as possible. Dransfields has

experienced engineers on call seven days a week, 364 days a year based at its 10 nationwide depots to ensure a swift response. Because Dransfields engineers don't serve pub chains, they are able to concentrate on their club customers and to work quickly and efficiently.

The firm's 10 depots at Chorley (Lancs); Exeter, Gillingham (Kent), Norwich, Leeds, Pontypridd, Portsmouth, Rugby, Stafford and Washington (Tyne & Wear) mean the vast majority of clubs are within easy reach of a depot. Local engineers are recruited from the local area to ensure the speediest of service response times.

Every club is looked after by an experienced account manager, who will discuss such things as machine performances, selection and location. They will also happily assist with advice on machine law such as licence duty applications and local authority permit applications and even remind customers to submit their applications to renew their Club Gaming Machine Permits etc to ensure they are always properly licensed.

### Jackpot

The firm knows it needs to keep coming up with new ideas and new products to maintain its position as the country's leading supplier to clubs and is currently carrying out trials on video-based machines, with a mixed response. With these machines likely to prove popular with younger members many clubs do see this as a way forward even if their older members don't always agree!

They are still proud of their heritage and of being the inventors of the "nudge", which remains one of the most popular features on gaming machines. It was developed and patented after a chance encounter in a club when a Dransfields designer overheard a player say how he "wished he could just nudge that last jackpot symbol down."

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"Previously to qualify for this lower rate of duty the price of play had to be less than 10p — which meant it was 5p — and it didn't give a particularly rewarding or exciting experience to the customer and the machines therefore didn't generate much for club funds.

"The newer Category C machines, however, have variable prices of play from 10p up to £1 and a jackpot of £70 (often with a repeat chance) so they offer a better experience for the customer and higher cash box returns for the club."

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# BRANCH MARKS

THE CIU literally provided the icing on the cake when the South East Metropolitan Branch celebrated its centenary at Leatherhead & District Social Club in Surrey.

Centrepiece of the occasion were these cakes in the shape of the figure 100 topped off with the Union's logo, aptly enough the work of Julie Baker, the daughter-in-law of Branch President Trevor Baker.

The dinner was attended by 200 people and sponsored by BOC Sureflow, The Co-operative Bank, Freeclaim IDC, Heineken UK, Shepherd Neame, Turnbull Associates Limited and the Leatherhead Club itself.

When the Branch was founded in 1910 there were only 21 clubs in membership, all of them in London. It took until 1920 for the fledgling Branch to hold a meeting outside London at Epsom Liberal Club and in November 1920 a meeting was held at Brighton Labour Club, which has gone on to be a favourite haunt of Labour Party leaders when their annual party conference has been held in the city.

After these meetings a concerted effort was held to organise games tournaments in Surrey and Sussex but these did not materialise and the Branch's membership continued to be concentrated in London.

Branch income at that time was very poor, consisting only of trade and allowances from Head Office and the Branch, as well as the other three Metropolitan Branches – North East, North West and Kent – became insolvent. The Union's Finance Committee went on to tell the Branches that unless they made some extra effort they would be taken over.

As a result the clubs in the Branch raised £185, which with the Branch's contribution was accepted by the Union. A Branch annual fee was then proposed and carried,

and since then the Branch has had a working balance.

Records are sketchy in the years leading up to the Second World War but the Blitz closed several clubs and many people moved away from the capital. After the war Surrey and Sussex became stronger areas for the Union with games tournaments organised in Surrey, beginning with a panel in the Woking area in 1945, followed by a panel in Guildford.

These games panels are now stronger in Surrey and Sussex, which entered the Branch games in 1972. Around half the Branch's 100 clubs are in Surrey, with the rest split evenly between South London and Sussex.

The Branch's first Secretary and National Executive member was James Matthews from Penge & Beckenham L & R, who retired as Branch Secretary in 1914 but continued on the National Executive until he died in 1916.

J. J. Woolf from Lower Sydenham Social was elected Branch Secretary in 1914 and to the National Executive in 1917, holding both positions until he retired in 1938 after receiving the Union's Gold Medal for 21 years' service to the Branch.



Members of the Branch at the centenary dinner. Far left: Trevor Baker, National Executive member.



Branch Secretary Arthur Millard also received the Distinguished Service Award for 40 years' service to the Maltravers Club in Littlehampton. He is pictured with Club President Peter Gale and Branch President Trevor Baker. Right: Trevor Baker also presented two

Distinguished Service Awards at Epsom Common WMC to Committee members Roy Bray and Dave Legge. Pictured (left to right) are: Trevor Baker, Club President Kevin Hedges, Dave Legge, Club Secretary Chris O'Neill, Roy Braye and Andy Way.

# \$ 100 IN STYLE



The Branch Executive are pictured at dinner. Left to right: Peter Gale, Keith Docherty, Vice-President Andy Way, active member Chris O'Neil, President Dennis Welland, Branch Secretary Arthur Millard and Dave Legge. Sandra Smith, who was the country's first woman Branch Executive member was unable to attend while Frank Wilde was unavailable when the picture was taken.

He was succeeded as Branch Secretary by Harry Holding, who had already been on the Branch Executive for 15 years. He was responsible for dissolving the Branch debt at Head Office and by

the time he retired in 1956 the Branch was in a much stronger financial position than it had ever been before.

J. B. Adams, who had been on the

National Executive since 1947, went on to serve as Secretary but died in office in 1967. When the President R. E. Harris resigned because of ill health the Branch had no President or Secretary but these were filled by new Secretary Arthur Hopwood of Cheam Social Club and new President Jack Rudd.

In 1983 Bernard Guess took over as Branch Secretary and went on to serve as National Executive member. He himself was succeeded in both roles by Arthur Millard, who stepped down from the

National Executive last year for family reasons.

Jack Rudd stepped down as President in 1994 to be followed by Harry Forster (94-00), George Stoner (00-06) and the current Branch President Trevor Baker, who has been on the Branch Executive for 34 years. He hopes to match the service of Jack Rudd, who joined the Branch Executive in 1956 and served on the National Executive for 22 years, becoming Chairman of the Recreation Committee, before retiring in 1990.

A leading figure at North Lambeth Liberal Club, which was frequented by the young Charlie Chaplin, for many years Jack also ran the Club Scribes, which assisted blind club members.

He is not, however, the most famous figure from the Branch. That accolade falls to B. T. Hall of Hatcham Liberal Club, the Union's longest serving General Secretary who was in office from 1893 to 1929 and is generally regarded as the Union's finest General Secretary, overseeing the Union's remarkable expansion at the time, which is reflected in the many centenarians taking place this year.

It also means the Branch has a claim to have made a significant, if not the most significant, contribution to the Union. ●



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 The club is midway between the sea and shops. Entertainment on Saturday evenings. A full catering service is available. A warm welcome is extended to all CIU associate members. Coach parties are always welcome. **Please notify the Secretary of your visit.**

**SEAFORD RBL CLUB**  
 Claremont Road, Seaford, East Sussex BN25 2BQ.  
 Situated on A259, a warm friendly welcome awaits in this family-oriented club. Entertainment, darts, bingo, snooker and pool. Home-cooked food Wednesdays to Sundays. Phone for times.  
 Temporary memberships available. Coach parties welcome. Please give 14 days' notice  
 Telephone: (01323) 890 154

## ESSEX & EAST ANGLIA

**ALDERSGATE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB**  
 87 Carnarvon Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 6QA. Tel: 01255 424939  
 Email: secretary@aldersgate.org.uk  
 A warm welcome is guaranteed to all CIU associates and guests. Large coach parties welcome with 7 days' prior arrangement. We are 1 minute from Clacton rail station and 5 minutes from town and beach. Late bar Fridays and Saturdays with Saturday evening entertainment. Sunday afternoon entertainment coming soon.

