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Secure your tickets now for this month's Dransfields CIU Racenight

The Dransfields CIU Racenight takes place at Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium on Friday, September 26.

This great event is a fantastic opportunity to witness some top-class dog racing on one of the best tracks in the country.

For the special discounted price of £22, 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, the 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 Racenight title sponsors Dransfields.

Even if members of your club can't make it to Sheffield on the night, you can be a winner by taking part in the CIU Greyhound Sweepstake and sponsor a dog for £40 or leg of a dog



The Panorama Restaurant at Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium

for £10 in the Dransfields CIU sponsored race – the sponsorship information has been sent via E-Bulletin and is on the website.

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Club of the Month: Groby Ex-Servicemen's Social Club



The 'Club of the Month' for September is the Groby Ex-Servicemen's Social Club in Leicester.

Founded in 1912, the club has undergone major refurbishments in recent years, most recently with the construction of the outside seating area at the front of the club which was finished in August.

The club has first-class facilities, including a Function Room, a large Concert Room to the rear and, on the first floor, separate snooker and pool rooms with two tables in each.

The club has an in-house restaurant serving meals at weekends, including a Sunday Carvery and live entertainment takes place regularly.

● For a full profile of the club, see pages 10-13

Win a cash prize with the CIU National Lottery Draw

Don't forget to buy your tickets for this month's CIU National Lottery 50/50 Draw which takes place at 7pm on Wednesday, October 1.

As well as the winner receiving a cash prize, there will also be a five per cent revenue share for the winning member's club.

The money raised will go towards helping the Union to continue to support its member clubs.

Tickets cost just £1 each and can be purchased online via your computer, tablet or smartphone at the website: ciu.praxisplay.online

● For more details, see page 25



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Welcome to the September edition of *Club Journal*.

As you'll see from the front page, there are still places available at the 2025 Dransfield CIU Greyhounds Racenight at Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium on Friday, September 26.

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If you haven't already done so, please spend a few minutes filling in the online survey which can be found at the CIU's official website ciu.org.uk and the *Club Journal* website clubjournal.co.uk.

Your feedback is incredibly important as the Union embarks on a

Welcome

modernising process.

The 'Club of the Month' for September is the Groby Ex-Servicemen's Club in Leicestershire.

An integral part of village life, the club has invested wisely in the upgrading of its facilities in recent years and just last month opened a stunning outside terrace which has already proven extremely popular with its members.

This complements the modern, recently refurbished Main Bar and the impressive Pool and Snooker rooms on the first floor of the club.

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

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

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

Incidentally, don't forget to buy your CIU National Lottery ticket – the next draw is on Wednesday, October 1.

I hope you enjoy this month's issue.

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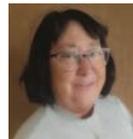
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Long Service presentations held at Grangemoor WMC



Pictured, left to right: Jamie Denton, Dougie Scott, Jack Haughey (West Midlands Branch Secretary and NEC Member) and Rob Stretton (Secretary, Grangemoor WMC)

In August, three Committee Members of Grangemoor Working Men's Club – David Crowe, Jamie Denton and Dougie Scott – received their Certificates of Merit from West Midlands Branch Secretary and NEC Member Jack Haughey CMD ACM.

It has certainly been a busy summer at the Staffordshire club and in July bar staff members Sophie and Immy took part in the 5K Mud Run in support of Cancer Research, raising a total of £750 with their efforts.

Meanwhile, the club's football section – FC Grangemoor – held their Annual Presentation for the 24/25 season at the club at the end of July, looking back on commendable league and cup campaigns.

A number of individuals were recognised for their hard work during the season, including top goalscorer Adam Bedworth and players' player Darren Constable.

Other events held at the club during the summer months include a Ladies Night featuring drag artiste Gale Force; a Craft Fair with many stalls offering handmade craft items and a Tribute Night featuring Rob Budd as Robbie Williams.



David Crowe with his Certificate of Merit

News in brief



The 2025/26 Ashes to be broadcast on TNT Sports as England look to reclaim trophy

TNT Sports will be the home of the England men's cricket team this winter after agreeing a deal with Cricket Australia to broadcast the NRMA Insurance Ashes live and exclusively across its TV channels' streaming service and social platforms.

In addition to the five-match series where England attempt to re-capture the coveted urn for the first time in a decade, the new deal with Cricket Australia will see TNT Sports also broadcast every international men's and women's fixture played in Australia from August 2025 to March 2026.

This includes the Australian men's BKT Tyres white ball series' against India in October and November as well as the all-conquering Australian women's side's multi-format series against India in February and March next year.

The agreement to broadcast every ball of the upcoming Ashes Series adds to a busy winter of cricket on TNT Sports that already includes England's white-ball tours of Ireland in September (3 x T20 Internationals), New Zealand in October (3 x One-Day Internationals and 3 x T20 Internationals) and Sri Lanka in January 2026.

In the men's Ashes, Australia are the defending holders going into the series, having won in 2021–22 on home turf and drawing the series held in England in 2023.

The 1st Test of the five-match series will begin on November 21 at the Optus Stadium in Perth before heading for a further four tests in Brisbane, Adelaide, Melbourne and then the final test in Sydney.

For more information on showing cricket action from TNT Sports in your club, visit: tntsportsbusiness.co.uk

News in brief



New York and Murton Social Club to host darts marathon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Charity

New York and Murton Social Club is hosting a Macmillan Cancer Support Darts Marathon Challenge on Saturday, September 6.

Starting at 10am, a succession of club members will head to the oche and begin chipping away at the starting total of 100,001 points, going down to zero and then will begin adding points.

Last year, the participants hit 154,591 points and raised a total of £821.30.

The club is aiming to surpass that total this time around and raise even more funds for the charity.



Burnley Miners Club to host 'Battle of the Leagues' darts match in November

A titanic sporting battle will be taking place at Burnley Miners Club in November when the Burnley Darts League takes on the Pendle Darts League in a charity match.

This epic contest is on Sunday, November 9 at 1pm with spectator tickets costing £4.

The event will raise funds for the Pendleside Hospice.

There is certainly everything to play for with the previous three editions of this match seeing Pendle holding sway.

The Pendle players won 7-3 in 2022 and 6-5 in 2023 while last year saw Burnley strike back with a comprehensive 9-1 victory.

Walton WMC cheer on their England darts ace Laura Turner



England darts international Laura Turner (far right) is a member of Walton Working Men's Club

Members of Walton Working Men's Club in Surrey were delighted to see fellow member Laura Turner representing England at the recent Six Nations Darts tournament held in June.

Laura was a major success at the Six Nations Darts tournament in June 2025, winning the Women's Singles title and helping England win the Team event.

She defeated the Netherlands' Priscilla Steenbergen 5-4 in a dramatic final leg decider to claim the singles title, which was one of two individual titles she won that weekend.

Get involved in Stand Up To Cancer Day in September

Organised by Cancer Research UK and Channel 4, Stand Up To Cancer is a fundraising campaign that aims to speed up progress in life-saving cancer research with the goal of ensuring three in four people in the UK survive their cancer by 2034.

September will see a number of programmes supporting the campaign on Channel 4, including special editions of the Great Celebrity Bake Off, Gogglebox and Celebrity Hunted.

If your club would like to get involved with the campaign, you can sign up and get a free fundraising pack which is full of ideas and tips.

