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Doncaster to stage the 2024 Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday



The Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday will take place on Saturday, November 9 at Doncaster Racecourse

The 2024 Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday will be staged at Doncaster Racecourse on Saturday, November 9.

One of the world's most celebrated racecourses and the home of the St Leger Festival, Doncaster will provide a magnificent backdrop for the biggest event in the Union's sporting calendar.

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

The day's feature race, the November Handicap, is always a thrilling sight as a large field battles for victory in an historic race held over a mile and a half on the famous turf.

There will be a special ticket package for CIU members ensuring that they enjoy a fantastic day of racing action combined with great Yorkshire hospitality.

Union President Ken Roberts CMD ACM is looking forward to a big day out at the races for Union clubs and their members from across the country.

"This is the 18th edition of this annual event and we would love to see as many of our clubs represented as possible at our new venue, Doncaster Racecourse.

"The day will also raise money for the CIU's Education Programme and help the Union to continue to support its clubs.

"So please put Saturday, November 9 in your diaries and get ready for this CIU event at one of the world's great racing venues."

● **For more information on the 2024 Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday packages for Union members, see page 19**

Brian wins his height in beer in CIU National Draw



The winner of the latest CIU National Prize Draw is Brian Uren ACM of Grove & Moorside Community Social Club and Durham Branch who won his height in beer from CIU Preferred Supplier Greene King.

Pictured above: Winner Brian Uren receiving his prize from David King (Managing Director of Pure Purchasing).

● **For more information on how to buy tickets for the CIU National Prize Draw, see page 17**

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Welcome to the September edition of *Club Journal*.

As you will see on the front page, the date and venue for the 2024 Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday has been announced.

This year will see the big Union day out at the races held at Doncaster Racecourse and will take place on Saturday, November 9.

This is a really exciting prospect with the meeting being one of the showpiece fixtures at the famous Yorkshire venue.

Please see pages 18-19 for details of the special ticket packages available to CIU members.

Meanwhile, Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium will be hosting the Dransfields CIU Greyhounds Racenight on Friday, September 13.

For the special discounted price of £20, 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.

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

If any clubs are keen to host the Union's Award in Club Management (ACM) day courses, please get in touch.

You will need minimum of 10 candidates eager to complete the ACM, then the course

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will come to you and the three self-contained units will be delivered by Union lecturers over three Saturdays of your choice, at your club.

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

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

This month's 'Club of the Month' is Leigh Park WMC in Havant, Hampshire.

The club was formed in 1971 and has a very forward-thinking Management Committee which has ensured that the club remains a key part of its local community.

Their latest initiative was the transformation of an unloved storage yard into a fantastic Beer Garden, a project which was undertaken by club members in order to keep costs down.

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

Lastly, congratulations to the recent winners of the CIU National Prize Draws, not least Brian Uren ACM of Grove & Moorside Community Social Club who won his height in beer!

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Forest Hall Social Club raises over £10,000 for Macmillan



Among the raffle prizes were box tickets to St James' Park and a signed Newcastle United shirt

The Forest Hall Social Club in Newcastle upon Tyne staged a special Motown Charity Night in March in memory of their much-loved and missed local man David Hutchins who passed away in 2023 at the age of 32.

The event sold out within a few days with all 250 tickets snapped up and saw local people and businesses donating some very generous raffle prizes including matchday box tickets at St James' Park and a signed Newcastle United top from the team.

A number of former pro footballers also attended, including Lee Clark who made 217 appearances for the Magpies during his career, while M-Town performed some of the greatest songs from the Motown era.

There was also comedy from 'Mrs Brown' who helped to keep the donations rolling in throughout the evening.

The final tally saw a magnificent total of £10,237.60 raised for Macmillan Cancer Support, a huge testament to the hard work of organisers Susan Hutchins, Tracey Kitching, Megan Moscrop and Claire Barnes and the generosity of club members, local people and businesses.



The audience at the Charity Night in memory of David Hutchins was entertained by music from M-Town and comedy from 'Mrs Brown'

News in brief

Westholme Farm Social Club
Presents
GEORDIE ORMSTON
raising funds for
MERCY'S MIGHTY FOUNDATION
In memory of Mercy Eva Cuthbertson



Saturday 19th October 2024
7pm
Tickets - Adults only £3.00

The Westholme Farm Social Club, Mullen Road,
High Farm NE28 9HA

Westholme Farm Social Club to host event dedicated to Mercy's Mighty Foundation

On Saturday, October 19, the Westholme Farm Social Club in Wallsend will be presenting an evening of music from top singer Geordie Ormston which is dedicated to Mercy Eva Cuthbertson and raising funds for Mercy's Mighty Foundation.

In 2023, Mercy and her parents were given the devastating news that Mercy had an incurable brain tumour, specifically a DIPG – one of the most aggressive paediatric brain tumours that exist – and she passed away just over a year later.

Mercy's Mighty Foundation was formed by Mercy's parents so that other families who find themselves in the same life-changing position with their child can be supported and spend quality time together.

Tickets cost £3 and the proceeds will be donated to the Foundation.



News in brief



Richmond Place Club gets set for 'Game of Throws' wrestling spectacular in September
Hereford's Richmond Place Club will be hosting the latest in a series of wrestling events on Saturday, September 7.

The event is being run by the Prize Wrestling stable with standard tickets priced at £7 each or 4 for £25 and £10 for front row tickets.

Tickets are available now at www.prizewrestling.bigcartel.com or by calling 07588 356804 or direct from the club.



Mark the date in November for Boozy Bingo at Darlington's Hopetown & Whessoe Club
The Hopetown & Whessoe Club in Darlington will be welcoming Boozy Bingo to the club on Friday, November 22.

