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THE PAPER FOR ALL C.I.U. MEMBERS

CLUBS WIN LATEST MACHINE TAX CASE



Reach for the sky

CLUB members Julie Shaw and Ivan Jones have taken to the skies to help families with sick babies. The pair, from Thurnscoe Ex-Servicemen's Club in South Yorkshire, did a 15,000 ft sky dive and have already raised more than £2,000 for the charity

Bliss, which helps care for premature and sick babies. Anyone wanting to donate should contact the club at Houghton Road, Thurnscoe, Rotherham S63 0TQ (01709) 892136.

CLUBS have received another boost with the news that the Union's recommended gaming machine supplier Dransfields has won its latest battle with the Revenue & Customs (HMRC). The latest Tribunal looked at tax on lottery machines over four periods – because the law changed three times – and ruled against HMRC in three of them.

Dransfields has been in a long running dispute with HMRC over automated lottery machines, known as Category B3A gaming machines. This stretches back over four years and has involved two separate Tax Tribunals.

The first Tribunal confirmed that

HMRC were wrong and Dransfields were correct in stating that the income from the machines is exempt from VAT as the proceeds of a lottery. The second Tribunal was over Licence Duty on the machines, and was complicated by the fact that the law changed three times in three years.

The Tribunal ruled on the four different periods as follows:

Period 1: July 10, 2003 to July 18, 2006

– No AMLD required

Period 2 – July 19, 2006 to October 31, 2006 – No AMLD required

Period 3 – November 1, 2006 to July 20, 2009 – AMLD required

Period 4 – July 21, 2009 onwards – No AMLD required

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Sue Graham is pictured with Branch President Trevor Baker (left) and Vice-President Andy Way.

THE UNION has two new Branch Secretaries, including its second woman Sue Graham.

Sue (55), the new South East Metropolitan Branch Secretary, has recently retired from the courts service as an employed barrister working for the Government where she had experience of the Licensing Act and registered clubs.

She is married with two daughters and enjoys ski-ing, the theatre, gardening and walking the dog.

The new York City Branch Secretary is Frank Healy, the Secretary of the New York Club & Institute, who has already organised a trade fair in the Branch. If you have seen satellite racing company Racing UK's advertising and think you know what Frank looks like you may be in for a surprise. (Continued – Page 13)

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THE UNION is once again holding its National Charity Raceday at Wetherby in West Yorkshire.

The raceday will be held on Saturday, November 12 and is being supported by Dransfields, who are sponsoring a race, and John Smith's. Full details – Page 19

THE Union is taking the battle to amend the smoking ban to the Labour Party conference in Liverpool this month with a meeting at the Cavern Club on September 27. Clubs are also being asked for their views on the proposed late night levy and increases to PPL rates. Full story – Page 7

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CONGRATULATIONS



DONCASTER Branch President Alan Baker (left) presents John Morton with his Distinguished Service Award at Hawthorn Recreation & Social Club.

Below: six members of Essington WMC near Wolverhampton are pictured with their Certificates of Merit. Pictured (left to right) are: Committee member Margaret Fletcher, President Howard Fletcher, Trustee Mary Campion, recently-retired President Graham Campion, Trustee Jean Round and Treasurer Ernie Kempson.



NORTHUMBERLAND Branch President Alan Hardy and Secretary Dave Richardson visited Coxlodge & Gosforth Social Club and presented a Long Service Award to Committee member David Holliday.

Club Secretary John Coppinger and Treasurer John Skelton. Front row: Chairman Harry Vernon, Dave Richardson, David Holliday and Alan Hardy.

Pictured (back row, left to right) are: Assistant Secretary Ronnie Bruce; Branch Executive members Peter Scorer, Tony Isbister and Sid Hicks, who is also on the National Executive;

• Dave Richardson also visited Blucher & District Social Club along with Branch Executive member Steven Kell and presented a Long Service Award to Committee member John Dudley.



MANCHESTER Branch Executive member Howison Clark was a guest at the Poplar Social Club in Accrington when they held their centenary celebrations and presented a Certificate of Merit to former Treasurer Jim Browne.



WEST Midland Branch President Ernie Nicks (left) visited the Remembrance Club in Castle Bromwich and joined Club President Albert Fellows in presenting Certificates of Merit to Committee members John Ford and Michael Showering.

HAYES WORKING MEN'S CLUB LATE NIGHT CABARET

– SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER –

"ROCKY HORROR SHOW"

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VICTORY ROLE FOR ADAM

Footballer hands over hospice cash

PORT VALE footballer Adam Yates has handed over a cheque for £3,700 on behalf of the Pittshill Victory Club. The club raised the money for the Douglas Macmillan Hospice in Stoke by selling football cards, bar donation boxes and by holding a grand raffle. Organiser Mandy Roberts thanked all the local businesses and members who had donated prizes and especially Adam Yates for giving up his time to present the cheque. The club runs a raffle every year on

behalf of different charities such as Children in Need and the Air Ambulance but, says Club Secretary Dan Capewell, this year's total has smashed all records. "I believe that this was down to the affection in which the Dougie Mac is held by members. Many members have had friends or relatives that have spent time at the hospice so they know first hand the wonderful care that the hospice provides."



Mike Firth of the Douglas Macmillan Hospice receives the cheque from Adam Yates watched by Mandy Roberts.



MEMBERS of the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers visited West Alotment Social Club on Tyneside to accept a cheque for £2,620 on behalf of Help for Heroes.

The whole village joined the club in raising the money with a barbecue, cake stand, tombola, clowns, disco and karaoke among the events. The fundraiser was the idea of club member Joe Blakey (pictured right) and he joined Committee members Phil Gallagher, Bill Ivison, Eric Jones, Chris Smith (Chairman), Kevin Sample, Bill Poulter (Secretary), Alan Gow to hand the cheque to Colour

Sergeant Neil Stephenson. Below: Michael Bateman and Aaron Hart from the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers, based at Colchester Garrison, met old soldiers Roy Welland and Roger Browning from the Burma Star Association, who are both in their 90s, when the Belle Vue Social Club handed over a cheque for £760.

The money was raised by various fundraising activities throughout the year. The cheque was presented by Club President Brian Milliard and Vice-president Derek Allen to the charity's local co-ordinator Sue Morgan.



MEMBERS of a Kent club have raised £2010.32 for Help for Heroes with a sponsored walk. Richard Edwards of the New Studio Club in

Bromley organised the walk and members who took part were: Chris Stevens, Andy Reed, Michael Naughton, Garry Harney, Les Barr, Linda O'Callaghan

and Richard Quinn. Linda had a special reason for taking part as her son Tom has served in Afghanistan with the Household Cavalry.

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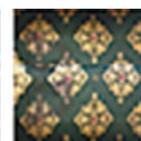


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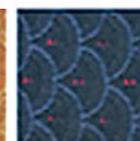
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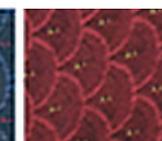
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For the love of Isla



A RAFFLE hoping to raise £50 ended up as a fundraising night that made more than £3,000 for a children's charity.

A group of bingo players at Thornhill Edge WMC in West Yorkshire, including Barbara Jones, whose twin sister Yvonne's one-year-old granddaughter Isla Jackson had been treated for kidney cancer, originally aimed to raise money for the Leeds LGI Children's Ward.

The club's Committee suggested a charity night and entertainers were supplied with the help of Mayfare Management and Gordon Kellert Entertainments. Sponsored head shaves and body waxing plus an auction and donations from the villagers and businesses of Thornhill meant £3,200 was raised for the Candlelighters children's cancer charity.



Isla Jackson and her mother Victoria with the club's cheque.

Barbara's husband, Treasurer Tony Jones, was among those marking 185 years of service when Union President George Dawson visited the club recently. He presented Heavy Woollen Branch Secretary Colin Howroyd with the Union's new 50-year service award and went on to present Senior Trustee and former Concert Secretary Dennis Addinall with the Distinguished Service Award for 40 years' service. Club President Barry Musgreave, Trustees Hedley Coulthard and David Newton also received the 25-year Long Service Award, while Tony Jones and the Committee's chief ticket seller Adrian Butcher were presented with the 10-year Certificate of Merit.

Pictured (back row, left to right) are: Colin Howroyd, Tony Jones, Adrian Butcher, Barry Musgreave and George Dawson. Front row: David Newton, Dennis Addinall and Hedley Coulthard.

A grand weekend

RUGELEY Progressive Club in Staffordshire has marked its centenary in grand style – by raising more than £1,000 for charity.

Mrs Rita Perry, the wife of former president Jim Perry, cut a ribbon at 6.30 on the Friday evening to start the celebrations with entertainment in the lounge. Saturday evening was a formal night in the concert room and on the Sunday the Committee took on the club's bowling team in the afternoon and there was a £100 full house on the bingo.

Trustee Nick Lyons and member Tony Young shaved their heads and raised £1,314.50 for Rugeley PHAB (Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied) Club. They would like to thank the generosity of club members, customers and the people of Rugeley for their huge support.

The club was founded by a group of working men, including property owner Mr J. Wallbank who had a vacant building and allowed the group under the chairmanship of Mr Edwards – known as the sham duke – to rent it. In 1918 the club found out the premises was going to be sold and acquired the derelict premises of Turnock's in Bees Lane. The Bees Lane Club was officially opened in 1921 and joined the CIU in the same year.

