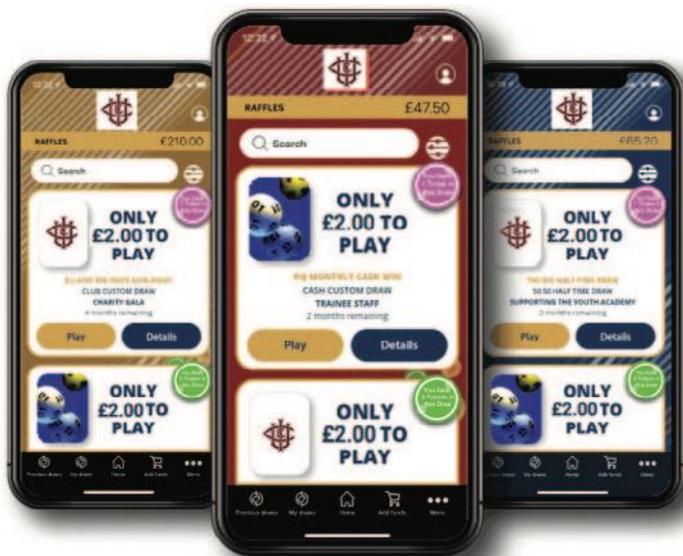


Monthly cash prizes to be won on the new CIU National Raffle



Tickets for the new CIU National Raffle are available to buy online via computer or smartphone. Simply scan the QR code below

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

For the initial raffle, tickets will go on sale at £2 each from Monday, September 4 and the winning tickets will be drawn and confirmed in October.

There will be guaranteed winner prizes of one 1st prize of £3,000; a 2nd prize of £1,500 and a 3rd prize of £500.

This is the first digital raffle undertaken by the Union and it will help to fund the vital work undertaken by the CIU in support of its member clubs.

Speaking about the launch of the CIU National Raffle, Union President George Smith said: "This is an exciting

new initiative for the Union and we hope that CIU members will want to get involved in the Raffle and give themselves the chance to win monthly cash prizes and, at the same time, raise money for the Union to continue to carry out the work we do on behalf of all our member clubs."

To buy tickets for the Raffle, go to the website: ciu.praxisplay.online/signin or scan the QR code below with your smartphone and it will take you to the website.

Good luck!



Club of the Month: Tanfield Lea WMCC



This month's 'Club of the Month' is Tanfield Lea Working Mens and Community Club in Stanley, County Durham.

The club, which is the centre of social life in the former pit village, opened in 1923 and celebrated its centenary in May with a two-day outdoor live music festival.

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Welcome to the September edition of *Club Journal*.

This month sees the launch of the National CIU Raffle, a new initiative which will give Union members the chance to win cash prizes each month.

To buy tickets for the Raffle, go to the website: ciu.praxisplay.online/signin or scan the QR code on the cover with your smartphone and it will take you to the website.

Tickets are £2 and the winning tickets will be drawn and confirmed in October.

There will be guaranteed winner prizes of one 1st prize of £3,000; a 2nd prize of £1,500 and a 3rd prize of £500.

Meanwhile, on September 12 Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium will be hosting the Dransfields CIU Greyhounds Night.

For the special discounted price of £15, Union members can enjoy a three-course meal and watch the racing from the comfort of your seat.

To book a place, please call Owlerton direct on 0114 2343074 and quote 'CIU Night'.

If you just want to attend without the dinner, you can also obtain a free 'Duo' ticket which will give you entry and a free racecard – call Sean Ferris on 01753 272022.

Further ahead, the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday at Wetherby

Welcome

takes place on Saturday, November 18.

We will have full details of the special CIU ticket packages and how to book your place in future issues.

We also have news of two upcoming Union's Award in Club Management (ACM) day courses in October and November at Brinsworth Social Club.

The details for the two day courses and how to book places are covered on page 21 of this issue.

If any clubs are keen to host future ACM day courses, please get in touch. You will need minimum of 10 candidates eager to complete the ACM but you could also team up with clubs in your branch area to share the hosting.

For further information, contact: Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org.

This month's 'Club of the Month' is Tanfield Lea Working Mens and Community Club in County Durham.

The club first opened its doors in 1923 and is enjoying a fantastic centenary year having held a two-day live music event back in May to mark its centenary.

For the full club profile, see pages 14-17.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

Stephen Goulding

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General Secretary honours David and Isabella



Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM attended a ceremony at Carlton Social (Wakefield) Club on July 22 to honour husband and wife David and Isabella Crichton for their 30 years of service to the club. Pictured, left to right: Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM, David Crichton, Isabella Crichton, Wakefield Branch Secretary Peter Everett and Carlton Social Club Secretary Steve Kearnan

Tony Jones marks 40 years of service to club



Tony Jones of Thornhill Edge Club in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire (pictured, above) is celebrating 40 years as a Club Committee Member and was recently presented with the Distinguished Service Award and Badge

News in brief

I'm Homeless...
"Get Me
Out of Here!"



South Redditch Sports and Social Club hosts live music event in aid of homeless charity

A charity event was held at South Redditch Sports and Social Club on July 30.

The fundraiser was an open mic live music event led by local band 'Shades of Grey'.

Gary Haywood, one of the organisers, said: "All musicians and singers were welcome to come down and perform."

As well as entertainment, the events also raise awareness of the charity I'm Homeless, Get Me Out of Here, a Community Interest Company aimed at helping people to get off the streets.

Its formation began when, after working for over three years with 'Lets Feed Brum', a charity focused on providing meals for people living on the streets of Birmingham, Gary, Dan Hadley and Geoff Bridge decided to raise funds by sleeping on the streets themselves.

They joined the homeless to find out what it was really like on the streets of Birmingham and to raise awareness of their plight.

Dan and Gary slept rough and Geoff met up with them every morning to offer support and busk to raise money.

They needed a tag name for the funding page and 'I'm Homeless, Get Me Out of Here' was born.