Visit: www.standuptocancer.org.uk



The Oatlands Club celebrates its latest CAMRA award



The Oatlands Club staff receive their award from CAMRA's Tony Constable. Pictured, left to right: Joe Pitchford, Zorawar Flora, Arj Flora (Bar Manager), Grace Malone, Tony Constable (CAMRA) and Elena Watson (Assistant Bar Manager)

In August, The Oatlands Club in Harrogate was named as Club of the Year 2025 by the Harrogate and Ripon Branch of the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA).

This is the third year in a row that The Oatlands has won this accolade as well as being one of the only clubs in Harrogate to be included in the Good Beer Guide again for this year.

The club serves three cask ales, two of which are sourced from local breweries, including nearby Rooster's.

Club prepares to host wrestling's Rumble in Rushden

Rushden Athletic Club will be hosting a wrestling show promoted by the Live Elevation Wrestling stable.

Featuring WWE UK star Joseph Conners and a host of other male and female wrestlers, the Rumble in Rushden takes place at 3pm on Sunday, September 7.

Tickets can be bought online at: www.elevationwrestling.co.uk/store/p/rushden-070925, while a limited number of tickets will be available on the door on the day.

Meanwhile the club will be hosting a new DJ night for the first time on Saturday, November 29 in their upstairs venue The Loft.

The event promises a 'night of rockin' sounds and R&B' with guest DJ Skinny Jim of Devil's Den fame, as well as resident DJ The Executioner.



Tickets for the Rumble in Rushden are available online or on the door

News in brief



Bedlington Station Social Club to stage Annual Leek Club Show with live band

Bedlington Station Social Club's Leek Club will be holding its Annual Show on September 13.

There will be free live entertainment from acoustic duo The Missing Cats who will perform cover versions of hits by such artists as Killers, Sam Fender, The Who and Gerry Cinnamon.

Later in the month, on Saturday, September 27 there will be another top act performing at the club in the form of singer Jamie Tinkler. Jamie will be covering hits by the likes of George Ezra, Gary Barlow, Queen, George Michael and Deacon Blue.

This follows an extremely busy August for the club which saw a spectacular set of events over the Bank Holiday Weekend including the 'Bedlington's Got Talent' show which took place on Saturday, August 23.

This featured a superb array of entertainers from the local area as well as a special appearance from 1990s Gladiators star Cobra.

OBITUARY

Denis Kelk

The Union is sad to announce that Denis Kelk, a long serving member of the South Yorkshire Branch Executive Committee, passed away on August 1.



He was a stalwart of South Yorkshire clubland for many years and received the CIU's 21-Year Branch Executive Award in 2016.

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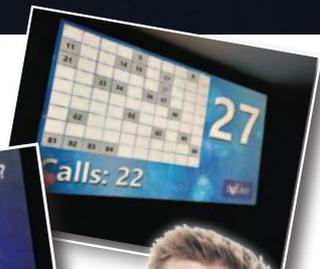


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Sheppey charity darts tournament raises £1,300



Nick Cocks and Conan Whitehead were the winners of the Pairs Tournament

Sheerness East Working Men's Club hosted the Sheppey Classic Darts Tournament on the weekend of August 9/10 with the event raising over £1,300 for Prostate Cancer UK

The Saturday saw the Seniors Pairs and Youth events with Conan Whitehead and Nick Cocks beating Harry Lane and Ryan Short in an exciting Seniors final.

The Youth winner was Alfie Lloyd who beat Teddy Aston Acott in the final.

The Sunday saw the Singles competition with 40 male players and six women players taking part.

Daniel Todd beat Conan Whitehead in the final.

Over £1,000 was paid out in prize money during Sunday.

Tournament Organiser Sherrilie Whitehead said: "I would like to say a massive thank you to Club Manager Paula Smith for hosting the event at Sheerness East WMC and to Paul Pettman, Diane Carter and Karen Botterill for all their hard work selling raffle tickets in aid of a very worthy charity – Prostate Cancer UK."

OBITUARY

Julie Black

It is with much regret that the Egham United Services Club has to announce the passing of our long-time Club Secretary Julie Black after a short illness.



Julie was ever present at the club and played a huge part in its success over the past few decades and will be sadly missed.

The club sends its heartfelt condolences to Julie's family.

News in brief

Richmond Place Club
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Richmond Place Club announces date of Charity Open Darts Singles Competition

Hereford's Richmond Place Club has announced that the winter edition of its Charity Open Darts Singles Competition will take place on Sunday, December 14.

The prize money for the victor will be £500 with the runner-up winning £200 and the losing semi-finalists receiving £50 each.

The female player who makes the most progress in the tournament will win £25.

Entry costs £10 with registration taking place from 2pm on the day.

Club Secretary Les Walker said: "We are really looking forward to this annual event and expect to attract some high-quality players.

"The event will benefit the Phoenix charity which gives bereavement support to young people in Herefordshire.

"Many thanks to our sponsors for the event – Molson Coors, LWC and Thatchers."

For more information on the tournament, call the club on 01432 356529 or Gill on 07557 301958.



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Sarisbury Green Social Club charity event raises £4,000



A cheque for £4000 was presented to Portsmouth Bowel Cancer Charity

Sarisbury Green Social Club recently staged a Music Night in aid of the Portsmouth Bowel Cancer Charity with Soul and Motown covers band Madison Heights (pictured, below) performing to a packed Concert Room.

All the proceeds from ticket sales, raffles and donations went to the charity with a massive total of £4,000 raised on the night.



Soul and Motown band Madison Heights supplied the music for the charity event in aid of the Portsmouth Bowel Cancer Charity

News in brief



Cronkeyshaw Social Club welcome NRG Ali for live performance on Friday, October 3

NRG Ali will be bringing her unique mix of 'old school dance, clubland and saxophone' music to Cronkeyshaw Social Club on Friday, October 3.

NRG was one of the most popular dance acts on the live scene in the late 90s and early 00s, selling out venues and building a huge fan base in the process.

Ali (one half of the original duo) is back on the road and will be showcasing her impressive vocals and musical ability and will be performing the biggest Ibiza and dance classic anthems live on saxophone.

For information on tickets, contact the club direct.



Ultimate Christmas Ladies Night comes to Longbridge Social Club in December

Linda Matthews will be bringing her Ultimate Christmas Ladies Night to Longbridge Social Club in Birmingham on Saturday, December 6.

The evening is billed as a 'spectacle of desire, passion and excitement and feel the adrenaline course through your body. Feel the heat from the world-renowned Male Entertainers, Drag Queens, Circus performers and Death Defying Acts.'

