

Club Journal

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TAX VICTORY CAN BE GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

The European Court of Justice has given all our clubs another boost with a judgement against the Revenue & Customs (HMRC) over VAT on gaming machines. In what has become known as the Linneweber case the British courts have already decided against HMRC, who have paid out thousands of pounds to clubs with the proviso that they would want it back if they won their appeal at the European court.

The payments were made to clubs willing to risk putting money up front after Chris Haley, the Managing Director of the Union's recommended gaming suppliers Dransfields, spotted that clubs might be wrongly paying VAT on their takings. But those who haven't claimed already can now claim under what is known as Linneweber 2. As we reported in August because there is a four-year limit on reclaiming the tax any clubs who have not done so already should do this as soon as possible.

ENCOURAGING

The original test case led by Rank plc ended in victory over HMRC and judgements on the appeal were released by the European Court on November 10. "Broadly speaking these judgements are a victory for Rank and our clubs and a defeat for HMRC," says the Union's VAT expert Ian Spencer. "The news is encouraging as once again HMRC's arguments appear to have been dismissed but their hopes of success have not entirely been extinguished and unfortunately this is not the end of this matter as we do not know yet how HMRC will interpret this decision."

The Union has agreed a fixed fee, plus contingent bonus arrangement with Ian Spencer for any clubs wishing to take advantage of this opportunity – see Ian's advert on Page 13 for contact details.

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RACING TO £3,000

The Union's National Charity Raceday at Wetherby has again raised more than 3,000 for Saltburn House, the Union's Holiday and Convalescent Centre.

The racecourse and their caterers CGC Events gave £1 from each booking by CIU Racing Club members and so Chief Executive Jonjo Sanderson (left) was able to hand over a cheque for £3,032 to National President George Dawson and Vice-President John Tobin.

The Union are also grateful to our recommended gaming machine suppliers Dransfields, who sponsored a race, and to John Smith's who provided 50p-off beer tokens to Racing Club members.

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Page 3 girls (and boys)

Club members have once again demonstrated their fundraising ability. Find out on Page 2 which club has handed over £10,000 to charity; who's taken their clothes off for charity on Page 3; and on Page 20 which former footballers helped a club raise £2,700.



IT'S A HIT!

The new-look *Club Journal* has proved a big hit.

Advertisers and club officials have praised its colourful appearance and lively layout. Copies are disappearing more quickly from clubs so to increase your order and make sure you have enough copies to go round in your club ring **Chris Brewis on (0191) 2650040**.

Communications Committee Chairman Ken Roberts is pictured (left) with one of the first issues off the press.

£10,000 for the Heroes



Traci Cartwright, Sophie Morris, Faye Court and Pearl Foyle, who took part in the 5km Fun Run. Below: The club is decked out for the charity night.



Who wants to Help?

A quiz night at Daventry WMC in Northants raised more than £700 for Help for Heroes.

Fifteen teams competed for prizes and all three winning teams donated their cash awards of £100, £50 and £5 to the charity.

More funds were raised with a raffle bringing the total fundraising to £751.32.

A top prize of £300 attracted teams from as far away as Newcastle to a quiz night at a Teesside club.

Suppliers Heineken sponsored the event which filled the concert room at Stockton Buffs Club. It was won by a team from the Sunderland Quiz League with CIU champions Gosforth Empire Club finishing third.

Pictured (left to right) are organisers Chris Rivers, Stan Roddam and Dave Fairbairn.



A Birmingham club has raised an amazing £10,000 for Help for Heroes.

A special evening on October 15 at Yardley Wood Social Club raised £1,600, with an auction on the night of the show bringing in another £1,000. It meant Club Secretary Chris Wood was able to hand over a cheque for £9,400 to Area Co-ordinator Dawn Turner and Regimental Sergeant Major Al Newbold from 202 Field Hospital; the total has now reached £10,270, meaning the club has raised more than £21,000 over the last three years.

The event was also attended by West Midland Branch Secretary Geoff Whewell and Mick Robinson from Carlsberg.