The charity provides funds for homeless outreach, including giving food, clothing and personal items, equips shelters and supports mentoring activities to help homeless people transition back into society.

The music events not only bring together local performers, but bring pleasure and social engagement to communities around Birmingham, Worcestershire and South Warwickshire.

Geoff said: "Donations come from appreciative and compassionate audiences who give generously, despite often having little themselves."

People can visit the charity's website at: imhomelessgetmeoutofhere.com or MAPP (Music Against People's Poverty) at mappwebsite.com for more information and to donate.

Last year 'I'm Homeless' raised £3,600 with every penny going to support the needs of homeless communities.

News in brief



Acorn Social Club in Fareham raises a toast to England snooker debutant Dylan Beer

Members of Acorn Social Club in Eastleigh were celebrating in August as Dylan Beer made his debut in the Juniors competition for England at the Home Internationals Billiards and Snooker Federation (HIBS) event.

The club has supported the career of this outstanding young talent who has been part of the Cuestars circuit for a number of years and has shown exceptional skills as well as a big-match temperament.



Tyson Fury set for clash against former UFC Heavyweight Champion Francis Ngannou

Tyson Fury, boxing's lineal heavyweight champion, and mixed martial artist Francis Ngannou, the former UFC Heavyweight Champion, will fight on October 28 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The announcement clarified that the fight will take place in a regulation boxing ring under boxing rules, including three ringside judges using the 10-point system.

"I can't wait to get back out there under the lights," said Fury.

"I'm looking forward to showing the world that The Gypsy King is the greatest fighter of his generation in an epic battle with another master of his craft."

The fight is set to be made available to clubs via the TNT Sports Box Office pay-per-view channel.

Swaythling WMC raises £3,000 for a great cause



Following a fundraiser at Swaythling WMC in Hampshire, a cheque was handed over to representatives of the Turner Support Society

Swaythling Working Men's Club in Hampshire held a fundraiser on July 1 to raise awareness of Turner Syndrome after a local girl, Grace, was born with the genetic condition.

A number of local businesses and people donated prizes which were raffled at the event to contribute a magnificent total of £3,363.

This total was further enhanced by another £358 donated online, making a grand total of £3,721.

Event organiser and parent Kerry Wall said: "Our beautiful girl was born with Turner Syndrome. With only a 1-2% chance of survival the odds really weren't looking in our favour but our girl really knows how to fight.

"She has been through so much in her short life we felt it was only right to celebrate her strength and raise awareness for what makes her so special to all of us.

"We were overwhelmed with the amount of people who came along and joined us on what was such a special day.

"To the Swaythling Working Men's Club, thank you for holding the fundraiser. To every single person who help make this day happen, we thank you for all the help, love and support you have given to my family. We will forever be grateful."

"To all kind people and business that donated raffle prizes we would like to say a massive thank you.

"To all those that donated on the day and online we also thank you for your generosity in these tough times."

Turner Syndrome affects only females and results when one of the X chromosomes (sex chromosomes) is missing or partially missing.

It can cause a variety of medical and developmental problems, including short height, failure of the ovaries to develop and heart defects

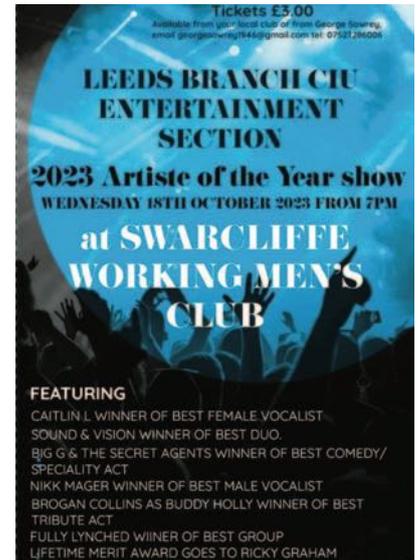
Girls and women with Turner syndrome need ongoing medical care from a variety of specialists. Regular checkups and appropriate care can help most girls and women lead healthy, independent lives.

Stalwarts honoured at Bramley Social Club



Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM paid a visit to Bramley Working Mens Social Club in Rotherham in July to honour several club stalwarts who were receiving service awards. Pictured, back row, left to right: Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM, Martin Corker (who received the 25-Year Long Service Award on behalf of his late father George Corker), Keith Bates (Club Secretary and recipient of the 10-Year Certificate of Merit), Gary Tipple (Club President and South Yorkshire Branch Executive Member) and Ray Green (10-Year Certificate of Merit recipient). Front row, left to right: Hilary Scanlon (10-Year Certificate of Merit recipient) and Eileen Casey (10-Year Certificate of Merit recipient)

News in brief



Swardcliffe WMC to host Leeds Branch CIU '2023 Artiste of the Year' show in October

Live entertainment fans are in for a treat on Wednesday, October 18 as Swardcliffe Working Men's Club hosts the Leeds Branch CIU '2023 Artiste of the Year' event.

There will be a number of top acts in a variety of categories, including Best Female Vocalist, Best Male Vocalist, Best Duo, Best Comedy/Speciality Act, Best Tribute Act and Best Group

New Lodge WMC invests in new energy technology to reduce costs

New Lodge Working Men's Club in Barnsley – which featured as our 'Club of the Month' in January 2022 – has taken major steps towards becoming energy self-sufficient by investing in new technology.

The club has removed its old and inefficient gas boiler and replaced it with an energy-efficient air-conditioning system.

In addition, the club has installed a total of 99 solar panels on the roof which ensures that the club generates its own electricity in the summer months and most of the winter months.

A new cooling system has been installed in both of the club's cellars which pulls in cold air from the exterior in order to reduce energy consumption.

The club has also replaced its existing front doors with new energy-efficient doors which reduce heat escaping from the interior.

Club Secretary Frank Poulton said: "As a club we are constantly investing in our facilities to ensure that we have a club fit for the 21st century.