With growing membership, the club opened its current Mansfield House site in November 1951 and eventually closed Bees Lane in 1983.

In 1990, the Committee elected their



Rita Perry cuts the ribbon to start the weekend of celebrations and (below) the Committee take on the bowls team.

first ever woman secretary Sheila Giles. Sheila is now Treasurer and responsible for a highly successful weekend along with fellow Committee members Geoff Brown, President; Dave Johnson, Vice-President, Glynis Payne Secretary, Jim McKenry Entertainment Secretary and Trustee; Nick Lyons and Bill Haycock Trustees, and Elsie Polak, Maureen Johnson, Debbie Rees, Neil Coles, Tom Smith and Sue Brown.



Jimmy and Shirley are rewarded for

LOOKING AFTER No 1



Jimmy and Shirley are congratulated by General Secretary Mick McGlasham (left) and Durham Branch President Colin Armstrong.

COUNTY Durham clubman Jimmy Hope had some good news and bad news for his wife Shirley when he stepped down after 26 years as Treasurer and Secretary of the Consett No. 1 Club.

The good news was that the club are thanking Jimmy for his outstanding work by naming their new lounge after him and sending Jimmy and Shirley on an all-expenses holiday to Majorca; the bad news is that if Shirley thought she'd seemore of him she was wrong because he is going to continue as a Committee member.

Jimmy joined the Committee in the 1970s and became Treasurer in 1985. He had to take on the dual role of Secretary/Treasurer, before finally taking on the sole role of Secretary in the 1990s.

The Committee tried to persuade Jimmy to stay on to help the new secretary Stephen Dodgson. Initially he declined, and Shirley thought she was now going to seemore of her husband. However, Shirley realised how much Jimmy would miss the club and said: "if he wants to carry on as a member of the Committee the choice is his."

Club President Stephen Clarke said: "Jimmy has performed an outstanding role in helping our club become the prosperous club we are today. The lounge will stand as a lasting memorial to everything Jimmy has done for the club.

"His heart was, and still is in the club, but this could not have happened without the support of Shirley. On behalf of all the members we thank you both."

Heineken UK



Top players toe the oche with John Smith's



TOPS: Heineken UK works closely with the Committee to ensure the club can meet its full potential in a competitive market

More than 100 darts players toed the oche at Newark WMC in a competition backed by Heineken UK's John Smith's brand.

The players - many of whom chose to take part in this event rather than travel to Germany for a similar competition that attracts some of the country's best amateur players - were competing for an

overall prize pot of £1,000.

According to the club's Vice President Ron Bowles, the event was a great success and will be repeated later in the year, again with the support of John Smith's.

"This was a very professionally-run competition with eight boards in constant use as well as three practice boards, and feedback from the event has been very positive.

"Our Heineken UK Regional Manager Richard Brown supported the Committee in setting up the all-day event with promotional materials, banners and, of course, John Smith's to ensure everyone - both players and spectators - enjoyed themselves. In the meantime, our thanks go out to Dennis Stokes of Double16.com who did his usual terrific job of organising another of our hugely popular darts challenges.

"Our darts players are very competitive and we have eight teams in local leagues as well as six pool teams and a strong skittles following, so 'sport's high on our members' lists of priorities.

"Aside from sport, we use our conferenceroom for live entertainment, bingo, weddings, private parties and welcome a Keep



TEAMWORK:9 (L-R):8Assistant Secretary Graham Colton, Vice President Ron Bowles, Committee member Steve Hollingsworth, Secretary Chris Jackson, Treasurer Doreen Murray and Heineken UK Regional Manager Richard Brown

Fit Club and Pony Club on a regular basis.

"We have more than 450 members of all age groups and actively encourage families to use the facilities as much as possible and our Treasurer Doreen Murray uses her catering qualifications and Five-Star Food rating from the Council to serve up some very tempting dishes.

"I have been on the Committee for 25 years and during that time I have learned that in order to compete successfully with other clubs and pubs in the area, you have to listen to your punters and get their input into the kind of activities and facilities they would like to see in their club.

"We listen and if their suggestions are viable, we will implement them and, more often than not, this will involve our approaching Richard Brown who is clearly on our wavelength and always supports us in any initiative we consider.



QUALITY: The standard of play on the day was extremely high

"Richard treats us as a small business and acts as a 'semi-advisor' to the Committee on all aspects of running a club and we are highly delighted with the results we have achieved through listening to him and acting on his advice, as well as the support he has provided through promotions, POS and funding for us to maintain what is a large hundred-year-old building.

"We look forward to strengthening our already strong working relationship in the future and thank Heineken UK for its invaluable support over the years."

Heineken UK Regional Manager Richard Brown says: "The Committee at Newark WMC has worked hard to achieve the success the club is currently enjoying and a lot of the time it is by using a very

simple formula - offering a warm welcome and a smile to all-comers, getting members involved in the club and its activities - and being open-minded enough to consider any advice Heineken UK is able to give them through its vast expertise in the club sector.

"I am sure our partnership will continue to evolve to our mutual benefit in the coming years."

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HALLOWE'EN

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Friday 9th December-Tuesday 13th December. £155.

New Year Party £155.

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NORTH EAST VISIT

A PARTY of 19 from the North East Metropolitan Branch were a big hit when they visited Saltburn House. Members of the Branch Executive were joined by their wives and guests for a special weekend. As always the whole party paid their own way and joined other guests in a memorable weekend, which included a race night. Pictured (back row, left to right) are: Branch Secretary and National Executive member John Baker, Gerry Ward, John Tabor and Sean Belton.

Front row: Father of the Committee Len King, President Mickey Burke and Vice-President Ray Davidson. Not on the picture were Branch Executive member David Jones and guests John and Muriel Pells from Colchester Belle Vue and Roy and Eve Keep from Hoe Street Club, and the Branch Executive members' partners. Below: Mickey Burke receives his 10-year Branch Service certificate from Len King at Silver Hall Social Club, watched by John Baker.



MINIBUS WOULD BE ICING ON THE CAKE

Dear Sir,

I have just returned home after spending a week convalescing at Saltburn House.

When I arrived I was greeted by the Manager, Maxine, who was only too pleased to answer my questions.

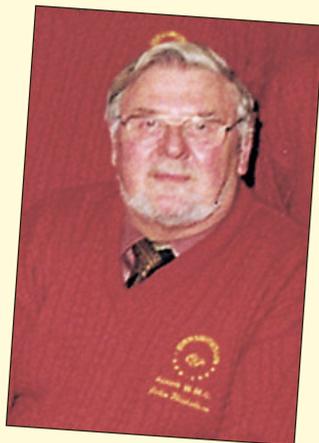
As I was with my son and his wife we asked if she could recommend a place for lunch and it proved excellent. Maxine also saw I was walking with a walking aid, and kindly offered the use of an electric scooter.

After my family had left I went down for dinner and saw nearly everybody was in couples but in true CIU fashion I was made very welcome and asked if I would like to join them. One couple were from Skegness and were regulars; another couple were from Coventry, they made my stay most enjoyable.

During the days I did feel isolated; there used to be a minibus that would take you to selected places but unfortunately the minibus is no longer there as it was beyond repair. This was very disappointing and the purpose of this letter is not only to tell members about the quality of the home but also to appeal to Club Secretaries to ask them to start an appeal for a minibus for the home.

The CIU clubs are noted for their generous contributions to charity; well, remember charity begins at home. Thank you, Maxine, you are a star.

Yours sincerely
John Nicholson
Acomb WMC, York









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Union takes smoking lobby to the Cavern

CLUB members can tell Labour MPs what they think about the smoking ban and other issues when the Union hosts a special event at the Cavern Club in Liverpool later this month.

The Union and the Save Our Pubs & Clubs campaign will host a reception during the Labour Party conference in the city on Tuesday, September 27. The reception will last from 6pm to 8.30pm and will feature live music from a Beatles tribute band and film from 1999 of Paul McCartney playing at the Cavern. The club where the early Beatles made nearly 300 appearances was rebuilt in the 1980s with many of the original bricks.

This month's event follows a successful reception at the House of Commons

in June when three MPs – Greg Knight (Conservative), Roger Godsiff (Labour) and John Hemming (Lib Dem) – joined forces with the Union and Save Our Pubs & Clubs and called for an amendment to the public smoking ban.

Simon Clark, director of Save Our Pubs & Clubs and the smokers' group Forest, said: "We are delighted to be hosting this event with the Union. It is very important that we impress upon Labour MPs that clubs are private places and should have the option of introducing a separate, well-ventilated smoking room if that's what members want."

General Secretary Mick McGlasham said: "This event is further evidence that the Union is playing an active role in the

political process. As well as smoking, we will also be addressing other areas of concern. I invite members from all over the country, but especially clubs in the North West, to come and join us and make sure that we get our message across."

To attend the event at the Cavern Club, members should register with Daniel Lee at Head Office on (020) 7226 0221 or email daniel.lee@wmciu.org. As soon as you have registered you will receive a formal invitation.