For tickets, visit the website:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-ladies-night



Groby Ex-Servicemen's Club has recently opened a brand-new Terrace

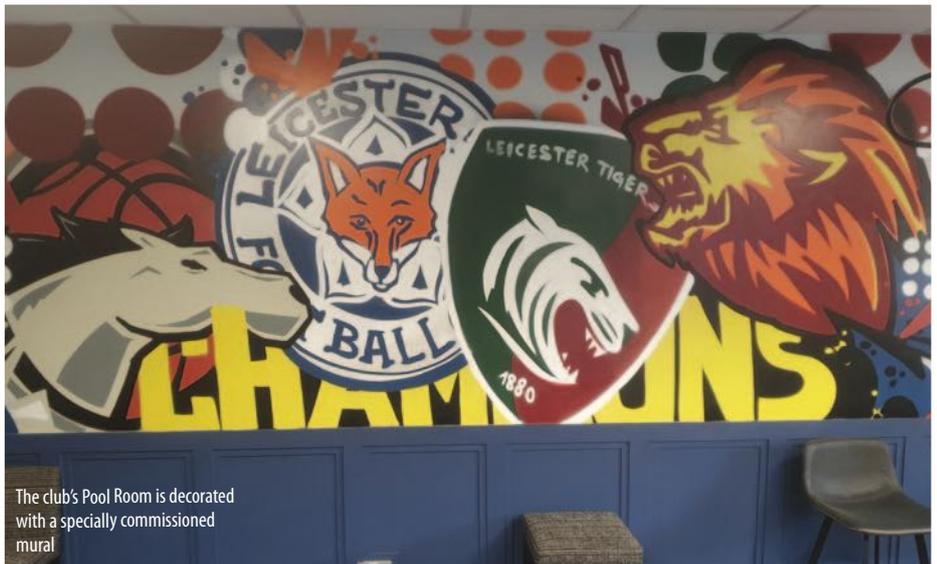
Groby Ex-Servicemen's Club, Leicestershire

Founded in 1912, Groby Ex-Servicemen's Club continues to be an integral part of village life with its impressive facilities providing a fantastic environment for members of all ages

In the heart of the Leicestershire village of Groby – just a few miles from Leicester city centre – stands a pillar of the community, an institution that has woven itself into the very fabric of local life.

The Groby Ex-Servicemen's Club is, on the surface, a thriving social club with excellent facilities. But to step through its doors is to understand that its true strength lies not in its recently refurbished Bar, its Concert Room or its other impressive facilities, but in its people.

It is a place where generations seamlessly blend, where the past is honoured, the present is celebrated, and the future is carefully nurtured.



The club's Pool Room is decorated with a specially commissioned mural

From the outside, the club's proudest symbol is immediately visible: the solemn War Memorial that stands guard at its front.

This is not a separate entity but an intrinsic part of the club's identity. It is here that the village gathers en masse each November for a profoundly moving Remembrance Day service, a poignant annual event that underscores the club's founding principles of camaraderie, sacrifice and respect.

Yet, this reverence for history is perfectly balanced by a vibrant, forward-looking energy. The club is a hive of activity seven days a week, a testament to its role as home-from-home for its members.

"We're not just a club – we're an integral part of the community," explains President Eddie Pagett.

"We have something for everyone, from our oldest members who have been coming in here for many decades, to young families enjoying a Sunday lunch or a drink or two, to those who want to play pool, snooker or darts or watch the match on Sky Sports or TNT Sports on one of our screens.

"Having a family-orientated atmosphere is something we actively aim to promote and you can see several

generations of the same family coming through our doors on a regular basis."

This intergenerational spirit is the club's lifeblood and perhaps no one embodies this bridge between the club's heritage and its future better than Secretary Nathan Clarke.

At just 26 years old, Nathan's connection to the club is lifelong.

"I've been coming here since I was born," he says. "My family have always been members.

"I've got fond memories as a kid, even going up on stage on Saturday nights to introduce the acts. This place is in my blood and now my own children love coming in here."

Nathan's deep-rooted, grassroots experience now informs a wider perspective, as he also serves on the National Executive Committee of the CIU representing Leicestershire.

"What we do here in Groby, that sense of community and practicality, is exactly what the movement is about nationally," he says. "It's a privilege to represent that."

The club's offering is meticulously curated to appeal to this broad demographic. The weekends are a particular highlight. Live entertainment in the well-equipped Concert Room

draws big crowds, offering everything from tribute bands to comedians to discos.

A recent and hugely popular innovation has been the introduction of a 'Sticky 13' Bingo session, run by Committee Member Lisa Lovell, on Saturday nights before the main act.

"It gets people into the Concert Room early, breaks the ice, and gets everyone into the party spirit," says Vice-President Tim Russell.

"It's those little ideas – and a willingness to try new things – that make a big difference."

Each Saturday night also sees Committee Member Sue Pagett selling a card for the club's Project Fund, a vital source of revenue for the club's ongoing improvement initiatives.

Meanwhile, the franchised kitchen is a major draw, serving breakfasts and meals on Saturdays and a famously busy Carvery on Sundays with upwards of 100 covers served throughout the day.

"The food offering is crucial," states Assistant Secretary Alison Whitmore.

"It brings people in who might not normally visit a social club. Once they're through the door, they see the friendly faces, the great facilities, and



Pictured, left to right: Lisa Lovell (Committee Member), Sue Pagett (Committee Member), Tim Russell (Vice-President), Nigel Gregory (Member), Eddie Pagett (President), Brian Russell (Member), Michelle Catton (Member), Nathan Clarke (Secretary) and Alison Whitmore (Assistant Secretary)

CLUB OF THE MONTH

Secretary Nathan Clarke, President Eddie Pagett and Vice-President Tim Russell celebrate the opening of the club's new outside Terrace



want to join the club.”

Members can enjoy a drink from the well-stocked bar in a variety of settings: in the refurbished Main Bar, in the 80-capacity function room – the Carling Suite – or, when the sun is shining, on the brand-new Terrace at the front of the club.

This recent addition, which was only completed in August, has proven incredibly popular, allowing members to enjoy a drink in the fresh air while watching the world go by on the village street.

“We’re delighted with the new Terrace,” says Eddie. “Like any project we undertake, it’s about quality – building something which will last.

“Through sheer hard work behind the scenes, we are in the fortunate position of having a very good bank balance so when we decide to do something, we do it properly, using local contractors – often members of the club – to carry out the work.

“But we look at things like the new outside area as an investment in the club and we believe that it will give us a

return on the money spent with new members joining and existing members visiting more often to enjoy a drink on the Terrace.”

For those seeking a different kind of activity, the club has two newly refurbished rooms upstairs: one housing two pool tables and a darts board and another with two full-size snooker tables.

“Again, the pool and snooker rooms have paid for themselves several times over already with a number of new members joining once they have seen the improved sporting facilities on offer.

“We have teams at various levels competing in darts, pool and snooker several evenings a week and that’s very important for trade. In fact, we are in the process of building a new trophy cabinet to accommodate all the silverware won by our teams.”

There are also three gambling machines in the Bar supplied by CIU Preferred Supplier Dransfields, providing a valuable income stream.

The smooth running and continual evolution of the club are thanks to a

dedicated and highly effective Committee, led by its four officers. What makes this team special is the diverse set of skills and a culture of constructive debate they bring to the table.

“We’re not afraid to disagree,” says Eddie. “We have passionate debates about the best way forward for the club. But we are always willing to listen, compromise, and ultimately make a decision for the good of the membership.

“Everyone on the committee brings something different – ideas, skills, perspectives. That’s what makes it work.”

This practical skillset is a huge asset. Eddie is a trained joiner, a skill that proved invaluable during a recent refurbishment of the main bar.

He and his son, also a joiner, undertook much of the work themselves, saving the club significant money while ensuring a finish of the highest quality. This ethos of self-reliance is common; the club frequently draws on the many tradespeople within



Assistant Steward Carla Crane and Steward Wendie Davies are integral to the club's success

its membership for various projects.

Eddie also pays tribute to the club's staff with Steward Wendie Davies and Assistant Steward Carla Crane running a highly efficient bar operation serving a range of quality, yet competitively priced drinks, as well as offering an invariably warm welcome to members and guests.

Indeed, Carla has just reached a milestone in her time at the club and appreciative members will be recognising her 20 years of service to the club in September.

Continued prudent financial management, coupled with a constant drive to improve, has left the club in an enviable position but the club is always open to fundraising for charitable causes.