Tickets cost £10 and are available from: www.zaxentertainment.com/tickets

Nelson Old Brass Band Club donates to Blood Bikes



Nelson Old Brass Band Club raised £1,750 for the NW Blood Bikes Lancashire & Lakes

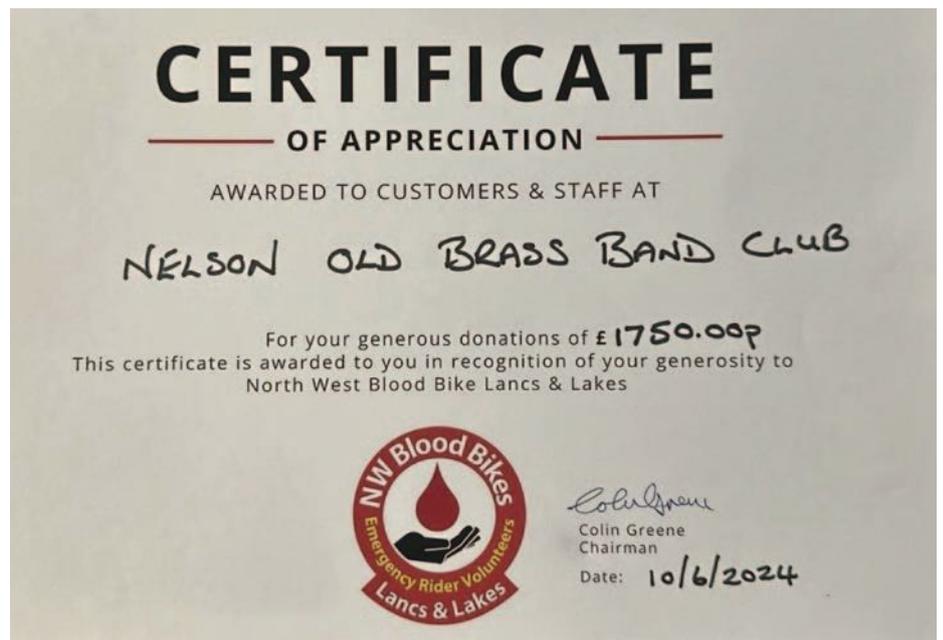
Members of Nelson Old Brass Band Club in Lancashire have made a donation of £1,750 to the the North West Blood Bikes Lancashire & Lakes charity.

The club nominates a chosen charity every year at the AGM and raises monies over a 12-month period with the latest beneficiary this worthy charity which provides a totally free, voluntary service, out of normal working hours for the transportation of urgent and emergency items such as blood, platelets, samples, donor breast milk, patient notes and theatre equipment.

Last November a James Bond Casino Royale event was held at the club, organised by two members – Stacey McKenna and Lindsay Nutter – which was a huge success both with members and guests.

Those who attended played roulette with pretend money and had the chance to win prizes donated by members and local businesses. There was also entertainment provided by one of the club's members, Graeme Pickles.

A further event was held on June 9 to present the cheque for £1,750 to a representative from the North West Blood Bikes Lancashire & Lakes.



The club was presented with a certificate of recognition by the charity

Netheravon WMC holds successful Summer Fete



Netheravon & District WMC held its Summer Fete on Saturday, August 10 and raised funds for the Life Members Dinner as well as the Stars Appeal charity

Netheravon & District Working Mens Club in Salisbury, Wiltshire held a successful Summer Fete on Saturday, August 10.

Live music was provided by the Salisbury Pluckers Ukulele Band and there were a number of stalls selling homemade cakes and bric-a-brac, a barbeque and a number of raffle prizes on offer.

The event raised money for the club's Life Members Dinner to be held in September as well as the Stars Appeal which supports Salisbury District Hospital.



The Salisbury Pluckers Ukulele Band provided the music at the Netheravon & District WMC event

CLUB NOTICES

Clubs admitted to the Union (Fast Track Re-Affiliation)

Burnley Miners Social Club
(Manchester Branch)

Cleleys Working Men's Club
(Manchester Branch)

Woodside Working Men's Social Club
(Manchester Branch)

Wrexham & District War Memorial Club
(Manchester Branch)

Club name changes

From: Sale Excelsior Club
To: Sale Excelsior Club Ltd
(Manchester Branch)

From: Morley Carr Working Men's Club
To: Morley Carr Club
(West Yorkshire Branch)

From: Wolstanton Social Club
To: Wolstanton Social Club Ltd
(West Midlands Branch)

Club withdrawn

Salterns Working Men's Club
(Wessex Branch)

News in brief

Planners give green light to new ice cream kiosk at St Lawrence WMC in York

St Lawrence Working Men's Club in York has had its plans to set up an ice cream parlour on its premises approved.

The new kiosk will be situated in the club's former storage room.

Plans were approved by City of York Council officers after no objections were received.

This will see the conversion of the storage room into a shopfront selling ice cream and associated food and drink.

A council report on the plans stated that the new ice cream parlour would function independently from the club.

Charity rounders event at Reddish Working Men's Club raises £2,554 for MNDA

A charity rounders game and raffle staged by Reddish Working Men's Club in Stockport on July 27 raised a massive £2,554 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA).

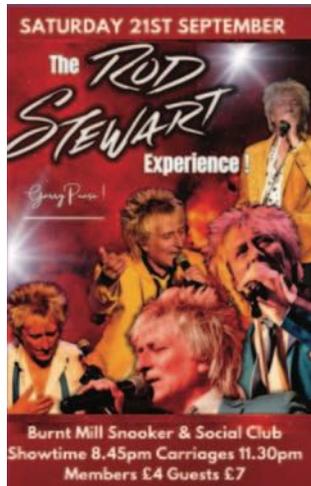
The sporting event, held at the nearby Whitehill Playing Fields, saw club members paying £5 each to take part in the rounders match.

That was followed by a charity raffle at the club with some amazing prizes, including a Manchester United shirt signed by Casemiro.

The evening was rounded off by a performance from tribute act Planet Abba (pictured, below).



News in brief



Burnt Mill Snooker & Social Club lines up a top programme of tribute acts for rest of 2024

Members of Burnt Mill Snooker & Social Club in Essex will be enjoying some great tribute acts in the coming months.

