

# Club Journal

April 2016

The magazine for all CIU members

75p

## Blackpool 2016: Delegates set for packed Conference Weekend



The CIU Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday April 9

Delegates drawn from clubs across the country will assemble in Blackpool this month for Conference Weekend, the highlight of the CIU calendar.

The centrepiece of the weekend is, of course, the Union AGM, to be held at the Norbreck Castle Hotel on Saturday April 9.

The National Executive Committee has tabled two notices of motion regarding changes to the Union's Constitution.

The Annual Conference will also include a guest speech from Lord Mackenzie of Framwellgate, a member of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs and an official welcome from Councillor Peter Callow, the Mayor of Blackpool (for the full AGM agenda and list of motions, turn to page 15).

A number of other CIU events will be taking place over the same weekend, including, on the afternoon of Friday April 8, the 25th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition in the Norbreck Castle Hotel's Norcalympia room.

Delegates will be able to obtain business advice from the Union's Preferred Suppliers and other club-related businesses who will be showcasing their latest products and services. There will also be a chance to meet

Liverpool and Wales football legend Ian Rush who will be on the BT Sport stand and will be taking part in a Q&A session on the main stage.

The list of exhibitors includes: Ace Furniture, AON, Avensure, BOC, BT Sport, CAMRA, Carlsberg UK, Club Control, Co-op Bank, Dransfields, Dunlop Heywood, Heineken UK, Redtooth, Simply Workplace Pensions, Smart Energy Projects, and Walkers Crisps.

Friday evening sees Blackpool Football Club hosting the Annual Executive Dinner, an invite-only event for NEC Members, Branch Executives and representatives of the Union's Preferred Suppliers.

The weekend's activities will close on Saturday afternoon with the Dransfields CIU National Quiz Final, staged in the Boston Suite of the Norbreck Castle Hotel.

All Union delegates are welcome to attend the multimedia event, play along for fun and enjoy free beer courtesy of Preferred Suppliers Carlsberg UK and Heineken UK.

Union President George Dawson CMD said: "I look forward to welcoming club men and women from all over the country to Blackpool 2016 for what is sure to be a very rewarding and enjoyable weekend."

## INSIDE...

|                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Editor's Letter . . . . .   | 2  |
| Club News . . . . .         | 3  |
| Club of the Month . . . . . | 12 |
| HQ . . . . .                | 14 |
| Business Q&A . . . . .      | 17 |
| Club Outings . . . . .      | 18 |
| Crossword . . . . .         | 21 |
| Sport on TV . . . . .       | 22 |
| CIU Sport . . . . .         | 23 |

## Blackpool 2016: Events Diary

The key events for Conference Weekend are:

Friday April 8, 1-5pm  
Norbreck Castle Hotel  
Norcalympia  
**25th Beer & Trades Exhibition**

Friday April 8, 7pm  
Blackpool Football Club  
**Executive Dinner**

Saturday April 9, 10am  
Norbreck Castle Hotel  
Ballroom  
**CIU Annual Meeting**

Saturday April 9, 1pm  
Norbreck Castle Hotel  
Boston Suite  
**Dransfields CIU National Quiz Final**