The club's fundraising started with a crown green bowls family day, which raised £476.

This was followed by darts and pool knockouts, which raised another £500.

A 5km fun run generated more than £2,000, while the club's regular Tuesday night dancers raised £202. The biggest moneyspinner was a large raffle, sponsored by Carlsberg, that made £3,000.

"We have had some good fun along the way," said Chris. "I must say that with everybody's finances so tight I was and still am amazed at everyone's generosity towards this worthy event.

"With the two previous years' fund-raising we have now handed over £21,000 to Help For Heroes. I think this shows how the British people pull together for such worthy causes."

• Members of Pelsall Social Club & Institute in Walsall have raised £2,000 for Help for Heroes thanks to a charity evening with Midlands Entertainer of the Year, Tony Gold, and friends.



Dawn Turner and RSM Al Newbold are pictured with Chris Wood (right) and life member Ron Bloxham, who has sold raffle tickets for the charity for the last three years.

Terry's prize pumpkin

Terry Smith from Beechwood & Easterside Club in Middlesbrough has beaten fellow gardeners at Beechwood Allotments by growing a 25-stone (158kg) pumpkin.

"This year we had about 20 people entering our competition which was great," said Terry, 47, a telephone engineer. "It's a bit of fun but it is competitive and I imagine everyone will want to beat me next year."

• Terry still has a way to go to beat the official world record grown by a farmer in the United States, which weighed in at 1,810lb 8oz - 129 stone or 827kg.

Terry and his prize pumpkin are pictured with his grandson Byron James, 5, who was with him when he planted the seeds



Athletic club get kit off for charity

COMMITTEE members at Rushden Athletic Club have been taking their clothes off in public – with the support of the local police.

The club is aiming to raise more than £1,000 with a nude charity calendar and organiser, Vice-President Jo Cusworth, has even gained sponsorship from Northamptonshire Police – as well as the loan of some vital equipment. A variety of other local businesses and organisations including a butcher's, greengrocer's, a pizza restaurant, and the fire brigade sponsored pages and supplied props and locations.

"Policemen's hats, firemen's helmets, cakes, melons, the butcher's table and even some of the men's hands have been used in strategic places," said Jo, who posed as Miss April with her husband Tony. Pictures were also taken in the club's pool room and at a rugby match on the club's big screen. (right)

"It was the tenth anniversary of the original Calendar Girls so we thought we would give it a go," said Jo. "About 90 per cent of us were from the Committee but we also had bar staff and the deputy manager from the charity.

EMBARRASSING

"As the shoot was mixed most people found it rather embarrassing. I can definitely say that I now see my colleagues in a completely different light!"

As well as having the calendars printed at cost by Promote it Ltd the photographer Hogartist and designer Colin Maddams gave their services for free.

Those taking part (in order of appearance) are Sue and Gary Baker (Trustee); Robert and Lorraine Wisemen; Ross Abbott (committee); Tony and Jo Cusworth (Vice-president); Vinnie and Danni Gray, Mark Law; Theresa and Dinney Brown (President); Manley Phillips and Lloyd Chapman (Secretary); Harriet Thompson, Emma Eady, Charlene Chapman (bar staff) and Lea Hunt (committee).

The calendar costs £5 and proceeds are being split equally between Cancer Research UK and local children's charity FAIR, (Family Action In our Region), whose deputy manager Chrissie Aldwinckle also took part.

• Copies can be ordered from Rushden Athletic Club, 61 Newton Road, Rushden NN10 0HF (01933 397091). Cheques should be made payable to "Fairly Athletic Club.



The joy of six...

Six dancers who have dubbed themselves the Jarrow Chipolatas won't have a sausage on by the time they've done the Full Monty at a Tyneside club.

The group of lads will perform in front of a sell-out crowd at the Neon Social Club in Jarrow in aid of the local St Clare's Hospice on December 3.