Entry is free and there will be free drinks during the reception followed by a cash bar. The Cavern Club is outside the conference area so you do not have to be a conference delegate to attend the event.

Write to your MP

THE Government is considering a late night levy that would allow local licensing authorities to charge all premises open between midnight and 6am – supposedly to pay for policing the late night mayhem in our streets.

The Union has told the Government the absurdity of this as our clubs do not cause any of this trouble. We also know MPs gauge public feeling by the letters they get so let your local MP know. Reproduced on this page is a sample letter you can send to your MP.

MUSIC THREAT

PPL – which collects licences for recorded music – is proposing a big increase in charges, particularly for Specially Featured Entertainment (SFE).

All clubs will have received a consultation document asking for their views and the repercussions for clubs so make sure you do. The Union has also been in touch with Equity whose members will also be affected, especially those who use backing tracks.

[To local Member of Parliament]

Dear

We as the Committee of [insert name of club] operate under a Club Premises Certificate as a private members' club.

We are aware that legislation currently being debated in the House of Lords will enable licensing authorities to initiate a "Late Night Levy" which will result in an extra fee to be paid if we operate after the hours of midnight. This fee will contribute to the policing of our high streets in order to reduce crime and disorder and public nuisance created by alcohol-fuelled revellers.

We, as the Committee of a private members' club, regulate not only the activities of our club but also the conduct of our members. We are not situated on the high street and do not in any way contribute to the crime and disorder and public nuisance.

Further, we understand that the local Licensing Authority will have the power to initiate Early Morning Alcohol Restriction Orders which would effectively ban the sale of alcohol in areas between the hours of midnight and 6am. For the reasons given above we believe that private members' clubs operating under a Club Premises Certificate should be exempt from such Orders, as we self-regulate the conduct of our members and are quick to ensure that disciplinary action is initiated against any member who may bring the club's good name into disrepute.

We urge you, therefore, to support our request to exempt private members' clubs operating with a Club Premises Certificate from both the Late Night Levy and the Early Morning Alcohol Restriction Orders.

We look forward to hearing from you and your confirmation of interest in supporting the differentiation of private members' clubs from the high street late-night alcohol-fuelled crime and disorder and public nuisance.

Yours sincerely



CIU NATIONAL QUIZ

Congratulations to the 18 finalists in this year's CIU National Quiz, the first to be sponsored by the Union's recommended gaming machine supplier Dransfields. The final will be held at Alvaston & Crewton Men's Social Club in Derby, starting at 1pm on Sunday, September 18, and is being co-sponsored by Coors and The Co-operative Bank. The finalists are:

- 1 Reddish WMC, Stockport
- 2 Shottermill WMC, Surrey
- 3 Bagworth Social, Leics
- 4 Aberkenfig Social, Bridgend
- 5 Innisfree Social, Newcastle
- 6 Soothill WMC, Batley
- 7 Sydney Street WMC B, Accrington
- 8 New Haw Club, Surrey
- 9 Unicorn Social, Coventry
- 10 Maesglas Sports B, Newport
- 11 Newbottle WMC, Sunderland
- 12 Lindley WMC, Huddersfield
- 13 Sydney Street WMC A, Accrington
- 14 Ashford Road, Swindon
- 15 Radford Social Club, Coventry
- 16 Maesglas Sports A, Newport
- 17 Gosforth Empire, Newcastle
- 18 Smawthorne Lane, Castleford

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As Chairman of the CIU's Finance Committee West Midland Branch Secretary and National Executive member Geoff Whewell is acutely aware of the importance of controlling and managing overheads and he realised very early on that this scheme would be a huge benefit to the clubs in his area. One of them, Parkes Hall Social Club in Dudley have found out just how simple this can be.

They contacted Envtec Services for their free consultancy service after reading an article in *Club Journal*. Envtec carried out an energy management review on their behalf looking at their equipment along with the gas and electricity bills to see how efficient their heating, cooling and lighting was.

They then presented a detailed report to the

Committee and it became clear that the majority of their energy was being wasted through dated cellar coolers, an old gas heating system and the inefficient lighting in the concert room. Envtec helped the club to obtain funding for brand new energy-efficient equipment; and after a swift process they have now had the installation and are already seeing substantial savings of £560 a month!

"Envtec's James Coss and Lisa Keen have made a great impact on our club. They were both professional and educated in the advice they gave us on how to go about implementing positive improvements," said Steward Ken Lavender. (Pictured left)

"The funding process was simple and fast as James and Lisa took care of this

all the way down the line. The temperature control heating and cooling system has sparked the most compliments as within 10 to 15 minutes the rooms that we are planning to use are at just the right temperature.

"The club's gas has been eliminated now which has given us an immediate saving of £560 a month. We initially thought that as an average for the year we would be saving around £6,800 but with the recent news of energy prices rocketing this saving will be much, much higher.

"I am so thankful that we took up the offer of the free advice from Envtec Services and the CIU, we would highly recommend that other clubs do the same."

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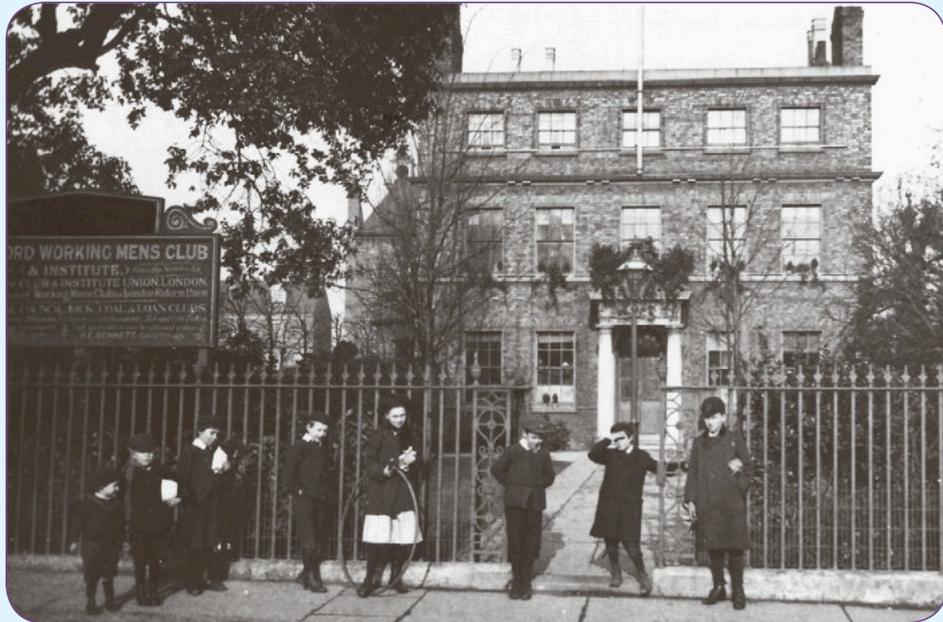
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OLD CLUB HA



Children outside the old club at Westgate House in 1900. (Picture: Kent Libraries & Archives (Dartford Library)) and (below) the new club's entrance with its disabled ramp.



Bottom: the committee: (back row left to right): Vice-President Charlie Cursons: Richard Osborne: Alistair Beaton: Secretary John Moon: Vice-President Les Fletcher: Brian Mardell and Vice President Bill Sibley: Front Row: President Peter Sands, Brian Paskell, Bob Beaton and Brian Gurney.



DARTFORD Working Men's Club has won national awards for its beer and for its folk music but there's much more to it than that.

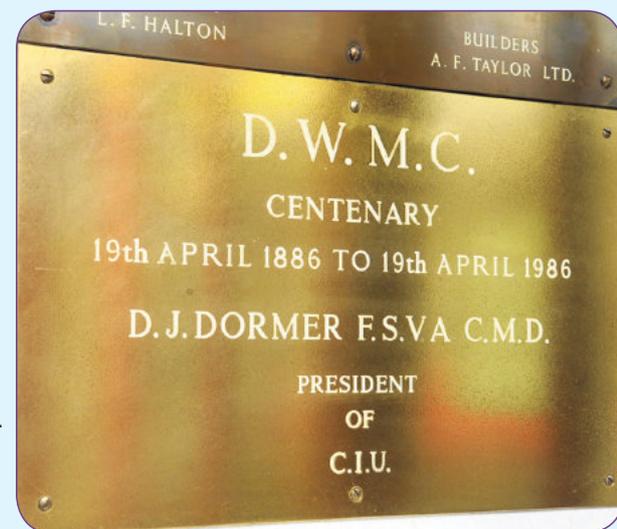
The club is one of the oldest in the Union and has just celebrated its quasiquintenary – its 125th anniversary – but it's also one of the most modern with its own radio station, Italian coffee on offer and members being kept up to date with special events by text message. The club's earliest minutes show that its first President was E. Hesketh Esq., with J.L. Spoor Esq. as Treasurer and the obviously less important Mr W Heavisides as Secretary. Two years later members of the club founded Dartford Football Club, one of the founder members of the Southern League, which has included former England manager Peter Taylor among its managers and is currently two leagues below the Football League in Blue Square Bet League South. The Dartford Club Association Limited, as it was then known, became the Dartford Working Men's Club in 1890 when it moved into Westgate House, a mansion built by John Hall, the founder of a local engineering company. A picture with children at the railings outside the old club is part of the local studies collection at Dartford Library and can be seen on a display board in the street nearby as part of the Dartford Heritage Trail.