"We do a lot for various charities," says Tim. "The LOROS Hospice is one of our main beneficiaries but we will also run events for other organisations throughout the year or give them the use of the Carling Suite or Concert Room for meetings and events.

"We have also forged strong links with the youth section of Groby FC and they have held awards nights and events here."

In an era where local venues often see each other as rivals, Groby Ex-Servicemen's Club enjoys a wonderfully collaborative relationship with the local pub, the Stamford Arms, just a few minutes' walk away.

The two licensed premises coordinate activities, support each other's events, and ensure they are complementary rather than competitive.

This partnership strengthens the village's social scene immeasurably, offering residents more choice and ensuring both venues can thrive side-by-side.

Ultimately, the story of Groby Ex-Servicemen's Club is one of custodianship.

The current committee views its role not as ownership, but as stewardship of a beloved community asset.

They are deeply aware of the legacy they have inherited and are committed to preserving and enhancing it for those who will follow.

"We are only the current custodians of this club," says Eddie.

"Our job is to keep steering the club forward and ensure it remains financially healthy and relevant.

"One day, we will hand it over to the

next generation of committee members.

"We want to give them a club that is even stronger and more vibrant than the one we were given."

It is this forward-looking vision, rooted in timeless values of community, family, and respect, that ensures the Groby Ex-Servicemen's Club is far more than just a building. It is the beating heart of the village, a home away from home, and a testament to the power of people coming together.

As Nathan Clarke succinctly puts it: "This club has given so much to me, and now I'm proud to be able to give something back.

"That's what it's all about. Ensuring this place is here, and thriving, for everyone who walks through the door."

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Club Journal

Survey 2025

As you will know, the Union is looking at how our organisation can be restructured in order to make it more efficient and relevant for its member clubs.

Your input is crucial, so please spend a few minutes completing this important survey which will help us to reshape the Union and ensure that it will be able to continue to support its clubs.

We believe that now is the moment to reorganise, to modernise, and to become more cost-effective, while not only maintaining but improving the services we offer.

If the CIU were starting today, what would our business model look like? What would our priorities be?

The survey can be completed online or posted. We will then use the results to help build a new and improved organisation.

♦ **Online:** To complete the survey online, visit the Club Journal website (clubjournal.co.uk) and the official CIU website (ciu.org.uk)

♦ **By Post:** Print out pages 14 and 15, complete the survey, and post to: **Alchemy Contract Publishing/Club Journal, Link Spaces, Botanica, Ditton Park, Riding Court Road, Slough, SL3 9LL**

FUTURE OF THE UNION

(Please tick appropriate boxes.)

GENERAL:

1. How many members do you have?

Up to 1,000 1,000-1,999 2,000-2,999

3,000-3,900 4,000-4,999

Other (please specify)

2. Which branch does your club belong to?

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

Yes No

Don't Know



4. Are you in favour of restructuring the branches into a regionalised format along the following lines? North East (Durham and Northumberland); Yorkshire (Heavy Woollen, Leeds, South Yorkshire, Wakefield and West Yorkshire); Manchester; Midlands (East Midlands, West Midlands, South East Midlands, Leicestershire and Warwickshire); South East (Kent, North East Metropolitan and South East Metropolitan) and South West (South Wales, Monmouthshire, Wessex and Western Counties).

Yes No Don't Know

Your Comments

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5. How do you think Branch Secretaries should be selected?

Elected by clubs within each regional branch Appointed by each regional branch committee
 Appointed by National Executive Committee Elected by vote at AGM
 Don't know

Your Comments

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6. How should the new regional branches be staffed?

Your Comments

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7. Do you think that there should be fewer members of the National Executive Committee (NEC)

Yes No Don't Know

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

Yes No Don't Know

Your Comments

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9. Would you like to see the Union's Award in Club Management available online?

Yes No Don't Know

Your Comments

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10. How important are the following CIU services/products/events/functions to your club?

	Not important	important	Don't Know
Rules Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HR Documents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal Advice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education (ACM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Racing Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PRS For Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Branch Advice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trade Show	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Service Awards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lobbying	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annual Raceday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to Preferred Suppliers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Do you have any further comments, observations or suggestions which you believe would help to ensure that the Union is fit for purpose in the modern age?

Your Comments

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This survey can be completed online at the website clubjournal.co.uk and ciu.org.uk or you can download and print a copy.

Once completed this can be sent to: **Alchemy Contract Publishing/Club Journal, Link Spaces, Botanica, Ditton Park, Riding Court Road, Slough, SL3 9LL**

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Position:

Club Name: Business tel no (inc STD):

Mobile phone no:

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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 is under review.

National Executive Committee dates

The remaining NEC meetings at Head Office for 2025 will take place on:

September 3&4; October 15&16 and December 3&4.

CIU Conference 2026 dates

Friday, April 17 – CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition
Saturday, April 18 – The 162nd Annual Meeting
(Both events are being held at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool).

Find out if a club is a member of the CIU

To find other Union clubs, use the search facility on the official website: ciu.org.uk.

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

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

Disabled toilets – legal requirements

CIU Solicitor **Allyn Walton** examines the two key pieces of legislation concerning the legal requirements for clubs to have disabled toilets

The legal requirement for clubs, including CIU clubs, to have disabled toilets is governed by two key pieces of legislation. Below is a summary of the relevant laws:

1. The Equality Act 2010

This is the main piece of legislation that protects people from discrimination, including on the basis of disability.

The Act requires service providers, which includes clubs and pubs, to make “reasonable adjustments” to ensure that disabled people can access their services.

Anticipatory Duty: This is a crucial part of the law. Service providers, such as clubs, have an ongoing “anticipatory duty” to consider the needs of disabled people and make adjustments in advance, rather than just reacting to individual requests.

“Reasonable Adjustments”: The term “reasonable” is not explicitly defined in the law but depends on factors such as the size and resources of the organisation, the cost of the adjustment, and the effectiveness of the adjustment in overcoming the disadvantage.

For a club, providing an accessible toilet is often considered a reasonable adjustment, especially if not doing so would prevent a disabled person from using the club’s facilities.

2. The Building Regulations 2010 (Part M)

This part of the Building Regulations governs “access to and use of buildings.” It applies primarily to new buildings and major refurbishments.

New Construction and

Refurbishments: When a new club is built or an existing one undergoes a major refurbishment, it must comply with Part M.

The regulations provide detailed guidance on the number, size, and design of accessible toilets.

Existing Buildings: The Building Regulations do not require existing buildings to be retrofitted to current standards unless significant building work is being done. However, even for older buildings, the “reasonable adjustments” duty under the Equality Act still applies.

CIU Solicitor Allyn Walton can be contacted via Head Office

How live sport can boost sales in the Long Alcoholic Drink category

According to data from CGA by NIQ, the Long Alcoholic Drinks (LAD) category has been a standout performer in the On-Trade this year, and sport has been one of the key factors in its success

With the new football season underway along with other major sporting occasions, such as the Ryder Cup and the Women’s Rugby World Cup, CGA by NIQ research reveals the big opportunities for Long Alcoholic Drinks (LAD) and how clubs can capitalise on them.

LAD has delivered solid growth in the 12 months to mid-June, with sales by value in Britain rising 3.7% year-on-year.

In a flat-to-declining market, it has comfortably outperformed other big categories like wine (down 2.9%) and spirits (down 2.0%).

In all, LAD has accounted for more than half of all drinks revenue in Britain’s On Premise.

Its share of sales is even higher in channels like sports and social clubs (60.8%) – venues that are closely associated with live sport.