**HUNSTANTON (NORFOLK) UNITED SERVICES SOCIAL CLUB**  
 A warm welcome to all visitors. Large enclosed garden and car park with sea views. Three snooker tables, also pool table and darts. Bingo Mondays and Thursdays and one game Saturday evening. Live weekend entertainment. Catering arranged on request. Disabled friendly. Close to Sandringham Royal Estate, Coaches welcome midweek.  
**Contact Club Steward on 01485 533360.**

**Naval & Military Club (Southend-on-Sea)**  
 20 Royal Terrace, Southend SS1 1DU.  
 Tel: 01702 347169

A warm and friendly welcome awaits you. Large rear garden and roof terrace with fantastic views overlooking the seafront and estuary. Live entertainment Saturday nights and Wednesday afternoons. Hot and Cold Food available every day of the week. Local Real Ale Club of the Year. Coach parties welcome but must contact the Manager, Mr John Murray prior to the visit.

## HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SOCIAL CLUB (COWES) LTD.**  
 85 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 7AJ.  
 A warm and friendly welcome is extended to all visitors. Situated on the sea front with panoramic sea views from the stage dining area, the club has one of the best views in the country. Ideal for parties and outings. Freshly prepared meals available 7 days a week.  
 Coach parties very welcome, please notify Secretary or bar manager in advance. Entertainment Friday and Saturday evenings.  
 Tel: (01983) 292921 email: rblcowes@onwight.net

**LINDFORD & DISTRICT WORKING MEN'S CLUB**  
 Liphook Road, Lindford, Bordon, Hampshire GU35 0PN. Telephone: (01420) 472 228  
 A warm welcome is extended to all Associate Members. Only stipulation is children under five years old must leave the club by 9pm. Just off the A325 road between Farnham and Petersfield. So why not call in on your way to and from the south coast. **Please give the Secretary 14 days' notice of party visits.**

**NEWPORT (I.W.) SOCIAL CLUB**  
 13-14 Lower St James Street, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 5HB. Tel: (01983) 527 291  
 Situated in the centre of town, with a warm friendly atmosphere where you can bring family and friends. Open all day, function room, snooker room, darts, pool and jukebox. Bingo on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. Freshly-made rolls available daily. Coach parties always welcome by prior arrangement.

## HEREFORD & WORCESTERSHIRE

**HEREFORD WELSH SOCIAL CLUB**  
 1 HINTON ROAD, HEREFORD  
 A friendly welcome is extended to all Associate Members.  
**Live Entertainment Saturday and Sunday Evenings**  
 Please write to the Secretary or telephone: (01432) 269 038 (evenings).

## KENT

**BEXLEYHEATH WMC**  
 Royal Oak Road, Bexleyheath. DA6 7HG  
 Telephone (0208) 303 2163  
 Friendly atmosphere, comfortable surroundings and an excellent range of beers to quench your thirst. Everything you require on your visit to Bluewater and Lakeside shopping centres. Refreshments available. (Please give advance notice).

**SOUTHBOROUGH MEN'S CLUB**  
 Forge Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells TN4 0EX.  
 Tel: (01892) 529 304; Office: (01892) 523 832  
 A warm and friendly welcome is extended to all Associate members and guests. Ideal for parties and outings from the coast, we have frequent live entertainment on Saturdays, bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays. Sky TV, snooker and pool. Club open all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Coach parties and catering by arrangement.

**SUNDRIDGE PARK WMC**  
 134 BURNT ASH LANE, BROMLEY.  
 Tel: (020) 8464 3638 (Office); (020) 8460 6348 (Club)  
 Located close to A21 and A20. A warm welcome is extended to all visitors. Two bars serving a wide range of drinks. TV in bar and the lounge. Purpose-built snooker room with four tables. Live entertainment Saturday and Sunday evenings. Coach parties by prior arrangement with the office.

**WAINSCOTT INSTITUTE (WMC)**  
 4 Wainscott Road, Wainscott, Rochester, Kent ME2 4LB. Tel: (01634) 717 464

A warm welcome is extended to all CIU associates. Live music & bingo on a Saturday night. A range of facilities including snooker, pool & darts. We welcome coach parties by prior arrangement with the steward. Buffet refreshments can be arranged. We are close to all the motorways via the Medway towns. CHILDREN ARE WELCOME.

## LEEDS & WEST YORKSHIRE

**BELLE ISLE WMC**  
 Belle Isle Road, Leeds LS10 3PE.  
 Warm and friendly club with large car park, good value beer and large concert room. Live bands Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Coaches welcome.  
**Contact Secretary on (0113) 2718 768.**

Visiting Blackpool or Yorkshire Coast?  
 Haydock Park or York Races?  
 Then call at:  
**ELLAND WORKING MEN'S CLUB**  
 Roseberry Street, Elland, West Yorkshire.  
 For your breakfast on the outward journey. And for an evening's splendid entertainment on your way home. We are only 2 miles from Junction 24, M62 on the A629. A warm welcome extended to all Associate Members. Live entertainment on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Dancing on Thursdays to our resident organist. Fully modernised Concert Room and Lounge. Excellent Games Room. Floodlit Bowling Green. Large Car Park.  
**Coach Parties welcome – please let us have 14 days' notice in writing to the Secretary Phil Holroyd. Tel: Club (01422) 373 023. www.wmcelland.co.uk**  
**Telephone pre-bookings to be confirmed in writing to the Secretary.**

**SWARCLIFFE WORKING MEN'S CLUB**  
 Swarcliffe Avenue, Leeds LS14 5DE  
 A warm and friendly welcome always assured in the comfortable surroundings of our recently refurbished club. Live entertainment every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening. Relax in the quiet of the lounge or try a game of snooker on one of our three superb tables. Big screen Sky Sports TV.  
**Planning a day at the races?**  
**York, Wetherby, Ripon.**  
 We are 2 minutes from the A64 and 5 minutes from the M1. Breakfast and evening meals for large parties available by appointment.  
**Contact: Glen Doyle (Secretary) 0113 2959100**

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## LEICESTER & EAST MIDLANDS

Going Racing? Visiting The Peak District or the Dukeries? visit  
**BRIMINGTON CLUB, CHESTERFIELD**  
 Telephone: (01246) 233 700  
 Ten minutes Junction 30, M1.  
 Thirty minutes, Chatsworth.   
 Live entertainment Saturday and Sunday evenings. Country and Western Tuesdays. Dancing Thursdays. Jackpot Bingo all sessions.

**NEW PARK SOCIAL CLUB & INSTITUTE LIMITED**  
 Battersbee Road, Leicester LE3 9LD  
 All coach parties welcome, with 14 days' notice to the secretary. Fully air conditioned large concert room. Hot and Cold Food available. Sky TV shown on big screen in the games room. Children allowed Friday and Saturday nights. If you have any questions please contact the secretary on Telephone (0116) 2333 305 or Fax (0116) 2333 303.

**NOTTINGHAM ODDFELLOWS CLUB**  
 89 HUMBERSTONE GATE, LEICESTER.  
 TELEPHONE: (0116) 262 0181  
 262 5404 (EVENINGS) – CIU AFFILIATED  
 ★ City Centre Club  
 ★ Coach park right outside premises  
 ★ 2 minutes from centre of Leicester  
*Coach parties and parties always welcome.*  
 Food supplied hot or cold – 7 days' notice or please phone prior to visit. Children welcome. Dances Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Entertainment available.  
 Phone or write to Secretary Eric Johnson

**SAFFRON LANE ESTATE WMC**  
 429 SAFFRON LANE, LEICESTER, LE2 6UF  
 Welcomes all CIU members to our friendly club here in Leicester. Only 5 minutes from the M1 junction 21 and close to the racecourse and the football, rugby and cricket stadiums.  
 Clean, comfortable and fully air-conditioned. Please visit our website where you will find details of all our facilities and activities.  
[www.saffronlanewmc.co.uk](http://www.saffronlanewmc.co.uk)

**SKEGNESS EX-SERVICE CLUB**  
 2 Grand Parade, Skegness, PE25 2UN.  
 Telephone: 01754 762113  
 Located on the seafront near the clocktower, 2-3 mins from town centre. Lounge bar, pool/children's room, 1st floor patio area. Reasonably priced beers/lagers and house doubles. Selection of chilled baps.  
 Live entertainment every Saturday (Sundays main season). Open 11.30-6.00 and 7-11.30 most days. Pre-booked coaches welcome – come to a completely refurbished 21st century club.