The archives also show Westgate House was visited by the Prince of Wales, later Edward VIII in 1928, and that he danced with two local girls Ivy Bentley and Gay Nesbitt. The club was eventually forced to move to make way for redevelopment and the current purpose-built premises were opened in 1959.

Its success as a real ale club started in 1999 when Steward Nick Byram persuaded the Committee to allow him to give one real ale a try on the bar. The combination of tasty ale at club prices proved irresistible and more and more handpumps were introduced and more ales found from all parts of the country. As word spread visitors also came from distant parts, particularly after the club was declared as its Club of the Year by CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) in 2006. Now the club often has as many as 15 handpumps on the bar and 100 nine-gallon casks of ale in its back yard.

"Credit goes to the Committee, who were prepared to give it a go," said Nick "We've found that once people get the taste for it they just don't go back to keg."

Club President Peter Sands thinks the club's staff are also a big factor in its success.



A plaque near the front door commemorates the club's centenary in 1986.

members and has got and Blackpool. Along the club organises a four-course dinner for members – which did it was organised through a pool and darts

Dartford Working Men's Club in Essex Road, Dartford is part of the Tel: 01322 Beers: Heineken, micro-brewery Website: www.dartfordwmc.com

Folk Club of the Year award from singer J. appeared there in its 3 Seeger, Martin Cartliff. This year the club celebrated its anniversary with some successful rock Wolfie, holds a guitar on Saturdays and Sundays at lunchtimes. "The latest thing we're doing really well," says Vice

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Nick Byram shows how many nine-gallon casks of real ale the club gets through

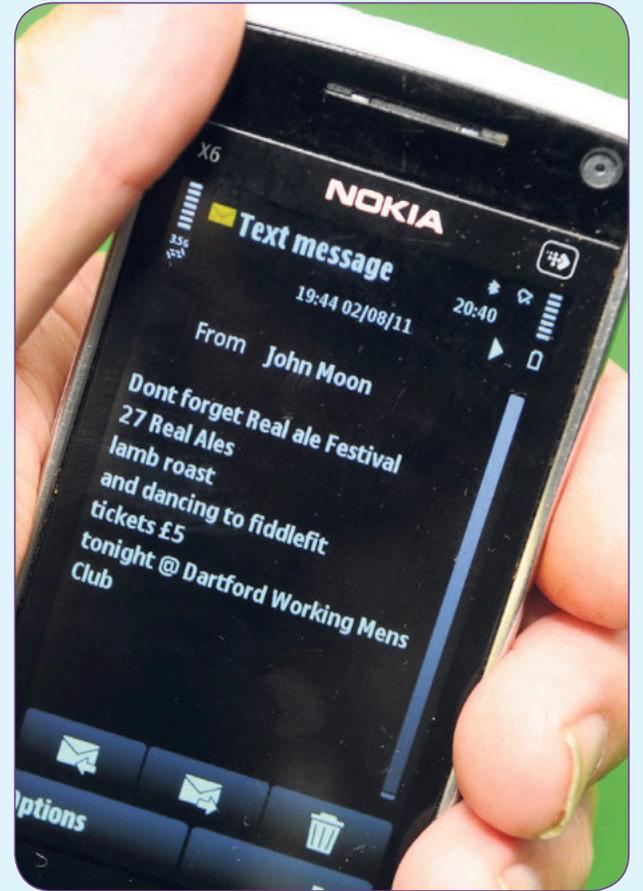
Men's Club

S P L E N T Y O F N E W T R I C K S

Club Journal's featured
Club of the Month:
**DARTFORD
WMC**



Steward Nick Byram with some of the handpumps on the club's bar. The club, which has up to 15 cask ales on offer, was CAMRA's Club of the Year in 2006. "Once people get the taste for it they just don't go back to keg," says Nick. As well as having its own radio station the club keep members informed by text.



"A lot of people who come here comment on the friendly atmosphere," he said "I think the bar staff and the doorman have a lot to do with that, they're brilliant."

As the Committee has grown in confidence more features have been added. The club runs a successful carvery and also offers sandwiches from Tuesdays to Saturdays. One of the more successful ventures has been a travel section, which organises coach trips for club one as far afield as the Isle of Wight, Torquay with regular pensioners' outings to the coast children's party and pantomime and a special with wine and entertainment for all its 129 life. It didn't cost the club a penny as all the money for raffles and draws. As well as steam play – which is particularly popular with women

members – the club also has a fishing section among its 1,600 members and has been running a successful poker night. In 2008 the club followed on from being CAMRA's Club of the Year when it was chosen by Radio 2 as its

parand organisers Pam and Alan Colls received the Jez Lowe. Most of the big names of folk have an 18-year history including Ewan McColl and Peggy Why and Tom Paxton.

has also started up a Jazz & Blues Club and celtary with three days of jazz. The club has also held rockabilly nights while one of its members, known as the club once a month. They also hold live concerts on Sundays as well as bingo on Fridays and Sunday

we've tried is rockabilly. which has gone down really well. President Bill Sibley. "The live music we have

already has proved very successful but we're always looking for something more diverse."

Traditionally the club's biggest day was market day on a Thursday when more people came into the town and the club always stayed open all afternoon. "It was a big thing then when places weren't open all day," says Secretary John Moon. "I remember one chap used to come in at lunchtime and he would still be drinking at 11. No one knew how he got home."

These days the club has embraced new technology to encourage members. It has its own computer-generated radio station, which plays background music in the club, interspersed with occasional advertisements. They also email and text members with information about what's on at the club including concerts and new beers, and there's even a real ale webcam, meaning – as computer users would put it – what you see is what you get.

With Dartford Working Men's, however, there's a lot more than what you see.



Members take part in a jam session at the club's folk club. The club has also won a Club of the Year award from Radio 2.

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club MANAGEMENT

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TAKE ADVICE BEFORE YOUR CLUB HAS TO BE WOUND UP

IF your club is wound up the Committee will certainly face condemnation and criticism but they also risk legal action and even losing their own money. It's vital, therefore, to have proper legal, accounting and taxation advice as soon as possible from a licensed insolvency practitioner to make sure the Committee and sometimes the members avoid pitfalls and protect themselves.

A decision to close the club will involve the Committee in following the complex legal requirements for "winding-up" or liquidation. Ultimately the club will cease to trade and the assets will be sold to pay creditors. The decision to wind up the club is not made by the Committee and it will be necessary to arrange for a meeting of the members to resolve that the club should be wound up. The Committee should always be aware that their duty is to safeguard the assets of the club for the benefit of the members.

As part of the process of winding up there will be detailed consideration of several matters including:

- staff redundancies;
- steward's accommodation issues;
- club premises security;
- insurances;
- dealing with loan creditors;
- informing and arranging to pay suppliers;
- placing the club up for sale;
- selling and collecting the club's other assets;
- encashing investments;

NMW is reviewed

THE UNION has been asked to give its views on the National Minimum Wage (NMW) to assist the Low Pay Commission to prepare recommendations for the Government.

The main issues to be discussed will be:

- The levels for the minimum wage from October 2012;
- Whether the minimum wage regulations could be simplified;
- Whether business could be given greater clarity on future levels of the minimum wage, including the option of two-year recommendations; and
- Whether any other recommendations from the Low Pay Commission could be introduced more promptly.

The Commission has also asked for comments on the level and impact of the NMW on small businesses in face.



- dealing with corporation tax matters (including the potential capital gains on the subsequent sale of the club premises);
- dealing with VAT and PAYE liabilities;
- retention of the club's books and accounting records. It will also be important to make sure that the club has up-to-date accounts and has full listings of its assets and its liabilities. All of these require considerable legal skills and expert knowledge which is not usually possessed within the Committee.

INSOLVENCY

The Insolvency Act 1986 defines insolvency as the "inability to pay debts". This arises when the value of the club's assets is less than its liabilities. If a club finds itself in this situation then the Committee have to make important decisions with possible serious consequences.

The first decision is whether to continue in business with the aim of becoming solvent again if cashflow improves. This question cannot be answered by wishful thinking and calculations on a piece of scrap paper. There should be a careful assessment by professionals of the pros-

UNION Auditor BILL ROBINSON explains why Committees need to take professional advice as soon as a club is in danger of going under.

pects of success leading to a defensible conclusion in the event that the club decide to carry on trading. If it is not reasonable to continue then liquidation is required or some other re-structuring idea developed.

The decision whether to continue needs the following questions considered:

- Is the club a registered Industrial & Provident Society or a Friendly Society? An Industrial & Provident Society club will have the word "Limited" after its name this indicating that the members have limited their personal liability to be sued to the value of their individual share in the club. The Friendly Society club has no such word at the end of its name and the members therefore have unlimited liability (jointly and severally) for the debts of the club. Most CIU clubs have had the good sense to become Industrial & Provident Societies.
- Is there a detailed cashflow and balance sheet forecast prepared which demonstrates the club can establish a surplus of assets over liabilities? Lenders might ask for security and for trading agreements—be aware that trading agreements might hamper the club's ability to create positive cashflows. Lenders might also ask the Committee or members for personal security or for personal guarantees. Security on members' personal assets and personal guarantees should be avoided. This is putting members' assets at risk. Members might be willing to lend their personal money to the club – do not borrow from them more money than they can afford to lose.
- Can the club sell assets which are sur-

plus to requirements? These will generate cashflow but if the asset in question is property be aware of potential tax on capital gains.