As well as being widely available, LAD is very often the category of choice on sports-led occasions.

More than 70% of what’s sold during sport-led occasions comes from LAD, and its Rate of Sale (RoS) is rising in most channels too—a sure sign that when sporting events drive footfall, most consumers turn to beer and cider.

Live sport is the fastest-growing occasion for On Premise visits Britain at the moment, with 25% of British consumers going out for this reason – which means LAD’s opportunities are set to rise even further in the months ahead.

CGA by NIQ provides deep and actionable insights into how consumers engage with LAD and what’s needed to generate brand trial and loyalty.

Here are five of the big opportunities that should be part of any club’s strategic reviews for sporting events:

1. Target the right sports and demographics

The first step to growth in live sports is understanding who is watching what.

Football is comfortably the most popular sport, and it’s watched by 79% of those who go out for sporting occasions – and there are smaller but significant followings for boxing (21%), tennis (19%), Formula 1 (18%) and rugby union (15%).

Sport’s audiences tend to be young, and around a quarter (24%) are aged 25 to 34.

2. Adapt to category trends

It’s also vital to track the changing preferences of LAD consumers on sporting occasions, and flex strategies and portfolios accordingly.

Lager is still the top choice, with 39% of British consumers drinking it – but this is down by 6 percentage points year-on-year, and interest in craft has dropped slightly too.

While these two sub-categories dominate, numbers choosing stout and fruit cider have both risen by 3 percentage points.

3. Focus on atmosphere and price

Consumers are primarily attracted out to live sport in clubs by their unique ambience.

Nearly half (45%) say they prefer the atmosphere of bars, while the same number (45%) think they provide a more sociable experience.

When it comes to factors in drinks choices, price is the top influence but the quality of brands, availability of favourite brands and staff recommendations are all powerful too.

This means it’s crucial for suppliers and clubs to work together to optimise ranging, pricing and promotions.

4. Help drinkers experiment

Growing interest in these sub-categories highlights the scope to innovate – especially as sports fans are ready to experiment.

OPUS shows 56% of consumers are more likely to try new drinks brands when out to watch live sport than on other occasions, while more than half of those in Britain (58%) and Ireland



Live sport can help to drive LAD sales

(56%) are more likely to pay extra for a better quality drink. Marketing campaigns that recruit customers like these will be essential for long term growth.

There’s a lot of spontaneity at play too, as 41% of consumers know what category they will drink before entering a venue for live sport, but not the specific brand.

This makes the visibility of brands key—not just in venues but before match days too, especially on social media.

5. Plan for the big events

CGA by NIQ’s data shows nearly three quarters (72%) of consumers only focus on important sporting events, so it’s important to develop compelling strategies for blockbuster competitions like the Premier League, as well as major tournaments, not just in football, but in sports like rugby (the Six Nations Championship), tennis (Wimbledon) and cricket (the upcoming Ashes series between Australia and England).

For many clubs and LAD brands, the FIFA World Cup in the US will be the focal point of activity in 2026 but there are plenty of other sporting occasions in the meantime to enable clubs to boost their LAD sales.

Can we monetise our car park with EV charging points?

Is your club car park a revenue opportunity waiting to be unlocked? Zapgo offers up this step-by-step guide on installing EV charging points on your club's property, running through the process from start to finish

So you happen to manage a club with a car park, and you're wondering if there's an opportunity to earn additional revenue by installing some charging points on your property yourself?

So far so good, you may think. Unfortunately, this is where the potential challenges and pitfalls creep in.

In this article, we explain why it may be simpler to call in the experts from the start.

1. Assessment

Before even thinking about construction, a review of the feasibility of the site should be undertaken.

This includes an assessment of power supply to the site, and discussions with the Distribution Network Operator (DNO) to review grid capacity and arrange an appropriate grid connection, which can be a very lengthy and complex process.

In addition, research must be undertaken to forecast driver demand for the site to guide the choice of the type and number of chargers, and future-proof the site for the rise in EV adoption.

2. Planning

Planning permission may be required for the site, and even where the site is covered by permitted development rights, roadworks and highways permission, the location and height of hardware and signage installations, and accessibility requirements must all be considered to ensure compliance.

Site construction work takes up time and resources and includes complex project management involving several different suppliers and contractors.

3. New regulations

Legislation which came into force in 2023 requires all new public EV charge point installations to adhere to

key regulations laid out by the Government.

The Public Charge Point Regulations 2023 apply to all installations of EV chargers above 8kW that are available for use by the public, and include measures across pricing transparency, payment provision, reliability, 24/7 driver support, and data sharing.

The regulations are not just applicable to the large networks – they apply to single-site and smaller-scale operations run by businesses too.

These regulations are a fundamental part of building trust in the UK's EV charging infrastructure and help to ensure that the experience of drivers who rely on public charging is consistent, transparent and positive.

4. AC vs DC chargers

EV drivers charging at destination locations expect to be able to charge their vehicle up to 80% in under 60 minutes.

Alternating current (AC) chargers rely on the vehicle to convert AC to DC to charge the car's battery, resulting in a slow charging time with a full charge taking several hours.

As drivers expect the speed and convenience of a full recharge quickly while they're visiting your club, rapid direct current (DC) chargers, which convert AC from the grid within the charger itself, resulting in faster charging, are needed in destination locations like sports clubs.

The installation of DC chargers involves high levels of upfront capital investment for the hardware, adequate power supply and other electrical upgrades, and civil works to ensure the site is appropriate for vehicles.

5. Operations

Once chargers are installed and tested, the site must offer contactless payment and provide integration with roaming providers like Zap-Map or Octopus Electroverse.

Monitoring is also an important

duty as sites are required to be 99% reliable, with any faults identified and rectified quickly to ensure that drivers can rely on the public charging network.

To achieve this, you'll need to work with a charging management platform provider, or create your own proprietary software platform, to manage charging operations.

In addition, operators are required to provide user support at all hours, including a 24/7 driver support telephone line.

What does this all mean?

The job of charge point operators is to deliver charging solutions for site owners that are compliant with existing regulations, make your ability to earn additional revenue easy and quick to achieve and administer, and take the hassle away.

By joining a public charging network, your club gets to enjoy the benefits of the EV transition at zero cost, zero effort and zero risk. Charge point operators will install rapid charging points at no cost to you and install a separate grid connection to ensure no additional demand is placed on your electricity supply.

Expert teams take care of everything from build to operation, helping maintain and monitor your charging points 24/7 to keep drivers connected and on the move, while your club earns revenue from every charge.

Maybe it's worth thinking about whether your car park could be a revenue opportunity waiting to be unlocked.

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Ready to become an expert in club management with the ACM?

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



The ACM course is taught by experienced club administrators such as Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM

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

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

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

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

The course is primarily aimed at

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Venue confirmed for Blackpool 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



Delegates will be asked to vote on a number of constitutional matters



This will be the 162nd Annual Meeting of the Club & Institute Union



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



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



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



ACE Furniture brought an impressive array of furniture to the trade show in 2025



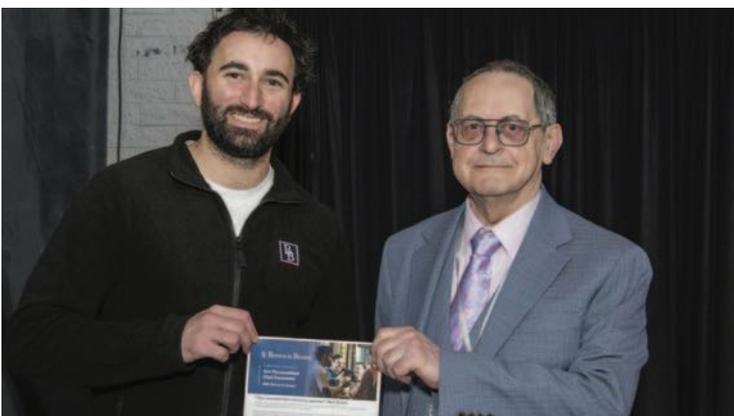
Club Control Director Chris McNally and Union Vice-President Bob Russell CMD



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



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



Seb Ridene, Business Development Manager of Preferred Insurance Supplier Brown & Brown with Union Vice-President Bob Russell CMD



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

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Buy your ticket for the CIU National Lottery

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

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

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

Q: How do I buy tickets?