**SKEGNESS WMC**  
 Briar Way, Skegness, Lincolnshire PE 25 3NR  
 Telephone: (01754) 762 598  
 A warm and friendly welcome is extended to all CIU associate members visiting the area. We are centrally located in the town 5 minutes from the bus and railway stations (opposite the market). We offer facilities including a concert room, games room and a special families room. Our resident organist will entertain you in the lounge. After the Spring Bank Holiday we will also have various visiting artistes. Coach parties are welcome by appointment.

## LIVERPOOL

**AINTREE & FAZACKERLEY WMC**  
 Harradon Road, Aintree, Liverpool L9 0HE.  
 Telephone: (0151) 525 1162  
 Walking distance to racecourse, 10 mins from Everton and Liverpool FC, 15 mins city centre attractions. A warm and friendly welcome to all CIU Associate Members. First class facilities with lounge bar, Sky Sports, snooker room, function room, live entertainment on Saturday nights including bingo, raffles and key draw. Coach parties welcome by prior arrangement with Club Secretary.

## LONDON

**CHISWICK CLUB SOCIETY**  
 13 Chiswick High Road, Chiswick, London W4 2ND. Tel: (020) 8994 1089.  
 Newly modernised club near M4. Handy for Chelsea, Fulham, Brentford, QPR and Twickenham.  
 Coach parties welcome by prior arrangement.

## DONE OUR BIT

**EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB**  
 128A MAYGROVE ROAD, LONDON NW6.  
 Office: (020) 7624 3701; Club: (020) 7624 3603  
 Coach Parties welcome by appointment with the Secretary. Entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Food by arrangement. 15 minutes from Wembley Stadium. 10 minutes from West End. No children under 16 on Saturday.

## THE HAMMERSMITH CLUB

Rutland Grove, London W6 9DH  
 10 mins' walk from Fulham FC and less than 25 mins by local transport to Chelsea and QPR. A warm and friendly welcome to away fans looking for good hospitality and a relaxing drink.  
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 Contact us on (020) 8748 5760 or visit [www.hammersmithclub.co.uk](http://www.hammersmithclub.co.uk)

## HARROW ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Northolt Road, South Harrow HA2 0DW.  
 Extends a warm welcome to all Associate members and guests. Situated 10 minutes from the A40 and 20 minutes from Wembley Stadium. We have live bands every Saturday and Sunday night. Catering on request. Coach parties welcome with prior notification to Kath or Roy Roberts. Telephone: (020) 8422 1222.

## HAYES WMC

Pump Lane, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 3NB.  
 Telephone: (020) 8573 1721  
 e-mail: [bobdaybell@aol.com](mailto:bobdaybell@aol.com)

Why not visit the flagship of clubs in the South? Ascot, Kempton Park & Sandown racecourses all nearby. Live bands every Friday and Saturday night, lounge singer every Sunday lunchtime. Late night cabaret last Saturday of every month, at least 3 acts, charge for entry, late bar. Catering available weekends, orders taken in advance to your requirements.  
 Visit our website: [www.hayesworkingmensclub.com](http://www.hayesworkingmensclub.com) for our full entertainment programme. Coaches welcome by prior arrangement with the secretary.

## ISLEWORTH CLUB

Goodenough House, 109 St John's Road, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 6PN. Telephone: (020) 8560 2569  
 We are good enough – are you?  
 5 minutes from Twickenham Rugby and only 15 minutes from Kempton and Sandown. Call in on your way and give us a try. Pick your winners from our varied selection of popular beers which are available in either our large Concert Room or Lounge. Close to the M4 and M3. Please give prior notice for parties. Coach parties are welcome.

## Wealdstone Social Club

Railway Approach, Harrow, HA3 5BX.  
 Tel: (020) 8427 3334  
 email: [secretarywsc@btconnect.com](mailto:secretarywsc@btconnect.com)  
 For 15 min connection to WEMBLEY STADIUM. Coach parties welcome. Free parking all day. Please arrange with Secretary for bookings. Function Hall available for private parties.  
 Friendly staff – great beer – good company

Visiting London? Going Shopping?  
 Why not stop off at  
**THE WOOD GREEN SOCIAL CLUB**  
 3 Stuarts Crescent, Wood Green, London N22 5NJ. Tel: (020) 8888 9917.  
 We're not far from Brent Cross shopping centre. On the way through to Lakeside and Blue Water.  
 We offer good food and a warm welcome.

## MANCHESTER & CHESHIRE

**The Lower Kersal Social Club**  
 Stamford Road, Salford M7 3SD.  
 Telephone/fax: (0161) 792 4717.

An ideal family atmosphere club located 5 minutes from M62 and 10 minutes from MUFC – great for pre-match refreshments. We offer facilities for Charity Concerts, Conferences and Sportsman Dinners.  
 Contact Secretary for availability and bookings.

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE & CAMBRIDGESHIRE

**St James Working Mens Club**  
 Weedon Road, St James, Northampton.  
 A warm welcome awaits all club members. Lounge, Games Room and large Concert Room. Parties welcome, catering if required by prior arrangement. 5 minutes M1, Junction 15A.  
 Please contact Secretary Mrs P. Webster. Tel: (01604) 456 602 [www.stjameswmc.co.uk](http://www.stjameswmc.co.uk)

Racing at Towcester? then visit  
**TOWCESTER SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB**  
 We are only 1 mile from the race track and coaches are welcome on arrangement. We offer a friendly welcome and arrangements can be made to suit your needs.  
 Visit [www.towcesterclub.co.uk](http://www.towcesterclub.co.uk) for more information as well as a map with directions.  
 Contact Jeff Abel on 07764164886  
 5 Swinneyford Rd, Towcester NN12 6HD  
 email [tsandsc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:tsandsc@tiscali.co.uk)

## SHEFFIELD & SOUTH YORKSHIRE

**ARMTHORPE CORONATION CLUB**  
 Tranmoor Lane, Armthorpe, Doncaster DN3 3BS.

Handy for racecourse and Doncaster Rovers. Close to M18. Big screen TV, entertainment every weekend.  
 Ring Club Secretary Alan Jones on (01302) 831 393

**ARUNDEL EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB**  
 CITY ROAD, SHEFFIELD

A friendly Club close to Town Centre  
 Facilities include a 500 seat Concert Room, two other lounges and a Games Room. Great Cabaret every night except Tuesday and Wednesday. Coach parties please contact Mr B. Simmonite. Children allowed up to 10 years. Catering for Buffet if required.  
 Telephone: (0114) 239 7151

**CARCROFT VILLAGE WMC**  
 Chestnut Avenue Carcroft, Doncaster DN6 8AG

Extends a warm welcome to all CIU affiliated members. Coach Parties welcomed by prior arrangement. 1 mile from the A1 and close to M1, M1B and M62 link roads.  
 Top class entertainment every weekend. Handy for Doncaster Races and trips returning from North or South coastal routes. Big Screen Sky TV and premier football. All enquiries to John Oldroyd, Secretary on (01302) 725 497.

**FIRTH PARK WMC**  
 56 Idsworth Road, Sheffield S5 6UP

A warm welcome is extended to all CIU Associate members. 10 mins J34 M1 (Meadowhall). 10 mins from Hillsborough. Our 400-seat concert room is open Sat and Sun nights. Children over 16 allowed in the Concert Room. Karaoke in our comfortable lounge on Sat night. Sky TV and 3 snooker tables also for your enjoyment. Coaches welcome with prior notice to the Secretary. Tel: (0114) 242 6321.

**HAWTHORN RECREATIONAL & SOCIAL CLUB**  
 Goodison Boulevard, Cantley, Doncaster. Tel: (01302) 536 565

Easily accessible for the Racecourse.  
 Big screen Sky TV.  
 Artistes on Saturdays.