Organiser scaffolder Scott Shorten (24) said the name The Jarrow Chipolatas was their version of The Chippendales and that they hope to raise between £2,000 and £2,500 for the hospice. Joining him are his brother Adam, a barman and plater Christopher Watson, who are both 19, as well as driver Garry Archbold, health worker Christopher Fitzpatrick and electrician Christopher Scullion, who are all 24.

The club also hopes to raise extra money on the night with a raffle.

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ROSE WALKER, a Committee member at Carlton Social Club in Wakefield, received the Certificate of Merit along with a bouquet from Vice-President Mary Kearnan, assisted by Club Secretary Steve Kearnan.



WAKEFIELD Branch Secretary Gordon Winn visited Ferrybridge Progressive Club and presented a Certificate of Merit to Committee member Alan Woodhouse. The club also presented him with a silver tankard and his wife Eileen with a bouquet. Pictured with them (left) is Club Secretary John Goddar



Pictured (left to right): Norman Barnett, Roy Marriott and Branch Secretary John Batchelor

One in a million

DERBYSHIRE Branch President Norman Barnett is literally one in a million.

He has become only the second clubman among our two million members to gain three bars to his gold medal - marking 51 years' service to the Branch.

Norman became Secretary of Grassmoor WMC near Chesterfield in 1955 at the age of 22 and has been doing the job ever since. As well as being a local government officer he served five years as Branch Secretary 20 years as Vice-President and so far 17 as President.

During that time he says he would have liked to find a bit more time to play golf.

The Branch has also honoured Roy Marriott, the former President of Hasland WMC, who has gained the bar to the Gold Medal after serving 31 years on the Branch Executive.

• The only other clubman with three bars to the Gold Medal is former National President Derek Dormer, who retired last year after 60 years as South East Midlands Branch Secretary.



PLUMSTEAD Common WMC Vice Chairman Patrick Laws received the Long Service Award from Kent Branch Executive member Ron Giles.

Patrick first became Vice-Chairman in 2004 and has recently returned to the post after a short break. Pictured (left to right) are: National Executive member Roger Oake, Ron Giles, Patrick Laws and Branch Executive member Nobby Clark.

• Forest Hall Social Club Secretary Ken James has also received the Certificate of Merit from Northumberland Branch Secretary Dave Richardson watched by Branch Executive member Tony Isbister and Club Chairman John Connon.

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TEAMWORK IN TOUGH TIMES



CHEERS! Anthony Briggs, Regional Manager for Heineken in the UK, (left) toasts the future with Club Secretary John Wrightson

A thorough business review by HEINEKEN in the UK has paid dividends for the Committee and the 1,000-plus members of Bilton WMC near Harrogate.

Housed in an ageing Victorian building with declining membership and increasing overheads, the club as a whole was struggling to sustain the business, according to Secretary John Wrightson.

"The figures just didn't add up. Income and expenditure were poles apart and it was clear that we needed some advice from a third party to help put it straight."

"Through our Regional Manager Anthony Briggs, we called upon Mike Scanlon, Club Recovery Manager for Heineken in the UK, to come in and assess the business as a whole."

"Once this was done, we called an EGM and Mike presented a no-holds-barred rundown of the flaws in our running of the club and what we had to do if we were going to turn the club around."

"Among the areas highlighted in the report were the cost of the function room outweighing the income from it, our staffing levels for all-day opening all week in three

bars were excessively high and our prices over the bar too low. The key point he made, however, was regarding the number of pumps we had on the bars."

"Before the assessment we had 12 beer brands through 35 lines and yet almost 90 per cent of our sales were from five of these brands. It was clear that wastage was an issue and some of the brands weren't earning us anything and we had to address our below average gross profit as a matter of urgency."

"We now have just 17 pumps, which is far more manageable when it comes to cleaning, wastage has been greatly reduced and the quality of our products has improved."

"Our Committee is very open-minded and has addressed all the issues raised in Mike's report since the EGM. The members have also got behind us knowing that the



SUPPORT: HEINEKEN in the UK works with its club customers to give them that 'added extra'



TEAMWORK: Committee and members alike are working to secure the future of their club

changes were necessary.

