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Left to right: Michelle Campbell, Sales and Marketing Manager, Wetherby Racecourse, presents a cheque to Union President George Dawson CMD and Union General Secretary Ken Green CMD

Union members enjoy a grand day out at Wetherby Racecourse

Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday at Wetherby Racecourse on Saturday November 14 saw 1,750 Union members from across the country attending one of the undoubted sporting highlights of the CIU calendar.

There was a great atmosphere in the CIU Marquee, next to the Parade Ring, as our racegoers made use of the discounted beer vouchers supplied by John Smith's which gave them 50p off a pint. They also enjoyed the hearty food on offer.

As last year, it was the men and women of Farsley Working Mens Club in Pudsey who provided the biggest Union contingent on the day with a magnificent 274 members – up from 257 in 2014 – demonstrating their passion for the 'Sport of Kings'.

The ladies of Farsley WMC were given the honour of judging and presenting the prize for the Best Turned Out Horse on the second race.

With the racecourse and their caterers, CGC Events, each donating £1 to the CIU Education Programme for every CIU member attending, a cheque for the grand total of £3,500 was presented to the Union in

the Winners Enclosure following the third race, the Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday Handicap Hurdle.

George Dawson CMD, President of the Union, was delighted with the turnout at Wetherby.

"Once again, our clubs have done us proud by coming along, supporting this spectacular annual event and in the process raising a significant sum for the Union's Education Programme," he said.

"It was another fantastic day out and I would like to thank Dransfields for sponsoring a race on our behalf and also Heineken UK for their generous beer offer in the CIU Marquee."

Jonjo Sanderson, Chief Executive of Wetherby Racecourse, added: "It was a privilege for us to host, for the 10th year running, such a knowledgeable and passionate group of CIU members.

"As always, the atmosphere in the CIU Marquee was magnificent and I look forward to the next Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday which has become such a firmly established event in this part of Yorkshire over the past decade."

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Club of the Month: Chorleywood Club

December's Club of the Month is Chorleywood Club in Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, which recently unveiled a brand-new building.

Since the new premises were opened in August, the club has signed up around 100 new members and is going from strength to strength.

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