Do the members want the club to continue? If they do they must be fully informed of the current financial position and risks.

SOLVENCY

If the eventual value of the assets exceeds the value of the liabilities and as a result there is "money in the bank" at the end it is appropriate to consider whether these excess funds could and should be distributed to the members.

This begs the question: who are the members? Are they the ones who have paid



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their subscriptions up to date? Is there a proper register of members? Has there been a recent increase in members because of a rumour that the club is going to close and members will receive a "pay-out" (distribution)? What happens to life and honorary members?

These matters require detailed legal knowledge of the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts and the Friendly Societies Acts as well as what is written in the club's Rule Book.

THE FINAL ACT

"Winding up" or liquidation is the death of the club. The club ceases to trade and the assets are sold to pay creditors. Members can put the club into liquidation. If insolvent the creditors can appoint the liquidator (creditors' voluntary liquidation). Any creditor or a group of creditors can ask the court to wind-up a club (compulsory winding-up). A creditor with a floating charge over all the assets can sometimes appoint an "administrative receiver".

To protect the club, the members, the Secretary and the Committee always get advice at an early stage. Your local Branch will be able to help you find an appropriate licensed Insolvency Practitioner and in most cases they will offer a free initial consultation.

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NEW FACE: "Frank Healy" as he appeared in the Racing UK ad and the real

Frank (pictured centre) with Branch President Ken Needham (left) and Assistant Secretary Pete Mitchell at the Heineken UK stand.

NEW FACES FOR BRANCHES

Continued from page 1

A self-employed tax agent Frank, who is 59, comes from Glasgow and moved to Yorkshire in 1974. He worked for 25 years in retail management and has a BA in Business Management as well as a HND in business and finance, which he managed to complete despite bringing up his two young sons single-handedly when his wife died.

After a spell as Secretary of Acomb WMC, Frank became Secretary of the New York Club & Institute, which last year won a £5,000 competition with satellite broadcaster Racing UK, that saw the club decked out in the colours of the Cheltenham Festival and its floor covered with turf. After that Racing UK used an advertisement in which he appeared to endorse them.

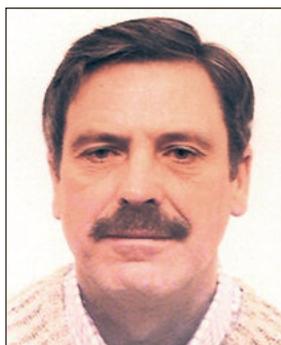
"The words are mine but the good-looking bald chap in the ad is a model, it isn't me," said Frank. "I can't think why they wanted somebody better looking to appear in the ad."

One of Frank's first jobs as Branch Secretary has been to organise a Branch trade fair at Acomb WMC. Among the Companies that attended were Heineken UK, Dransfields, Bissett Kenning & Newiss, Cellular Bright, Envtec Services, Cabana DJ Drinks, Media Theme, CIU Insurance, Racing UK and solicitors Poppleston Allen.

"Clubs and suppliers are already phoning and emailing me about our next event," added Frank. "That means we will continue to get results and to strengthen our links between clubs and suppliers, while safeguarding the future of our clubs."

Sue Graham answered an advertisement to replace Arthur Millard, who also has a legal background. Before becoming Branch Secretary in 1998 Arthur worked in a solicitor's office and is still qualified to practise as a legal executive and commissioner of oaths.

He spent four years as a member of the



Arthur Millard



John Grainger

National Executive before stepping down last year at the age of 66 to cut his workload after the untimely death of his wife Mavis. He also holds the Distinguished Service Award for his 40 years' service to the Maltravers Club in Littlehampton.

Frank Healey takes over from John Grainger, who has been Branch Secretary since 2008 and is retiring because of ill health. John was previously Branch Vice-President and had two spells as Secretary of Burnholme Social Club.

He ended his first spell as Club Secretary when he was redundant by BT and in 1992 took a once-in-a-lifetime trip to all 16 Formula One races as well as the Barcelona Olympics.

The Executive Committees of both Branches would like to thank Arthur and John for their work and wish them every happiness in the future.

OBITUARIES

BERT BUCKLE

OLD HENDON Ex-Servicemen's Club in North London are sad to announce the death of their longest serving member Bert Buckle, who had held the club's A1 membership card for 10 years.

Bert, who was 88, joined the club in December 1945. His family have found his original share certificate from 1945 which will now be framed and kept alongside the special certificate given to him by the club in 2005 to mark his 60 years' membership.

After the Second World War Bert was a publican in Holloway and later ran a pub in Essex before moving back to Hendon.

He became known as Mr Rules because he knew the rule book back to front. Bert liked to keep fit all his life and would walk more than a mile to and from the club on most days, a routine he maintained until recently. He will be missed by all at the club as well as his family and friends.



VICKI HOWARD

IT is with the deepest regret that the Belle Vue Social Club in Colchester, announce the death of their former Secretary, Vicki Howard at the age of 67.

Vicki had been a member of the club for more than five years, and had spent three of these years as Club Secretary. She died after a relatively short illness after she relinquished her role as Secretary.

She was a very active games player in the club especially in the crib team and will be sadly missed by all. Deepest sympathy from the Managing Committee and all the members goes to her son Paul and his family.



ALAN PEACOCK

OLD Shildon WMC in Co. Durham regret to announce the death of their Chairman Alan Peacock at the age of 63.

Alan had served on the Committee for 40 years, 30 of them as Chairman and had just received the Distinguished Service Award.

A member of the West Durham Amalgamation Alan and his wife Barbara would travel to the South of England and to France for pigeon races. He spent his working life at the Shildon railway workshops.

General Secretary Mick McGlasham, who visited the club recently, said: "Alan was a committed clubman. He had forthright views and was a well respected man."

Condolences go to his many friends, to Barbara and to his stepson Andrew.



Machine tax win



In a written judgement the judge criticised HMRC and clearly wanted to decide in the taxpayer's favour on Period 3 as well. He

found for HMRC with "...considerable reluctance, as it seems...to be an unfair and capricious interpretation" and said he considered it to be a drafting error in law that he was unable to correct.

What this means in practice is that any club that did not have a licence between November 1, 2006 and July 20, 2009 may be required to purchase a Default Licence but as there is a three-year cap after which HMRC cannot issue a Default Licence, Dransfields' understanding is that a club can only be assessed from August 2008 to July 2009.

Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley told Club Journal: "This is a good result for clubs and shows that we were correct in our interpretation of the VAT Act and the Betting and Gaming Duties Act and that HMRC just got it wrong. The complexity of the law and the fact that the definitions of machines were changed three times made it extremely difficult for any taxpayer to keep abreast of legislation

and stay on the right side of the law. "Dransfields has always been determined to protect clubs from threatened retrospective taxation on these machines and it is an enormous relief to clubs to know that this threat has now been lifted. Those clubs that were supplied with a B3A by Dransfields were licensed with effect from 1 September 2007 and we are assisting our customers in dealing with any liability prior to that.

Those clubs that had a B3A machine between November 1, 2006 and July 20, 2009 and did not pay licence duty may be required to do so but we think only from August 2008.

"After four years of battling with HMRC, the end result is that we are back where we started and that is with the B3A machine exempt from VAT and with no licence duty payable. Any club that has not yet reclaimed the VAT paid on their B3A machine income should do so as soon as possible.

We have been informed that HM Revenue and Customs are in the process of drawing up a new Business Brief on the matter and that this will be published within the next few weeks"

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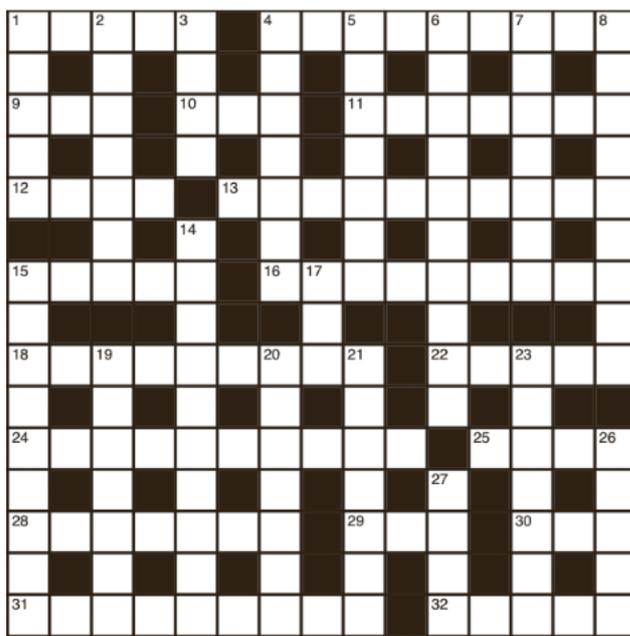
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ACROSS