**INTAKE SOCIAL CLUB**  
 Craithie Road, Doncaster DN2 5EG.

We are the closest club (5 minutes' walk) to Doncaster Racecourse. (See Page 19 for offers). Bar snacks available. Tremendous value-for-money bar prices.  
 Contact Secretary Tom Forester in advance on: (01302) 320 036

**SKELLOW GRANGE WMC**  
 Skellow Road, Skellow, Doncaster DN6 8JL.  
 Tel: (01302) 722 567 [www.skellowgrange.com](http://www.skellowgrange.com)  
 (Secretary: N. Harris)

It's 1/2 mile from A1M motorway links gaining access from M62, M18, M1. Completely renovated club, top class entertainment at weekends and top class money tombola through the week. Bus parties welcome, ample parking space. Handy for Doncaster Races or call back from the coast.  
 – All associates of CIU and guests welcome –

**WADSLEY BRIDGE WMC**  
 Halifax Road, Sheffield

A friendly club, 10 mins from M1 Junction 36. Facilities include concert room, 200-seat lounge, TV lounge, two other lounges, snooker room, games room with big screen Sky TV and large car park. Our friendly club extends a warm welcome to all Associate members and guests. Coach parties welcome by prior arrangement with the Secretary.  
 (0114) 2311130 (club) (0114) 2313151 (office)

**THE WESTMINSTER RECREATIONAL CLUB**  
 Westminster Crescent, Intake, Doncaster DN2 6HU

Situated just off Leger Way (approximately 1/2 mile from main Race Stands). Coach parties welcome. Large car parking area. Artistes Friday/Saturday night.  
 Telephone (01302) 812 103/4

## STAFFORDSHIRE

**SILVERDALE & DISTRICT WMC**  
 Welcome CIU members and friends old and new to our brand new club. 10 minutes from Junctions 15 and 16, M6.  
 High St, Silverdale, Staffs ST5 6LY.  
 Telephone: (01782) 629 582

## SURREY

**CHERTSEY SOCIAL CLUB**  
 Pycroft Road, Chertsey. 5 minutes M25 J11.  
 Country Club 1st Monday monthly; Line Dancing Wednesday; Bingo Thursday, Saturday and (fun) Tuesday afternoons. Live music Saturday; some Fridays. Thorpe Park 5 minutes; handy for Epsom, Ascot, Sandown, Kempton Park, Windsor Castle/racecourse and Chessington. Coaches and buffet/hot snacks by prior arrangement.  
 Tel: (01932) 563 265.

**EGHAM UNITED SERVICES CLUB**  
 111 Spring Rise, Egham, Surrey TW20 9PE.  
 "North Surrey CAMRA Club of the Year 2008 & 2009"  
 "Finalist for CAMRA Club of the Year 2009"  
 Located 5 minutes from J13 M25, handy for Windsor Castle and races, Kempton, Ascot, Epsom and Sandown. 5 mins from Egham Station on the Waterloo to Reading line. Three real ale and cider festivals a year.  
[www.eusc.co.uk](http://www.eusc.co.uk)  
 Tel: (01784) 435120 or 07738 714572  
 (Real Ale Festivals and Party Bars also arranged)

**DAY OUT RACING**  
**ESHER W.M.C.**

142 Esher High Street, Esher, Surrey.  
 Telephone: (01372) 467 758  
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 A warm welcome is extended to all associate members.

**WALTON COMRADES CLUB**  
 7 Franklyn Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

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 Coach parties welcome. Apply to Club (01932) 226 052.

**WALTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB**  
 21A CHURCH STREET, WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY KT12 2QP.

Extends a warm welcome to Associate Members. Near M25/M3, Sandown and Kempton Racecourses, Hampton Court, Wentworth, Twickenham Rugby and Thorpe Park. Ideal fishing – River Thames. Dancing to live music Saturdays/Sundays. Coaches. In writing to the Secretary.  
 Telephone: (01932) 220 361.

## THAMES VALLEY

**Banbury Trades & Labour Club**  
 32 West Bar Street, Banbury, Oxon LX16 9RR. Tel: (01295) 215 7119 (H); (01295) 254 168 (Club).

A warm welcome is extended to all Associates. Coach parties welcome with 14 days prior notice to Secretary. Live entertainment on Saturday night. Food available. Please contact Secretary with your booking.

Although the CIU has taken care to ensure that all advertisements are placed in good faith it accepts no liability for any advertisements in Club Journal.  
 To advertise ring Chris Brewis on (0191) 265 0040.

**PANGBOURNE WORKING MEN'S CLUB**  
Whitchurch Road, Pangbourne, Reading, Berks, RG8 7BS.  
Pangbourne WMC is a family-oriented club in a picturesque Berkshire village, 200 yards from the River Thames. We offer Saturday night entertainment, quiz and crib nights, darts, snooker, pool, and a hall with a dance floor and separate bar. Bar food available by prior arrangement. Ample car parking. Coach parties welcome by appointment.  
Telephone: (0118) 984 2885

**UNICORN SOCIAL CLUB**  
Holbrook Lane, Coventry CV6 4DE. (5 mins from M6 J3). Just 15 minutes' walk from the Ricoh Arena, home of Coventry City Football Club. Excellent function room and facilities including games room and bar with large screen satellite TV. Modern air-conditioned facility with live music every Saturday evening and hot and cold food available. Prior notice required for coach parties, including official supporters' clubs.  
**Please contact the Secretary at: unicorncventry@yahoo.com or by telephone on (024)76 684741**

**REMEMBRANCE CLUB LTD.**  
10 CHESTER ROAD, CASTLE BROMWICH, BIRMINGHAM B36 9DD  
Extends a warm welcome to all Associate Members. Live entertainment every Saturday and Sunday evening. Line Dancing Mondays. Ballroom Dancing Tuesdays. Large comfortable lounge. Games Room. Sky TV. Ample parking. Close to M6/M42 (nr. Spaghetti Junction). Coaches by arrangement. Contact the Secretary. (0121) 747 5256 / 747 2943

**Middlesbrough RAOB Club (The Buffs)**  
51 Wilton Street, Southfield Road, Town Centre A19-A66 2 minutes. Redcar races, 10 minutes. Middlesbrough FC 5 minutes. Games Room, TV Lounge and Lounge. Live entertainment Saturday and Sunday. Disco's Wednesday and Friday. 50/50 Dancing Tuesday and Thursday. A warm welcome to all affiliated members including coach parties with prior notice to the Secretary. Telephone: (01642) 860 511.

**WALES**

**BETTWS SOCIAL CLUB**  
Lambourne Way, Bettws, Newport, Gwent.  
A warm friendly welcome assured to all CIU affiliated members and guests.  
Less than 10 minutes from junction 26 of the M4. Coach parties welcome by prior appointment. Live entertainment every Saturday evening. Catering can be provided by arrangement. Tel: (01633) 858 780.

**LLANHARRY WMC & INSTITUTION LTD.**  
Eim Road, Llanharry, Pontyclun, Mid-Glamorgan CF72 9HR.  
Extends a warm welcome to all CIU associate members and guests. Coach parties welcome by arrangement. Entertainment every Saturday. Restaurant facilities available. 10 minutes from junction 34 M4 motorway.  
Telephone (01443) 222 217  
Fax/Telephone (01443) 224 322

**SEASIDE SOCIAL & LABOUR CLUB**  
Dalton Road, Port Talbot SA12 6SL.  
Tel: (01639) 884 309 Fax: (01639) 881 277.  
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**TONYREFAIL WORKING MEN'S CLUB**  
28 WAUNRHYDD ROAD, TONYREFAIL, MID-GLAMORGAN.  
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Extend a friendly welcome to all CIU affiliated club members and bona-fide guests. Dance hall seats 300. Modern lounge and games room. Full restaurant facilities available. Top class artists every Saturday and Sunday.  
Telephone: (01443) 670 484.  
Secretary: (01443) 670 601.  
Why not park your rear end down!

**WARWICKSHIRE & COVENTRY**

**BEDWORTH EX-SERVICEMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB & INSTITUTE**  
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Extends a warm welcome to all associates. Restaurant facilities Monday to Saturday - Bar snacks also available. 6 minutes from junction 3 of M6. Approx. 5 miles to Coventry City. Saturday/Sunday night entertainment, live music, bingo, bar and lounge. Contact Secretary for bookings.

**HEN LANE SOCIAL CLUB**  
Beacon Road, Holbrooks, Coventry CV6 4DS. 5 minutes from M6 Junction 3, 10 minutes' walk from Ricoh Arena, minibus from club on match days. Excellent function room and facilities. Hot and cold snacks available at all times. Prior notice required for coach parties and catering (menu sent on request).  
**Please contact the Secretary.**  
Tel: (024) 7672 4830; Office: (024) 7672 4832.