"They've accepted the need for alterations to our pricing, begun using the club more regularly and are attending ticket-only events in our function room which is now showing a profit."

"They are also getting more involved in our social and sporting activities and we now have several darts, pool and bowling teams. Outside societies such as the Yorkshire County Bowls Club and Harrogate Angling Club also use the facilities and one of our members runs a judo club on the premises which all bring in additional income."

"Our live entertainment, dances, quizzes and bingo are well-attended and our special events like family fun days and a recent Northern Soul Night have attracted more than half the membership on each occasion, raising very welcome funds for the club."

"Anthony Briggs, our Regional Manager for Heineken in the UK, has encouraged us to try out new brands and the company's range of Bulmers and Jacques fruit ciders are extremely popular - especially with our lady members!"

"He has also supported us in our membership drive and with all manner of promotional merchandise to push our best-selling and new brands, tasting evenings and a very successful John Smith's Race Night - all of which are the added extras you rarely



get from other suppliers."

"These have been difficult times and some difficult, yet necessary, decisions have had to be made by the Committee, but throughout all this, HEINEKEN in the UK has been right there with us, working together - like business partners - to give us all the support we needed to turn the club around."

"I would recommend the company for its expertise, professionalism and overall understanding of the club sector and the difficulties we are all facing today."

Anthony Briggs, Regional Manager for Heineken in the UK, says: "Bilton WMC is a good club with an open-minded Committee which is keen to operate as business partners with us to make their club a success."

"To their credit, they listened to everything we had to say in our assessment and have acted swiftly to implement some

fairly radical changes."

"I look forward to working alongside John and the Committee in the future to further progress the improvements they have already achieved."

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Votes close this month

Votes close this month in the most keenly-fought National Executive and Presidential elections in years.

Ballot papers were sent out to clubs last month and must be returned so as to be received at Head Office by December 13. The count takes place on December 16 just before the January issue of *Club Journal* goes to press.

The number of National Executive members will drop from 26 to 15 with the number of electoral districts reducing from 25 to 12. It means that in most of those constituencies two or more current National Executive members will be standing against each other.

As we reported last month both President George Dawson and Vice-President John Tobin also face challengers in the form of National Executive members Barry Slasberg and Ken Brown, who are not able to stand for the Executive. Three NEC members are retiring, two others, Ken Roberts and Sid Hicks are unopposed, and the remaining 19 are contesting 12 seats between them.

There will be at least one new member of the National Executive, possibly a woman, in the Warwickshire/South East Midlands Division where Branch Secretaries Regan Blount and Carol Goddard are faced by Brenda McMahon from Brafield WMC in Northants and Alan Mellor from Brampton Institute in Cambridgeshire.

The full list of candidates is on this page. Below we profile the three retiring NEC members Jim Harrison, Jim Kennedy and Brian Olner.

Position	Candidates
President	DAWSON, George Alexander SLASBERG, Barry Tudor Charles
Vice-President	BROWN, Ken TOBIN, John
District 1 – Scottish/Northumberland	HICKS, Sidney (Unopposed)
District 2 – Durham/Cleveland (Two candidates to be elected)	ARMSTRONG, John Robert Colin CARRICK, John HOWE, Gareth REAY, Keith WATSON, Terry YOUNG, Brian
District 3 – Cumbria/Burnley & Pendle /Manchester	BARROWCLIFFE, Keith BLAKELEY, Geoffrey
District 4 – York City/Leeds/Wakefield /Doncaster (Two candidates to be elected)	GRAVEL, David HEALY, Frank Anthony SMITH, Martin WINN, Gordon
District 5 – West Yorkshire/Heavy Woollen/South Yorkshire (Two candidates to be elected)	GREEN, Kenneth David HOWROYD, Colin LARKIN, Philip
District 6 – North Staffs/West Midland	CAPEWELL, Dan WHEWELL, Geoffrey
District 7 – Derbyshire/Leicestershire	BATCHELOR, John Dennis HARRIS, John Victor
District 8 – Warwickshire/South East Midlands	BLOUNT, Regan GODDARD, Carol McMAHON, Brenda Patricia MELLOR, Alan Thomas
District 9 – North West Met./North East Met.	BAKER, John Charles COPHAM, Dave
District 10 – Kent/South East Met.	OAKE, Roger O'NEILL, Christopher
District 11 – Western Counties/Wessex	BREWER, Mark Leo RUSSELL, Robert Andrew
District 12 – South Wales/Monmouthshire	ROBERTS, Kenneth (Unopposed)