"These latest measures are really good news for the club and will significantly reduce our outgoing energy costs by conserving our energy consumption and reducing wastage.

"The club has been refurbished and improved significantly over the past three years right across the board."



New Lodge Working Mens Club (Secretary Frank Poulton, pictured) has invested in a series of measures to reduce its energy consumption

News in brief



Former England forward Paul Merson to appear at Gala Dinner at Leigh Park WMC

Leigh Park Working Men's Club in Havant, Hampshire is staging a Gala Dinner Evening on Friday, November 3 featuring England, Portsmouth and Arsenal football legend Paul Merson.

Also appearing on the night is comedian Drew Cameron, who reached the final of *Britain's Got Talent* on ITV, and the Bee Gees tribute band *Stayin' Alive*.

This is sure to be a sellout event given the affection in which Merson is held in that part of the country, having been instrumental in Portsmouth's promotion to the Premier League in the 2002–03 season.

The club has another major entertainment event lined up for Saturday, November 25 with a double header of tribute acts – The Counterfeit Beatles and Doing Elton – performing.

Tickets cost £5 for members and £7 for guests and can be purchased directly from the club.

CLUB NOTICES

Clubs admitted into the Union

Middlesbrough No.1 Amalgamated WM and Social Club Ltd (Durham Branch)

Pretoria Sports & Social Club (Wakefield Branch)

Club closed

Darlington & District ASE Club & Institute Ltd (Durham Branch)

Haughton Club set for Musical Charity Night

The Haughton Club in Darlington is staging a Charity Music Event on Saturday, September 30 in order to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation and Manhealth.

Topping the bill are Queen tribute act We are Champion and Kyla Porter as Almost Pink.

There will be a further three acts supporting the headliners, including a full Irish band, a rock acoustic guitarist/singer and a duo.

Also taking place will be raffles, a wine tombola and plenty of fun and games between acts.

Tickets are £13 per ticket and are available directly from the club.

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Sheerness East WMC hosts charity bike event



The Associated Sheppey Bikers held their Summer Fun Day and Charity Fundraiser on July 30

Sheerness East Working Men's Club in Kent hosted a very successful Associated Sheppey Bikers (ASB) Summer Fun Day and Charity Fundraiser in July.

The ASB have used the club as their base since 2022 when the venue they were previously using closed down and now meet every Friday evening for drinks and a chat and to organise social events and activities.

Charity features highly in the ASB's programme and at Christmas and Easter, bikers from the ASB meet at the club before setting off together to deliver packages to various care homes on the Isle of Sheppey.

Their Summer Fun Day got underway on the morning of July 30 and saw a number of impressive bikes on display as well as a barbeque, a variety of stall holders selling their products and a local radio station carrying out an outside broadcast from the event.

The charities which benefited from the event included the Harmony Therapy Trust and The Serve Kent Blood Runners.

Organiser Ty Bland said: "We were very lucky with the weather as the rain held off until the end.

"This year was one of the best-supported summer events we have ever held and we raised well over £1,000 for our various charities. Many thanks to everyone who supported the event. It was great to see so many bikers from on and off the Island coming along and getting involved."



Among the charities benefitting from the event were the Harmony Therapy Trust and the Serve Kent Blood Runners

News in brief



Kingsley Park WMC donates £500 to Northamptonshire foodbank charity

Members of Kingsley Park Working Men's Club in Northampton have continued their support of local charity the McCarthy-Dixon Foundation with their latest donation of £500.

The charity was founded in 2020 during the Covid pandemic and aims to enhance wellbeing and improve the standard of living for Northamptonshire residents who are faced with sudden and unexpected hardship.

News in brief



Royston Club crowned as 'Club of the Year' by the South Hertfordshire Branch of CAMRA

The Royston Club in St Albans has been named as '2023 Club of the Year' by the local branch of the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA).

The club has earned a well-deserved reputation for its range of cask ales and has fostered a strong relationship with CAMRA.

In July, the club hosted a fascinating talk, organised by CAMRA, on the history of clubs and pubs in St Albans by historian David Thorold of St Albans Museum.



Nettlebed Village Club members enjoy a day out at the races at 'Glorious Goodwood'

Nettlebed Village Club in Oxfordshire organised a coach trip to Goodwood Racecourse in West Sussex in August.

A group of club members set off from the club early in the morning before heading off to the famous racecourse to witness all the on-track action during the world-famous 'Glorious Goodwood' racing festival.

The club has certainly enjoyed a busy summer, helped no doubt by the 'Chase The Ace' draw held each Friday night.

Card-carrying members have to be on the club premises to take part in the cash draw with the amount up for grabs rolling over each week if there is no winner, leading to jackpots of well over £1,000.

Higham Ferrers WMC raises over £3k for charities



Pictured, left to right: Gus Crawford (Higham Ferrers Working Mens Club President), Fiona Crawford (Club Committee Member) and Debbie Grant from the Cransley Hospice Trust

Higham Ferrers Working Mens Club in Northamptonshire recently staged two very successful charity fundraising nights.

In June the club held a Ska Night, featuring The 2 Tones, in aid of Northamptonshire Health Charity, and raised £1,134.

That was followed in July by a Race Night in aid of Cransley Hospice Trust in Kettering which raised £2,156.52.

Pangbourne Club stages club Darts Night



The Pangbourne Club in Berkshire staged a successful Darts Night in August with the three winners of the all-club event receiving prizes donated by event sponsor Renegade Brewery

Raymond Needham presented with the LSA



Raymond Needham of Bradgate Working Men's Club in Rotherham received his 25-Year Long Service Award at a presentation held at the club in August. Pictured, left to right: Mark Fergusson CMD (South Yorkshire Branch President and NEC Member), Raymond Needham and Kenneth D Green CMD ACM (Union General Secretary)

News in brief



Lofthouse Angels raise £2,000 for local hospice at event held at Knaresborough WMC

Julie Harrap and her family, also known as the 'Lofthouse Angels' (pictured, above) held a charity night at the Knaresborough Working Men's Club in June and raised over £2,000 for Saint Michael's Hospice in memory of family members.