**WILLENHALL SOCIAL CLUB**  
ROBIN HOOD ROAD, COVENTRY CV3 3BB. Secretary: (024) 7630 1222 or 7630 3278.  
Welcome to all Associate Members. Entertainment every Saturday and Sunday night in concert room (seats 600). Bar, games room and luxury lounge facilities. Large car park. Hot and cold snacks available. 10 minutes from City Centre. No Children Allowed.  
Coach parties apply to Secretary.

**WEST COUNTRY**

**GOING TO CHELTENHAM RACES?**  
Why not call at:  
**CHARLTON KINGS CLUB**  
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Telephone: (01242) 525 511  
Easily accessible for the Racecourse. Coach parties welcome by arrangement. Open all weekend. Big screen Sky. Live music.

**FILTON & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB**  
Conygre Grove, Filton, Bristol BS34 7HZ.  
Extends a warm welcome to CIU members and guests. Coach parties by arrangement. Entertainment every Saturday, bingo on Sundays. Buffets arranged. 10 minutes from M5/M4.  
Telephone: (0117) 969 2934

**POOLE LABOUR CLUB**  
22 Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset  
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Offers the 3 S's to all affiliated members, Sea, Sand and Speedway!  
Centre of Poole, 20 minutes from Bournemouth, 2 minutes from Poole Stadium for Speedway and Greyhound Racing.  
Good beer, warm welcome, open all day.  
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Contact Secretary for details.

**WEYMOUTH WMC MITCHELL STREET, WEYMOUTH, (Harbour End Of Town)**  
Less than 5 minutes from the beach!  
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Tel: (01305) 786 392 or (01305) 787254  
www.weymouthworkies.co.uk

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Contact Secretary Alan Campbell on 07986706354 or [blakelawsc@googlemail.com](mailto:blakelawsc@googlemail.com)

**CENTRAL WMC**  
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Why not visit our website at [www.northbiddickclub.co.uk](http://www.northbiddickclub.co.uk)

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# club MANAGEMENT

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## YOU MUST TELL THE TRUTH WHEN GIVING REFERENCES



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### Minimum pricing

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system that allows the customers (i.e. the clubs) to determine the price they pay for the Union then allow their members not to bother is frankly, crazy.

Other proposals contained in the Government's consultation document aim to give more power to licensing authorities and the police and allow more input from local communities to oppose the renewals of licences or premises certificates – in line with Mr Cameron's "Big Society." Despite claiming to support communities the Impact Assessment document proposes to increase licence fees over a three-year period to cover local councils' costs – a further heavy burden on clubs and something we have stressed in our response.

The Government's Legislative Reform Order proposing an extension to the police objection period for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) from 48 hours to two working days comes into force in October and the consultation document requests views on extending this objection period to five working days. One major issue for clubs contained in the consultation document is the proposal to increase the notification period for a TEN which will undoubtedly cause a lot of clubs concern.

### Tap water

Issues such as this and many others contained in the proposals will take time to clarify and the Union's Legal and Advisory Committee will be looking at these very closely over the coming weeks. Updates will be included in future issues of *Club Journal*.

If you wish to view the full Home Office consultation document go to <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/alcohol-licensing/> for the full document.

The previous Government introduced new laws (The Mandatory Code of Practice (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) Order 2010) in April which included conditions relating to irresponsible alcohol promotions, a ban on dispensing alcohol directly into the mouths of customers and the availability of free tap water in all licensed premises, including clubs. On October 1 two more conditions mean premises must have an age verification policy and the ability to offer wine in 125ml glasses.

A CLUB can be sued for giving a misleading reference or even for not giving one at all, so it's important to bear in mind the following points.

A club is under a duty to provide a reference which is in substance true, accurate and fair. The reference must not give an unfair or misleading impression overall, even if its discrete components are factually correct. A club will not be liable for references that are not comprehensive unless the omission of the information has the effect of giving a misleading impression of the staff member.

If the club decides they will provide a reference, ensure the individual's manager, normally the Secretary, prepares it and that they in turn have been trained in preparing references and have all the relevant information regarding the individual. References should be addressed to a named person rather than "to whom it may concern".

#### The club's exposure

The club has a duty not to make defamatory comments or those which amount to malicious falsehood. There is no liability for libel provided the club believes the information in the reference is correct and is given without malice. Disclosure of *spent* criminal convictions should be avoided. A disclaimer should be included but may be void unless it satisfies the test of "reasonableness". (Section 2, Unfair Contract Terms Act).

You can be liable for mis-statement of facts – such as performance or disciplinary record. An opinion on the employee's suitability for a particular job may, however, be classed as reasonable.

A clause excluding liability for negligence will not protect you in court but may deter someone from making a claim. It must therefore be carefully worded and brought to the attention of the member of staff before the reference is given.

### EMPLOYMENT LAW QUIZ

(Answers on Page 17) . . .

1. Can the club disclaim liability by putting a disclaimer on the reference?
  - a) Yes
  - b) No
2. Is it safe for a former club or employer to omit mention of a suspected event of gross misconduct?
  - a) Yes
  - b) No
3. Can the club provide a 'bare minimum' reference for a staff member?
  - a) No
  - b) Yes
4. Can the club refuse to provide a reference for a staff member?
  - a) No
  - b) Yes

#### Refusal to provide a reference

Clubs can refuse to provide a reference unless an express or implied contractual term has arisen that the club will provide a reference. An implied contractual term will arise if it is normal practice in the type of work covered by the staff member's contract for a reference to be given, and it would be unreasonable to expect a new employer to take on the employee without a reference.

You also have at the least a moral obligation to provide references. It may also be discriminatory on grounds of sex, age, race, sexual orientation, religion or disability to refuse to give a reference.

A negligence claim could theoretically be made by a new employer if the previous employer failed to give a reference thereby concealing something serious which ultimately causes the new employer loss.

#### Bare minimum references

It is increasingly common for employers to have a policy of providing a bare minimum reference – stating dates of employment and whether there were any serious disciplinary issues. If this strategy is adopted it should:

- be communicated to all staff at the outset of the relationship;

- be applied uniformly to all staff;
- not be used as a means of concealing something serious.

#### Right to see references

A worker has the basic right, on request, to be supplied with information constituting any personal data held by their ex-employer. Any personal data held must also be accurate and where necessary kept up to date. The following points must be noted, however:

- There is an exemption within the Data Protection Act (DPA) which means that a club does not have to supply references given in confidence to an employee, which it has written relating to education, training or employment.
- Despite the exemption a club may choose to provide a copy of a reference which is factual in nature.
- It is not, therefore, obligatory for the ex-employer to supply a copy of the reference to the employee.

The exemption referred to above does not apply to the reference when it is received by another organisation. A new employer who receives a reference who files it in a way that is covered by the DPA is likely to have to supply a copy to the employee. It can, however, withhold information, possibly by removing the name and address of the official who gave the reference, if it can show this to be "reasonable."

Reasonableness is highly subjective, of course, but is assessed by taking into account such things as the former employer's need for confidentiality. For instance if there was a realistic threat of violence or intimidation by the employee towards the ex-employer, it would be reasonable not to release a reference.

A summary of the content of a reference may protect the identity of the relevant manager of the ex-employer, while providing the employee with an overview of what the reference says about them.

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## EMPLOYMENT LAW QUIZ ANSWERS

... (Questions on Page 16)

### 1. Answer: a and b

Disclaimers will not protect you if a case comes to court but they are worth using as they may deter an employee or a new employer from making a claim.

The effect of a disclaimer is to attempt to limit the referee's liability in negligence and is therefore subject to the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 (UCTA).

A disclaimer used in these circumstances is void unless it satisfies the test of "reasonableness". It is generally thought that liability cannot be excluded for mis-statement of facts which are normally in the club's knowledge (performance, disciplinary record etc). However, a disclaimer in relation to the employee's suitability for a particular job may be open to argument.

A clause attempting to exclude liability for negligence must be carefully worded and brought to the attention of the staff member, before the reference is given.

### 2. Answer: b

A club will probably be exposed to a claim from a subsequent employer, if there is a serious issue of gross misconduct which they omit to mention. The main point is that the reference must be true, accurate and fair in substance and must therefore mention the gross misconduct or events giving rise to a disciplinary process in a way which is overall accurate and correct.

