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THE PAPER FOR ALL C.I.U. MEMBERS

IT'S MAKE OR BREAK TIME

I'VE helped organise the Union's annual conference at Blackpool for 16 years and I believe this is the most important one yet. How delegates vote on this year's motions could determine whether the Union has a meaningful future, supported by its members, or is left powerless to act on their behalf

Working alongside the General Secretary I see and respond to many of the day-to-day letters from clubs requesting advice so am well aware of the issues clubs are facing and how many are closing. I also realise that many people including delegates ask the question: "What does the Union do for us?"

The General Secretary answered that question in the last issue and in the Conference Brochure by listing just some of the things the Union does. I can only add that in my 16 years at Head Office I have seen the dedication and commitment of staff, who do their best to meet the needs of the clubs in membership and each of the 28 Branches around the country, as

well as providing facilities at Saltburn House, organising the national games competitions, the national awards scheme, dealing with rule changes and ensuring that relevant information is



By **MAXINE MURPHY**
Assistant
General Secretary

included in *Club Journal* and mail-outs to clubs.

Of course, the reduction in numbers of member clubs has resulted in us having to cut our cloth to suit. Saying goodbye to experi-

enced staff, some of whom were made redundant after working for the Union since their teens, was a very sad task, but part of the National Executive's strategy to reduce overheads at Head Office along with saving money on the building itself. It isn't always easy to achieve, as many club management committees know themselves, but we do our best.

The Union's future is at stake at this Annual Meeting and after nearly 150 years of representing its member clubs I believe it deserves the support of clubs and the opportunity to prove that it can become a movement capable of representing its members at all levels – providing support on the ground through the branches and at government level through representations to the Parliamentary Group. If you are coming to Blackpool make sure you use your vote wisely.

• This year's conference agenda and details of the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition at Blackpool Pleasure Beach were included in last month's issue and in the Conference Brochure sent to all delegates.

(Picture: Rotherham Advertiser)



Tony Christie performs at the Ivanhoe WMC where he made his debut 50 years ago.

Tony finds his way back to the Ivanhoe

CHART-TOPPER Tony Christie has returned to the South Yorkshire social club where he made his debut 50 years ago.

The singer, made famous again when Peter Kay featured in the video of "Is This the Way to Amarillo?" for Comic Relief, appeared at the Ivanhoe WMC in his home village of Conisbrough.

The special charity night was the first concert on a three-month national 50th anniversary tour, the rest of which were all held in big theatres. Half the proceeds from the concert went to St Peter's Church in Conisbrough, where his brother Neal is church warden; the other half went to the Teenage Cancer Trust, which Tony is a patron of.

The Ivanhoe only holds around 250 people compared to Tony's more recent performance at the Royal Albert Hall in front of 5,500 people.

Tony, who was born Anthony Fitzgerald, began singing at 16 when he joined a choir in the village. At 17 he made his solo debut at the club when he supported Lynne Perrie, who went on to play Ivy Tilsley in Coronation Street, and comic

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THE Union's holiday and convalescent centre on the North Yorkshire coast, Saltburn House, now has its own website: www.saltburn-house.com. You can also find out about offers by ringing (01287) 622008. **Saltburn House – Page 8.**

AS we reported on last month's front page, the Government has changed the rules on compulsory retirement. **Full details – Page 13.**

A SPECIAL award has been started at a York club to remember a First Division football referee who once offered George Best a polo mint instead of a yellow card. **Sport 14,19, 20.**

A CLUBMAN who lied about his age to join a club at 18 has been presented with life membership by General Secretary Mick McGlasham. **Full story – Page 4.**

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CONGRATULATIONS

WAKEFIELD Branch President John Barrett presented Vice-President Charles Vamplew with the Union's Gold Medal and 21-year Certificate for services to the Branch in front of club members at the annual Branch meeting. Pictured with them (right) is Branch Secretary and

National Executive member Gordon Winn. Northumberland Branch Secretary Dave Richardson and Branch Executive member Tony Isbister were among the guests when Killingworth Social Club received their deeds back from Heineken UK. Heineken Regional Manager

Alan Milne presented the deeds to Vice-President George Walker, the club's longest-serving Committee member. Pictured (left to right) are: Tony Isbister, Dave Richardson, Alan Milne, George Walker and Club Secretary Bill Clark, who is also pictured receiving the Certificate of Merit for 10 years' service to the Social Club from Dave Richardson and Tony Isbister.





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CLEVELAND Branch President Howard Instone (left) visited North Ormesby Institute and presented Certificates of Merit to Club Secretary Alan Jasper, Committee member Peter Stead and Club President Mally Thompson (pictured).



YORK City Branch President Ken Needham visited Tang Hall WMC and presented Long Service Awards to President Don Murray, former President Jack Walton and

Finance Secretary Tony Douglas. Pictured (left to right) are: Tony Douglas, Don Murray, Jack Walton and Ken Needham.

~ Maria and John say farewell to Head Office ~

PAIR LEAVE WITH 50 YEARS OF MEMORIES

HHEAD Office has said goodbye to two long serving members of staff with half a century of experience.

John Kinsler had worked at Head Office since 1979 and has had a varied career. He played darts semi-professionally and worked in social services then served as the Union's Assistant Recreation Secretary under Peter Miller before taking on the role of residential caretaker in 1994. Maria Barry is well known to club members up and down the country as she has been organising schools and courses as the Union's Education Assistant for 18 years.

John became well known to club members when he worked in recreation and frequently attended the finals of national games competitions. His most high-profile role, however, was assisting with the National Queen of Clubs beauty competition, which ran for about 15 years.

Each Branch held their own contest with the final being held at the Empress Ballroom in Blackpool with special guests as judges, including MPs and on one occasion the Maltese Minister of Tourism. Channel 4 even produced a promotional video of the contest.

Pregnant

"They were very happy times. Peter organised and compered the contest while I used to stand on the stage to assist the Union President, Derek Dormer, with the presentation of the winners' trophies."

"The most memorable contestant was a young woman who didn't win – possibly because she was extremely pregnant. "She'd won her Branch heat in South Wales and she'd obviously thought 'I have got this far, I'm not going to give up now.' The audience were so impressed with her determination they gave her a big round of applause."

Before joining the Union John had been a semi-professional darts player and worked for seven years in social services with physically and mentally handicapped people, a job he found particularly demanding, as well as rewarding. "It could be very humbling and certainly put your own problems into perspective," he said.

He played many darts matches at Tottenham Liberal & Radical Club and Wood Green Labour Club against the likes of Cliff Lazarenko, and Eric Bristow – he even remember Eric's father doing the scoring – and was also Regional Secretary of the National Darts Association of Great Britain for a short time.



Maria Barry (above) is leaving Head Office after 18 years while John Kinsler, pictured with the 1983 Queen of Clubs, Irene Corke from Stormont Main Club in Durham Branch, has served 32 years.



In 1994 John moved into Head Office as he took over the role of residential caretaker after the sudden death of Dennis McCooey, and also took on the running of the stores department. Now 67, he hopes to do some travelling in retirement and to see more of his two sons, daughter and grandson.

• Maria Barry joined the Union in 1992 and originally worked in the typing pool. She moved to the Education Department as Education Assistant under Education Secretary Kevin Smyth.

"Kevin was an excellent teacher. I'm very grateful to him as I owe him a lot. I'm delighted to hear that he's making such a good recovery from his stroke."

Touching

After Kevin went on to become General Secretary Maria worked with Education Secretaries John Lewis – who still comes to Blackpool as a volunteer with CAMRA – and Ron Prince. Later when the role was amalgamated with convalescence and sport she worked under David Macdonald, Pete Carr and the current Leisure Secretary Valda Edmunds.

Her role in the Education Department has brought Maria into contact with a large cross-section of people, including lecturers and Branch Secretaries as well as students.

"I love the job and I shall miss all the people I deal with. Some of the letters I've received from clubmen who have been on education courses have been very touching."

Originally from Cyprus Maria came to this country in 1996 but still goes back frequently. She is looking forward to a long holiday and seeing more of her husband Mike, her son and daughter and three grandchildren.

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Norman Collier, who was top of the bill. "Amarillo", which was written by Neil Sedaka and Howard Greenfield, reached number one in Germany and Spain when it was originally released in 1971. It was originally going to be called "Is This the Way to Pensacola" until Neil Sedaka realised it didn't rhyme with much.

The song was first revived on Peter Kay's social club comedy Phoenix

Nights before being chosen as the Comic Relief song in 2005 and returning to the top of the charts

Although he's now a big star, Tony doesn't forget his roots. His mother also still lives in the village and he was pictured in the Ivanhoe Club on the cover of his 2008 album Made in Sheffield.

Right: The audience enjoys Tony Christie's concert at the Ivanhoe WMC.

Back to Ivanhoe



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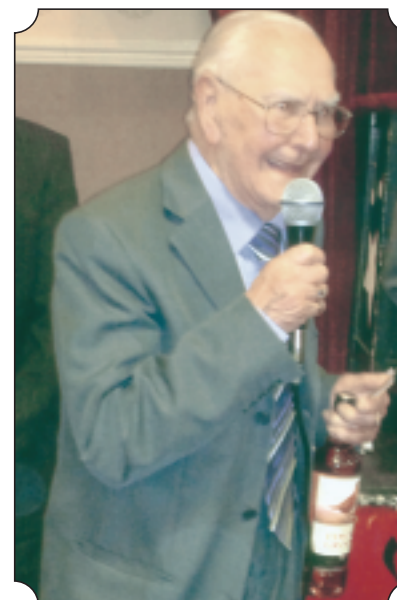
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GENERAL Secretary Mick McGlasham and Durham Branch President Colin Armstrong were guests of honour at the Northgate Club in Darlington for the 90th birthday of honorary member Alf Walker, one of the first 18-year-olds to join a club.