On September 21, the club will welcome The Rod Stewart Experience.

This will be followed by Shoasis on October 19, a five-piece band who will be performing two sets of the biggest hits of Oasis.

On November 16, Gertcha will present their tribute to the music of Chas'n' Dave while Take@That will visit the club on December 7.

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Sheerness East WMC hosts bumper charity events



Drag act Alotta Teal was the compere at the Ladies Night held at Sheerness East WMC in aid of the Charlie Carter Foundation

Sheerness East Working Men's Club in Kent recently hosted two very different charity events.

On August 2, the club held a Ladies Night in support of the Charlie Carter Foundation which provides financial aid to families with seriously ill children and life-limiting conditions.

The night was hosted by drag act Alotta Teal and saw the full house of 120 people enjoying a spectacular night of music, comedy and dancing.

The event raised over £1,500 for the charity.

Earlier, on July 28, the club hosted the Associated Sheppey Bikers Summer Fundraiser which saw a full day of bike-related fun in support of the Harmony Trust and the Kent Blood Runners charities.

There were various stalls selling their products, barbeque food and music courtesy of local radio station Sheppey FM, who were broadcasting from the event.

But, of course, the stars of the event were the many motorbikes and other vehicles which were exhibited by their proud owners, including a Triumph motorbike dating from 1924.



The Associated Sheppey Bikers held their Annual Summer Fundraiser in July at Sheerness East WMC with the Harmony Trust and Kent Blood Runners benefiting

News in brief



Rosegrove Unity Social Club Ladies' Darts team raises funds for Alzheimer's Society

A ladies darts team in Burnley has raised money for charity with a marathon event.

The ladies' darts team at Rosegrove Unity Social Club – Pauline Heyworth, Jill Richards, Caroline Newsham, Dawn Hartley, Cath McNally and Ashley Carlin – all decided to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

The event took place in May with the ladies playing darts from 10am to 10pm and a constant flow of people coming into the club throughout the duration of the event to pay a charity fee in order to play darts against the team members.

There were also several stalls set up at the club selling a variety of products including hand-knitted baby clothes, blankets, bath bombs and cakes while a raffle was held featuring a host of prizes donated by local businesses.

Ashley Carlin, one of the players who organised the darts marathon, said: "We had a target of £500 but we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped us to raise a grand total of £2,586.98 for the Alzheimer's Society."



Halifax's Greetland Social Club ready for top Meat Loaf tribute performance in September

Members of Greetland Social Club in Halifax will be dancing and singing along to some top rock songs on Saturday, September 7 when Ashley Barratt presents 'The Bats Are Back – A Tribute To Meat Loaf'.

Tickets are available directly from the club.

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Two CIU clubs in the shortlist for national beer award



Midland Band Social Club in Kettering was the East Midlands Regional Winner in the CAMRA/Club Mirror Club of the Year Award

Two CIU clubs – Midland Band Social Club in Kettering and the United Services Club in Egham, Surrey – have been named as Regional Winners in the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) and the *Club Mirror's* Club Awards CAMRA Club of the Year.

The CAMRA Club of the Year Award, run in conjunction with *Club Mirror* since 2014, sees 16 Regional Winners invited to the Club Awards where four Super Regional Finalists will be announced.

The clubs will then be mystery judged for the ultimate accolade for clubs serving cask ale – the CAMRA Club of the Year.

Club Awards Event Organiser Caroline Scoular said: “It is our privilege to work with CAMRA and to be part of the ultimate judging of the final four clubs as they race towards the treasured title, the CAMRA Club of the Year. We’re looking forward to welcoming the 16 Regional Winners to November’s Club Awards, where we’ll announce the ultimate four Super Regional Finalists.”



The United Services Club in Egham was named as the Surrey/Sussex Regional Winner and is now one of just 16 clubs vying for the CAMRA Club of the Year Award

News in brief



Double bill of top 'Madchester' tribute acts set for Idle Working Men's Club on September 27

Members of Idle Working Men's Club in West Yorkshire will be dancing to the sounds of 1990s Manchester on Friday, September 27 as the venue hosts a tribute double bill.

Sharing the billing are Oasis tribute Definitely Maybe and Stone Roses tribute Adored so expect plenty of anthems from the 'Madchester' era, including 'Wonderwall', 'She's Electric', 'Roll With It', 'Fool's Gold', 'She Bangs The Drum' and 'I Wanna Be Adored'.

Tickets are £12 and can be bought behind the bar; by calling 01274 613602; or from the website: www.wegotickets.com.



Clubs ready to 'hail the ale' during 2024 Cask Ale Week taking place September 19-29

Cask Ale Week is returning from September 19-29 and organiser Cask Marque is setting out the many ways in which clubs serving cask ale can get involved.

Last year there were more than 25,000 events held in bars around the country, including promotions on cask beer, 'Meet The Brewer' evenings, or 'Tap Takeover' events.

For more details about Cask Ale Week and how clubs can get involved, visit the website: caskaleweek.co.uk



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Don't miss a great club night out at the Dogs

Dransfields CIU Greyhounds Racenight will take place on Friday, September 13 at Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium with Union members able to enjoy a three-course meal in the Grandstand for just £20



The Dransfield CIU Greyhounds Racenight will be on Friday, September 13 at Owlerton Stadium in Sheffield

Sheffield's iconic Owlerton Stadium will be hosting the Dransfields CIU Racenight on Friday, September 13.

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

For the special discounted price of £20, 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 editions 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.