### 3. Answer: b

Yes, it is increasingly common for clubs to have a policy of a "bare minimum" reference. If this strategy is adopted it should ideally:

- be communicated to all staff members at the outset of the relationship;
- be applied uniformly to all staff members;
- not be used as a means of concealing something serious.

### 4. Answer: b

Yes, a club can refuse to provide a reference, as there is no statutory duty to do so. It is increasingly common practice to provide "bare minimum" references.

Refusing to supply a reference altogether is not without risk, however. A negligence claim could be made by a new employer if you failed to reveal something which ultimately caused the new employer loss.

It may also be discriminatory to refuse a reference or there may be an express or implied contractual term that the club will provide a reference.

*\* While every care has been taken in compiling these notes, the writer Andrew Dane, cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions; the notes are not intended to be a substitute for specific legal advice, which you should obtain from your Branch Secretary.*

## Branch meets Brewers



HEINEKEN UK's Regional Sales Director Greg Martin and club specialist Bob Whitehill were the guests of the North Staffs Branch at a recent Branch Council Meeting at Silverdale WMC along with Rebecca Williams from Theakston's.

Greg explained some of the initiatives currently being run by Heineken such as the "Who wants to be a Millionaire" darts tournaments and locally a pool tournament with the final

being held at Silverdale WMC. Bob gave a very informative talk with what proved to be some very useful tips and the meeting was brought to a close with a short presentation by Rebecca on the Theakston's Experience, followed by a sampling of the products.

Pictured (left to right) are: Greg Martin, Rebecca Williams, Branch Secretary and National Executive member Dan Capewell and Bob Whitehill.

### VIN MOLLOY

COLLEY WMC in Sheffield regret to announce the death of their Secretary Vin Molloy.

Vin (right) served as Secretary for 15 years and was on the Committee for 25 years but sadly died just before receiving his Long Service Award.

His sons, Michael and Mark, accepted the Award on his behalf from South Yorkshire Branch Secretary Ken Green, who also presented a Long Service Award to Club Treasurer Gordon Hudson.

Vin will be greatly missed.



## OBITUARIES

### DAVID MACDONALD

THE Union is sad to report the death of its former Convalescent Homes and Education Secretary David Macdonald at the age of 68.

A Londoner, David started working for the Union as a junior clerk at the age of 16 in August 1958 when Head Office was still in Clerkenwell Road, and went on to serve the Union and its clubs for 46 years. In the early 60s he worked with Cliff Culling and his assistant Bill Daultrey. All three of them were to serve the Union as Convalescent Homes Secretaries.

When Cliff, the Union's first Convalescent Homes Secretary retired, Bill Daultrey took over and David served as his assistant. At that time the Union operated four homes, Grange-over-Sands on Morecambe Bay, Langland Bay on the Gower Peninsula in South Wales, Pegwell Bay in Kent and Saltburn in the North Riding of Yorkshire.

David replaced Bill Daultrey in 1969 and oversaw the replacement of Pegwell Bay with a purpose-built building at nearby Broadstairs. However, the decline of heavy industry, the general improvement in the health of the population and the rise of package holidays led to a fall in convalescents' use of the homes, which were renamed Holiday and Convalescent Centres, and in 1998 David was able to combine the job with that of Education Secretary.



David Macdonald with his wife Gillian at the Royal Garden Party in 1998.

In these two roles he met large numbers of club members both at Union schools and at the Centres, making him arguably the best known face in the Union until his retirement in 2004.

As well as being a keen Spurs supporter David was an enthusiastic photographer and many of his pictures appeared in *Club Journal* and in the Convalescent Homes calendar.

A family man, our condolences go to his widow Gillian and his sons, Barry, Huw and Scott.

### CHARLES GOLDSMITH

THE Kent Branch regret to announce the death of Charlie Goldsmith, their Vice-President for the last 29 years, who, as well as serving the Branch, was Mayor of Ramsgate no less than five times.

Charlie, who was 86, joined the Branch Executive in 1976 and became Vice-President in 1981. He received his 10-year Branch Executive Merit award in 1986, the same year he first became Mayor, and the Union's Gold Medal in 1997.

Charlie went on to become the Mayor of Ramsgate a further four times, in 1991 and 1996, 1998 and 1999, an amazing achievement. He did not stop there as he continued as Branch Vice-President, gaining the Gold Medal with Bar in 2007.

In total Charlie served the Branch for 34 years and all the members of the Branch greatly miss him and thank him for what he has done.



Condolences go in particular to his son Anthony, daughter Maria, niece Linda and close friend Joyce, who cared for him until the end.

### TERRY YEARDLEY

THE Northumberland Branch and Prudhoe & District United Services Club regret to announce the death of Club Secretary and former Branch Executive member Terry Yeardley at the age of 67 after a long fought illness.

Terry joined the club's Committee in January 1983, gaining his Long Service Award in 2008. He was Secretary for more than 21 years from April 1989 until his death and a member of the Branch Executive for 14 years from 1993 to 2007.

He is sadly missed by the Committee and members of the club. The Committee, members and friends extend their condolences to his widow Audrey and to the rest of his family.



### DEREK WOODHOUSE

IT is with great sadness that the Empire WMC in Stanley, Co, Durham announces the passing of their former Chairman Derek Woodhouse.

Derek, a stalwart of the club, was Chairman for 44 years before recently retiring because of health problems.

The club was a great part of his life and Derek will be greatly missed by family, friends, Committee, officials and members.





The mascots fight it out in last year's race.  
Below: a more traditional scene at Uttoxeter.



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\*Excludes Plate Day, Fighting Fifth, Ladies Night 14 May and Ladies Day 26 June at Newcastle, Midlands Grand National and Ladies Night at Uttoxeter, Welsh National Day at Chepstow, The Eastern Festival and Ladies Day at Great Yarmouth, August Festival at Brighton, both Ladies Day fixtures at Ffos Las.

MASCOTS from around the country are lining up for their annual race at what is officially the finest country racecourse in Britain – Uttoxeter in the heart of the English Midlands.

Children's Trust, which the race is raising funds for.

Other upcoming days include another Family Fun Day on Sunday, October 3 then autumn racing takes place on Wednesday, October 13 and Friday, October 29.

## MASCOTS HEAD FOR UTTOXETER

The Staffordshire course provides a great sporting day out, with CIU parties being able to take advantage of a big discount by buying Grandstand & Paddock enclosure admission tickets for £9 per person, a saving of £8.

National Hunt racing resumes with midweek afternoon racing on Wednesday, September 8, followed by a Family Fun Day on Sunday, September 19, which includes the annual Mascot Race. To book either of these you will need to contact the course on 01889 562561 as the tickets booked through the CIU Racing Club need three weeks' notice.

In addition to six jump races the course will also have numerous inflatables, suitable for all ages, in the Centre Course enclosure. These include an 80ft Noah's Ark and a 75ft Medieval Activity Run. Accompanied children under 16, of course, are always admitted free and there is free car parking for everyone as well.

The Mascot Race takes place before racing begins at 1.30pm and will include 20 mascots from sports clubs around the country, including Baggie Bird from Premiership West Bromwich Albion and Bernie the Bear from The

Uttoxeter then kicks off the festive season with its Christmas Market Day on Thursday, November 25 and then office parties will be out in force on Friday, December 17 when the track hosts its traditional Christmas Party fixture.

Finally to finish 2010 off with a bang you can start your New Year's Eve celebrations with a day's racing at Uttoxeter on the December 31.

### Fancy-a-flutter

IF it is your first time racing or you fancy something a bit different, try the course's £25 "Fancy-a-flutter" package which includes a welcome drink, a burger meal and a free £2 tote bet. Bring a party of ten or more together and the organiser will go free.

The £32 "Classic Raceday" package includes a tour of the course, afternoon tea and a £5 tote betting voucher. Google the course for more information.

● To take advantage of the £9 CIU offer fill in the form on Page 19 and send it to us here at *Club Journal* at least three weeks before the meeting.



## Wetherby raceday

ALL members of the Racing Club will receive letters this month with details of the National Charity Raceday at Wetherby on Saturday, November 13.