Alf joined the Durlia Club in the town in 1939 because he was less well known there and he was able to tell the Club Secretary he was the required age of 21. He joined the Northgate Club in 1945 and still comes in several evenings a week, plays for the club in the domino 5s and 3s league and whist league, and takes a keen interest in how the club is doing.

"Monday night is, and has been for quite a while, a night where I am told to sit down and tell Alf what's going on," said Club President Stan Summers.

Alf is forgiven



He likes his game of bingo and most other things the club has to offer."

Presenting Alf with his certificate and pass gives

Alf Walker thanks everyone for his presents.

ing him free drinks for life, Mick McGlasham said the Union would not be taking any action over Alf's false membership application. He went on to present him with a

bottle of whisky and said he looked forward to seeing him on his 100th birthday.

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SUPPORTERS: As official beer supplier to Cardiff City Stadium, Heineken UK Regional Sales Manager Jonathan Westwood (right) backs club Chairman Ian Carter during sporting events for members and guests alike

Celebrating its centenary this year, Caerphilly Social Club in Mid Glamorgan has built a reputation as the place to be among its 1,600-strong membership and prides itself on giving local competition a run for their money in terms of trade and popularity.

According to Chairman Ian Carter, with the club's varied activities, everyone from the ages of 18 to 80 can find something to enjoy.

"We have a very proactive Committee and we endeavour to lay on as wide a range of activities and entertainment as possible throughout the week to keep the club busy on a regular basis," says Ian.

"Mondays and Saturdays are live entertainment nights and we scour agencies to find the best local and national acts for our members to

watch. On Tuesdays we host old-time dancing and on Thursdays and Sundays we have very well-attended Bingo Nights.

"On Wednesdays we hire out our spacious function room, which can hold up to 400 people, for conferences, presentations, charity events or private parties - not to mention Salsa classes - while on Fridays, you really have to get here early as our disco for all ages starts filling up from 6pm and frequently attracts our 400-head limit!

"In addition to this, members can enjoy a game of skittles, snooker, pool or darts - we even have a bowls team - or watch any of the big sporting events on one of our five large screens.

"And as is the case with many of our events, we are always able to call on our Heineken UK Regional



PARTNERSHIP: (L-R): Treasurer Alan Chandler, Heineken UK Regional Manager Jonathan Westwood, Committee member Allan Watts (back), Chairman Ian Carter, Committee members Jeffrey Askey (back), Robert James Taylor and Gary Llewellyn discuss forthcoming promotions and initiatives available to the club through Heineken UK

Manager Jonathan Westwood for support.

"If the company is offering clubs a branded promotion, we are usually one of the first to get it as Jonathan knows we will advertise it well and ensure it is a success.

"Likewise, when Heineken UK launches new brands, Jonathan is on our doorstep encouraging us to try them. If they aren't popular with the members, then he finds something else that might be.

"As far as the business is concerned, we have a strong working relationship with Heineken UK and if ever we have a problem or any cause for concern, we know we can count on Jonathan or the region's Sales Director Glyn Glover to pop round to talk it through to a solution.

"The first class support of our supplier coupled with our endeavours to make Caerphilly Social Club a place people want to be, has put us in the envious position of actually seeing some of our competition suffer because we are able to offer our customers a lot more than they can.

"We believe that we are one of Heineken UK's flagship accounts in Wales but from all we hear from our CIU colleagues, the support we receive as a large successful club is no different to what the company offers smaller struggling clubs who also benefit from their expertise and experience in the sector.

"I have absolutely no hesitation in recommending Heineken UK to any

club - struggling or, like us, bucking the trend - as there is every possibility that the package and support they can offer will pay dividends."

According to both Glyn Glover and Jonathan Westwood of Heineken UK, the company is delighted to be associated with such a prestigious club.

"Our relationship with Caerphilly Social Club spans many years and we very much hope that the

partnership we have developed will continue well into the future.

"This is a mutual partnership. Every business has its targets and goals and just as we support Caerphilly Social Club, they support us by helping the company deliver its brand agenda in the region.

"The club is managed by a very forward-thinking Committee, an example of which was evident in the recent upgrading of their Sky packages which meant that all major sporting events can be seen by members and guests alike on one of the five large screen TVs in The Sports Bar.

"Everyone at Heineken UK wishes the club continued success and are pleased to offer support in what can be best described as challenging market conditions."

● If you would like to find out more about the benefits your club could enjoy by trading with Heineken UK or to arrange a meeting, please contact Heineken UK

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THE Union has continued to press the Government over issues affecting our clubs including beer duty and Amusement Machine Licence Duty (AML).
Opposite is the text of the letter sent by General Secretary Mick McGlasham to Treasury Minister Justine Greening about this year's Budget, which took place just after this month's Club Journal went to press.

On the same page, the joint chair-

men of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Clubs argue against the Alternative Voting system.

Letters to the Editor should be posted to The Editor, CIU, 253 Upper Street, London N1 1RY or emailed to: info@wmciu.org or cj@powdene.com They should normally be 250 words long and are subject to editing.

UNION'S LETTER TO THE TREASURY

**Ms Justine Greening MP
Economic Secretary
HM Treasury**

Dear Ms Greening,
THE Government has shown concern for the survival of community pubs but little if any concern seems to be expressed for the well being of our community clubs. Many of them with an ageing and declining membership and acute financial problems are struggling to survive. Club volunteer managements are doing their utmost to keep their clubs afloat in the face of rising commercial and regulatory costs and the continuing unfair competition from rock bottom pricing of supermarket alcohol. Union club members are socially responsible drinkers and wish their clubs to survive and prosper. They (and the Union) are disappointed that the Government intends merely to set the minimum price for alcohol at the level of excise duty plus VAT on the product. In our view this will do little if anything to assist our hard-pressed clubs or tackle the problem of binge drinking.

Fundraisers

I would emphasise that Union clubs are family and community orientated so are generally the venue of choice for local social events, providing a safe and welcoming environment for their members and guests which has particular appeal for women and the elderly who might otherwise have few user-friendly opportunities for socialising. Furthermore clubs are substantial fund raisers for national and local charities; provide much needed jobs for local people; and promote and support live entertainment.

Union clubs along with other sectors are subject to the 2.5% VAT increase which inevitably involves higher prices

for the services they provide to their members. We appreciate that at a time of extreme pressure on the national finances the Chancellor's Budget options will be severely limited. However we would respectfully ask, on behalf of our member clubs, that careful consideration be given to the damaging impact that any further increases in beer duty and Amusement Machine Licence Duty would have on an already beleaguered private members' clubs sector.

Regarding AMLD in particular a recent survey by the Union of 800 member clubs indicates that only 2% operate their full legal entitlement of three Category B4 or C machines; or exploit the maximum stake/prize level of £1/£250 for a B4 machine permitted by the Gambling Act 2005. Many clubs configure their B4 machines thus: 10p/£100; "trade down" to Category C machines (£1/£70 stake/prize); or switch to exempt lottery machines. We are aware that Government is committed to replacing AMLD/VAT with a gross profits tax. However in the meantime we feel there is a case for reducing AMLD on Category B4 machines (currently £2075p.a.) for the reasons set out above and to provide a more measured progression between Category C (AMLD £860p.a.) and Category B2/B3 (AMLD £2285p.a.). This would tend to improve the economic appeal to clubs of Category B4 machines and may assist revenue yield.

We sincerely hope that Treasury Ministers will have due regard to these representations both in the case of beer duty and AMLD in the run-up to the 2011 Budget.

Yours sincerely
Mick McGlasham
General Secretary

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A great number of members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords strongly oppose this change for the following reasons: AV is obscure. Only three countries in the world use it - Fiji, Australia and Papua New Guinea!

AV is unfair. Supporters of fringe parties can end up having their votes counted five or six times and potentially decide the outcome of the election, while supporters who backed the mainstream candidates only get one vote.

AV is unequal. It treats someone's fifth or sixth choice as having the same importance as an elector's first choice. There is a big difference between positively wanting one candidate to win and being saddled with

second best. We believe the winner of an election should be the candidate who comes first.

AV is expensive and a constitutional change we do not need. Under AV it would be impossible to count ballot papers by hand on election night for a quick decisive result and local councils will have to buy electronic counting machines that are very expensive and prone to malfunction.

Just as important, the cost of AV being introduced will be high - the cost of the referendum alone is more than £90m. This would have been better spent on beneficial public services at the present time, rather than changing our well-tried and tested first-past-the-post voting system for this flawed AV plan that nobody wants.

In the privacy of the ballot box, please say NO to AV.

Greg Knight MP
Stephen Hepburn MP
Lord Bilston
(formerly Dennis Turner)

Exam dates fixed

DATES have now been fixed for the CMD exams.

The Law exam will be held on the morning of Saturday, May 7 and the Accountancy exam on the morning of May 21.

All students should now have received exam forms, which should be duly completed and returned to the Education Department as soon as possible if they wish to sit one or

both sections of the exam. A deposit of £10 for each section must be forwarded with the application. This will be refunded to the candidates after the exam.

The next course will begin in October and full details will be published in the

July and August editions of the *Club Journal*. Posters and enrolment forms will be sent to all affiliated clubs in July.