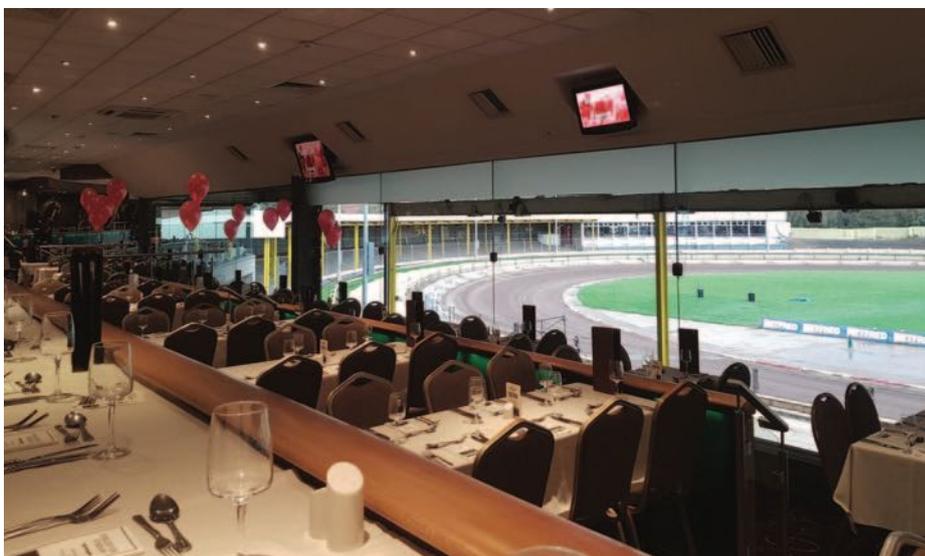
Even if members of your club can't make it to Sheffield on the night, you

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 has been sent to your club from Head Office.

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 £20 per person, please call the venue direct on 0114 2343074 and quote 'CIU Night'.

This offer is on a 'first-come, first-served' basis so be sure to book as soon as possible so that you do not miss out on a great night.



CIU members can enjoy a three-course meal in the Grandstand restaurant for £20



The magnificent new garden at Leigh Park WMC was transformed from a derelict yard by a group of hardworking members

Leigh Park Working Men's Club

Founded in 1971, Leigh Park Working Men's Club in Havant, Hampshire continues to invest in its facilities as well as innovate in order to maintain its place at the heart of its local community

Founded in 1971 and with around 1,500 members, Leigh Park Working Men's Club in Havant, Hampshire is a venue which is truly at the heart of its community – one of the largest housing estates in Europe – with a wealth of activities and events ensuring the club is bustling seven days a week.

The Club Committee is constantly re-evaluating how the venue operates in order to maximise trade, minimise costs and give its members the best possible experience.

Investing in the facilities is key to the club's continuing success and this summer has seen a bumper level of



The club first opened in 1971

trade thanks in part to the club's fantastic new garden area.

"We've been absolutely delighted to assemble a team of members who turned a derelict yard into a fully landscaped large garden area complete with a patio area, adjoining one of our function rooms and bars," says Club President and Chairman Doug Anderson.

"This area has a purpose-built stage for live acts and is complete with a large TV Screen under the stage area.

"It was fantastic as it enabled our members to watch the Euros and other sporting events outside in the garden when the weather was good.

"The cost to the club in materials, astroturf, plants, trees, stage equipment, TV screen and other garden associated fixings and equipment was in excess of £24k but if the club had not used its team of members to construct the area, we estimated that the labour costs would have exceeded the materials and fixings cost.

"It means that the club now has

another multi-purpose entertainment and function area, completely equipped that is an asset to the club, and already the club is receiving a return on the investment made with increased revenue streams."

The new area has added to the club's ability to host different events at the same time.

"We now have three large adaptable function room areas," says Doug. "A main Concert Room, a 'general' room and a garden and Function Room/Bar area.

"They each have the capacity of 350, 250, and 275 members respectively. Some weekends, all three areas are used simultaneously for members' enjoyment, private party functions and entertainment.

"This project has been championed by the club members and the club Committee as an investment for the club's future and we are certainly seeing a return in the investment.

"The members have created a facility that is within the top three garden areas in Portsmouth and the

surrounding area and in our opinion is second to none!"

Another significant investment made by the club saw the updating of the CCTV system.

"We have installed a new state-of-the-art system," says Doug. "It cost £12,000 and it means that we now have over 40 cameras protecting both the outside and inside of the building.

"It demonstrates the club's commitment in moving forward with the times, and further encompassing all the latest technology."

Another step forward for the club has been setting up a Marketing and Events Team to oversee all of our entertainment programme, specialised internal and external events and also to market all the facilities and entertainment available to members.

"It was this group which initially identified the garden project and initiative and it has been really great for the club.

"We've set it up as an 'open' forum meaning that you don't have to be a



The club continues to invest in its impressive facilities

CLUB OF THE MONTH

Committee Member to contribute.

“Members who have an event idea are invited to attend the monthly meeting and then they are given help to champion their idea.

“It has resulted in some really successful events, including trips to Goodwood Races, Brighton Greyhound Stadium, Windsor and other CIU clubs, as well as numerous charity events.

“Quite recently, Paul Merson, the former Arsenal and England footballer, spoke at a gala dinner event that included a comedian and a Bee Gees Tribute Band.

“It was a resounding success and was attended by over 250 members and guests.”

To ensure that their members are kept up to date with everything that is going on, the club has launched a new website.

“The new website went live in June,” says Doug. “It was clear that the old one was not fit for purpose and was due for a major overhaul.

“It now has more functionality, including the facility for people to pay and join the club online as well as buy function and event tickets.

“There’s also so much more information on there now about our upcoming entertainment events.

“We also have a separate page for hall hire with a calendar showing availability and that has become a popular tool for our members.

“All club-associated business is on the website and the members can subscribe and receive the monthly club newsletter direct to their email inbox.”

The club prides itself on the massive role it plays within the local community.

“Members describe the club as the ‘hub of the community’,” says Doug. “We’re constantly moving with the times and incorporating the latest initiatives and technology to help run a business that exceeds £750,000 annual turnover.

“However, the members and Management Committee have not forgotten our historical values as a traditional CIU-affiliated working men’s club and our commitments to supporting charities either locally or nationally.”