JIM HARRISON

Monmouthshire Branch Secretary Jim Harrison is retiring from the National Executive after five years as the Branch's representative.



Jim (74) was in the RAF for four years and worked at a building company in London for 12 years before returning to Wales in 1970, where he joined Pentwynmawr WMC, becoming Chairman then Secretary, a job he held for 12 years.

He joined the Branch Executive in 1982 and became Branch Secretary in 2000, joining the National Executive after the death of Baden Tucker in 2007. He and his wife Marilyn have been married for 52 years and have a daughter and a grandson.

JIM KENNEDY

Scottish Branch Secretary Jim Kennedy is retiring after 12 years on the National Executive.

Jim (67) joined Rosewell Miners Club near Edinburgh in 1962 and joined the Committee in 1971, serving as Social Convenor, Vice-President, President and Club Secretary for 17 years. He has also been a member of the Committee at Bonnyrigg & District Ex-Service Club.

Jim was elected onto the Branch Executive in 1986 and after becoming Vice-President in 1991 he succeeded first Bill Smith as Branch Secretary then Tom McHale as the Branch's National Executive representative. He is married with a son and two grandchildren.



BRIAN OLNER

Warwickshire's Brian Olner has also served on the National Executive for 12 years and has been a club official for 50 years. He became



Secretary of the Games Section at Bedworth Ex-Servicemen's Club at 20 and joined the Committee in 1963. He has been Club Secretary for 45 years, and been a member of the Branch Executive for 32 years. He was elected to the National Executive in December 1999.

Brian is married with one son and is a keen follower of Coventry City Football Club. Public service runs in Brian's family; his Cousin Bill Olner was MP for Nuneaton from 1992 until his retirement last year.

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'Legally Blonde' star goes back to her roots

West End star Sheridan Smith has combined art and real life by filming a TV show at the Doncaster club where she made her debut as a child.

The 30-year-old star of "Legally Blonde" and TV's "Two Pints of Lager and A packet of Crisps" returned to Bentley Top Club for the episode of the series "Little Cracker" due to appear on Sky before Christmas.

The film shows her as a six-year-old escaping her babysitter and gatecrashing her parents' gig at the club. In real life her parents Mark and Madeleine still appear there as country and western act The Daltons every Wednesday; Sheridan made her debut at the club as a child standing on a stool.

In the film Sheridan plays her own mother while Ralf Little, who has played her boyfriend in both The Royle Family and Two Pints of Lager plays her father.



Sheridan Smith and Ralf Little play Sheridan's parents on stage at the Bentley Top Club

Keep writing

Dear Sir,

The message to Labour in last month's *Club Journal* was brilliant and straight to the point. We need to keep pressurising them, however, especially over the proposal from the British Medical Association to ban smoking in all cars – even if you are the only person in the car or have the window open.

This is leading towards a blanket ban in your own home. The BMA and ASH have convinced themselves that the whole country is behind them because people are not speaking out.

We know more and more MPs are sympathetic towards amending the ban but these are largely Tories and Lib Dems – we must convince Labour MPs of the damage the ban is doing to our clubs.

Don't let them off the hook, keep writing to them.

Sean Spillane
Luton



Donny book

A new book has been published on the history of Doncaster's clubs.