EDUCATION

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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Congratulations to the five winners of our £10 prize Crossword:

M. Moffat of Hirst Progressive Club, Northumberland; Mr D Hatto of Acomb WMC, York; Mrs M Porter of Fareham WMC, Hants; L. Anderson of West Green WMC, Barnsley; Terry Walsh of Longbridge Social Club, Birmingham.



PRIZE CROSSWORD

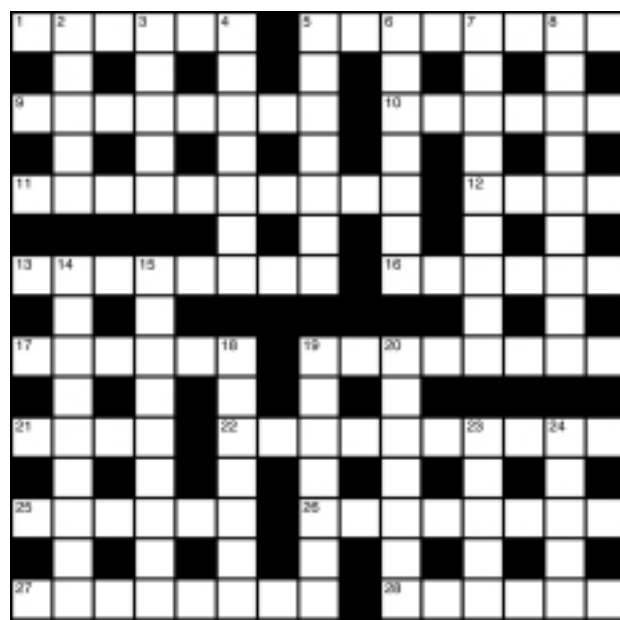
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ACROSS

- 1 Calcite, without a change - what a team! (6)
- 5 Pates are cooked apart. (8)
- 9 Many talk of Scottish island drink. (8)
- 10 An end - a sort that's mountainous in S America. (6)
- 11 Grumpy - sort of all untried. (3-7)
- 12 The end of church, said to be on a mobile. (4)
- 13 This'll be repeated for Scottish 'logos'. (8)
- 16 Treats the battery - to the best drink? (4,2)
- 17 It's less attractive when bits of hearthrug lie ripped up. (6)
- 19 It's the majority of us, at this age. (8)
- 21 Host is upset by report. (4)
- 22 Rap ginseng? Somehow it takes the biscuit! (10)
- 25 Lifeguards, outside, can be trained to be sparing. (6)
- 26 Commotion, finally mentioning which person? (8)
- 27 Broken cassette can set a precedent. (4,4)
- 28 What the sewer has to annoy? (6)

DOWN

- 2 Matched, with the same quality pieces. (5)
- 3 Colossal sort - runs rings round Saturn. (5)
- 4 Lump sum in the city. (7)
- 5 They range in Spain, for example. (7)
- 6 Reset dial - put to approval. (7)



Name

Address

Club

- 7 Oscar's anticipatory treatment. (3,6)
- 8 Metamorphose with dreadful tantrums over sweetheart (9)
- 14 At 18 hands it's ridden with pride. (4,5)
- 15 You'll be 'broke' initially with such jeans. (4-5)
- 18 Algeria's strange royal raiment. (7)
- 19 Condensable disc removed and re-formatted to make fine. (7)
- 20 Linger, round about first of

- May, you mischievous imp! (7)
- 23 Hasty lesson in fashion? (5)
- 24 Island ring presents a road fee. (5)

Send your entry to Crossword, Powdene Publicity, Unit 17, St Peter's Wharf, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 1TZ, to reach us by April 30.

DEADLINE FOR QUIZ EXTENDED

THE deadline to enter the Dransfields/CIU National Quiz has been extended to April 21.

This year's quiz begins on Thursday, April 7 with the North West regional final at Stanley Road WMC in Blackpool. Entries for other regional finals can still be made, however, by filling in the form on this page.

Thanks to our new sponsors, national gaming machine suppliers Dransfields, the Quiz will continue to offer excellent prizes, with a top prize of £500 in the final and £160 in each of our regional finals; the emphasis remains on fun, however, with prizes spread across all abilities including one for the club finishing second last. In addition our co-sponsors provide bottle prizes for the closest guesses to such questions as "How many Popes have been murdered?" (26 if you don't include John Paul I).

To ensure we only have serious entries clubs do have to send

an entry fee of £10 but this does include a buffet meal for teams and their supporters.

The South East regional final, co-sponsored by the Co-operative Bank, has been arranged at Leatherhead & District Social Club on Wednesday, May 4.

The Midlands Regional Final, co-sponsored by Wells & Young's

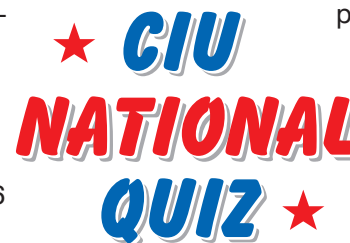
takes place at Far Cotton WMC, Northampton on Thursday, May 5.

The South Wales & West of England final, also co-sponsored by The Co-operative Bank will take place on Monday, June 6 at Bettws Social Club, Newport.

Other regional finals will be held in Wakefield and Newcastle,

probably in July. The top three from each final will go through to the national final in Derby on Sunday, September 18.

To enter fill in the attached form below and return it to Chris Brewis at *Club Journal* by April 21 with a cheque for £10.



2011 CIU NATIONAL QUIZ ENTRY FORM

We wish to enter a team in the 2011 Dransfields CIU National Quiz

Name of Club

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Contact name

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Our team of four will be selected from the following (maximum six). Please give Christian names (not just initials).

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~ Closing date for entries: April 21, 2011 ~

I certify that the team members are at least 18 years old, they are members of this club and hold Associate Pass Cards for 2011 issued by this club.

I enclose a cheque for £10 made payable to Powdene Publicity Ltd.

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Secretary

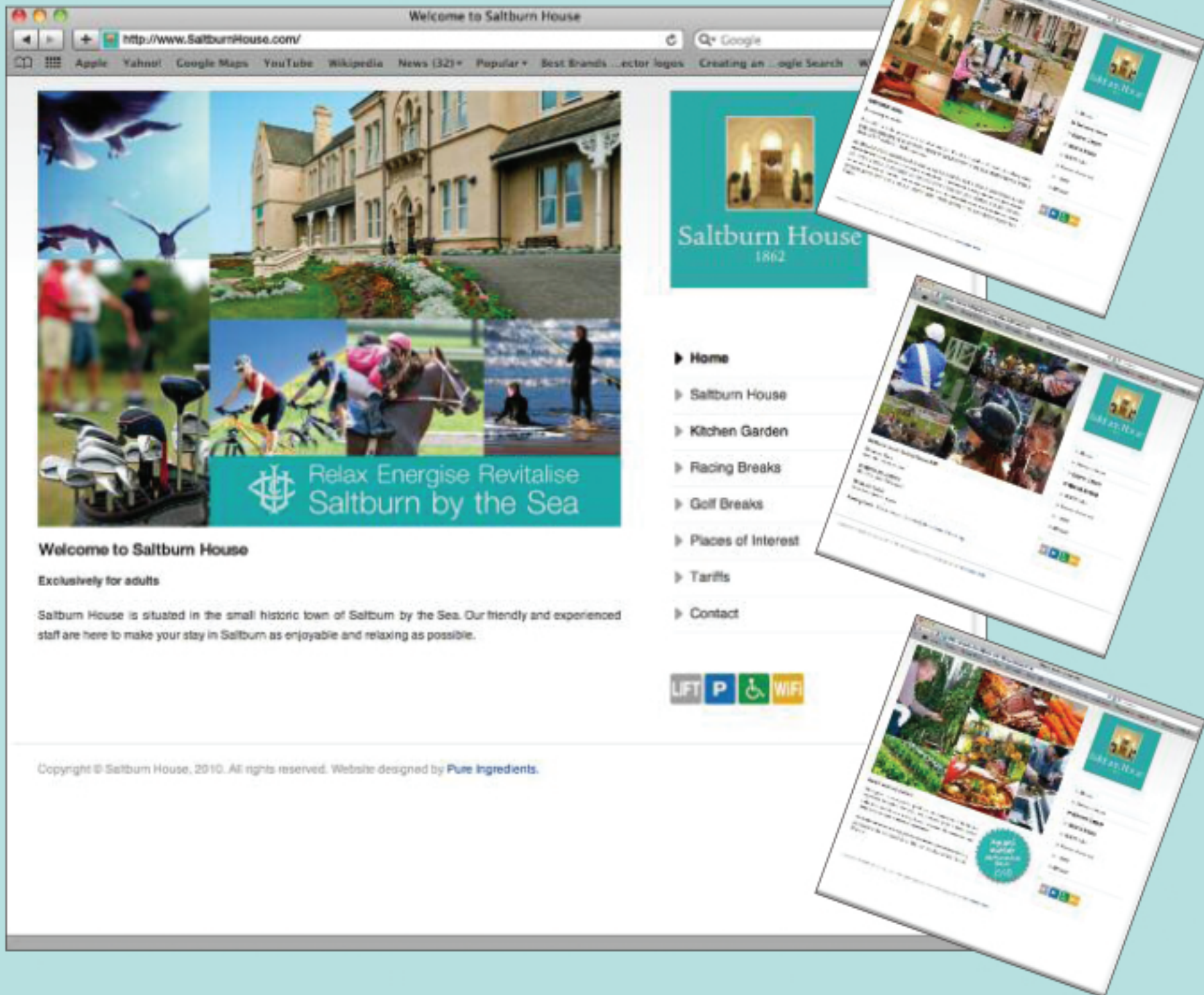
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INFORMATION

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JUST two years ago the future was looking bleak for this South London club. "We only had 444 members and financially we were in dire straits." recalls Fred Willmott, a member since 1972 and President for 26 years. "The club looked tired and we needed a new roof and major rewiring." When he reveals that today the club is thriving with more than 840 members, money in the bank AND now has virtually brand new premises, the obvious question to ask is: "What happened?" And the answer is: a drastic change to how the club was run. Ian Kilgannon, a former Committee member, was approached by Fred and Vice-president George Price, who talked him into becoming Club Secretary. Since taking over the job 18 months ago he has managed, in Fred's words, "to turn the club around."