Among the beneficiaries from the club’s fundraising are: Guide Dogs for

the Blind; Rowans Hospice; Malmesbury Lawn Dementia Care Home; BASICS Hampshire (a mobile medical support unit which attends serious incidents in the area); the local hospital; Help For Heroes and various cancer charities.

As a further illustration of how important the club is to the fabric of the local community, it became an official Polling Station during the recent General Election, having already served in the same capacity in local elections.

“The Council were very satisfied with the facilities we provided and we would expect this to become a regular request,” says Doug.

“It gave us the opportunity to showcase our club to lots of new people and demonstrate what we offer as an entertainment and leisure venue.”

Indeed, live entertainment is an important part of the club’s activities with regular tribute acts performing, live music on a Saturday and Sunday each week, cabaret evenings and guest speaker events.

“We try and cater for all tastes across the year in order to widen the



The club’s 350-capacity Concert Hall



The new Garden Area has its own purpose-built stage for outside entertainment events and functions

appeal and most of the entertainment takes place in our 350-capacity Concert Room.

“Every Thursday we have a very busy Bingo session with not only high-value cash prizes, but the chance to win a holiday for two and vouchers for meals in local restaurants.

“The introduction of different prize features as well as cash has driven up the attendance numbers and it is always well supported by the club membership.

“It is a full night’s activity that includes a Meat Raffle in the break.”

The club also prides itself on its family-friendly ethos.

“We host a number of family events for members’ children each year, starting with a traditional Easter party,” explains Doug.

“Then we have a Summer Party and Fete. In October and November, we have the Halloween Party and Guy Fawkes Night. Towards the end of the year, we have the annual Children’s Party complete with a visit from Santa Claus with presents.”

He continues: “Along with our many sporting sections there are three sections we are extremely proud to host and be associated with.

“These are our ‘Making a

Difference’ inclusion sections, our vibrant Over-50s Club and the annual Senior citizens Christmas party.

“‘Making a Difference’ functions are held four times a month for two separate age groups. The adult events are held on a Friday for over-16s, and on a Tuesday is the Junior event for under-16s.

“This club section caters for persons in the community that have learning difficulties, physical disabilities, mental difficulties and autism.

“This section has its own Committee and organises a large, diverse entertainment and events programme. The club takes great pride in its association that they have with this important club section. The section is supported from top to bottom by the club Management Committee.

“The Over-50s Club meets twice a month in the Concert Hall and put on live music and a buffet meal.

“They also organise events like a Turkey and Tinsel four-day break to a seaside resort on the South coast and day trips out.

“This club section was formed in the late 1980s and has gone from strength to strength.

“There is also a Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Party with the club supplying a three-course meal, entertainment, a free raffle with donated prizes, and a drinks package.

“This event is usually attended by over 100 guests and it’s a means of rewarding our elder members for the support they have given the club over the years.”

The Club Committee’s attention to detail is forensic and in 2022 a dog-friendly policy was introduced.

“We have two large areas where members can sit with their dogs, including the newly constructed garden area.

“We’ve had no problems at all since this measure was introduced and I think that it’s a great example of how we as a club are willing to innovate and break down barriers for the benefit of our membership.”

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

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

The next Draw takes place at 7pm on Monday, September 30 and will be a 50/50 Draw which will also see 5% of the total revenue raised going to the winner's club.

Q: How do I buy tickets?

A: It's a very simple process:

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

Q: What happens if I forget my password?

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

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

A: Yes – the maximum number of tickets you can buy is 20 tickets (£40).

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

A: You only need credit in your account to buy tickets for the draws. Tickets are normally just £2 each.

Q: What happens to my personal data?

The graphic features the CIU logo at the top center. Below it, the text reads 'CIU National Draws' and 'SCAN HERE' in large, bold letters. Underneath is a white rounded rectangle containing the text 'TO JOIN THE DRAWS' in blue. A large QR code is centered below this. At the bottom of the graphic, it says 'Please gamble Responsibly' and 'ciu.praxisplay.online' in a white rounded rectangle. Below that, it states '5% Revenue Share with the Winning Members Club' with 'T&C's apply' in smaller text underneath.

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

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

A: Yes. Please go online to ciu.praxisplay.online and sign up to create an online account and play the CIU Raffle.

Q: How will I receive my winnings?

A: The Winners receive an email and

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

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

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

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News in brief

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

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

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

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

National Executive Committee dates

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

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

CIU Conference 2025 dates

The dates for the 2025 Conference Weekend are as follows:

Thursday, April 23 – NEC Meeting

Friday, April 24 – 33rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition (Norbreck Castle Hotel)

Saturday, April 25 – The 161st Annual Meeting

Special packages available to club members for the 2024 Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday



The view from the Grandstand at Doncaster Racecourse

Tickets are now available for the annual Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday which takes place on Saturday, November 9 at Doncaster Racecourse.

This is one of the highlights of the CIU's sporting calendar with clubs from all over the country heading to Yorkshire to enjoy a superb day's hospitality in the Union's special zone in the Grandstand.

There are two packages available for CIU members:

Option 1 costs £16 per person and includes a Grandstand admission ticket for entry to the racecourse and access to the special CIU section of the Main Hall (normal price £29).

Option 2 is a special CIU hospitality package which costs £18 per person and includes:

- A Grandstand admission ticket for entry to the racecourse and access to the special CIU section of the main hall (Worth £29)
- An Official Race Programme (Worth £4)
- Pie & Peas Voucher (Worth £6.95) – to be used from the designated area within the CIU zone of the hall.