A spokesperson for the Hospice said: "Our thanks to everyone involved for this fantastic fundraising effort which will make a real difference to our work."

For more information on the work done by the Hospice, visit: saintmichaelsospice.org

Hedsor Social Club hosts football match in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support



The Hedsor Club in Bourne End, Berkshire hosted the annual Dennis Budd Charity Football Picnic in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on July 29. Held annually in memory of Dennis Budd, the two sides are made up of friends and families of the Budd family with brothers Seb and Caspar – Dennis's sons – captaining the respective teams. Following the 90-minute, 11-a-side match the players and supporters enjoyed a barbeque, drinks and plenty of fundraising activities, including a raffle and cake sale



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Lester Davies – Littlehampton Trades & Labour Club (South East Metropolitan Branch)

Lester Davies of Littlehampton TLC presented with the Certificate of Merit



Littlehampton Trades & Labour Club recently held a ceremony to present Lester Davies with his Certificate of Merit for 10 years of service to the club. Pictured, left to right: Lester's son Stanley, Lester's partner Lauren Stark, Lester Davies (President, Littlehampton Trades & Labour Club), Trevor Davies (Secretary, Littlehampton Trades & Labour Club) and Trevor Baker (President, South East Metropolitan Branch)

Don't miss out on this month's racing event

Dransfields CIU Greyhounds Racenight will take place on Tuesday, September 12 at Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium with Union members able to enjoy a three-course meal in the Grandstand for just £15



The Dransfields CIU Greyhounds Racenight will be on Tuesday, September 12 at Owlerton Stadium in Sheffield

Sheffield's iconic Owlerton Stadium will be hosting the Dransfields CIU Racenight on Tuesday, September 12.

This great event is a fantastic opportunity to witness some top-class dog racing on one of the best tracks in the country and have a good night out with some club colleagues.

For the special discounted price of £15, Union members can enjoy a three-course meal in the glass-fronted Panorama Restaurant where you can watch the racing from the comfort of your seat.

As in previous evenings of this annual event, a total of 14 races will take place throughout the evening, making for a fast-paced night of action.

Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM and other members of the NEC will be attending the event, along with representatives of many of the Union's Preferred Suppliers, including racenight title sponsors Dransfields.

Even if members of your club can't make it to Sheffield on the night, you

can still get involved by taking part in the CIU Greyhound Sweepstake by picking the winning dog in the Dransfields CIU sponsored race. A letter was sent out to your club from Head Office regarding this.

Owlerton Stadium itself is very easy to travel to, being just five minutes away from Sheffield's City Centre.

To book dinner in the restaurant for the CIU-discounted price of £15 per person, please call the venue direct on 0114 234 3074 and quote 'CIU Night'.

If you just want to attend without dinner, you can also obtain a free 'Duo' ticket which will give you entry and a free racecard – call Sean Ferris on 01753 272022.



Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM (far left) and Dransfields Director of Operations Trevor Roberts (far right) make a presentation to a winning greyhound



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Tanfield Lea Working Mens and Community Club was founded in 1923



Tanfield Lea WM & Community Club

Tanfield Lea Working Mens and Community Club in County Durham has been at the centre of village life in the former pit village since 1923 and is celebrating its centenary in style

Established in 1923 as Tanfield Lea Working Mens Club, the club has recently changed its name to reflect its strong ties with life in the former Durham County pit village and, going forward, will be known as Tanfield Lea Working Mens and Community Club.

There may have been a slight tweak to its name but there is absolutely no question that the club will never forsake its rich traditions and history which stretch back over the 100 years it has been in existence.

For an illustration of how much local history means to the club, you just have to walk into the club's Concert Room and take a look at the



Stewardess Kay Drummond (pictured, right) has won numerous awards from CAMRA and the club features in the Good Beer Guide

Tanfield Lea Miners Association Banner which takes pride of place on the wall.

“About ten years ago, the members clubbed together to raise £15,000 in order to get the old banner replaced with a new one,” says Club Secretary John Robson.

“When it arrived, we took it into Durham Cathedral to be blessed during the Durham Miners’ Gala, which was a big day for the club and the village.

“We’re very proud to have it up on the wall as it reminds everybody of the history of this village as a mining community.

“Every July, the banner is taken along to the Durham Miners’ Gala by a group of people from the village and members of the club.

“A lot of the younger people are now getting involved and feel really proud of taking part in the event and keeping that part of our local tradition alive.

“This year, as well as being the club’s centenary, is also the 60th anniversary of Tanfield Lea pit closing

and to mark that occasion, we held our own ‘mini gala’ through the village with a band and parade. and a free Fun Day for kids in the club’s garden.

“We’re in discussions at the moment to make this an annual event on the same date each year and get the local school involved along with the whole community.

“We already really encourage local groups and charities to use the club as a focal point and meeting place – and to use our grounds to put on events and fundraisers.

“We also have a community defibrillator installed on the exterior of the club, so it seems fitting to change our name officially to Tanfield Lea Working Mens and Community Club to reflect our commitment to, and celebration of, village life.”

Talking of celebrating, the centenary was marked with a spectacular two-day outdoor event held over the Saturday and Sunday of the late May Bank Holiday Weekend – TanFest – which saw a number of live acts performing on a lorry trailer

stage plus a children’s inflatable fun park laid out on the club’s expansive lawn.

“Reaching the centenary has been massive for the club as it’s a really important milestone and a major achievement for all the people who have helped run the club since it was founded,” says John.

“The trailer stage was the idea of one of our Committee members who got in touch with a contact in the transport industry and it worked brilliantly.

“It was a little bit stressful for the Committee in terms of organisation but it was worth it too see how much excitement was generated amongst the members.