The business plan was dramatic. Every line of revenue and expenditure was analysed, budgets were set for each line of expense from entertainment right down to how much was spent on ink for posters, and a £13,000 rate rebate was successfully claimed from the local council then used to pay off some outstanding debt. Everyone on the committee and staff was positive to the change in the way the club was being run and welcomed the responsibility of ensuring they became successful. The club was now being run as a business.

One of the first problems the Committee tackled was an adjoining rundown hall – the original club premises – which was occasionally used by members for functions but failed to bring in enough income to meet its rates bill and needed £100,000 worth of repairs. The site was sold, and with the considerable

proceeds they began planning major changes to restore the fortunes of the club.

A major internal and external refurbishment costing £180,000 was planned and work on the project was recently completed on budget by Bristol-based contractors, Harris Brothers, along with local building contractor and clubs maintenance contractor Dave Sterry – who was invaluable during the refurbishment ensuring any additional work was completed within budget and with minimal costs. "Both did an excellent job," said Ian. "From start to finish the work took only eight weeks and during that time we only closed the bar for two hours while the carpet was being laid."

"It was a hectic time but the whole Committee did their bit, and the staff were excellent, having to work in difficult conditions, while our members continued to use the club as normal, which ensured our trade did not suffer."

"Our steward, Fred Beels, was there every day to open up first thing to ensure the building team could start work as early as possible. He and our assistant steward, David Scott, both continue to be instrumental in ensuring the smooth day-to-day running of the club."

Main suppliers Heineken provide their popular Foster's, John Smith's, Kronenbourg and Strongbow brands while the club also serves real ale from Britain's oldest brewer Shepherd Neame.

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Branch President Trevor Baker is pictured with (left to right): Mike Levene (Trustee), George Price (Vice President), Fred Willmott (President), Ian Kilgannon (Secretary) and John Webb (Trustee).

BECKENHAM TO PALACE



Above: The new bar. Top right: The refurbishment team (left to right): Mark Collard (Harris Brothers, main contractor), David Sterry (local contractor), secretary Ian Kilgannon, (project manager), Pat Kilgannon (Ian's father, who offered his services free as clerk of works) and President Fred Willmott, (who provided support and feedback to the main Committee). Right: Members enjoyed the official re-opening night with all drinks at £1, free food and entertainment.



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date, stylish club with high quality furnishings has been dramatic. The layout has been changed to create a new stage and dance floor, an eye-catching new bar has been built, energy-saving lighting has been fitted throughout, and the latest alarm and door entry systems have been installed, along with new toilets with baby-changing facilities, and wheelchair access to all areas.

Trustee Mike Levene, who works in Formula 1 Racing, said: "What Ian's done as Secretary is to turn the club into a proper business. Everything is carefully budgeted, and our beer prices are lower than any pub in Beckenham. The work he has put in is unbelievable."

"A lot of credit goes to Ian. He is such a shrewd money man we call him *Steptoe*. When the refurbishment started he even managed to sell off all our old carpets, the furniture and even the flooring."

Although Ian has brought a lot of business management experience to the club he said the key to the turnaround in the club's fortunes was having a strong united Committee who are not afraid to make difficult decisions, good, trustworthy and hard-working staff and the members, who have supported and helped the club grow.

And a happy Fred Willmott added: "Our future is now secure and we

make sure there is something going on every night to bring people in. George Price organises entertainment on Saturday and Sunday nights, Wednesday is bingo night, we have four ladies' and two men's darts teams, pool competitions, race and quiz nights, barbecues and a monthly raffle with £1,000 worth of cash prizes.

"We are a friendly, family club and want our members to enjoy themselves. Children are welcome with their parents or grandparents, and our members range in age from 18 to 88 with a healthy number of 18-to-25-year-olds. We are an equal opportunities club and the number of women members we have has gone up from 40 a few years ago to over 280. Our annual membership fee is a bargain at £12 and we offer free membership to people serving in the armed forces."

Apart from praising the club's "hard-working 12-strong committee" Fred singled out "champion charity fundraiser Wally Duck" for special mention. Wally, a 77-year-old retired window cleaner, now wheelchair-bound, has over the past 15 years spent Sunday lunchtimes collecting "any spare change" from members in an old red bag and raised a staggering £75,000 to help local hospices, the Air Ambulance, Help for Heroes, and other local charities.

The club is open from 11am to 3pm and 6pm to 11pm, Sunday to Friday and all day on Saturday. From Victoria, it is only 20 minutes by train to Beckenham. The club welcomes visitors whether they are supporting a team playing at nearby Crystal Palace, having a shopping day in London, or just fancying a few pints. ●

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HOW CLUBS CAN BENEFIT FROM STAFF INDUCTION

THE term “induction” is generally used in a workplace context to describe the whole process whereby employees adjust or acclimatise to their jobs and working environment.

As part of this process, “orientation” can be used to refer to a specific course or training event that new starters attend, and “socialisation” can be used to describe the way in which new employees build up working relationships and find roles for themselves within their new teams. Some people use the term “onboarding” to describe the whole process from an individual’s contact with the club before they formally join, through to understanding the business’ ways of working and getting up to speed in their job.

Every club should have a well-considered induction programme. Staff who have a well thought-out induction are more likely to stay with the club. However, designing an appropriate and cost-effective induction package is a complex task. The induction programme has to provide all the information that new employees need, and are able to assimilate, without overwhelming or diverting them from the essential process of integration into a team.

The purpose of induction

The purpose of induction is to ensure the effective integration of staff into or across the club for the benefit of both parties. Research has shown that tailor-made induction programmes increase staff retention.

A good induction programme contains the following elements:

- Orientation (physical) – describing where the facilities are;
- Orientation (club) – showing how the employee fits into the team and how their role fits with the club’s strategy and goals;
- An awareness of other functions within the club, and how the employee fits within that;
- Meeting key club officials/committee;
- Health and safety information – *this is a legal requirement*;
- Explanation of terms and conditions;
- Details of the club’s history, its products and services, its culture and values;
- A clear outline of the job/role requirements.



Club Management is edited by Mick McGlasham

Who needs an induction programme?

All staff, both full-time and part-time need an induction programme. Some groups have specific needs – for instance, those returning after long-term absence or maternity/paternity leave,

What happens without an effective induction programme?

New employees get off to a bad start and never really understand the club itself or their role in it. This may lead to:

- Poor integration into the team;
- Low morale, particularly for a new employee;
- Loss of productivity;
- Failure to work to their highest potential.

In extreme cases, the new employee leaves, either through resignation or dismissal. Early leaving results in:

- Additional cost for recruiting a replacement;
- Wasted time for the inductor;
- Lowering of morale for the remaining staff;
- Detriment to the leaver’s employment record;

EMPLOYMENT LAW QUIZ

(Answers on Page 13) . . .

1. Is there a legal requirement to give new starters Health & Safety information?
 - a) No
 - b) Yes
2. Who needs an induction programme?
 - a) Just full-time staff
 - b) All staff, part-time, full-time, those returning after maternity leave and long term sick
3. What happens without an effective induction programme?
 - a) Club staff don’t need an induction programme as they are relatively small group.
 - b) New employees get off to a bad start and never really understand the club itself or their role in it.
4. Is there a legal requirement to have an induction programme?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

- Having to repeat the unproductive learning curve of the leaver;
- Damage to the club’s reputation.

The induction process

The structure of an induction course depends not only on the size and nature of the club but also on the type of recruit. The process begins at the recruitment stage and continues into employment. New recruits need to know the club, the culture and the people, and their role. Ideally, all new employees should receive an individual induction programme that reflects their specific needs.

Using a formal induction course

Some larger clubs may find some value in a formal induction course.

- The possible advantages are:
- Saves inductors’ time by dealing with a group rather than several individuals;

- Ensures that all new recruits are given a positive message and consistent information, portraying a clear employer brand, values and culture; There are also disadvantages, however, which include:

- May take place several weeks, or even months, after the inductee joins the club, which disrupts integration into the work team;
- Contains too much information to be assimilated in a short time;
- May not be a true reflection of either the club or the job;
- Individuals may not be able to attend all sessions in a series of induction presentations resulting in incomplete induction.

What to avoid

- Providing too much, too soon. The inductee must not be overwhelmed by a mass of information on the first day. Keep it simple and relevant.
- Pitching presentations at an inappropriate level. They should be suitable for everyone in the audience and for their roles within the club.
- Creating an induction programme which generates unreasonable expectations by overselling the job.

Evaluation

The induction process should be monitored to determine whether it is meeting the needs of the new recruits.