• **You can order tickets direct from the racecourse's website – see page opposite for details.**



Tickets for November 9 can be purchased online from doncaster-racecourse.co.uk using the code CIU2024

Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday 2024 Package – Code: CIU2024

● Option 1:

Grandstand admission entry ticket for **£16 per person** to include:-

- A Grandstand admission ticket for entry to the racecourse and access to CIU section of the main hall (Worth £29)

● Option 2:

Advance Paddock Admission **£18 per person** to include:-

- A Grandstand admission ticket for entry to the racecourse and access to the special CIU section of the main hall (Worth £29.00)
- An Official Race Programme (Worth £4.00)
- Pie & Peas Voucher (Worth £6.95) – to be used from the designated area within the CIU zone of the hall.

Doncaster Racecourse will donate £1 each from every ticket sale to the CIU charity.

This is an E-ticketed offer, available only on advance booking via doncaster-racecourse.co.uk using the code CIU2024.

Your E-tickets will be emailed to you and must be printed out to bring with you on arrival and your badge/voucher/racecard will be provided to you at the racecourse

To book: visit: tickets.doncaster-racecourse.co.uk/shop/cart.pl?myaction=choose_package&event_id=9999000074347340&voucher_name=CIU2024

The above link to Doncaster Racecourse is also on the CIU website – ciu.org.uk

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Boost your administration skills with the Award in Club Management

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



At the ACM sessions, candidates gain advice from Union officials including CIU General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM (third from left)

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

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

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

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

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

examination, they receive the ACM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Boosting sales with ghostly brews

How Halloween can be a great opportunity to drive sales at your club bar this October



Popular cask ale Old Speckled Hen becomes “Old Spooky Hen” for the Halloween season

Halloween presents a great opportunity to cash in on an increasingly important sales opportunity by embracing a tailored range of food and drink and throwing in a little theatre to bring the spooky season to life for your members.

As soon as dusk falls on October 31, pavements around the UK will begin to resemble a Michael Jackson video, packed full of mini goblins and ghouls as trick or treaters take to the streets, demanding goodies and generally enjoying a seasonal event that has continued to grow in importance over the years.

Halloween has long been a big deal on the other side of the Atlantic, but it is only in recent years that the season

of spooks and ghouls has really come to life over here, and that is great news for clubs.

Indeed, the season has grown into an absolute monster with Halloween spending in the UK topping an incredible £1 billion in 2023 (Mintel) more than double the £419 million that the research firm predicted Brits would spend just five years ago in 2018.

But it's not just the little folk who want to celebrate this frightfest. More than half (56%) of consumers are planning to spend some money on Halloween celebrations, decorations, or costumes than last year with an average spend of £36 per person.

According to a survey by Finder,

alcohol sales saw a clear benefit from the ghostly goings-on.

CGA by NIQ's Daily Drink Tracker shows that adults are most definitely getting involved in some fiendish fun over the Halloween period with average drink sales in managed venues in the weeks to Saturday, November 4, growing 7% ahead of the same period in 2022, the best weekly performance since September.

In fact, sales were in year-on-year growth on four of the seven days, peaking at plus 15% on Sunday, October 29.

Halloween night itself, which fell on a Tuesday, also saw double-digit growth (plus 11%).

This was followed by a 17% jump



New for 2024 is Old Ghostly Hen, a Halloween-themed pump clip to swap out for the usual Old Golden Hen clip

Halloween fun to a cask line-up.

Old Spooky Hen and Old Ghostly hen pump clips will be available to order in October.

Another beastly beverage to help get members in the mood at Halloween is our brand new Fresh Cask release Bloodhound.

This limited edition collaboration between Greene King and Nethergate Brewery is an easy-drinking stout, flavoured with irresistible chocolate and blood orange characters, perfect to warm customers up when the temperatures drop.

The brew is available in both firkins and pins so you can keep wastage to a minimum and choose whichever format suits your customer base.

Don't forget, Firkins are available on a sale-or-return basis thanks to Greene King's Cask Iron Guarantee.

This means that if a cask goes out of date and you still have two gallons of beer remaining, you can claim a full refund on broached casks or credit for remaining volume on broached casks.

So order with confidence and see if you can scare up some extra sales this spooky season.

Join in the fun

Of course, if you really want to make the most of the Halloween opportunity, a little effort and creativity is all that's required.

Ghoulish outfits for your staff, some spiders and cobwebs and a few pumpkins dotted around, and you'll soon have the venue feeling just right for a Halloween night of fun.

It's worth making a bit of extra effort to lure customers through your doors.

Deck out the venue

Cobwebs on the cask would be a nightmare at any other time of year, but come Halloween, they could be just the thing to add a little festive fun to proceedings.

Add a few hanging skeletons and bats on the ceiling, and some spooky decals to the windows, and you're well on your way to creating a delightfully deadly vibe. You could go all out and even hire a smoke machine!

on November 1 and another 10% uplift on Saturday, November 4, boosted by bonfire celebrations.

CGA data shows that all drinks categories were in year-on-year growth with cider up 10%, beer up 9%, soft drinks up 10% and wine up 6%, all enjoying a strong week.

Even spirit sales, which CGA claims lagged throughout most of 2023, achieved 2% growth thanks to Halloween celebrations taking a bite.

So how can your club get its fangs into this lucrative occasion?

Research carried out by Greene King's Consumer Insight Department found that a surprisingly high 39% of bar goers who ventured out to a venue on Halloween night did so in fancy dress, and when they venture out, they're looking to carry on the Halloween-themed experiences throughout the night.

The same Greene King research found that more than a third (35%) of bar goers made a visit to a venue on Halloween last year.

And of that 35%, around 40% bought a Halloween themed drink.

With that in mind, two of our own beers are getting Halloween makeovers.

Old Speckled Hen becomes "Old

Spooky Hen" for the season, while new for 2024, Old Golden Hen is transforming into "Old Ghostly Hen", helping you tap into that demand for theme drinks.

With its rich auburn copper coloring and a high proportion of crystal malt providing an inviting toffee and caramel flavour, Old Spooky Hen is tailor-made.

For the time of year, stockists of Old Speckled Hen in cask will receive a new pump clip to re-badge the beer as Old Spooky Hen for the month.