“It was a great event and it was so popular that we’re aiming to stage it annually but over a single day going forward.

“We also designed some commemorative glasses and pin badges for the members and were delighted that Union President George Smith came to the club on the Sunday to present us with our



The club has been integral to the local community for the past century

CLUB OF THE MONTH

The club laid on fun activities for children during its centenary celebration weekend in May



Centenary certificate from the CIU.”

The next major event at the club is a beer festival in September which will further cement the club’s reputation as one of the best venues in the area for cask ale, a status which has already been acknowledged by the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) with the club gaining several awards from their local branch as well as a regular place in the organisation’s prestigious annual Good Beer Guide which lists the best bars for cask ale right across the UK.

Presiding over the club’s impressive bar operation is Stewardess Kay Drummond.

“The cask ale side of things is a real labour of love and we work really hard to continually source interesting beers from all over the country,” she says.

“We have a great relationship with our local CAMRA branch and the range of real ales definitely brings people into the club as they really enjoy trying beers from independent breweries rather than the standard cask ales you see all over the place.

“We put up the beers on the board

and you see people coming in and going straight over to the board to see what’s on offer that day. Cask ale really helps to drive trade.”

Alongside the traditional ales, the bar also has a wide array of other drinks, including the club’s bestselling lager, Madri, on draught, wines and a range of different flavoured gins and vodka with Kay ensuring the club keeps up with all the latest drinks trends.

This approach helps the club maintain a good mix of the generations amongst its membership with a range in ages from 18 to 83.

“We’re very pleased that young people want to be involved with the club,” says John.

“One thing which has helped in that regard is we now have two separate football teams based at the club - one featuring players mostly in their 20s who play on a Sunday and another featuring over-40s who play on Saturdays.

“The pitches are under a mile from the club so after a game both teams will come back to the club with their

supporters and the opposition players for drinks and a bit of food.

“This new arrangement started last season and it has been a real boost to trade.

“We also have a ladies darts team who compete in the local league on Wednesday nights so are here for home fixtures every other Wednesday. We did have a pool team until the pandemic and we hope that we can get that back up and running at some point in the near future.”

There’s also an enthusiasm for live televised sport at the club, particularly when it comes to the Premier League.

“We show all the Premier League games on Sky Sports and TNT Sports and many of our members are Newcastle United fans – St James’ Park is a 20-minute drive from the club – so we are particularly busy when there’s a game on featuring the ‘Toon’.

“We are also really looking forward to seeing some busy midweek nights for United’s upcoming UEFA Champions League fixtures given that

they haven't been in the top European competition for 20 years."

The club's contingent of Magpies fans are in for a further treat on September 22 when two ex-players – Steve Watson and John Beresford – are visiting the club for a special 'Audience With...' event.

"We've done these sort of events before and they are really entertaining," says John.

"It's certain to be completely packed and no doubt we will get the inside story of the two players' time at St James' Park, including the famous 5-0 win over Man United in 1996!"

The club's Function Room is much in demand for private parties with all manner of celebrations and functions taking place throughout the year, including birthday parties and wedding receptions.

"We're very lucky to have a Function Room alongside our Bar and Lounge and people are very appreciative of the service we provide

at private events and we have bookings for many months ahead," says John.

Live entertainment is another regular fixture at the club with a singer performing every Sunday alongside bingo and other games such as 'Open The Box' and bigger live events taking place around six or seven times a year.

"We like to get the bigger bands into the club every couple of months and will charge around £5 for tickets," says John.

"That seems to work really well for us as the members' interest remains high when you have the time to build up to each event and numbers are always very good."

The club appears to be in rude health and John is quick to pay tribute to the club's hardworking Committee which is driving the club forward.

"We have a full Committee with 10 members and three officers and have a very good spread of ages with the

youngest official in their mid-20s," says John. "It really helps to have someone from a younger generation who can put their point of view across about what they would like to see happening in the club.

"We all feel that the club is in a good place in terms of what we offer our members and trade is holding up well during these current tough economic times."

It appears that, after 100 years, Tanfield Lea Working Mens and Community Club is ready for plenty more chapters in its already illustrious history.

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The club's members enjoy regular live entertainment



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News in brief

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

Updated versions of the CIU contracts are available to buy from your Branch.

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

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

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

National Executive Committee dates for 2023

The dates for the remaining monthly NEC meetings at Head Office in 2023 are: September 6&7; October 4&5; November 1&2 and December 6&7. Selected meetings will be held via Zoom in order to save on costs.

Annual Meeting 2024 dates

The dates for the 2024 Conference Weekend in Blackpool have been confirmed and are as follows:

Thursday, April 18 – NEC Meeting

Friday, April 19 – 32nd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition

Friday, April 19 – CIU Blackpool Showcase (Viva)

Saturday, April 20 – The 160th Annual Meeting

Preferred Supplier Greene King celebrates as Abbot Ale wins two prestigious awards



Greene King's Abbot Ale is the UK's No.1 premium cask ale

CIU Preferred Supplier Greene King is celebrating after winning gold and silver titles in the Champion Beer of Britain Awards at the Great British Beer Festival (GBBF), which took place at Olympia, London in August.

The UK's No.1 premium cask ale brand, Abbot Ale scooped gold in the Premium Bitters category and silver in the Supreme Champion category.

The Champion Beer of Britain Awards are one of the most prestigious beer competitions in the world and are the ultimate honour for UK brewers.

The winning beers are awarded every year at the GBBF.

Judging for the competition takes around a year, starting with individual nominations from CAMRA members and local and regional competitions.

On the first day of the festival, a team of judges have their final round to decide the winners for the year.

Emma Hibbert, Head of Marketing for the Abbot Ale brand, said: "We are delighted to have secured these two titles for Abbot Ale, giving this beer the recognition it deserves.

"It is also a testament to the passion, care and knowledge of our brewers who continue to create this delicious beer for everyone to savour."