Monitoring should include feedback sheets at the end of the induction process, and also information from turnover statistics and exit interviews – particularly from those who leave within the first 12 months of employment.

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Concerted effort



NORTHAMPTON WMC has raised £700 for Macmillan Cancer Support with a special evening of rock and roll featuring local artist Johnny Red.

The charity is aiming to raise £1.55m to fund a new improved haematology unit to treat blood cancer patients at Northampton General

Hospital. It is now well over halfway to reaching its target.

Club Chairman Ken Tidbury (right), who is also a member of the South East Midlands Branch Executive is pictured with Vice-Chairman Shirley Stevens and Ted Thompson from Macmillan.

Retiring date put back

AS we predicted on last month's front page the Government has amended the retirement regulations so the new last possible compulsory retirement date is October 5, 2012.

In response to concerns expressed by clubs about the draft Regulations to repeal the default retirement age (DRA), the Department for Business Innovation and Skills (BIS) has notified employers that amended draft Regulations were laid before Parliament last month.

Concerns were raised about two unexpected outcomes for managing the transition period for removing the DRA contained in the original draft Employment Equality (Repeal of Retirement Age Provisions) Regulations 2011: specifically, whether the transition period applied to employees already aged over 65 by April 6, and whether compulsory retirements

notified under the transition arrangements actually had to take effect before the end of the transition period on 1 October 2011.

The new draft Regulations confirm that employees who have reached age 65 before the transition period and who may have previously been allowed to work beyond normal retirement age can be compulsorily retired using the transition arrangements.

In addition, the amended Regulations provide greater clarity that the transition arrangements provide flexibility to allow a notification of retirement of between six and twelve months to be given before 6 April 2011 and for this to be extended for up to six months through the right to request procedure, meaning that the latest possible lawful compulsory retirement date from this process is 5 October 2012.

EMPLOYMENT LAW QUIZ ANSWERS

QUESTION 1

Answer a) Yes, there is a legal requirement to provide new starters with health and safety information. This would be best carried out during the induction programme.

QUESTION 2

Answer b) All staff, part-time, full-time and those returning after maternity leave and long term sick.

QUESTION 3

Answer b) New employees get off to a bad start and never really understand the club itself or their role in it. This can lead to: poor integration into the team; low morale, particularly for the new employee; loss of productivity; failure to work to their highest potential and damage to the club's reputation.

QUESTION 4

Answer b) No. However, A good induction programme contains the

following elements: orientation (physical) – describing where the facilities are; orientation (club) – showing how the employee fits into the team and how their role fits with the club's strategy and goals, an awareness of other functions within the club, and how the employee fits within that; meeting key club officials/committee; health and safety information – this is a legal requirement; explanation of terms and conditions; details of the club's history, its products and services and its culture and values; a clear outline of the job/role requirements.

** While every care has been taken in compiling these notes, the writer Andrew Dane cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions; the notes are not intended to be a substitute for specific legal advice, which you should obtain from your Branch Office.*

OBITUARIES

BOB SMITH

THE North East Metropolitan Branch are sorry to announce the death of Branch Executive member Bob Smith at the age of 80. He had just been awarded the Union's Gold Medal for 21 years' service to the Branch but sadly he died before he could be presented with it. His family gratefully accepted it at his wake.

Bob was a member of Romford WMC for many years and Club Secretary for 10 years before moving to Lowestoft. He joined several clubs in Suffolk and Norfolk and enjoyed helping them understand club law.

The Branch's thoughts are with his son Barry, daughter Theresa and all their families.

KATHY BALL

SWANLEY Junction WMC in Kent regret to announce the death of Kathy Ball at the age of 56 after a long battle against cancer.

Kathy joined the club in 2004 and soon joined the Committee. She ran the entertainment getting the cost of groups down and took parties away for long weekends, which were very popular.

She also ran the Monday night darts team and took an active part in it until her illness stopped her.

Kathy also represented the club at Kent Branch meetings where she took an active role. She will be sadly missed.

GOUGH CAYLEY

HIGHAM Village Club in Kent regret to announce the death of Trustee Gough Cayley at the age of 82.

Gough had served as a Committee member and Trustee for more than 40 years and had been a member of the club for 65 years. He was a regular delegate at Kent Branch meetings and will be sorely missed. Condolences go to his family.



RAYMOND CLARKSON

WITH deepest regret Crigglestone WMC, Wakefield, mourns the loss of its longest serving Committee member Raymond Clarkson.

Raymond served the club for almost 50 years. He had received his 10-year, 25-year and 40-year long service awards and was looking forward to receiving his 50-year award next year.

A club stalwart his lifelong experience and guidance will be missed by his fellow Committee members.

Deepest sympathy goes to his family from the Committee and all the members.



STEVE SMITH

ELTHAM Hill WMC in South London regret to announce the death of Steve Smith at the age of 59.

Steve had been a member for 31 years and served the club for 19 years as a Committee member and as Assistant Secretary.

Steve was a character and will be sadly missed by all his friends at the club.



KEN WALSH

NORTH Lambeth Liberal Club are sad to announce the sudden death of their former President Ken Walsh at the age of 62.

Ken, who drove a black London cab, joined the club in 1977 and was President from 2000 to 2009 when he oversaw the demolition of the old club's premises and the building of a superb new club.

He is much missed by all at the club and condolences go to his widow Lil, sons Stephen and Barry and the rest of his family.



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Dennis Bland, New York & Murton Social Club, Northumberland.

Keith Irwin, Byker St Peters Social Club, Northumberland.

Sidney Hicks, Byker St Peters Social Club, Northumberland.

David Cook, Newcastle RAOB Club, Northumberland.

Club Notices

EXPULSION

Not now members of the following clubs. These should not be admitted as Union Associates.

G Adams, Southborough Men's Club & Institute, Kent.

Arron Bell, Queen's Park WMC & Institute, Northampton.

C Warner, Queen's Park WMC & Institute, Northampton.

G Phipps, Deepdale Labour & Social Bowling Club, Preston.

Mrs A Foreman, Prudhoe Social Club Ltd, Northumberland.

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Baglan Social Club. (South Wales Branch).

Abbey Social Club. (Warwickshire Branch).

Stoke Ex-Servicemen's Club, Coventry. (Warwickshire Branch).

Blackpool Central Bowling & Social Club. (Manchester Branch).

New Wortley Labour Club. (Leeds Branch).

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Askern Spa Central Club. (Doncaster Branch).

Canvey Island Labour & WMC. (North East Met. Branch).

CLUBS WITHDRAWN

Kidlington Green Social Club. (North West Branch).

Pontypridd & District Club. (South Wales Branch).

Earl Haig Memorial RBL Club. (Wessex Branch).

NB

In a previous issue of the Journal, the following club was classed as closed. The club has not closed but has withdrawn from the CIU. Cymmer Coronation Club. (South Wales Branch).



Pictured (left to right) at the presentation are: Alan Dennison, David Cussons, York Referees' Association Chairman John Ledgeway and Chris Dale of North Riding County FA.

IN MEMORY OF LOL



The Polo mints were made by Terry's local rivals Rowntrees, who were taken over by Nestle. "Nestle have always been generous and let us have outers of the sweets for functions such as Lol's 80th birthday and this latest presentation night so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them," added Karen.

The family are also looked for a sound recording of the Newcastle and Man Utd

game despite unsuccessfully trying both the clubs and the BBC, which showed the game on Match of the Day. "It would be very special if anyone could help us with Lol's moment of fame."

● York's clubmen have a strong tradition of refereeing. Former Branch Secretary Vince James, who served on the Branch Executive for more than 41 years, making him one of the few clubmen to have two bars to his Union Gold Medal, was the referee for the 1970 League Cup Final.



Colin Armstrong presents the Branch Pool trophy to captain Steve Wylie watched by (left to right): Branch Executive member Derek Lumsden, John Bourne, Michael Cockburn, James Evans and match referee Simon Baker.

DURHAM Branch President Colin Armstrong and Branch Secretary Brian Young visited Sacriston WMC to present the Jonathan Ward Team Darts Trophy to Stanley Empire Club.

The Empire Club beat Coxhoe WMC in a match that went to the decider. Coxhoe won the team

nate when they finished runners-up to Easington Colliery Club in the final of the Branch Pool Championship at Grange Villa Club.

The match results were (Easington names first): Michael Cockburn lost to Kai Dixon; John Bourne beat Frankie Ward; Steven Wylie lost to Mickey

COLLIERY SCOOP POOL

game but John Foster beat Paddy Lenagh 4-1 to equalise. George Davidson beat Stephen Smith 4-1 to restore the Coxhoe lead but Richard Cook beat Gary Storey 4-3 to level. In the decider Tommy Crowder took the Empire to victory when he beat Gareth Peat 4-2. Stanley Empire were less fortu-

Oliver; Michael Cockburn beat Frankie Ward; John Bourne lost to Mickey Oliver; Steven Wylie beat Kai Dixon; Michael Cockburn beat Mickey Oliver and John Bourne beat Kai Dixon, leaving the game between Steven Wylie and Frankie Ward unplayed.

Super bowls winners

KENT Bowls Champion David Roper from Erith WMC is pictured receiving the trophy from Branch Executive member Ron Giles. In the final David had a brilliant game to defeat John Whitelock of Plumstead Common WMC.

Southborough WMC won the team knockout, defeating Erith Trades in the final.