- 1 Eddy with showgirls? Gosh no! (5)
- 4 Death omen misread by narcotic. (9)
- 9 Bother that mutt! (3)
- 10 Tuneful wind stuff? (3)
- 11 Chop, but minced up for the dog's dinner. (5-2)
- 12 Gas in early neo-natal stage. (4)
- 13 Slouched on clumsily, because not educated. (10)
- 15 Throw out the bits of peel round the Times. (5)
- 16 Brown oak that the ladies don't like next to the eye. (5-4)
- 18 Hostels do battle with stores. (4-5)
- 22 False gods - yet sort of solid? (5)
- 24 Drowns out more than front trees, finally. (10)
- 25 Kill, say, the sledge. (4)
- 28 Commit to test run which went wrong. (7)
- 29 Two-by-two - crafty old thing. (3)
- 30 Deceive, but not the old goat. (3)
- 31 The only trade where being stuffed does not mean disaster? (9)
- 32 Punishing plane crash. (5)

DOWN

- 1 The Yanks call it a car - we call it an old chair! (5)
- 2 Clique, from the groin up. (2,5)
- 3 Heavy metal from the dale (unfortunately). (4)
- 4 Stupid master of ceremonies to go in damaged Orion. (7)
- 5 Coat cob with dressing of weed. (7)
- 6 Sophia hurt about who actually wrote it. (10)
- 7 More from barred, allegedly. (7)
- 8 Hastens, and exits deep within,



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- 14 When you're cut, but not to the quick. (5,5)
- 15 Outgoing extension to wanderer at the end of August. (9)
- 17 Aerodynamically, it's a bit of a bar. (3)
- 19 Take more than due on drawing pins, so they say. (4-3)
- 20 Ex-user able to choose. (7)
- 21 Succinct version said to be seasonal. (7)
- 23 For protection - wear it in the rain, do it in the sun. (3-4)
- 26 Mayo delicatessen produces to
- 27 Jump the rope - could be wasteful. (4)
- 24 Human-goat takes on a collection of animals. (5)
- 25 Egyptian place modelled in replica Ironclad. (5)
- 26 sing, sort of. (5)

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Cyril Neal, Winton Liberal Club, Wessex Branch
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Leslie Battison, Brafield on the Green WMC, South East Mids Branch
Adrian Gale, Llanbradach Social Rec. Hall, South Wales Branch

Certificate of Merit

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Ian Collier, Hylton Castle W.M Social Club, Co. Durham Branch
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John Lane, Acomb WMC, York City Branch

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Mr L Simpson, Smallthorne Victory Club, Stoke-on-Trent

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Mr J Anderson, Mill Hill WMC & Inst, Blackburn (18th July 2012)
Mr D Lonsdale, Mill Hill WMC & Inst, Blackburn (18th July 2012)
Mr S Curtis, Eltham Hill Club & Institute, South London (2nd August 2012)
Paradise WMC, Burnley, Mr K Mitchell, (10th August 2012)

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(Heavy Woollen Branch)

Albert's big night



ALBERT Brownlee Thompson (second left) is pictured receiving his Long Service Award for 25 years' service to Newcastle RAOB Club from Northumberland Branch Secretary Dave Richardson, Club Chairman John Jamieson and National Executive member Sid Hicks.

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 associates and bona-fide guests.
< FREE ENTERTAINMENT <
 7 nights throughout the summer
 season (weekends winter).
 Change of artists nightly.
 Coach parties welcome.
CONTACT THE SECRETARY
IN WRITING

BLACKPOOL ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB
 33-38 King Street, Blackpool FY1 3EJ.
 Enjoy your visit with us at the club. Good all-round
 entertainment. Bookings for coach parties
 accepted. Room available for hire.
 Sec: Mr K Teasdale or Treasurer Mrs R Thomas
 Club: (01253) 626 308; Office: (01253) 290 322
 www.blackpoolrbl.co.uk
 email: blackpoolbritishlegion@gmail.com

BLOOMFIELD CLUB & INSTITUTE
 128 Bloomfield Road, Blackpool, FY1 6JW.
 Bloomfield CIU welcome all Associate members
 and guests to enjoy top artistes in warm, friendly
 surroundings along with your favourite games –
 Bingo – Tote – Raffle seven nights a week. The
 club is on one level with disabled toilet facilities.
 Coach parties welcome. Contact Secretary on
 (01253) 344 583. Fax: (01253) 349 402.

Visiting Blackpool?
 Try **BRUN GROVE WMC**
 Brun Grove, Blackpool. Tel: (01253) 762 186
 No admission charge to concert room.
 No beer price increases for visitors.
BINGO – TOTE – RAFFLE
 All associate members welcome.
 Parties welcome.

BRUNSWICK WMC
 BETHESDA ROAD, BLACKPOOL.
 Telephone: (01253) 624 208
 Coach parties welcome, also parking available.
 Entertainment 7 nights, comedians at weekends
 throughout the summer season. 2 large TV
 screens, cold food available. All branded doubles
 on offer. Smoking area at rear in beer garden.
 Wheelchair friendly. No beer increases for
 visitors. Contact Billy Hill, Club Secretary.

KNOTT END WORKING MEN'S CLUB
 Offers a great welcome to CIU members and parties.
 Why not try
 : a visit to the seaside : a ferry ride to Fleetwood
 : a bowling green competition
 or just our good food and entertainment.
 SALISBURY AVENUE,
 KNOTT END-ON-SEA, LANCs.
 Office telephone (01253) 810362
 Tel: Secretary Mr R Cummins for dates and details
 (01253) 812 226

The famous **LAYTON INSTITUTE**
 Westcliffe Drive, Blackpool FY3 7HG.
 Entertainment every weekend.
 Summer show Tues-Sat, August 19-October 25.
 Parties welcome. Ring in advance.
 Bowling green for hire Saturdays.
 Contact Secretary on
 (01253) 391 774 / 393 801
 website: www.layton-institute.co.uk/

ROSEGROVE UNITY Working Men's Club
 Holme Lodge, Rossendale Road, Burnley,
 Lancs, BB11 5DL.
 Situated 2 minutes from Junction 9 on M65.
 Large car parking space available.
 Entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
 Bookings must give 14 days' notice.
 Contact Secretary on (01282) 453 203 or
 e-mail info@rosegroveunity.co.uk

BRIGHTON & SUSSEX

BRIGHTON TRADES LABOUR CLUB
 Lewes Road and Elm Grove
 www.btlc.ciu.org.uk
 Live entertainment Saturday evenings.
 Brighton Races, city and beach nearby.
 Main bus route right outside the door.
 Coaches welcome (please call first).
 Tel/fax: Secretary (01273) 601 101
 Email: admin@btlc.ciu.org.uk

Eastbourne & District Trade Union Club & Institute Ltd.
 Clapham House, 48 Seaside, Eastbourne,
 East Sussex BN22 7QL.
 A warm welcome is guaranteed to all CIU associates
 and guests. A good selection of reasonably priced
 beers and spirits available. Temporary membership can
 be arranged at the door for all holiday makers. Large
 groups or coach parties are welcome with prior
 arrangements. Situated 5 minutes walk from the beach.
 Please contact secretary on (01323) 727703.

EASTBOURNE WORKING MEN'S CLUB
 102/104 Firle Road, Eastbourne BN22 8ET.
 Tel: (01323) 723322
 Email: eastbournemc@googlemail.com
 Visit the one and only workers' club in our
 lovely South Coast town. We have live music,
 raffles, bingo, darts, snooker and pool. See
 our Facebook page for coming events. A warm
 welcome to CIU members all year round.

LANCING & SOMPTING RBL CLUB
 6 Colver Road, Lancing, West Sussex
 BN15 9AX. Tel: (01903) 764 815
 A warm welcome awaits all visitors. Facilities include
 Snooker, Pool, Darts, Crib and Sky TV. Catering for
 private parties can be arranged (14 days' notice
 please). Live entertainment every Saturday. Coach
 parties welcome for prior notice please contact the
 Secretary. Tel: Lancing & Dist. (01903) 753 127.

LITTLEHAMPTON TRADES & LABOUR CLUB
 Wick Street, Wick, Littlehampton
 BN17 7JH. Telephone (01903) 714 054
 A warm welcome awaits all visitors. Facilities
 include darts, crib and Sky TV. Catering for private
 parties can be arranged (14 days' notice
 please). Live entertainment every Saturday.
 Coach parties welcome with prior notice, please
 contact the Secretary.

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

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.

WALTON-ON-NAZE RBL CLUB
 Vicarage Lane (off High Street). 01255 674 153
 Visiting the seaside? A warm welcome and friendly
 atmosphere – two minutes from beach front.
 Live entertainment at weekends – sing-a-long
 Thursday afternoons – large screen TVs – pool –
 darts. Good range of drinks and bar snacks available.
 New membership available – CIU and RBL
 affiliated.
 Coach parties welcome! Contact Secretary

HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT

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.
 Kitchen now open 7 days a week for hot and
 cold food. Coach parties always welcome by
 prior arrangement.