Government launches consultation on gaming machines



The Government has launched a consultation which may enable cashless payments on gaming machines in clubs

A consultation launched by the Government is examining a number of measures regarding gaming machines, including the use of debit card payments.

At the moment, the Gaming Machine (Circumstances of Use) Regulations 2007 prohibit the use of debit cards for direct payments to gaming machines, and prohibit any use of credit cards, as well as the use of contactless mobile systems such as Google Pay or Apple Pay.

The original purpose of these debit card rules was to protect players, because cash-only gambling was thought to give players more control over how much they spent on gaming machines.

However, since those rules were drawn up, the use of cashless payments has increased greatly in clubs and other retail environments with the Covid pandemic contributing greatly to the rise in contactless payments.

A Government statement said: “The introduction of direct forms of cashless payments on gaming machines, subject

to suitable safeguards, represents an opportunity to future-proof the land-based gambling industry.

“The existing regulations prohibit the use of debit cards for direct payments to gaming machines, and prohibit any use of credit cards.

“Lifting the prohibition will require us to amend secondary legislation, but we do not intend any relaxation of the prohibition to extend to credit card payments.

“This is because allowing people to gamble with money that they may not have exposes players to a higher risk of harm.

“The purpose of this consultation is to ensure that the Government is able to consider a range of views and evidence on this range of proposals before finalising the details of each policy.

“The consultation closes at 11.55pm on October 4, 2023. We encourage all those with views or evidence to make submissions via the survey link below.

“Following the closure of the consultation, the government will

publish a formal response to set out our decision and reasoning before implementing the changes.

“Respondents should read the consultation document on measures relating to the land-based gambling sector published on the gov.uk page and the relevant chapter for each question when filling in this survey as it contains important factual information to inform responses.”

To respond to the Government consultation, visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/measures-relating-to-the-land-based-gambling-sector/measures-relating-to-the-land-based-gambling-sector#chapter-6-summary-of-questions>

This link is also available on the Union’s website: www.wmciu.org.uk

Deadline for response – October 4, 2023.

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Yorkshire ACM day course dates announced

Candidates can attend the Unit 2 and Unit 3 day courses at Brinsworth Social Club in October and November following the Unit 1 course which was held at the same venue at the beginning of September

Candidates have the opportunity to attend two Award in Club Management (ACM) days courses in October and November.

Brinsworth Social Club will be hosting a Unit 2 session on Saturday, October 7 and a Unit 3 session on Saturday, November 4.

Specifically designed for CIU clubs, the qualification gives club officials a thorough grounding in the key aspects of running a modern and efficient club.

The qualification consists of three self-contained units, each taking one day of classroom-based study to complete and costing £30 per unit.

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

Once a candidate has completed the course (in any order) and been examined in all three units through a multiple choice examination, they receive the ACM.

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

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

The lectures are carried out by highly experienced lecturers from within the CIU who lead the day sessions and can draw from their knowledge of the club scene to illustrate the key points.

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



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ACM dates – South Yorkshire

Saturday, October 7

Brinsworth Social Club, South Yorkshire

Unit 2 – Cost £30, including course book

Saturday, November 4

Brinsworth Social Club, South Yorkshire

Unit 3 – Cost £30, including course book

To book a place at any of the above courses or to arrange further day sessions at your club (minimum of 10 candidates required), contact Senior Head Office Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick on 020 7226 0221 or email: Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org

Making cask ale more accessible

Preferred Supplier Greene King explains how its recent introduction of 4.5-gallon cask pins could help your club to introduce your members to a top-quality cask ale offering or expand your existing range of cask ales



Greene King aims to make cask ale more accessible than ever for clubs with the introduction of 4.5-gallon cask pins

Greene King has become the first major cask brewer to launch cask pins in the UK, making cask ale more accessible than ever for clubs.

The smaller 4.5-gallon units have been available since July following a seven-figure investment, with cask pins being made available to all customers across Greene King's seasonal cask beers range.

The Limited Edition Fresh Cask Releases programme features a rolling portfolio of cask styles and flavours tailored to specific points in the year.

What's more, Greene King and Belhaven customers will be offered products in cask pins as well as firkins, on a fixed price basis for the whole

availability period of the seasonal range, allowing them to plan ahead and stock the ales in confidence.

Greene King believes that the introduction of pins containing 36 pints per unit (half the size of the industry standard 9-gallon container) will reinvigorate the sector by helping clubs deliver a range of fantastic cask-fresh beer to customers every time, whilst at the same time minimising wastage.

Stock with confidence

The launch of pins dovetails neatly with the launch last year of Greene King's Cask Iron Guarantee which entitles all free trade customers to a full refund for unbroached firkins and

a credit for any remaining volume on broached firkins that go out of date ahead of being sold through.

With the effects of the pandemic still echoing and the cost-of-living crisis leading consumers to drink out less frequently, these investments will provide customers with the opportunity and the confidence to expand the range of cask ales on their bar which will help encourage more people to try cask ale and ultimately broaden its appeal.

The Fresh Cask Releases consist of a combination of returning favourites, key calendar creations, collaborations and new and exciting ales, inspired by legendary stories of the people and places associated with beer.

With the introduction of pins, customers will have the ability to manage a lower throughput at quieter times of the week, meaning less waste or risk of serving beer past its best quality.

During busier times, cask pins offer the customer the opportunity to provide a seasonal cask ale, providing a wider choice on the bar.

CGA BrandTrack data shows that cask drinkers are happy to pay more for a great-quality pint and Greene King believes the launch of pins is another step in positioning cask ale as the premium product it should be on the bar.

Investing in cask

John Malone, Head of Brewery Engagement at Greene King, says:

“The launch of pins within our business is one of many ways we are investing in the cask beer sector and in the industry.

“We have addressed the challenges serving this unique product can bring, and we believe the introduction of pins will help our customers serve our fabulous beers in perfect condition every time, whilst minimising wastage and maximising profits.