Other results were: Two Rink winners: North Heath Social Club; Two Rink runners-up:

Maybloom WMC, accepted by A. Sands, who is apparently the only remaining original member of the bowls section; Rink winners: Erith Trades WMC; Rink Runner-up: North Heath Social Club; Triples winners: North Heath Social Club WMC; Triples runners-up, Plumstead Radical WMC, accepted by Branch Bowls Secretary Andy Roberts. Pairs winners: Southborough WMC; Pairs runners-up: Erith Trades WMC.



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 • a bowling green competition
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 Tel: Secretary Mr R Cummins for dates and details (01253) 812 226

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(01253) 391 774 / 393 801
 website: www.layton-institute.co.uk/

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 Holme Lodge, Rossendale Road, Burnley, Lancs, BB11 5DL.
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 Large car parking space available.
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 Bookings must give 14 days' notice.
Contact Secretary on (01282) 453 203 or e-mail info@rosegroveunity.co.uk

BRIGHTON & SUSSEX

BRIGHTON TRADES LABOUR CLUB
 Lewes Road and Elm Grove
 www.btlc.ciu.org.uk
 Live entertainment Saturday evenings.
 Brighton Races, city and beach nearby.
 Main bus route right outside the door.
 Coaches welcome (please call first).
Tel/fax: Secretary (01273) 601 101
Email: admin@btlc.ciu.org.uk

Eastbourne & District Trade Union Club & Institute Ltd.
 Clapham House, 48 Seaside, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN22 7QL.
 A warm welcome is guaranteed to all CIU associates and guests. A good selection of reasonably priced beers and spirits available. Temporary membership can be arranged at the door for all holiday makers. Large groups or coach parties are welcome with prior arrangements. Situated 5 minutes walk from the beach.
Please contact secretary on (01323) 727703.

EASTBOURNE WORKING MEN'S CLUB
 102/104 Firlie Road, Eastbourne BN22 8ET.
Tel: (01323) 723322
Email: eastbournewmc@googlemail.com
 Visit the one and only workers' club in our lovely South Coast town. We have live music, raffles, bingo, darts, snooker and pool. See our Facebook page for coming events. A warm welcome to CIU members all year round.

LANCING & SOMPTING RBL CLUB
 6 Colver Road, Lancing, West Sussex
 BN15 9AX. Tel: (01903) 764 815
 A warm welcome awaits all visitors. Facilities include Snooker, Pool, Darts, Crib and Sky TV. Catering for private parties can be arranged (14 days' notice please). Live entertainment every Saturday. Coach parties welcome for prior notice please contact the Secretary. Tel: Lancing & Dist. (01903) 753 127.

LITTLEHAMPTON TRADES & LABOUR CLUB
 Wick Street, Wick, Littlehampton
 BN17 7JH. Telephone (01903) 714 054
 A warm welcome awaits all visitors. Facilities include darts, crib and Sky TV. Catering for private parties can be arranged (14 days' notice please). Live entertainment every Saturday. Coach parties welcome with prior notice, please contact the Secretary.

SEAFORD RBL CLUB
 Claremont Road, Seaford, East Sussex BN25 2BQ.
 Situated on A259, a warm friendly welcome awaits in this family-oriented club. Entertainment, darts, bingo, snooker and pool. Home-cooked food Wednesdays to Sundays. Phone for times. Temporary memberships available. Coach parties welcome. Please give 14 days' notice
Telephone: (01323) 890 154

ESSEX & EAST ANGLIA

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 A warm welcome to all visitors. Large enclosed garden and car park with sea views. Three snooker tables, also pool table and darts. Bingo Mondays and Thursdays and one game Saturday evening. Live weekend entertainment. Catering arranged on request. Disabled friendly. Close to Sandringham Royal Estate, Coaches welcome midweek.
Contact Club Steward on 01485 533360.

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Tel: 01702 347169
 A warm and friendly welcome awaits you. Large rear garden and roof terrace with fantastic views overlooking the seafront and estuary. Live entertainment Saturday nights and Wednesday afternoons. Hot and Cold Food available every day of the week. Local Real Ale Club of the Year. Coach parties welcome but must contact the Manager, Mr John Murray prior to the visit.

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 Vicarage Lane (off High Street). 01255 674 153
 Visiting the seaside? A warm welcome and friendly atmosphere - two minutes from beach front.
 Live entertainment at weekends - sing-a-long Thursday afternoons - large screen TVs - pool - darts. Good range of drinks and bar snacks available. New membership available - CIU and RBL affiliated.
Coach parties welcome! Contact Secretary

HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT

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 Liphook Road, Lindford, Bordon, Hampshire
 GU35 0PN. Telephone: (01420) 472 228
 A warm welcome is extended to all Associate Members. Only stipulation is children under five years old must leave the club by 9pm. Just off the A325 road between Farnham and Petersfield. So why not call in on your way to and from the south coast. **Please give the Secretary 14 days' notice of party visits.**

NEWPORT (I.W.) SOCIAL CLUB
 13-14 Lower St James Street, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 5HB. Tel: (01983) 527 291
 Situated in the centre of town, with a warm friendly atmosphere where you can bring family and friends. Open all day, function room, snooker room, darts, pool and jukebox. Bingo on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. Freshly-made rolls available daily. Coach parties always welcome by prior arrangement.

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 85 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 7AJ.
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 Coach parties very welcome, please notify Secretary or bar manager in advance. Entertainment Friday and Saturday evenings.
Tel: (01983) 292921 email: rblcowes@onwight.net

HEREFORD & WORCESTERSHIRE

HEREFORD WELSH SOCIAL CLUB
 1 Hinton Road, Hereford, HR2 6BL.
Tel: (01432) 269038/285974.
Email:
herefordwelshclub@hotmail.co.uk
 A friendly welcome is extended to all Associate Members. Live Entertainment every Saturday evening.
 Hot and cold food available. Coaches welcome (please contact Secretary prior to your visit).
 Please visit our website:
www.herefordwelshsocialclub.co.uk
 "Hereford's most popular social club"

KENT

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 Royal Oak Road, Bexleyheath. DA6 7HG
Telephone (0208) 303 2163
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SOUTHBOROUGH MEN'S CLUB
 Forge Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells TN4 0EX.
Tel: (01892) 529 304; Office: (01892) 523 832
 A warm and friendly welcome is extended to all Associate members and guests. Ideal for parties and outings from the coast, we have frequent live entertainment on Saturdays, bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays. Sky TV, snooker and pool. Club open all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Coach parties and catering by arrangement.

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134 BURNT ASH LANE, BROMLEY.
Tel: (020) 8464 3638 (Office); (020) 8460 6348 (Club)
 Located close to A21 and A20. A warm welcome is extended to all visitors. Two bars serving a wide range of drinks. TV in bar and the lounge. Purpose-built snooker room with four tables. Live entertainment Saturday and Sunday evenings. Coach parties by prior arrangement with the office.

WAINSCOTT INSTITUTE (WMC)

4 Wainscott Road, Wainscott, Rochester, Kent ME2 4LB. Tel: (01634) 717 464
 A warm welcome is extended to all CIU associates. Live music & bingo on a Saturday night. A range of facilities including snooker, pool & darts. We welcome coach parties by prior arrangement with the steward. Buffet refreshments can be arranged. We are close to all the motorways via the Medway towns. CHILDREN ARE WELCOME.

LEEDS & WEST YORKSHIRE

Visiting Blackpool or Yorkshire Coast?
 Haydock Park or York Races?
 Then call at:
ELLAND WORKING MEN'S CLUB
 Roseberry Street, Elland, West Yorkshire.
 For your breakfast on the outward journey. And for an evening's splendid entertainment on your way home. We are only 2 miles from Junction 24, M62 on the A629. A warm welcome extended to all Associate Members. Live entertainment on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Dancing on Thursdays to our resident organist. Fully modernised Concert Room and Lounge. Excellent Games Room. Floodlit Bowling Green. Large Car Park.
Coach Parties welcome - please let us have 14 days' notice in writing to the Secretary Phil Holroyd. Tel: Club (01422) 373 023. www.wmcelland.co.uk
Telephone pre-bookings to be confirmed in writing to the Secretary.

SWARCLIFFE WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Swarcliffe Avenue, Leeds LS14 5DE
 A warm and friendly welcome always assured in the comfortable surroundings of our recently refurbished club. Live entertainment every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening. Relax in the quiet of the lounge or try a game of snooker on one of our three superb tables. Big screen Sky Sports TV.
Planning a day at the races? York, Wetherby, Ripon.
 We are 2 minutes from the A64 and 5 minutes from the M1. Breakfast and evening meals for large parties available by appointment.
Contact: Glen Doyle (Secretary) 0113 2959100

BELLE ISLE WMC

Belle Isle Road, Leeds LS10 3PE.
 Warm and friendly club with large car park, good value beer and large concert room. Live bands Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Coaches welcome.
Contact Secretary on (0113) 2718 768.



LEICESTER & EAST MIDLANDS

NEW PARK SOCIAL CLUB & INSTITUTE LIMITED

Battersbee Road, Leicester LE3 9LD
All coach parties welcome, with 14 days' notice to the secretary. Fully air conditioned large concert room. Hot and Cold Food available. Sky TV shown on big screen in the games room. Children allowed Friday and Saturday nights. If you have any questions please contact the secretary on Telephone (0116) 2333 305 or Fax (0116) 2333 303.

NOTTINGHAM ODDFELLOWS CLUB

89 HUMBERSTONE GATE, LEICESTER.
TELEPHONE: (0116) 262 0181
262 5404 (EVENINGS) – CIU AFFILIATED

- ★ City Centre Club
- ★ Coach park right outside premises
- ★ 2 minutes from centre of Leicester

Coach parties and parties always welcome.