Wetherby's "Less than Half Price Offer" is priced to CIU Racing Club members at £13 each and includes:

- ★ Paddock Enclosure Admission Ticket (*normally £16 each*)
- ★ Exclusive use of the CIU Marquee located adjacent to the Parade Ring
- ★ Private Bar and Tote Betting Facilities
- ★ Official Race Programme (*normally £2.50 each*)
- ★ Pie & Peas Lunch (*normally £3.95 each*)
- ★ Drinks Vouchers – 5 x 50p off a pint (*worth up to £2.50*)
- ★ £2 Tote Discount Bet Voucher (*worth £2.00*)

You can book using the form in the letter or using the form on Page 19. Cheques need to be made payable to the Wetherby Steeplechase Committee.

## A day out for £9

NORTHERN Racing, who own Bath, Brighton, Chepstow, Fontwell, Great Yarmouth, Hereford, Newcastle, Sedgefield and Uttoxeter Racecourses, are again offering their £9 across-the-board deal for Grandstand & Paddock tickets throughout 2010. The offer applies to all meetings with certain exemptions. This deal will also include the new course of Ffos Las. To book use the form opposite.

- Listed below are some of the meetings:
- Mon, Sep 27 Ffos Las, Bath
- Tues, Sep 28 Brighton, Sedgefield
- Wed, Sep 29 Newcastle
- Tues, Jun 1 (eve) Ffos Las, Yarmouth
- Wed, Jun 2 Fontwell
- Fri, Jun 4 (eve) Bath
- Sat, Jun 5 (eve) Newcastle
- Sun, Jun 6 Brighton
- Wed, Jun 9 Yarmouth
- Thurs, Jun 10 Yarmouth
- Sat, Oct 2 Fontwell
- Sun, Oct 3 Uttoxeter
- Sat, Oct 9 Chepstow
- Sun, Oct 10 Bath, Ffos Las
- Tues, Oct 12 Newcastle
- Wed, Oct 13 Uttoxeter
- Thur, Oct 14 Brighton
- Sun, Oct 17 Bath, Newcastle
- Tues, Oct 19 Yarmouth
- Wed, Oct 20 Ffos Las, Fontwell
- Thur, Oct 21 Brighton
- Sat, Oct 23 Chepstow
- Tues, Oct 26 Yarmouth
- Thurs, Oct 28 Fontwell
- Fri, Oct 29 Uttoxeter
- Wed, Nov 3 Chepstow
- Fri, Nov 5 Fontwell
- Sun, Nov 7 Ffos Las, Hereford
- Tues, Nov 9 Sedgefield
- Fri, Nov 12 Newcastle
- Sat, Nov 13 Uttoxeter
- Sun, Nov 14 Fontwell
- Thurs, Nov 18 Hereford
- Mon, Nov 22 Ffos Las
- Tues, Nov 23 Sedgefield
- Thurs, Nov 25 Uttoxeter
- Mon, Nov 29 Ffos Las
- Tues, Nov 30 Hereford
- Sat, Dec 4 Chepstow
- Tues, Dec 7 Fontwell, Sedgefield
- Fri, Dec 17 Uttoxeter
- Sat, Dec 18 Newcastle
- Mon, Dec 20 Ffos Las
- Tues, Dec 21 Hereford, Sedgefield
- Boxing Day, Dec 26
- Fontwell
- Tues, Dec 28 Ffos Las
- Fri, Dec 31 Uttoxeter

The offer applies to all meetings except the May 14 Ladies Night, Plate Day, Fighting Fifth and Ladies Day at Newcastle; Midlands Grand National at Uttoxeter; Welsh National Day at Chepstow; the Eastern Festival and Ladies Day at Great Yarmouth, August Festival at Brighton and both Ladies Day fixtures at Ffos Las.



# CIU RACING CLUB



To take advantage of the offers fill in the form below and send it to us **THREE WEEKS** before the meeting. **IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE THE BOOKING THREE WEEKS BEFORE WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR DISCOUNT.** To obtain the discount we send all the forms to the racecourse together and they will send you the tickets about a week before the meeting.

Remember all racecourses offer reductions for groups so if the meeting you want to attend is not listed ring the racecourse direct.  
To register your club as a member of the CIU Racing Club ring Jean Garrett on (0191) 265 0040. As well as receiving regular updates you will receive a free copy of *Club Journal*.

**W**HEN it comes to big-race flat riders, few are the equal of Johnny Murtagh. Champion flat jockey in his native Ireland during 2009, Murtagh is the man usually seen in the saddle on this side of the Irish Sea when Ballydoyle trainer Aidan O'Brien goes hunting for major trophies.

To date, 2010 big race successes in Britain have been achieved in the Coronation Cup with Fame and Glory, the

Coronation Stakes with Lillie Langtry, and the Golden Jubilee Stakes and July Cup courtesy of Starspangled-banner. Back in Ireland, Murtagh has added to his tally of Classics by landing this year's Irish Derby on board Cape Blanco.

In total, Murtagh has notched up 13 Classics in Ireland and five in Britain, not to mention a Prix de l' Arc de Triomphe (Sinndar, 2000) in France, a Breeders' Cup Mile (Ridgewood Pearl 1995) in the USA, and the 2008 UAE Derby (Honour Devil) in the Middle East.

As a boy his sporting interests centred on the football pitch and the boxing ring. However, a two-week trial at the school for apprentice jockeys in County Kildare focused Murtagh on

was dismissed by the trainer due to weight and alcohol-related problems.

Showing the sort of resilience that has so often been seen in Murtagh's riding, he fought back from that low period, re-establishing himself with Oxx and going on to become Irish champion jockey in 1995, '96 and '98.

Success continued, and Murtagh ultimately opted to become a freelance jockey, dividing his time between Ireland and England, and forming a reward-ing alliance with Aidan O'Brien.

The year 2008 saw Murtagh nominated as retained rider for the Coolmore partnership of John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith, making him stable jockey to Aidan O'Brien in everything but name.

The 2008 season put Murtagh firmly in the record books; he landed no fewer than 21 Group 1 races during the campaign, which started with success in the Prix Ganay on Duke Of Marmalade, and the pairing went on to win four additional Group 1s. Henrythenavigator was another memorable partner for Murtagh, landing four consecutive Group 1s, including the English and Irish 2000 Guineas. The rider also enjoyed Group 1 successes on the likes of Mount Nelson, Moon-

## TALKING RACING

Gavin Smith

# Murtagh's the man for big occasions

what he really wanted to do with his life and a ten-month training course was followed by an apprenticeship with leading Irish hander John Oxx.

He rode his first winner on Chicago Style at Limerick in May 1987, aged 17, and two seasons later became champion apprentice in Ireland. The prestigious role of first jockey to John Oxx followed, though Murtagh's career suffered a temporary setback when he

stone, Halfway To Heaven, Yeats, Haradasun and Soldier Of Fortune.

Now aged 39, Murtagh is married to Orla, daughter of legendary Tipperary hurling star, Michael Keating, and the couple have five children. Widely regarded as one of the finest flat jockeys in the world, there is nothing to suggest that Johnny Murtagh will stop riding top-class winners any time soon.

## St Leger offer

DONCASTER Racecourse has extended its half price Grandstand offer to include the first day of the St Leger Festival, Wednesday, September 8. Prices are £7.50 instead of £15 but because of the short notice you will need to book directly with the racecourse, on 01302 304200 and quote CIU.

Retired champions including Pat Eddery, John Francome and Peter Scudamore will be helping raise money for the Injured Jockeys Fund, and Northern Racing College by taking part in the Leger Legends Race.

## 2010 Discounts

(All meetings Tattersalls unless stated otherwise)

LISTED below is a selection of discounts for the rest of 2010. A full list of all offers has been sent to Racing Club members.

In addition to those listed KEMPTON PARK is offering £5 off all its fixtures except the William Hill Winter Festival on December 26 and 27. Racing takes place there on nearly 100 days this year including most Wednesday evenings in April and June and every Wednesday evening from September 1.

DONCASTER is offering half price Grandstand entry at all dates except those specified in its advertisement on this page.