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.
 Disabled facilities. Coach parties very welcome,
 please notify Secretary or bar manager in advance.
 Entertainment Friday and Saturday evenings.
 Tel: (01983) 292921 email: rblcowes@onwight.net

HEREFORD & WORCESTERSHIRE

HEREFORD WELSH SOCIAL CLUB
 1 Hinton Road, Hereford, HR2 6BL.
 Tel: (01432) 269038/285974.
 Email:
 herefordwelshclub@hotmail.co.uk

A friendly welcome is extended to all
 Associate Members. Live Entertainment
 every Saturday evening.
 Hot and cold food available. Coaches
 welcome (please contact Secretary prior
 to your visit).
 Please visit our website:
 www.herefordwelshsocialclub.co.uk
 "Hereford's most popular social club"

(HEREFORD) RICHMOND PLACE CLUB
 69/71 EDGAR STREET, HEREFORD HR4 9JP
 A warm and friendly welcome to all associates, whether
 you are visiting for the races, football or just passing
 through. Live entertainment every Saturday. Sunday-
 Country & Western/Swing and Jive. Restaurant with hot
 and cold food available/Sunday lunches (Book in
 advance) Disabled facilities. Coach parties very welcome.
 Contact Secretary, Les Walker on (01432) 356 529.

KENT

BEXLEYHEATH WMC
 Royal Oak Road, Bexleyheath. DA6 7HG
 Telephone (0208) 303 2163
 Friendly atmosphere, comfortable surround-
 ings 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).

Let people know about your club by taking out an advertisement in our Club Outings guide for as little as £20 a month.
 Thousands of club members take part in organised social trips or travel to sports events outside their own area. If you are close to a football ground or a race-course, or in a convenient place to make a refreshment stop – let them know.
 Ring Chris Brewis on (0191) 265 0040 or email cj@powdene.com

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 entertain-
 ment 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

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
 Steve Graydon. Tel: Club (01422) 373 023.
 www.ellandwmc.web.com

Telephone pre-bookings to be confirmed in
 writing to the Secretary.

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.

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

LEICESTER & EAST MIDLANDS**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

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.

BECKENHAM SOCIAL CLUB
89-91 Churchfields Road, Beckenham BR3 4QQ.

A warm welcome is guaranteed at our recently refurbished club. Beers and spirits from Heineken, Coors and Shepherd Neame. Live sport on flat screen TVs.

Free live entertainment Saturday and Sunday nights. 20 mins Central London, close to Crystal Palace FC and athletics track. Coach parties welcome with prior notice.

Contact the Secretary on (020) 8650 1463.

LONDON**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.

Also 20 mins to Westfield, Europe's largest shopping centre and 30 mins to West End theatres.
Contact us on (020) 8748 5760 or visit 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

Why not visit the flagship of clubs in the South? Ascot, Kempton Park & Sandown racecourses all nearby. Live bands every Friday and Saturday night. 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 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
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

MANCHESTER**HIGHER OPENSHAW WM CLUB**
49 Stanley Street, Manchester M11 1LE

Five minutes from M60 Junction 23 and from MCFC. 20 minutes MUFC.
Ideal stop-off for away fans.
Live entertainment Saturdays and Sundays.
Big screen Sky TV.
Bar food available, coach parties welcome with prior notice.

Contact Secretary on 07958641171

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

SPENCER CLUB (NORTHAMPTON)
Tennynson Close, Northampton NN5 7HJ

A warm welcome for all visitors. 15 mins to Northampton Saints Rugby Ground. Car park available on match days, £5.00 per vehicle (must be pre-booked on first-come, first-served basis. CCTV in operation). Cold buffet at reasonable rates available for groups (7 days notice required).
Contact W Lee on (01604) 582680

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 A1 and close to M1, M18 and M62.
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.
www.carcroftvillagewmc.org.uk

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 or email intakesocialclub@yahoo.co.uk

SKELLOW GRANGE WMC

Skellow Road, Skellow, Doncaster DN6 8JL.
Tel: (01302) 722 567 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 –

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

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
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
Sandown Race Course within walking distance. Kempton Park and Epsom also nearby.
A warm welcome is extended to all associate members.

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 OX16 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.

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

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.

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.

CARDIFF WEST END SOCIAL CLUB

COWBRIDGE ROAD WEST, ELY, CARDIFF CF5 5BY.
A very friendly welcome to CIU Associates and their families from CARDIFF'S PREMIER SOCIAL CLUB.
10 minutes from M4.
15 minutes to city centre.
Millennium Stadium,
Cardiff International Arena, St. David's Hall/ Centre, Cardiff Bay.
Live entertainment every Saturday Night with Bingo/Raffle/Tote/Disco
FULL SKY SPORTS/RACING UK
Hot and cold food available.
COACH PARTIES MOST WELCOME.
Telephone: (029) 20594004

LLANHARRY WMC & INSTITUTION LTD.

Elm 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

GOING TO PREMIERSHIP SWANSEA CITY OR RACING AT FFOS LAS? VISIT
MORRISTON WMC
11 SLATE STREET, SWANSEA SA6 8AA.
A FRIENDLY CLUB WHICH MAKES VISITORS WELCOME.
LIBERTY STADIUM 15 MINUTES, FFOSLAS 45 MINUTES, OSPREYS 15 MINUTES. 10 MINUTES FROM M4 JUNCTION 45.
COACH PARTIES WELCOME WITH ADVANCE NOTICE
RING (01792) 771580

ROGERSTONE AND BASSALEG SOCIAL CLUB

1 Tregwilym Road, Rogerstone, Newport NP10 9DW.
A warm friendly welcome assured to all CIU affiliates and guests, less than 10 minutes from junction 27 of the M4. Coach parties welcome by prior appointment, live entertainment every Saturday evening.
Telephone: (01633) 893 508.

WARWICKSHIRE & COVENTRY

BEDWORTH

EX-SERVICEMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB & INSTITUTE
Rye Piece, Bedworth, Nr. Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Tel: (024) 7631 3236
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.

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.

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.

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: unicorncoventry@yahoo.com or by telephone on (024)76 684741

WEST COUNTRY

The Cabbage Patch Club
LAWRENCE WESTON SOCIAL CLUB
Lawrence Weston Road, Bristol BS11 0ST.
Extends a warm West Country welcome to those travelling to holiday destinations. 3 mins from Junction 18 M5. 10 minutes M4. Coach parties by arrangement.
Ring (0117) 982 9148

POOLE LABOUR CLUB
22 Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset
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DALGLEISH AIMS TO KEEP 20 PER CENT STRIKE RATE

ONE of the rising stars of the Flat training world is 28-year-old Keith Dalgleish, who was only granted a licence to train in February. By early August he had recorded 21 winners from 106 runners, making for a remarkably healthy 20 per cent strike rate. A £1 level stake bet on each of Dalgleish's charges would have yielded a welcome £33.88 to date.

Dalgleish was born at Hawick in the Scottish Borders and made his name in Yorkshire as a notably talented Flat jockey, being closely associated with fellow Scot Mark Johnston. During his career in the saddle he rode 285 winners, including two at Royal Ascot and a Group One event in Germany aboard Yavana's Pace. He is also credited with partnering the celebrated mare Attraction in the first two wins of her illustrious career with Mark Johnston.

However, by the age of 21 he had been forced to give up his riding career due to increasing weight, and made his first significant step towards a career as a trainer when he was appointed Head Lad to Noel Wilson at Belstane Stables in Lanarkshire.

Belstane Stables is an extremely well equipped 50-box yard, but owner Gordon McDowall does not exactly give his trainers the chance to earn any long service

awards. Wilson's appointment was the fifth change of name on the licence in three years, with Ian Semple, Linda Perratt, Semple again, Wilson and Val Donoghue each enjoying varying degrees of success in the post.

Dalgleish's promotion to the top job at Belstane early this year will be widely regarded in the racing world as something of a poisoned chalice, but hopefully the statistics he has posted to date will be enough to keep even the most demanding of bosses happy.

High spots to date include the successes of prolific sprint handicap winner Doc Hay and the performances of Stonefield Flyer, who came close to providing Dalgleish with a dream Royal

Ascot win in his first season back in June, following a six-length winner at Newcastle on his previous outing. The two-year-old sprinter was just pipped at the post in the Windsor Castle Stakes by Frederick Engels, before going on to score at Doncaster at odds of 1/4 on his next outing.

Such a narrow defeat at Royal Ascot may have been a disappointment for Keith Dalgleish, but this dynamic young trainer will surely be back in Berkshire for the Royal Meeting again next year, as well as racing many other high class venues as his burgeoning career goes from strength to strength.

TALKING RACING

Gavin Smith

CMD COURSE ENROLMENT FORM – 2011/2012

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Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

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Associate Card No. Date of issue

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Have you previously sat the Examination for the Diploma? YES / NO: If yes

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b) Result?

Date Signature of Applicant

DECLARATION BY CLUB SECRETARY

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Club Secretary

Please enclose enrolment fee of £32.00. (Cheque made payable to: 'Club & Institute Union'). Return this form to: Education Department, Club & Institute Union Limited, 253-254 Upper Street, London N1 1RY.

- Closing date for applications is September 30, 2011 -

NORTHERN RACING

Northern Racing, who operate Bath, Brighton, Chepstow, Fontwell, Ffos Las, Great Yarmouth, Hereford, Newcastle, Sedgfield and Uttoxeter Racecourses, are again offering their £10 across-the-board deal for Grandstand & Paddock tickets throughout 2011.

The offer applies to all meetings except certain feature days like Plate Day at Newcastle.