“Introducing pins will also provide our customers with the opportunity to expand their range and offer seasonal ales that provide a wider choice of styles and flavours to their guests.

“We aim to support our customers in serving the best range of perfect quality beers for their bar.”

Greene King is passionate about the future of cask and, as part of many other support tools for customers, offers full cellar training and guidance for clubs to ensure they have all the knowledge and support to sell quality cask beer.

Using Pins vs Firkins

There are three reasons to stock pins in your club:

- To broaden your range of cask ales
 - To add cask ale to your line-up
 - To offer cask ale during quieter times during the week
- Pins are not suitable for all customers and our 9-gallon firkins may be a



Greene King offers full cellar training and guidance for its club customers who serve cask beer

better and more cost efficient option for your venue.

Our Cask Iron Guarantee programme offers customers who have signed up to the programme peace of mind as they could recover costs of any unsold beer from a 9-Gallon Firkin.

For more information speak to your sales representative. Full details available on our website:

www.greenekingbrewery.co.uk/caskironguarantee

FAQ – CASK PINS

What are pins?

Pins are smaller containers for cask conditioned ale.

Containing 4.5 gallons of ale, they are half the size of a traditional 9 gallon firkin.

This means you only need to sell 12 pints a day to maintain quality (rather than 24 when using firkins), which is vital for keeping your ale drinkers happy.

Are pins always a better option?

Not necessarily. If you sell a full firkin every three days you do not need to switch to pins.

Clearly, however, you could still take advantage of pins to add more choice to your range.

And don't forget Greene King's Cask Iron Guarantee – customers who have signed up can recover costs of any unsold beer from a 9-gallon firkin.

How do you prepare cask for sale?

It's important to prepare cask ale before selling. It is after all, a live brew that needs time to develop a full flavour and aroma, just like wine, whisky and other spirits.

The good news with cask is that this time is much less – so your members get to enjoy a great pint of fresh cask within four days!

It takes around three days for ale to fully ferment, clarify and develop its full flavour and aroma – but it's worth the wait.

Where can I get help if I need it?

• Cellar Doctor

Cellar Doctor is here to help you diagnose and troubleshoot any problems you may be having. Visit beer-genius.co.uk/cellar-doctor for more information.

• Beer Genius

Beer Genius is a great source of online training videos, free e-learning courses and problem-solving tools to enable anyone working with beer to learn the essentials required to serve the perfect pint.

• To discuss supply with Greene King & Belhaven call 0345 850 4545 and quote “CLUB23”.

Already trade with us? Contact your SDM for more information.

Judging underway for 2023 Club Awards

Many thanks to all the clubs which submitted their entries for the 2023 Club Awards. The Judging Panel is now looking at all the nominations across the various categories ahead of the Gala Night in November

With the entries now complete for the 31st edition of the Club Awards, the Judging Panel now have a mightily difficult task on their hands to draw up the shortlist of nominations in the numerous categories ahead of the Gala Dinner in November.

One of the hardest fought categories is, of course, the 'CIU Club of the Year' Award with a number of outstanding entries received from Union clubs up and down the UK.

The final winners in this category will be chosen by the Union's National Executive Committee and will receive their award on stage from the three officers of the CIU – President George Smith, Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM and General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM.

All finalists receive two free tickets to the Awards, set in Leicester's prestigious Athena venue, where they will enjoy a spectacular night of entertainment and five-star food and drink.

Many clubs use the Awards as an opportunity to thank their committees and members, coming along in numbers to celebrate success and make some noise in this annual celebration of Clubland.

In addition to the 'CIU Club of the Year' award there are a whole range of categories which will involve Union clubs, including Community, Charity, Family, Social Media and Turnaround, as well as people categories from Community Heroes and Long Service Awards to Young Ambassadors and Volunteers.

All clubs reaching their centenaries who attend the event will also be invited to come up on stage to be inducted into 'The 100 Club'.

Ahead of what is always a memorable evening, a local club will be hosting a fun afternoon of pre-Awards activities, including live entertainment, raffles and games and the opportunity to network with officials from other clubs.

• For further information call 01753 272022.





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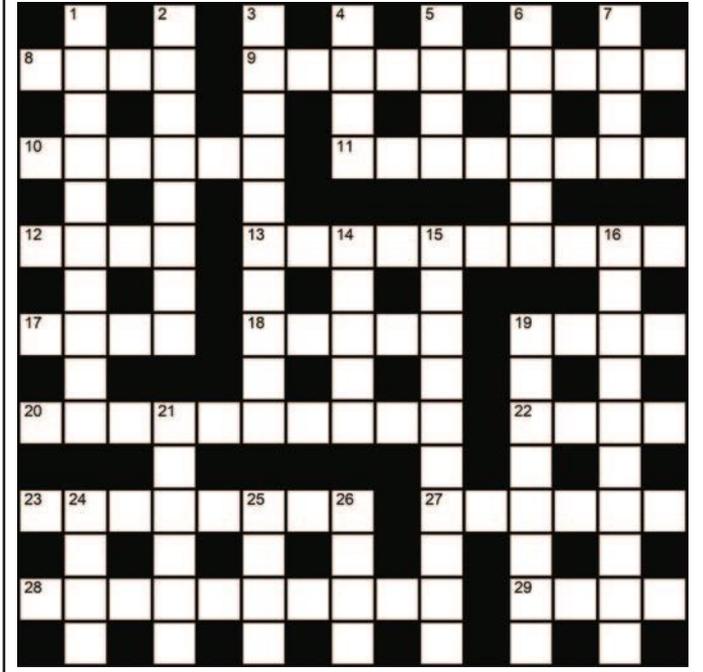
For a less formal enquiry, email the club and include a mobile contact number. A full job description will be available to candidates on application: you will need to provide two references.

Deadline for applications: 29 September, 2023.

Interviews will be held in early October. The successful candidate will commence the role by mutual arrangement soon after appointment.