WOLVERHAMPTON is offering a party pack for all meetings except Boxing Day and Ladies Evening (September 4). For £15 you receive a ticket to the Grandstand, a racecard, three drinks (worth £2.50 each), a discounted Ladbrokes bet and a half price return voucher.

HAYDOCK PARK is offering half price entry at nearly all meetings. MARKET RASEN is offering £3 off all meetings except Boxing Day. HEXHAM is offering £2 off all midweek meetings.

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| ASCOT: Friday, September 24 Fourth Annual Beer Festival                     | £5 (normally £11)                    |
| ASCOT: Saturday, September 25 Sony Ascot Festival (including Beer Festival) | £14 (normally £20)                   |
| HAYDOCK: Saturday, September 25   | £9 (normally £18)                    |
| MARKET RASEN: Saturday, September 25  | £12 (normally £15)                   |
| ASCOT: Sunday, September 26 Family Fun Day                                  | £10 (normally £16)                   |
| MARKET RASEN: Sunday, September 26  | £10 (normally £13)                   |
| REDCAR: Saturday, October 2   | £10 (normally £15)                   |
| KELSO: Sunday, October 3  | £8 (normally £13)                    |
| ASCOT: Saturday, October 9  | £10 (normally £16)                   |
| YORK: Saturday, October 9   | £11 (normally £16)                   |
| KELSO: Saturday, October 16   | £8 (normally £13)                    |
| NEWBURY: Saturday, October 23 (Armed Forces Day)                            | £10 (normally £15)                   |
| AINTREE: Saturday, October 23   | £10 (normally £19)                   |
| DONCASTER: Saturday, October 23   | £7.50 (normally £15)                 |
| AINTREE: Sunday, October 24   | £10 (normally £19)                   |
| ASCOT: Saturday, October 30   | £10 (normally £16) Charity Fireworks |
| CARLISLE: Sunday, October 31  | £6 (normally £12)                    |
| KELSO: Saturday, November 6   | £8 (normally £13)                    |
| DONCASTER: Saturday, November 6   | £7.50 (normally £15)                 |
| MARKET RASEN: Sunday, November 7  | £10 (normally £13)                   |
| WETHERBY: Saturday, November 13   |                                      |
| National Charity Raceday  | £13 (normally £25.95)                |
| MARKET RASEN: Sunday, November 14   | £10 (normally £13)                   |
| HEXHAM: Wednesday, November 17  | Paddock £8 (normally £10)            |
| ASCOT: Saturday, November 20  | £10 (normally £16)                   |
| HAYDOCK: Saturday, November 20  | £10 (normally £20)                   |
| AINTREE: Sunday, November 21  | £10 (normally £19)                   |
| KELSO: Sunday, November 21  | £8 (normally £13)                    |
| CARLISLE: Sunday, November 28   | £6 (normally £12)                    |
| KELSO: Sunday, December 5   | £8 (normally £13)                    |
| DONCASTER: Saturday, December 11  | £6 (normally £12)                    |
| ASCOT: Saturday, December 18  | £10 (normally £16)                   |
| HAYDOCK: Saturday, December 18  | £9 (normally £18)                    |
| CARLISLE: Sunday, December 19   | £6 (normally £12)                    |
| KELSO: Wednesday, December 29   | £8 (normally £12)                    |
| HAYDOCK: Thursday, December 30  | £7.50 (normally £15)                 |

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## CIU Racing Club Booking Form

Number of tickets required (minimum 6) \_\_\_\_\_ Price per ticket £ \_\_\_\_\_

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Club Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this booking form plus cheque (made payable to the appropriate racecourse) at least three weeks prior to meeting to: Jean Garrett, Club Journal,

UNIT 17, ST. PETER'S WHARF, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE6 1TZ.



Wayne "Hawaii 501" Mardell is pictured with Sue and Lee Pickering.

Below: John Tobin and local councillor Keith Barnes, who has joined the club, are pictured flanked by Clive Kitchener and Valda Edmunds after the unveiling of the club's new sign. Also pictured are Mick McGlasham

(back row, right) Vernon Handscomb, Pete Fleming, Deidre White, Trustee Paul Stavros and other members of the Committee, Freda Stavros, Andy Piggott, Paul Hammond, Brian Ellerman, Ian Humphries, Paul Goldsmith, Rhain and Jake Cooper, Eddie Miller and Nigel Roberts.



Picture: Bishop's Stortford Observer

**T**HE man they call Hawaii 501 was one of the first guests when a Hertfordshire club decided to inject some colour and turn itself round with a series of new ideas including a new name.

"A lot of members had concerns about changing the name as they wanted to hold on to their heritage," said Valda. "But the club will always be known as 'The Workers' and the history will always be there. It's all about attracting new and younger members into the club."

## CLUB SIGNS UP TO NEW IDEAS

Darts player Wayne Mardell hosted a charity night at the renamed Bishop's Stortford Social Club while Union Vice-President John Tobin and General Secretary Mick McGlasham also visited the club to attend the unveiling of its new sign.

The change of name from Bishop's Stortford Working Men's Club was one of the first initiatives brought in by Valda Edmunds, now the Union's Head of Leisure, after she was invited to join the Committee. Valda had previously worked as Community Manager at Stansted Airport and been on the very successful Stansted Airport Entertainment Committee.

The club then recruited a new Steward and Stewardess, Lee and Sue Pickering, who have made the club more family-friendly, introduced food and taken a lead in organising charity events including the club's visit from Wayne Mardell, the winner of eight major tournament titles helped raise money for Macmillan Cancer when he demonstrated his throwing skills and played some trick shots and matches against 20 club members. The event was sponsored by Carlsberg and watched by about 100 people. "It was an excellent and very entertaining evening," said Club Secretary Clive Kitchener.

Valda, who is Assistant Secretary, has already introduced a poker night, which has, attracted a lot of attention – and new members – and turned her attention to live entertainment.

"One of the local pubs had recently stopped having bands, so I jumped in and booked them for the club. I knew they were very popular locally and would attract a good following, particularly among younger people.

"Other ideas we are looking at include the Tote Lottery and Happy Hour bar games – where sometimes you receive free or half price drinks or have to pay full price.

"The club has a good mixed committee led by Chairman Vernon Handscomb, Vice-Chairman Pete Fleming, Secretary Clive Kitchener and Treasurer Deidre White and the focus is on teamwork, ensuring everybody uses their own expertise to play a part in the club's success. Deidre in particular has been a marvel with the finances and has cleared up lots of outstanding problems.

"We are constantly looking for new ideas for the club and to attract more members. Ian Allison, our rep from Carlsberg has been very helpful and is always willing to give advice plus prizes to help with our events."

THE Union is compiling a list of clubs' websites for the CIU website [www.wmciu.org](http://www.wmciu.org). If you would like your website included email the CIU's webmaster Steve Bridger on [sb@galatai.com](mailto:sb@galatai.com)

**SPORTS SHORTS**  
*Valda Edmunds*

TEESSIDE'S Michael Rhodes has added the National Individual Snooker title to the Team Snooker title that he won earlier in the month with the Buffs Social Club from Stockton. He defeated Andrew Pagett from Twyn-Y-Ffald WMC in Monmouthshire 4-2 in the final at Mansfield Woodhouse Club, Nottinghamshire on July 31. To round off a memorable month Michael, who captained the Buffs team, also had the highest break of the individual competition with 129.



closing date of August 28. The Dominoes 5s & 3s, Dominoes Straights and Cribbage Pairs third round draw has been sent out with a closing date of August 15.

The Northern Angling Competition took place on July 3 and was won by Huntington Club, York. A total of 106 anglers fished. Seventy-eight anglers weighed in and the total amount of fish caught was 104kg 167g.

The National Angling took place on July 17 and was won, appropriately, by Crewe Amalgamated Anglers Club, who have now won the trophy outright.

Sixty-six individuals fished this contest. The Midlands/Southern Angling had

### Michael's magic month

Robin Hall of Gwynnes Social Club, Lincoln will be held on September 11 at Parkstone Club, Coventry.

The Individual Darts and Pool quarter-final draws have been sent out with a

to be cancelled and all entry fees were returned. Only three clubs and four teams entered.

All results can be found on the Union's website [www.wmciu.org](http://www.wmciu.org)



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