A: It's a very simple process:

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

Q: What happens if I forget my password?

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

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

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

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

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

Q: What happens to my personal data?

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

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

A: Yes. Please go online to ciu.praxisplay.online 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?

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The CIU has teamed up with Arena Racing Company (ARC) to give CIU club members fantastic, great-value offers to enjoy a brilliant day out at the races this year!

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(Sunday – Thursday fixtures):

A ticket, a drink (beer, cider or soft drink) and a racecard - only £14.50!*

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- Advance sales close 24 hours before each fixture.
- All bookings are subject to our Ticket Purchase Terms and Conditions and Conditions of Entry.
- Booking fee applies.
- The offers are open to UK & Irish residents only who are aged 18 and over.
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WHAT CAN THE CIU DO FOR YOUR CLUB?

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

Advice and Help for Clubs

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

Education

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

Club Journal/Clubjournal.co.uk

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

Charity

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

Lobbying on Behalf of Clubs

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

Rules

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





Events - CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition

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

The CIU Racing Club

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

CIU National Lottery Draw

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

CIU Official Website

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

Events - Dransfield CIU National Charity Raceday

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

PRS for Music Tariff

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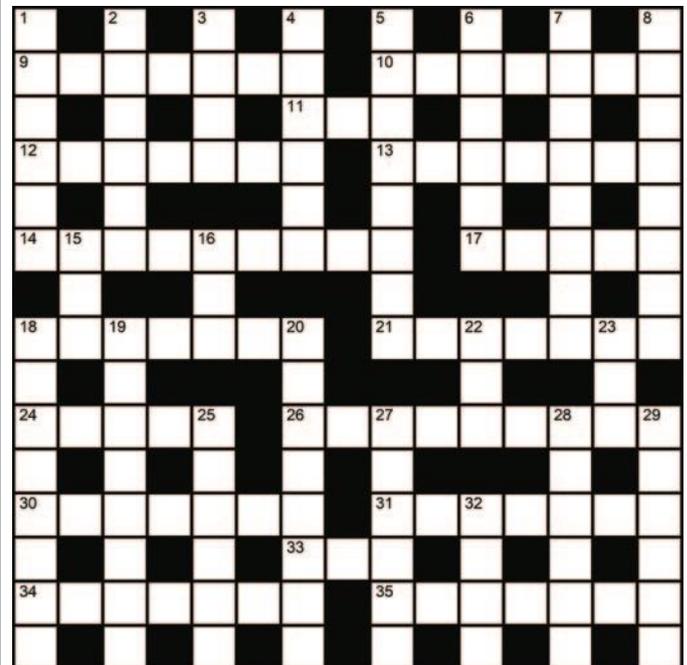
ACROSS

- 9 Dot leaving the mad Don Quixote, when night equals day (7)
- 10 Protruding lump is no longer a fashionable harvest? (7)
- 11 Percentage of the canal? (3)
- 12 Take a close peek, say, at Oriental hound (7)
- 13 Just a hint at an aim to synthesise B1 (7)
- 14 Tie greens loosely? That's plain in Tanzania! (9)
- 17 Altogether now, "Score!" with a 'fruity' ice cream? (5)
- 18 Artfully carts away from obscurantism in this edition (7)
- 21 Beryl to go all over (Bless my soul!) (5,2)
- 24 Arabic republic for you old males (5)
- 26 Ann, et al, at loggerheads with pre-birth (9)

DOWN

- 1 Against users with very little upset (6)
- 2 Younger adjuration, with data removed illegally (6)
- 3 Sucker returning from East Anglia (4)
- 4 Let off with a defence? (6)
- 5 Preserving biltong on the bone by mistake (8)
- 6 Exacting piece of restriction (8)
- 7 Portly PM in trouble straightaway (8)
- 8 Fine rope bad for one to

- warm hearth and heart! (4,4)
- 15 Bramley tree in reverse? (3)
- 16 Pen-end that's a bit nibbled (3)
- 18 Onyx dug out of a moor? Contradiction in terms (8)
- 19 Propose on time an awkward setting (8)
- 20 Naval country we portray in opera (3,5)
- 22 Have some brown ale (3)
- 23 In the submarine, a doctor's club (3)
- 25 Japanese to pop in to an inn of sorts (6)
- 27 Clear the mess that's considerable vertically? (4,2)
- 28 Colouring method that's bound to a looker, say? (3-3)
- 29 Invest beforehand, with a k.o. punch? (3,3)
- 32 States motor is a bit of a tautology (4)



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Europe bids for glory in New York

Team Europe will be aiming for their second consecutive victory over their American counterparts later this month as the Ryder Cup takes place at New York's Bethpage Black course



New York's Bethpage Black Course will host the 2025 Ryder Cup

For many sports fans, the Ryder Cup is the biggest draw in golf, the biannual showdown between the best American and European players, invariably producing drama and emotion across the three days of the tournament.

The latest edition of the Ryder Cup will take place for the first time at the iconic Bethpage Black in Farmingdale, New York, from September 26-28.

It will be the first time the Ryder Cup has graced its greens, but the course has previously hosted the U.S. Open in 2002 and 2009, as well as the 2019 PGA Championship.

Team Europe will arrive on US soil

as the defending champions after their impressive 16.5-11.5 victory at Marco Simone Golf and Country Club in Rome in 2023.

The first Ryder Cup was held in 1927, but back then, it was Great Britain taking on the United States. That became Great Britain & Ireland in the 1950s, before becoming Continental Europe for the first time in 1979.

This time around, Luke Donald and Keegan Bradley will lead their respective teams into battle.

Both men have had individual success, but Donald has the experience of winning the trophy in both a playing and captaining

capacity, while Bradley is yet to experience either.

Donald won with Team Europe in all four of his appearances as a player.

In contrast, Bradley is a one-time major champion and has just two Ryder Cup appearances to his name, with his first being on the wrong end of the 'Miracle of Medinah' in 2012 and his second also ending in defeat.

This year's edition promises to be a great contest between two teams packed with household names.

The challenge for Europe can't be understated given that an away team hasn't won since that aforementioned tournament of 2012, and 11 of the last 13 matches have gone to the home side.



The Team Europe players celebrate after claiming the Ryder Cup in 2023 in Rome

If Donald is to upset the odds and lead his European charges to victory in New York, he'll become the first captain since 1987 to successfully defend, and just the second in the modern era – USA vs Europe, as opposed to GB&I – to win home and away.

The size of the task in front of him isn't lost on Donald, and he's been doing everything he can to give himself and his team the best possible chance.

"I was on two away winning Ryder Cups, so it can be done, but it hasn't been done since 2012, and I'd like to try and change that," he said. "Nothing good happens unless it's tough.