And if you buy a firkin or two 4.5 gallon pin of Old Speckled Hen, you'll also receive point-of-sale materials for a special consumer competition that offers them the opportunity to truly freak out.

All customers need to do is scan their pint and they'll have the chance to win one of the frightfully fun prizes on offer, including a hair-raising visit to a haunted house and an unforgettable escape room experience.

As mentioned above, new for this year is Old Ghostly Hen, a Halloween-themed pump clip to swap out for the usual Old Golden Hen clip.

This refreshing ale is part of a growing golden cask market and is an ideal way to bring a touch of



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CLUB awards 2024

Club Awards 2024 – Time to shine!



Several CIU clubs, including 'King of Clubs' Walthamstow Trades Hall, were honoured at the 2023 Club Awards



Left to right: Walthamstow Trades Hall & Institute President Claire O'Shea, Vice-President Tony Barnes and Secretary Michelle Fisher



Hereford Richmond Place Bar Manager Alison Walker and Club Secretary Les Walker

Congratulations to all this year's CIU clubs who have been busy entering the Club Awards. Missed the deadline? Then Fast Track your club entry by emailing the club's contact details to sean@alchemymedia.co.uk – Good luck!

Could your club be joining the 2024 Club Awards Hall of Fame? Last year proved an astoundingly successful year for CIU clubs. Let's make 2024 even better!

Congratulations once again to our current entrants and to the spectacular CIU clubs who were welcomed on stage to celebrate success in 2023.



← Full details on the Club Awards can be found at www.clubawards.co.uk or by using this QR code. Want a sense of the event? Take a look at last year's event on Facebook, using this QR code. →



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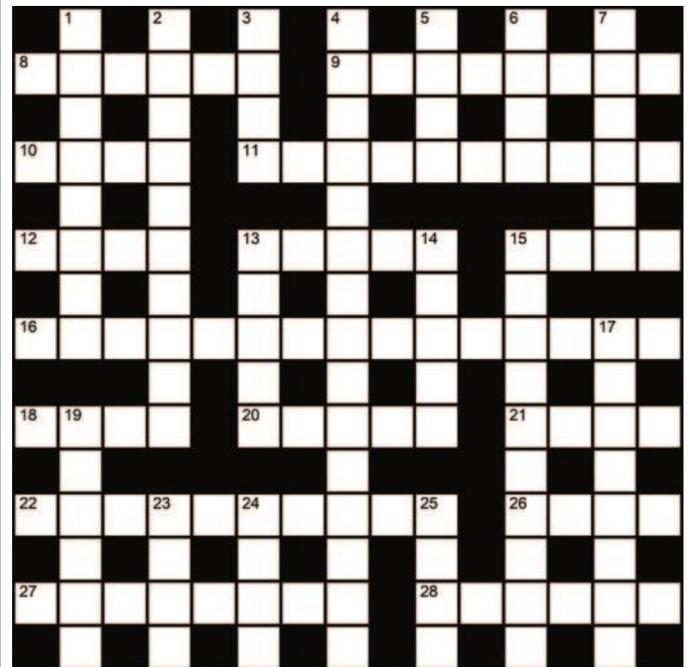
- 8 Strange land tends not to have a sleeve style (6)
- 9 Use a neat pattern to revolt (8)
- 10 Slipped one the computer can't read? (4)
- 11 Trying to clip mist is facile! (10)
- 12 Work in wool to ink out the start (4)
- 13 Orals, disturbed by the action of the sun (5)
- 15 Glib expression about a goat (4)
- 16 Fluid for cleaner, underwater workers? (7-2,6)
- 18 Ever changing swerve (4)
- 20 Beard, specially grown for ban (5)
- 21 Wader's a bit of a damp squib, I suspect (4)

- 22 Cruiser, with reliance on variation (5,5)
- 26 Torque tool used by brat (1-3)
- 27 Agent who's a trooper by default (8)
- 28 Bridge player seen at auction? (6)

- 7 Dress, often mentioned round the wheel (6)
- 13 Debussy, nodding in part, to the church council (5)
- 14 30cm king? (5)
- 15 Edit unique nonsense about angst (10)
- 17 It made it inappropriate when copied (8)
- 19 Expect, unfortunately, to be left out (6)
- 23 Cockeyed, but wary of the unusual (4)
- 24 Stringed instrument with dirty money in it, say (4)
- 25 Dress spotted in space-probes (4)

DOWN

- 1 A house in Spain, and I ache all over! (8)
- 2 Fatherly duplicate, broadcast by one feeding on the wing (10)
- 3 Adoption usually carries responsibility (4)
- 4 Shun an admirably corrected stock care (6,9)
- 5 Rubbish! It's a bovine load (4)
- 6 Officers' food hall in a confused state? (4)



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Send your entry to Club Journal Crossword, Link Spaces, Botanica Ditton Park, Riding Court Road, Slough, SL3 9LL. **Deadline September 25.**

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Congratulations to the winners of our £10 Prize Crossword for August.

- K. Nicholas of Cynon Valley Club
- J. Pugh of Cardiff West End Club
- P. Smith of Yardley Ex Servicemens
- S. Bage of Queens Park WMC
- M. Armstrong of Haltwhistle WMC





Monday, September 9, 7.45pm, S4C/Premier Sports
UEFA Nations League: Montenegro v Wales
 Wales fans were deprived of the opportunity to follow their team in the 2024 European Championship after the side failed to qualify. No doubt they will be hoping for a win against a team well below them in the FIFA official rankings. New manager Craig Bellamy, who played for Wales 78 times, certainly has vast experience of top-class football.



Sunday, September 22, 4.30pm – Sky Sports PL
Premier League: Arsenal v Manchester City
 An early chance for last season's runners-up and champions respectively to set out a marker. The Gunners challenged hard for the trophy last time out but ultimately found themselves overhauled on the way to the finish line. Can they make home advantage count at the Emirates and gain some crucial points against a City team who will have their sights set on an unprecedented fifth successive title?