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- ACROSS**
- 8 'Ooops' expedition? (4)
 - 9 Diacritic, about to be added crudely for fruity stuff! (6,4)
 - 10 Completely into topology being up front (2,4)
 - 11 Illegal brewery should end production of wild fruit (8)
 - 12 Rule to be broken? An attractive one! (4)
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 - 17 Currency unit? Sounds smelly! (4)
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 - 2 Adversary destroys pen on top (8)
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 - 4 Dust floating off the boss (4)
 - 5 Contend with Welsh leader's opinion (4)
 - 6 Bagged, alas, the spoilt one in a dozen (3,3)
 - 7 Squint, say, at marine platform (4)
 - 14 Sibilate, and set off a poor reason for absence (5)
 - 15 Saturate garment with pie flavour (10)
 - 16 Trespasser to pelt Renoir painting (10)
 - 19 I could fail, tending to be needy (8)
 - 21 United Nations reduced, but put together if not (6)
 - 24 Care about a bit of land (4)
 - 25 Realisation that removes inertia too! (4)
 - 26 "Fool!", they said, "work in wool"! (4)



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John Pringle of Central WMC
Sarah Arnold of Essington Broad Lane
Mrs BM Bell of Ferryhill WMC



Friday, September 8, 12.30pm – Sky Sports Cricket
International ODI Cricket: England v New Zealand

Following the recent drama of Australia's tour to the UK, including a thrilling Ashes series, England take on the Black Caps in the first of four one-day international matches. England are one place behind New Zealand in the ODI World Rankings so this is likely to be a keenly fought series.



Saturday, September 9, 8pm – ITV
Rugby World Cup 2023: England v Argentina
 England get their World Cup campaign underway with a group game against Argentina at Stade Velodrome in Marseille. The Pumas recently beat Australia and then lost by just a single point to World Champions South Africa during the recent Southern Hemisphere Championship, making this a very tough challenge for an England side which has been largely unimpressive during their warm-up games.



Sunday, September 24, 1.30pm – Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur
 The first North London Derby of the season takes place at the Emirates with the home side hoping to go one better than last term when they finished in the runners-up spot behind all-conquering Manchester City. For their part, a new-look Spurs squad will have high ambitions in 2023/24.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

The Rugby World Cup begins in France, England take on New Zealand on the one-day cricket field and the Premier League football season continues with some choice ties, including the North London Derby

Friday, September 8, 12.30pm
 Sky Sports Cricket

International One-Day Cricket: England v New Zealand, 1st ODI

Friday, September 8, 8pm
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Rugby World Cup 2023: France v New Zealand

Saturday, September 9, 12.30pm
 Sky Sports Football

League One Football: Derby County v Northampton Town

Saturday, September 9, 5pm
 Channel 4

UEFA Euro 2024 Qualifier: Ukraine v England

Saturday, September 9, 8pm
 ITV

Rugby World Cup 2023: England v Argentina

Friday, September 8, 11am
 Sky Sports Cricket

International One-Day Cricket: England v New Zealand, 2nd ODI

Sunday, September 10, 8pm
 ITV

Rugby World Cup 2023: Wales v Fiji

Monday, September 11, 7.45pm
 S4C/Viaplay

UEFA Euro 2024 Qualifier: Latvia v Wales

Tuesday, September 12, 8pm
 Channel 4

Football - International Friendly: Scotland v England

Wednesday, September 13, 12.30pm
 Sky Sports Cricket

International One-Day Cricket: England v New Zealand, 3rd ODI

Thursday, September 14, 1pm
 ITV

Horse Racing: St Leger Festival, Doncaster – Day 1

Friday, September 15, 12.30pm
 Sky Sports Cricket

International One-Day Cricket: England v New Zealand, 4th ODI

Friday, September 15, 5.30pm
 Sky Sports Football

Premier League: Southampton v Leicester City

Saturday, September 16, 12.30pm
 TNT Sports

Premier League: Wolves v Liverpool

Saturday, September 16, 4.45pm
 ITV

Rugby World Cup 2023: Wales v Portugal

Saturday, September 16, 5.30pm
 Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Everton v Arsenal

Saturday, September 16, 6pm
 Sky Sports

Super League: Catalans Dragons v Leeds Rhinos

Saturday, September 16, 7.45pm
 Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Cardiff City v Swansea City

Sunday, September 17, 12 noon
 Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Millwall v Leeds United

Sunday, September 17, 1pm
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Sunday, September 17, 1.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Bournemouth v Chelsea

Sunday, September 17, 4.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Newcastle United v Brentford

Sunday, September 17, 8pm
ITV

Rugby World Cup 2023: England v Japan

Tuesday, September 19, 7.45pm
Sky Sports Arena

Championship Football: Preston North End v Birmingham City

Tuesday, September 19, 7.45pm
Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Sheffield Wednesday v Middlesbrough

Wednesday, September 20, 8pm
Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Norwich City v Leicester City

Saturday, September 23, 4.45pm
ITV

Rugby World Cup 2023: England v Chile

Saturday, September 23, 5.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Brentford v Everton

Saturday, September 23, 8pm
TNT Sports

Premier League: Burnley v Manchester United

Saturday, September 23, 7pm
TNT Sports

Boxing: WBO Interim World Heavyweight Championship – Zhilei Zhang vs Joe Joyce

Saturday, September 23, 8pm
ITV

Rugby World Cup 2023: South Africa v Ireland

Sunday, September 17, 6am
Sky Sports F1

Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix

Sunday, September 24, 1.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur

Sunday, September 24, 4.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Sheffield United v Newcastle United

Sunday, September 24, 8pm
ITV

Rugby World Cup 2023: Wales v Australia

Saturday, September 30, 12.30pm
TNT Sports

Premier League: Aston Villa v Brighton

Saturday, September 30, 5.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Liverpool

Sunday, October 1, 1.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Nottingham Forest v Brentford



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