•Fixtures include:

Sat, Oct 1 Fontwell
Sun, Oct 2 Uttoxeter
Sat, Oct 8 Chepstow
Sun, Oct 9 Ffos Las
Mon, Oct 10 Yarmouth
Tues, Oct 11 Newcastle
Thur, Oct 13 Brighton, Uttoxeter
Sun, Oct 16 Bath
Tues, Oct 18 Yarmouth
Wed, Oct 19 Fontwell
Thur, Oct 20 Brighton
Sat, Oct 22 Chepstow
Tues, Oct 25 Yarmouth
Thurs, Oct 27 Fontwell
Fri, Oct 28 Uttoxeter

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send you the tickets about a week before the meeting. Tickets are sent to the club – otherwise anyone could buy them. 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 will receive a free copy of Club Journal.



Wetherby Sales & Marketing Manager Michelle Campbell (second left) presents last year's cheque to (left to right) General Secretary Mick McGlasham, President George Dawson and Saltburn House Manager Maxine Howes.

UNION RETURNS TO WETHERBY

THIS year's CIU National Raceday returns to Wetherby after a record-breaking day last year that raised more than £3,000 for our holiday and convalescent centre, Saltburn House, on the north Yorkshire coast.

The course and their caterers CGC Events each donated £1 from each booking to the centre and with a total of 1,554 club members taking up the offer to come to the meeting that meant the course was able to hand over a cheque for £3,108 to Union President George Dawson. Gaming and amusement suppliers Dransfields have again made the day possible by sponsoring a race at the meeting as have John Smith's, who have included five 50p discount beer coupons with each booking. John Smith's are part of Heineken UK, the Union's sole rec-

ommended supplier of beer and cider.

This year's event takes place on Saturday, November 12 and the course is offering a package for £14 that includes entry to the exclusive CIU marquee, an Official Race Programme, a pie-and-pea lunch, five John Smith's 50p discount beer coupons and a £2 betting voucher – a saving of £12.95. The course and CGC are once again donating £1 to Saltburn House from every CIU ticket sold.

Clubs that are members of the CIU Racing Club will receive a letter with a special booking form for Wetherby but you can also book up by filling in the CIU Racing Club booking form on this page and making your cheque payable to "The Wetherby Steeplechase Committee Ltd".



Dransfields Director Chris Haley (right with poppy) and Operations Director Alan Jackson are pictured with members of The Hedonists, the syndicate who owned Saintly Lady, the winner of the Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday Handicap Hurdle.

Race Discounts 2011

(All meetings Tattersalls unless stated otherwise)

LISTED below is a selection of discounts for the rest of 2011. A full list of offers will be sent to registered Racing Club members. Northern Racing fixtures are listed on Page 18.

Satellite racing channel RACING UK is offering all CIU clubs a 30 per cent discount. For further details ring 0870 351 8834.

ASCOT: Friday, September 30	
Autumn Meeting including Beer Festival	£6 (normally £12)
ASCOT: Saturday, October 1	
Autumn Meeting including Beer Festival	£11 (normally £17)
NEWMARKET: Saturday, October 1	£13 (normally £16)
REDCAR: Saturday, October 1	£11 (normally £15)
KELSO: Sunday, October 2	£9 (normally £13)
YORK: Saturday, October 8	£13 (normally £17)
KELSO: Saturday October 15	£9 (normally £13)
ASCOT: Saturday, October 15	£19 (normally £26)
AINTREE: Saturday, October 22	£11 (normally £20)
NEWBURY: Saturday, October 22	£11 (normally £15)
AINTREE: Sunday, October 23	£11 (normally £20)
ASCOT: Saturday, October 29	£11 (normally £17)

PLEASE NOTE BOOKINGS FOR DONCASTER MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY THROUGH THE COURSE. (quote CIUDON2011).

NEWMARKET: Saturday, October 29	£13 (normally £16)
CARLISLE: Sunday, October 30	£8 (normally £16)
KELSO: Sunday, November 5	£9 (normally £13)
MARKET RASEN: Sunday, November 6	£12 (normally £14)
WETHERBY: Saturday, November 12	
National Charity Raceday	£14 (normally £26.95)
ASCOT: Saturday, November 19	£11 (normally £17)
HAYDOCK: Saturday, November 19	£12 (normally £22)
CARLISLE: Sunday, November 27	£8 (normally £16)
AINTREE: Saturday, December 3	£11 (normally £20)
KELSO: Sunday, December 4	£9 (normally £13)
ASCOT: Saturday, December 17	£11 (normally £17)
HAYDOCK: Saturday, December 17	£11 (normally £20)
CARLISLE: Sunday, December 18	£8 (normally £16)
LEICESTER: Wednesday, December 28	£7.50 (normally £13)
KELSO: Thursday December 29	£9 (normally £13)

CIU Racing Club Booking Form

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

Racecourse _____ Date of meeting: _____

Cheque enclosed for £ _____
(Made payable to racecourse involved).

Club: _____

Club Address: _____

_____ Post code: _____

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.

GROVESEND BEAT



George Washington witnesses final contest

DURHAM Branch President Colin Armstrong presented the prizes at the Branch's annual Golf Competition at the George Washington course in Washington – but it looks like it may be the last one.

"Just over 10 years ago it was not uncommon for 50-plus entrants to make this competition a very popular two-day event playing Stableford 4-ball rules," said Branch Executive member Derek Lumley. "Unfortunately the lack of interest from 250,000 Durham clubmen has reduced the entries to just 12 making it impossible to justify running the competition."

Many golfers have stated that they can no longer afford to join golf clubs and prefer to "pay on the day" visiting several venues in a year. "Unfortunately this means they do not have a recognised handicap, an entry requirement. I understand, however, that a golf handicap is obtainable by submitting three recent score cards with a nominal fee to an internet venue.

"We feel, however, that the main problem is that the competition leaf-

let does not reach the notice board in many clubs therefore potential interest is not found. Some golfers have also stated that clubs can no longer afford to pay their members' entrance fees and therefore do not give the golfer the opportunity to pay his own entrance fee (normally about half the course green fee).

"It's very sad. People really need to support their Branch competitions to ensure the Union's recreation activities continue."

Keith Huggins from Grange Villa WMC won both the gross and net competitions and is pictured with his two trophies next to Colin Armstrong, along with the rest of the competitors. Results were: Best Net: Keith Huggins, Grange Villa; Second: David Anderson, North Biddick; Third: Chris Ayre, Tanfield; Best Gross: Keith Huggins, Grange Villa.

Nearest the Pin: Kevin Peacock, Darlington East End; Longest Drive: Chris Ayre, Tanfield Lea.

• Keith Huggins is trying to re-arrange the competition for 2012 and if anyone is interested they can contact him at Grange Villa WMC on (0191)3700767.



NORTHUMBERLAND Branch team snooker champions Forest Hall Social Club are pictured after defeating Wallsend RAOB 3-2 in the final. Among those pictured with them are Branch President Alan Hardy, Branch Secretary Dave Richardson and Branch Executive members Rob Yeats and Tony Isbister.

BANNOCKBURN IN MINERS' SKIRMISH

SCOTLAND took on Wales in this year's National Team Darts final at Blackpool.

The match was played at the Bloomfield Club between Bannockburn Miners' Club, Stirling and Grovesend Miners' Welfare, Swansea. In what was a fine hard-fought game with some brilliant scores being thrown by both teams, Grovesend ran out winners by 4 games to 2.

The game was very well supported with both sets of supporters showing respect for the opposing team.

The final of the Individual Snooker Championship will be between Michael Rhodes of Ferryhill Club, Co. Durham and Ian Sargent of Bargoed Labour Club, South Wales on Saturday, September 17 at Eyres Monsell Club, Leicester, starting at 2pm. The match will be the best of seven frames.

The final of the National Individual Billiards Championship will be held

SPORTS SHORTS

; Can we remind clubs that automatic disqualification will happen if a completed result sheet is not received by the closing date. If you leave it to the last minute to play the game you will always run the risk of not getting the result in on time.

Some prominent competitors have already been disqualified for this reason. Never rely on somebody else to post it.

on Saturday, September 24 at Alvas-ton & Crewton Men's Social in Derby between Bill Bousefield of Buffs Social, Stockton-on-Tees and Martin Goodwill of Chippenham Gladstone Road, Wiltshire. The match starts at 1pm and comprises two 90-minute sessions.

Thanks go to John Smith's for their support.

Results and draws for all Championships can now be found on the WMCIU website www.wmciu.org.uk along with other information regarding recreation activities



Club's footy team sweep the board

THE SUCCESS of Blakelaw Social Club in Newcastle has spread to its football team.

Last season the football club won the North East Sunday League and all four cup competitions they entered. Colin Burr, who is Chairman of the club's Football Section thinks it's no coincidence that success on the pitch has followed the Committee's success in helping the club recover from being £200,000 in debt by using the advice of the Union.

"I can't praise the Committee highly enough. Since they've turned things round at the club everything has improved. Everybody has worked hard and we've been able to improve the facilities with the grants from the local council and from Sport England." As well as its senior team the club runs an under-11, under-17 and over-40 team and hopes to start a girls' team.

The team are pictured with their trophies