Saturday, September 29, 3pm – TNT Sports
Rugby Union Premiership: Leicester Tigers v Bath
 Tigers appointed former Australia and Argentina coach Michael Cheika as their Head Coach over the summer and it will be fascinating to see what impact the 57-year-old Aussie will have on the Tigers' fortunes. Cheika guided Leinster to European glory with a win against Leicester in the 2009 Heineken Cup Final.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

There's plenty of live sport coming to club screens this month, including some top Premier League and Football League ties, not least the clash between Manchester City and Arsenal on Sunday, September 22

Saturday, September 7, 7.45pm
 ITV

Football: UEFA Nations League, Group Stages – Republic of Ireland v England

Monday, September 9, 7.45pm
 S4C/BBC iPlayer/Premier Sports

Football: UEFA Nations League, Group Stages – Montenegro v Wales

Tuesday, September 10, 7.45pm
 ITV

Football: UEFA Nations League, Group Stages – England v Finland

Thursday, September 12, 12.30pm
 ITV

Horse Racing: St Leger Festival, Doncaster – Day 1

Thursday, September 12, 8pm
 Sky Sports Football

League Two Football: Harrogate Town v Doncaster Rovers

Friday, September 13, 12.30pm
 ITV

Horse Racing: St Leger Festival, Doncaster – Day 2

Friday, September 13, 8pm
 Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Hull City v Sheffield United

Saturday, September 14, 12.30pm
 ITV

Horse Racing: St Leger Festival, Doncaster – Day 3

Saturday, September 14, 12.30pm
 TNT Sports

Premier League: Southampton v Manchester United

Saturday, September 14, 12.30pm
 Sky Sports

Championship Football: Leeds United v Burnley

Saturday, September 14, 12.30pm
 Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Millwall v Luton Town

Saturday, September 14, 5.30pm
 Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Bournemouth v Chelsea

Sunday, September 15, 12.30pm
 ITV

Horse Racing: St Leger Festival, Doncaster – Day 4

Sunday, September 15, 2pm
 Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal

Sunday, September 15, 2pm
 Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League: Wolves v Newcastle United

Monday, September 16, 8pm
 Sky Sports Football

League One Football: Birmingham City v Wrexham

Friday, September 20, 8pm
 Sky Sports

Super League: Warrington Wolves v London Broncos

Friday, September 20, 7.45pm
 TNT Sports

Premiership Rugby Union: Bath v Northampton Saints

Friday, September 20, 8pm
 Sky Sports Football

Championship Football: Stoke City v Hull City

St Leger Festival, Doncaster: Starts,
Thursday, September 12, 12.30pm, ITV



Saturday, September 21, 12.30pm
TNT Sports
Premier League: West Ham v Chelsea

Saturday, September 21, 12.30pm
Sky Sports Football
Championship Football: Norwich City v Watford

Saturday, September 21, 3.05pm
TNT Sports
Premiership Rugby Union: Exeter Chiefs v Leicester Tigers

Saturday, September 21, 5.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Crystal Palace v Manchester United

Sunday, September 22, 2pm
Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Brighton & Hove Albion v Nottingham Forest

Sunday, September 22, 4.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Manchester City v Arsenal

Friday, September 27, 8pm
Sky Sports Football
Championship Football: Plymouth Argyle v Luton Town

Saturday, September 28, 12.30pm
TNT Sports
Premier League: Newcastle United v Manchester City

Saturday, September 28, 12.30pm
ITV
Horse Racing: Cambridgeshire Meeting, Newmarket

Saturday, September 28, 3.05pm
TNT Sports
Rugby Union Premiership: Saracens v Sale Sharks

Saturday, September 28, 5.30pm
TNT Sports
Rugby Union Premiership: Northampton Saints v Exeter Chiefs

Saturday, September 28, 5.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Wolves v Liverpool

Sunday, September 29, 2pm
Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Ipswich Town v Aston Villa

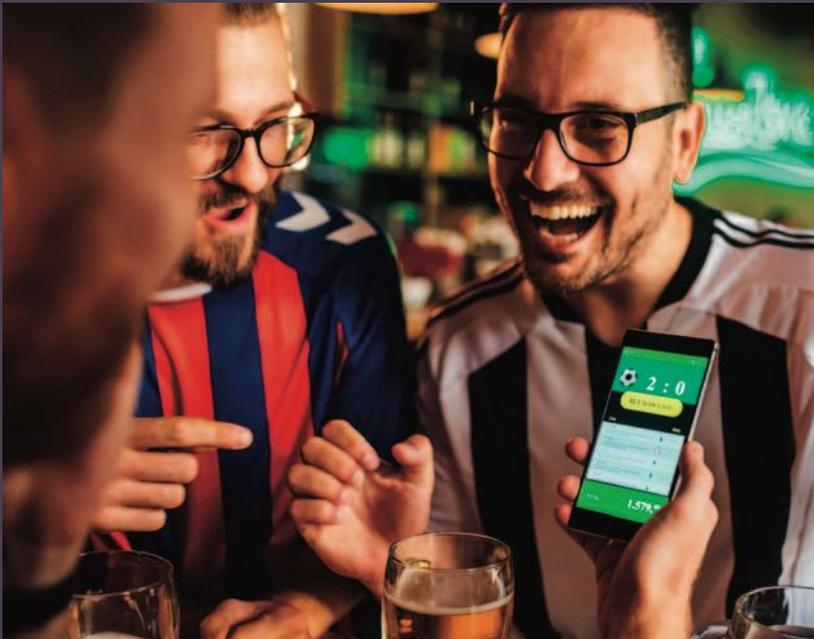
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Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Bournemouth v Southampton

Tuesday, October 1, 7.45pm
Sky Sports
Championship Football: Sheffield United v Swansea City

Tuesday, October 1, 8pm
Sky Sports
Championship Football: Coventry City v Blackburn Rovers



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