Food supplied hot or cold – 7 days' notice or please phone prior to visit. Children welcome. Dances Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Entertainment available.

Phone or write to Secretary Eric Johnson

SAFFRON LANE ESTATE WMC

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www.saffronlanewmc.co.uk

SKEGNESS EX-SERVICE CLUB

2 Grand Parade, Skegness, PE25 2UN.
Telephone: 01754 762113
Located on the seafront near the clocktower, 2-3 mins from town centre. Lounge bar, pool/children's room, 1st floor patio area. Reasonably priced beers/lagers and house doubles. Selection of chilled baps.
Live entertainment every Saturday (Sundays main season). Open 11.30-6.00 and 7-11.30 most days. Pre-booked coaches welcome – come to a completely refurbished 21st century club.

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Briar Way, Skegness, Lincolnshire PE 25 3NR
Telephone: (01754) 762 598
A warm and friendly welcome is extended to all CIU associate members visiting the area. We are centrally located in the town 5 minutes from the bus and railway stations (opposite the market). We offer facilities including a concert room, games room and a special families room. Our resident organist will entertain you in the lounge. After the Spring Bank Holiday we will also have various visiting artists. Coach parties are welcome by appointment.

LONDON

BECKENHAM SOCIAL CLUB

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A warm welcome is guaranteed at our recently refurbished club. Beers and spirits from Heineken, Coors and Shepherd Neame. Live sport on flat screen TVs.
Free live entertainment Saturday and Sunday nights. 20 mins Central London, close to Crystal Palace FC and athletics track. Coach parties welcome with prior notice. **Contact the Secretary on (020) 8650 1463.**

DONE OUR BIT EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

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Coach Parties welcome by appointment with the Secretary. Entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Food by arrangement. 15 minutes from Wembley Stadium. 10 minutes from West End.
No children under 16 on Saturday.

THE HAMMERSMITH CLUB

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Extends a warm welcome to all Associate members and guests. Situated 10 minutes from the A40 and 20 minutes from Wembley Stadium. We have live bands every Saturday and Sunday night. Catering on request. Coach parties welcome with prior notification to Kath or Roy Roberts. **Telephone: (020) 8422 1222.**

HAYES WMC

Pump Lane, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 3NB.
Telephone: (020) 8573 1721
e-mail: bobdaybell@aol.com

Why not visit the flagship of clubs in the South? Ascot, Kempton Park & Sandown racecourses all nearby. Live bands every Friday and Saturday night. Late night cabaret last Saturday of every month, at least 3 acts, charge for entry, late bar. Catering available weekends, orders taken in advance to your requirements.

Visit our website:

www.hayesworkingmensclub.com for our full entertainment programme. Coaches welcome by prior arrangement with the secretary.

ISLEWORTH CLUB

Goodenough House, 109 St John's Road, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 6PN. Telephone: (020) 8560 2569
We are good enough – are you?
5 minutes from Twickenham Rugby and only 15 minutes from Kempton and Sandown. Call in on your way and give us a try. **Pick your winners** from our varied selection of popular beers which are available in either our large Concert Room or Lounge. Close to the M4 and M3. Please give prior notice for parties. Coach parties are welcome.

Wealdstone Social Club

Railway Approach, Harrow, HA3 5BX.
Tel: (020) 8427 3334
email: secretarywsc@btconnect.com
For 15 min connection to WEMBLEY STADIUM. Coach parties welcome. Free parking all day. Please arrange with Secretary for bookings. Function Hall available for private parties.
Friendly staff – great beer – good company

MANCHESTER & CHESHIRE

The Lower Kersal Social Club

Stamford Road, Salford M7 3SD.
Telephone/fax: (0161) 792 4717.
An ideal family atmosphere club located 5 minutes from M62 and 10 minutes from MUFC – great for pre-match refreshments. We offer facilities for Charity Concerts, Conferences and Sportsman Dinners.
Contact Secretary for availability and bookings.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE & CAMBRIDGESHIRE

St James Working Mens Club

Weedon Road, St James, Northampton.
A warm welcome awaits all club members. Lounge, Games Room and large Concert Room. Parties welcome, catering if required by prior arrangement. 5 minutes M1, Junction 15A.
Please contact Secretary Mrs P. Webster.
Tel: (01604) 456 602 www.stjameswmc.co.uk

SHEFFIELD & SOUTH YORKSHIRE

ARMTHORPE CORONATION CLUB

Tranmoor Lane, Armthorpe, Doncaster DN3 3BS.
Handy for racecourse and Doncaster Rovers. Close to M18. Big screen TV, entertainment every weekend.
Ring Club Secretary Alan Jones on (01302) 831 393

ARUNDEL EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

CITY ROAD, SHEFFIELD
A friendly Club close to Town Centre
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Telephone: (0114) 239 7151

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Extends a warm welcome to all CIU affiliated members. Coach Parties welcomed by prior arrangement. 1 mile from A1 and close to M1, M18 and M62. Top class entertainment every weekend. Handy for Doncaster Races and trips returning from North or South coastal routes. Big Screen Sky TV and premier football. **All enquiries to John Oldroyd, Secretary on (01302) 725 497.**
www.carcroftvillagewmc.org.uk

HAWTHORN RECREATIONAL & SOCIAL CLUB

Goodison Boulevard, Cantley, Doncaster. Tel: (01302) 536 565
Easily accessible for the Racecourse. Big screen Sky TV. Artistes on Saturdays.

INTAKE SOCIAL CLUB

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Contact Secretary Tom Forester in advance on: (01302) 320 036

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Skellow Road, Skellow, Doncaster DN6 8JL.
Tel: (01302) 722 567 www.skellowgrange.com
(Secretary: N. Harris)
It's 1/2 mile from A1M motorway links gaining access from M62, M18, M1. Completely renovated club, top class entertainment at weekends and top class money tombola through the week. Bus parties welcome, ample parking space. Handy for Doncaster Races or call back from the coast.
– All associates of CIU and guests welcome –

THE WESTMINSTER RECREATIONAL CLUB

Westminster Crescent, Intake, Doncaster DN2 6HU
Sited just off Leger Way (approximately 1/2 mile from main Race Stands).
Coach parties welcome. Large car parking area. Artistes Friday/Saturday night.
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SURREY

CHERTSEY SOCIAL CLUB

Pycroft Road, Chertsey. 5 minutes M25 J11.
Country Club 1st Monday monthly; Line Dancing Wednesday; Bingo Thursday, Saturday and (fun) Tuesday afternoons. Live music Saturday; some Fridays. Thorpe Park 5 minutes; handy for Epsom, Ascot, Sandown, Kempton Park, Windsor Castle/racecourse and Chessington. Coaches and buffet/hot snacks by prior arrangement.
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"North Surrey CAMRA Club of the Year 2008 & 2009"
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Located 5 minutes from J13 M25, handy for Windsor Castle and races, Kempton, Ascot, Epsom and Sandown. 5 mins from Egham Station on the Waterloo to Reading line. Three real ale and cider festivals a year.
www.eusc.co.uk
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(Real Ale Festivals and Party Bars also arranged)

DAY OUT RACING

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Telephone: (01372) 467 758
Sandown Race Course within walking distance. Kempton Park and Epsom also nearby.
A warm welcome is extended to all associate members.

WALTON COMRADES CLUB

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Coach parties welcome. Apply to Club (01932) 226 052.

WALTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB

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Telephone: (01932) 220 361.

THAMES VALLEY

Banbury Trades & Labour Club

32 West Bar Street, Banbury, Oxon OX16 9RR. Tel: (01295) 215 7119 (H); (01295) 254 168 (Club).
A warm welcome is extended to all Associates. Coach parties welcome with 14 days prior notice to Secretary. Live entertainment on Saturday night. Food available. Please contact Secretary with your booking.

PANGBOURNE WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Whitchurch Road, Pangbourne, Reading, Berks, RG8 7BS.
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Telephone: (0118) 984 2885

WALES

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CARDIFF WEST END SOCIAL CLUB

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10 minutes from M4.
15 minutes to city centre.
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Live entertainment every Saturday Night with Bingo/Raffle/Tote/Disco
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Mid-Glamorgan CF72 9HR.
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Telephone (01443) 222 217
Fax/Telephone (01443) 224 322

WARWICKSHIRE & COVENTRY

BEDWORTH
EX-SERVICEMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB & INSTITUTE
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Please contact the Secretary.
Tel: (024) 7672 4830; Office: (024) 7672 4832.

UNICORN SOCIAL CLUB
Holbrook Lane, Coventry CV6 4DE. (5 mins from M6 J3). Just 15 minutes' walk from the Ricoh Arena, home of Coventry City Football Club. Excellent function room and facilities including games room and bar with large screen satellite TV. Modern air-conditioned facility with live music every Saturday evening and hot and cold food available. Prior notice required for coach parties, including official supporters' clubs.
Please contact the Secretary at:
unicorncoventry@yahoo.com
or by telephone on (024)76 684741

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ROBIN HOOD ROAD, COVENTRY
CV3 3BB. Secretary: (024)
7630 1222 or 7630 3278.

Welcome to all Associate Members.
Entertainment every Saturday and Sunday night in concert room (seats 600). Bar, games room and luxury lounge facilities. Large car park.
Hot and cold snacks available.
10 minutes from City Centre.
No Children Allowed.
Coach parties apply to Secretary.