"There's a saying: 'No pressure, no diamonds.' I'm fine with pressure, as long as I've done the work and the preparation.

Part of that preparation has included asking advice from all-time great Tony Jacklin, the only man to achieve the feat Donald is so keen to emulate.

For the 49-year-old Englishman, it was an obvious move.

"I did call up Tony, I think out of

respect for what he has done in the Ryder Cup and what he represents," said Donald.

"Nobody has captained for Europe four times and nobody has won a Ryder Cup away and at home.

"So why wouldn't you call Tony and figure out if there's anything you can glean from him?

"There's certain things we have in place, certain templates that are very successful, certain rituals and things that we do Ryder Cup to Ryder Cup to Ryder Cup, and learnings that we've had and we'll continue those.

"But you have to evolve. You have to adapt. You have to never stay still and think that what we did in Rome is going to be good enough for New York.

"This is a different challenge, a different environment, and we have to evolve and adapt to that.

"The learning process never stops. If you stand still, you don't evolve, you don't adapt, you don't learn from your mistakes, then it can bite you in the arse.

"You always try and learn from every Ryder Cup. Even if you are

winning, are there things we could have changed?

"There's certain things that we could have done better. A lot went right in Rome, but also you look back at 2016, at 2021 – what went wrong there?"

For his part, Keegan Bradley could actually be part of the action himself rather than pulling the strings as a non-playing captain.

Such has been Bradley's form in the run-up to the Ryder Cup, there is every chance that he will become the first USA playing captain since Arnold Palmer.

Whatever happens in New York, many club members will be eager to catch all the action from the tournament which is being shown by Sky Sports.

RYDER CUP SCHEDULE

Friday, September 26

Day 1

Saturday, September 27

Day 2

Sunday, September 28



Tuesday, September 2, 1pm, Sky Sports Cricket

1st ODI: England v South Africa

Headingley hosts the first of England's three white-ball games against South Africa. This will be a highly competitive round of matches given that the tourists are currently ranked sixth in the one-day rankings while England are ranked at eighth position. Skipper Harry Brook has been named England's T20 and one-day international captain.



Saturday, September 20, 12.30pm, TNT Sports

Premier League: Liverpool v Everton

The reigning champions host their closest rivals for the 'Friendly Derby' as the city divides along red and blue lines. Last year saw the teams battle it out to a 2-2 draw at Everton while Liverpool won 1-0 on their home turf on their way to the title. After guiding the Toffees away from trouble during the second half of last season, Manager David Moyes has set a target of achieving qualification for Europe.



Friday, September 26, 11.30am – Sky Sports Golf

The Ryder Cup

The 45th Ryder Cup takes place on the Bethpage Black Course in New York. Luke Donald returns to the role of captain for Europe, having led his team to a 16½ - 11½ victory against the United States in the 2023 Ryder Cup at Marco Simone Golf and Country Club in Rome. He is Europe's first repeat captain since Bernard Gallacher performed the role on three occasions.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

The Premier League continues this month, World Cup qualifiers featuring England, Wales and Scotland, plus Team Europe travel to New York to take on their USA counterparts in golf's biannual Ryder Cup

Tuesday, September 2, 1pm, Sky Sports Cricket

International Cricket: 1st ODI – England v South Africa

Thursday, September 4, 1pm, Sky Sports Cricket

International Cricket: 2nd ODI – England v South Africa

Thursday, September 4, 3pm, BBC1 Wales

FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier: Kazakhstan v Wales

Thursday, September 4, 8pm, Sky Sports

Super League: Huddersfield Giants v Leeds Rhinos

Friday, September 5, 8pm, Sky Sports
Super League: St Helens v Wigan Warriors

Friday, September 5, 8pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Castleford Tigers v Wakefield Trinity

Saturday, September 6, 12.30pm, Sky Sports Golf
Golf: Irish Open

Saturday, September 6, 2.45pm, BBC
Women's Rugby Union World Cup: Wales v Fiji

Saturday, September 6, 3pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Warrington Wolves v Leigh Leopards

Saturday, September 6, 5pm, BBC
Women's Rugby Union World Cup: England v Australia

Saturday, September 6, 5pm, ITV
FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier: England v Andorra

Sunday, September 7, 11am, Sky Sports Cricket

International Cricket: 3rd ODI – England v South Africa

Sunday, September 7, 2pm, Sky Sports F1

Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix

Tuesday, September 9, 7.45pm, ITV
FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier: Serbia v England

Tuesday, September 9, 7.45pm, BBC1 Wales

Football: International Friendly – Wales v Canada

Wednesday, September 10, 6.30pm, Sky Sports Cricket
International Cricket: 1st T20 – England v South Africa

Thursday, September 11, 8.30am, Sky Sports Golf
Golf: BMW PGA Championship

Thursday, September 11, 1pm, ITV
Horse Racing: St Leger Festival, Doncaster – Day 1

Thursday, September 11, 8pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Leeds Rhinos v Catalans Dragons

Friday, September 12, 1pm, ITV
Horse Racing: St Leger Festival, Doncaster – Day 2

Friday, September 12, 6.30pm, Sky Sports Cricket
International Cricket: 2nd T20 – England v South Africa

Friday, September 12, 8pm, Sky Sports Football
Championship Football: Ipswich Town v Sheffield United

Horse Racing: St Leger Festival,
Doncaster, starts Thursday,
September 11, 1pm, ITV



Friday, September 12, 8pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Leigh Leopards v Saint Helens

Saturday, September 13, 12.30pm, TNT Sports
Premier League: Arsenal v Nottingham Forest

Saturday, September 13, 12.30pm, Sky Sports +
League One Football: Bradford City v Huddersfield Town

Saturday, September 13, 12.30pm, BBC
Women's Rugby Union World Cup: Quarter-Final 1

Saturday, September 13, 1pm, ITV
Horse Racing: St Leger Festival, Doncaster – Day 3

Saturday, September 13, 3pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Wakefield Trinity v Hull Kingston Rovers

Saturday, September 13, 4pm, BBC
Women's Rugby Union World Cup: Quarter-Final 2

Saturday, September 13, 5.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: West Ham United v Tottenham Hotspur

Saturday, September 13, 5.30pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Hull FC v Warrington Wolves

Saturday, September 13, 8pm, Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Brentford v Chelsea

Sunday, September 14, 12 midday, Sky Sports Football
Championship Football: Southampton v Portsmouth

Sunday, September 14, 12.30pm, BBC
Women's Rugby Union World Cup: Quarter-Final 3

Sunday, September 14, 1pm, ITV
Horse Racing: St Leger Festival, Doncaster – Day 4

Sunday, September 14, 2pm, Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Burnley v Liverpool

Sunday, September 14, 3pm, Sky Sports
Super League: Huddersfield Giants v Salford Red Devils

Sunday, September 14, 4pm, BBC
Women's Rugby Union World Cup: Quarter-Final 4

Sunday, September 14, 4.30pm, Sky Sports Premier League
Premier League: Manchester City v Manchester United

Friday, September 19, 12.30pm, Sky Sports Golf
Golf: Open de France

Friday, September 19, 7pm, BBC
Women's Rugby Union World Cup: Semi-Final 1

Friday, September 19, 8pm, Sky Sports Football
Championship Football: Middlesbrough v West Bromwich Albion

Saturday, September 20, 12.30pm, TNT Sports
Premier League: Liverpool v Everton



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Gallagher Prem: Sale Sharks v Thursday,
September 25, 7.45pm, TNT Sports