WEST COUNTRY

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Easily accessible for the Racecourse. Coach parties welcome by arrangement. Open all weekend. Big screen Sky. Live music.

FILTON & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB
Conygre Grove, Filton, Bristol BS34 7HZ.
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Entertainment every Saturday, bingo on Sundays. Buffets arranged. 10 minutes from M5/M4.
Telephone: (0117) 969 2934

The Cabbage Patch Club
LAWRENCE WESTON SOCIAL CLUB
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Offers the 3 S's to all affiliated members,
Sea, Sand and Speedway!
Centre of Poole, 20 minutes from Bournemouth, 2 minutes from Poole Stadium for Speedway and Greyhound Racing.
Good beer, warm welcome, open all day.
Entertainment on Saturday nights, Tuesday Tea Dances.
Darts, Skittles, Snooker, Pool and Dominoes games can be arranged. Certain restrictions apply to children.
Contact Secretary for details.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE WMC
Orchard Street, Weston-super-Mare.
Telephone: 01934 418 202

A warm welcome is extended to Associates and their families in Weston's premier club. Situated in the town centre and close to the sea front.
Live entertainment every Saturday and Sunday.
Bingo (Friday Saturday and Sunday).
Buffets arranged.
Large downstairs concert room seating 250.
Coach parties welcome including a Saturday.
Please contact the Secretary giving prior notice of visit. Open all day.

WEYMOUTH WMC
MITCHELL STREET, WEYMOUTH,
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Less than 5 minutes from the beach!
We welcome all CIU affiliated members. Music Friday & Saturday evenings, with Bingo fliers on these nights. Plus the usual club activities.
Restaurant now open.
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www.widcombesocialclub.co.uk
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After a day at Bath Races or a fabulous shopping trip, come and relax at Bath's hidden gem.

Passing through the Cotswolds? Then why not visit
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138 BARNWOOD ROAD, GLOUCESTER
- We welcome all Associate Members -
Bar, Lounge, Ballroom and Games Room.
Dancing every Saturday. Restaurant facilities and basket meals available. 14 days' notice required.
Telephone: Secretary (01452) 610 025
9.00 am-1.00 pm Monday-Friday

WEST MIDLANDS & BIRMINGHAM

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The Square, Alvechurch,
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Extends a warm welcome to all Associate Members.
Live entertainment every Saturday and Sunday evening. Line Dancing Mondays. Ballroom Dancing Tuesdays. Large comfortable lounge. Games Room.
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Contact the Secretary. (0121) 747 5256 / 747 2943

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A raffle was drawn with the first prize of a 40-inch LCD flat screen TV, kindly donated by The Ship Football Club. There were more than 80 prizes, all donated by local businesses, football clubs, shops and residents.

The club would like to thank everyone who took part and raised a staggering £3,039.

Lifeboat

A NORTHUMBERLAND club has now raised nearly £12,000 for its local lifeboat station in the last 12 years.

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Remember all racecourses offer reductions for groups so if the meeting you want to attend is not listed ring the racecourse direct.
To register your club as a member of the CIU Racing Club ring Jean Garrett on (0191) 265 0040. As well as receiving regular updates you will receive a free copy of *Club Journal*.

WITH the new Flat racing season already into its stride, here are a few recommendations of horses likely to pay their way between now and November.

Once again, Mark Johnston came out top of the Northern handlers, with 145 winners worth just over £2 million to his credit, but he was chased all the way home by Malton handler Richard Fahey and it would be no surprise to see the Fahey team come out on top

TOP TWO ARE LOOKING GOOD FOR THE FLAT

Sir Michael Stoute topped the trainers' table once again in 2010, with his 68 winners netting just short of £3 million in prize money. This time around look out for improvement from Stoute's lightly-raced three-year-old handicapper **Levitate**, while fellow three-year-old **Havant** is a potential Oaks filly. Also a likely Classic contender is the colt **Carlton House**, who may develop into a live Derby contender.

Despite a remarkable 166 winners Richard Hannon finished as runner-up to Stoute as his prize money was, agonisingly for him, slightly less than that of the champion. Hannon's four-year-old miler **Canford Cliffs** can win his share of races during 2011, while the talented three-year-old filly **Memory** could turn out to be good enough to play a major part in the 1,000 Guineas.

The revival of Henry Cecil's fortunes continued during 2010 and his 50 winners yielded more than £2.1 million. The current campaign looks to offer more of the same good fortune, with the likes of the ultra-promising potential Guineas candidate **Frankel** and fellow three-year-old colts **Specific Gravity** and **World Domination** sure to do the Warren Place stables proud.

this time around, especially with likely winners in the shape of classy handicapper **Our Joe Mac** and the seven-furlong soft ground specialist **Prime Exhibit**. Meanwhile, Johnston can call upon the three-year-old colts **Sadler's Risk**, **Sergeant Ablett** and **Tasfeya**.

The only handler in the top ten last season to record a level stakes profit (£5.53) was John Gosden, and the Newmarket maestro ought to do well again with horses such as the three-year-old colts **Colombian** and **Splendid Light**, and the smart filly **Morning Charm**.

Roger Charlton and Luca Cumani also got regular supporters into the black in 2010, and Charlton can score

with his three-year-old colt **Al Kazeem** and the year-older **Bated Breath**, while Cumani has nice horses in the

shape of four-year-old **Afsare** and the lightly-raced five-year-old **Bourne** in his yard.

Fellow Newmarket handler Saeed Bin Suroor has potential Classic fillies **White Moonstone** and **Zoowraa**, while in Yorkshire, David "Dandy" Nicholls should enjoy more success with the improving **Victoire De Lyphar** and fellow sprinter **Xilerator**.

TALKING RACING
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CIU Racing Club Booking Form

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(All meetings Tattersalls unless stated otherwise)

LISTED below is a selection of discounts for the rest of 2011. A full list of offers will be sent to registered Racing Club members.

SALTBURN HOUSE, the Union's holiday and convalescent centre on the north Yorkshire coast is again offering racing breaks. Full details - Page 8.

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NOTTINGHAM: Saturday, May 7	£12 (normally £14)
THIRSK: Saturday, May 7 (evening)	£12 (normally £14)
NEWMARKET: Thursday, May 12 (evening)	£13 (normally £16)
AINTREE: Friday, May 13 (evening)	£11 (normally £20)
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SANDOWN: Thursday, May 26 (evening)	£11 (normally £18)
HAYDOCK: Friday, May 27 (evening).....	£11 (normally £20)
BEVERLEY: Saturday, May 28	£10 (normally £13)
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REDCAR: Bank Holiday Monday, May 30	£11 (normally £15)
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LEICESTER: Saturday, June 11 (evening)	£9 (normally £16)
YORK: Saturday, June 11 (Macmillan charity day)	£14 (normally £18)
SANDOWN: Saturday, June 11	£16 (normally £23)
ROYAL ASCOT: Tuesday, June 14	Grandstand £45 (normally £59), Silver Ring £17 (normally £19)
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Wed, May 4 (eve) Sedgefield	Wed, May 11 Fontwell	Tues, May 24 Chepstow
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Sun, May 8 Uttoxeter	Sat, May 14 (eve) Uttoxeter	Thurs, May 26 Brighton
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CLUB REMEMBERS MINT REFEREE LOL



Former Football League referee the late Lol Kussons, pictured on his 75th birthday, with the Newcastle and Manchester United programme signed by Denis Law.

ONE of the country's best loved football referees has been commemorated with a special award at a York social club.

Lol Kussons, who died at 80 two years ago, refereed the likes of George Best in the old First Division and became well known for offering players a Polo mint if they complained about a decision. He used to say: "They would rush up to me when they disagreed with something but I just used to smile, ask them to cool down and offer them a Polo, which seemed to do the trick."

Lol was a regular at St Clement's WMC, where his son Dave is a member of the Committee, and his family have organised the annual Lol Kussons Award to honour a grassroots referee. The first award was received by Alan Dennison in front of 40 local referees from the York Referees' Association. Dave Kussons also presented Ian Hotchkies from the Association with a cheque for £250, the first of many years' sponsorship of the award.

Dave's wife Karen said: "Lol used to enjoy a game of bingo at the club with his friends. As he got older he wasn't able to drive so he liked to stay local and referee the club's two teams on a regular basis."



(Pictures: The Press, York)

Lol demonstrates his alternative to red and yellow cards.

Lol worked at the Terry's chocolate factory near the club and played for the company football team before taking up refereeing in 1953. He was appointed to the First Division in the late 60s and had particularly fond memories of a match between Manchester United and Newcastle in 1969 when the great Denis Law signed his programme as a memento with the words: "I hate bloody refs!" In the same match he offered George Best a Polo mint but he said he'd rather have a drink.

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Doms go to the wire

THE final of our National Dominoes Championship saw the best-of-21 match go right to the wire. The combined semi-finals and final were held at Mansfield Woodhouse Club in Notts. The teams were: P Dove and B Hedley, Newcastle Labour; J Fernandez and D Burke, Chobham Club, Surrey; M Tustin and D Olner, Bedworth Ex-Servicemen's Club, Warwickshire;

and J Fisher and G Elvin, Doncaster Trades. In the semi-finals Bedworth Ex-Servicemen's beat Chobham by 11 games to 4 while Newcastle Labour beat Doncaster Trades, also 11-4. The final proved to be a different story with Tustin and Olner (above) finally coming out on top by 11 games to 10 over Fisher and Elvin (below).

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