TNT SPORTS



Saturday, September 20, 12.30pm,
Sky Sports Football
**Championship Football: Leicester
City v Coventry City**

Saturday, September 20, 3.30pm
**Women's Rugby Union World
Cup: Semi-Final 2**

Saturday, September 20, 5.30pm, Sky
Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Manchester
United v Chelsea**

Saturday, September 20, 8pm, Sky
Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Fulham v
Brentford**

Sunday, September 21, 12 midday,
Sky Sports F1
**Formula 1: Azerbaijan Grand
Prix**

Sunday, September 21, 2pm, Sky
Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Sunderland v
Aston Villa**

Sunday, September 21, 4.30pm, Sky
Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Arsenal v
Manchester City**

Thursday, September 25, 7.45pm,
TNT Sports
**Rugby Union: Gallagher Prem –
Sale Sharks v Gloucester**

Friday, September 26, 11am, Sky
Sports Golf
The Ryder Cup

Friday, September 26, 7.45pm, TNT
Sports
**Rugby Union: Gallagher Prem –
Harlequins v Bath**

Friday, September 26, 8pm, Sky
Sports Football
**Championship Football: West
Bromwich Albion v Leicester City**

Saturday, September 27, 11.30am,
Sky Sports Golf
The Ryder Cup

Saturday, September 27, 12.30pm,
TNT Sports
**Premier League: Brentford v
Manchester United**

Saturday, September 27, 12.30pm,
Sky Sports Football
**Championship Football:
Coventry City v Birmingham
City**

Saturday, September 27, 12.30pm,
Sky Sports +
**Championship Football:
Wrexham v Derby County**

Saturday, September 27, 4pm, BBC
**Women's Rugby Union World
Cup: Final**

Saturday, September 27, 5.30pm,
Sky Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Nottingham
Forest v Sunderland**

Sunday, September 28, 4.30pm, Sky
Sports Golf
The Ryder Cup

Sunday, September 28, 1pm, TNT
Sports
**Rugby Union: Gallagher Prem –
Northampton Saints v Exeter
Chiefs**

Sunday, September 28, 2pm, Sky
Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Tottenham
Hotspur v Wolves**

Sunday, September 28, 3.30pm,
TNT Sports
**Rugby Union: Gallagher Prem –
Bristol Bears v Leicester Tigers**

Sunday, September 28, 4.30pm, Sky
Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Newcastle
United v Arsenal**

Monday, September 29, 8pm, Sky
Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Everton v West
Ham United**

Tuesday, September 30, 8pm, Sky
Sports Football
**Championship Football: Derby
County v Charlton Athletic**

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

Dransfields CIU Greyhounds Racenight will take place on Friday, September 26 at Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium with Union members able to enjoy a three-course meal in the Grandstand for just £22



The Dransfield CIU Greyhounds Racenight will be on Friday, September 26 at Owlerton Stadium in Sheffield

Sheffield's iconic Owlerton Stadium will be hosting the Dransfields CIU Racenight on Friday, September 26.

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 £22, 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, the 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 – see the Union website for more details.

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

To book dinner in the restaurant for the CIU-discounted price of £22 per person, please call the venue direct on 0114 2343074 and quote 'CIU Night'.

Club Journal also has an allocation of free tickets (entry and race card) so if interested please call the hotline on 077898 70709



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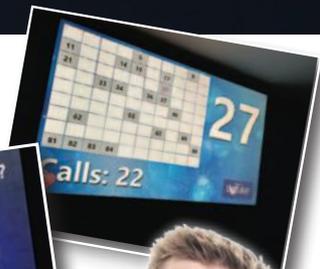
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So who would you like to see recognised?



The Recognition Awards were created to recognise all those unsung heroes who keep their clubs part of a caring, thriving and joyful community.

The informal Awards are not competed for but are awarded on merit, based on nominations from clubs visit www.clubawards.co.uk for the form.

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Nominate your Volunteers

The unstinting dedication of volunteers in Clubland is legendary. These are committed club people who give up their time, energy and resources

without a second thought – and they deserve to be recognised.

Nominate your Community Heroes

Anyone reading this will know – or indeed will be – a Community Hero. Last year celebrated the likes of Lindley Liberal Club's Anne Beaumont who set up a fun group for isolated older people, Salts Tennis Club's Simon Kennet who helps youngsters with learning difficulties prepare for life and inspirational Silhillians RFC Chairman Lee Jones who, despite a catastrophic rugby injury 8 years ago resulting in tetraplegia, is a driving force behind the club.

Nominate your Long Serving Stalwarts

It's no secret that the longevity of clubs

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Nominate your Young Ambassadors

Young Ambassadors (under 30s) are a powerful force in the drive for a continued bright and long future for clubs across the UK. Medals for these club envoys will once again be presented by the CIU's youngest member of the NEC, 26-year-old Nathan Clarke.

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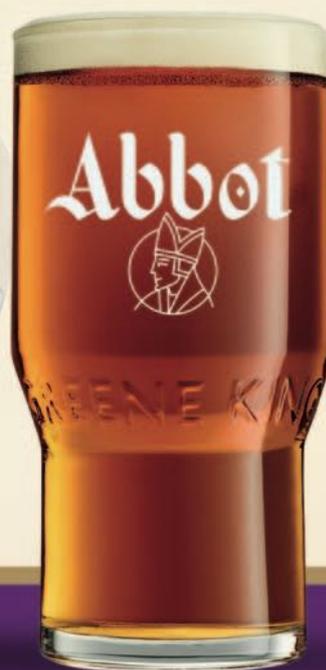
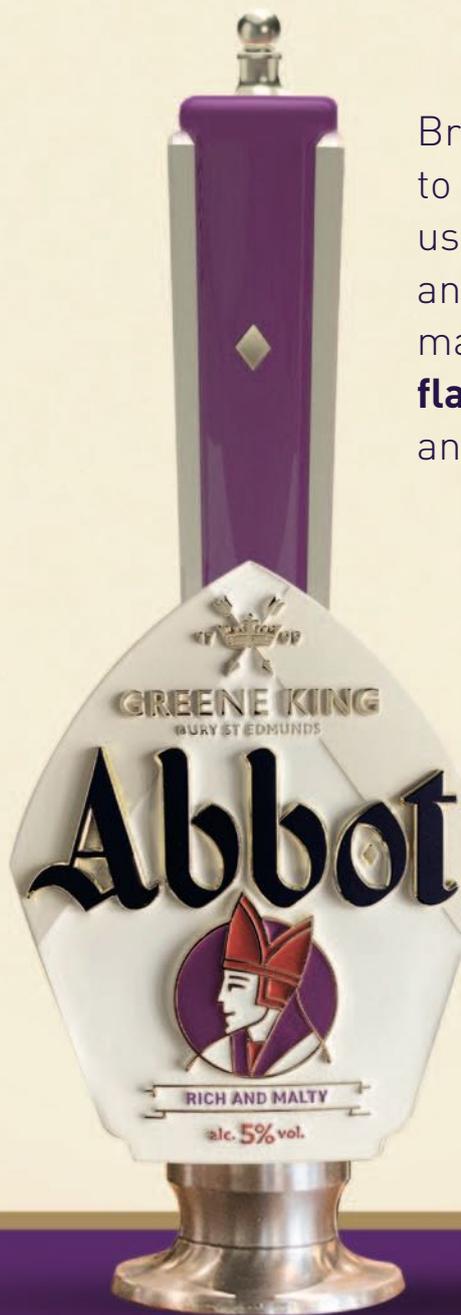


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