"The Working Men's Clubs of Doncaster: the community centres for the working class" has been edited by Dave Angel from video production company Reel to Reel Media and includes contributions from Doncaster Trades, Intake Social and Armthorpe Social Club. In a foreword Doncaster Central MP Rosie Winterton says clubs are much more than places to have a drink. "They bound together people who often endured hardship, enabling them to help and support each other, and they played a part in community cohesion – 'the Big Society' – long before politicians coined the phrase."

The book includes many memories and archive photographs like the cover picture (left). It is limited-edition only and is being given away free to contributors, schools and libraries, but can be read in full or downloaded on the website www.workingmensclubs.org.

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NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Many clubs have shopped around for the best deals from suppliers but Shaftesbury Social Club in Long Eaton, near Nottingham, have taken a more radical step; after ringing National Account company Envtec Services Ltd they saved £700 a month by changing their old boiler and air conditioning system, cutting energy consumption – and their costs.

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Club Secretary Carol Wilmott and President Alf Marland are pictured outside the club.



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Treasurer Fred Wood, Chairman Dan Galloway and Secretary Andrew Davie are pictured (left to right) outside the club. Below: the club's new bar.



Scots have reasons for

General John Cope only stayed at the battlefield of Prestonpans for six minutes as his Government forces "ran like rabbits" from the army of Bonnie Prince Charlie in 1745. But the town, now dubbed "Scotland's mural town" and the Prestonpans British Legion Club are well worth staying in for longer.

The club is one of the few in Scotland that still has a waiting list for members even though until recently only former members of the forces were able to join the club.

Not surprisingly Remembrance Sunday is a huge day with the club's own world-beating pipe band leading the parade. The 30-strong band includes 14 drummers in its line-up and has competed in the World Pipe Band Championship in Glasgow.

The club is very competitive in all senses, both in its sport and with its prices. The Committee deal with three main breweries at the moment,



The message from the Queen to 1 Galloway has been framed upstairs.

Heineken, Coors and Dunbar Belhaven, allowing them to negotiate good prices, something demanded by the members.

The club is also very involved with four darts teams including ladies' teams as well as teams for dominoes and crib and sections for fishing and both indoor and outdoor bowling. They also sponsor a

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It's thought that the
club was started up by a
local draper called Willie
Watson and a grocer
called John Turnbull in
the early part of the 20th
Century. They joined the
British Legion soon after
and became part of the
CIU in the 1950s. "If we
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can always refer to the
Branch Secretary Jim
Kennedy who's very

helpful." says Club Secretary Andrew
Davie.

The club's recent refurbishment has
seen the creation of a brand new bar
downstairs, which has proved popular
with both the members and the staff.
"There's much more room and more
optics," said Andrew. "The old one was
very cramped." Its function room is
booked up four months in advance and
they already have a booking for 2013.

Two upstairs rooms are notable; they
have been fitted out in American pine
by local firm Coastcraft. As well as
having great views of the Firth of Forth
one room contains a framed letter and
picture from the Queen, which was sent
to club member Harry Galloway when
he celebrated his 100th birthday. Even
better for Harry, a supporter of
Hamilton Academicals, was that two
members of the Accies squad, visited
the club and helped him celebrate. The
other room is a shrine to the Royal
Scots Regiment (the Royal Regiment of
Scotland).

The club is proud
to be family-
oriented and
allows children
into private
functions as long
as they are well
behaved and do
not come within
one metre of the
bar. It holds an
annual children's
Christmas party
and many of
those who
attended have
gone on to
become full

members. When they do they are
provided with two bottles of whisky
and two bottles of vodka at the end of
the year. In the case of the year 2000
this included a very special
commemorative whisky that the club
commissioned from Whyte & Mackay.

The town's murals show local
industry and scenes from the battle
and came about when South African
Gordon Willis became Baron
Prestoungrange and set about making
his mark. When the club found out he
had been an airman they offered him
membership but he returned to South
Africa before handing over his £10
membership fee.

Prestonpans RBL is a typical
community club that depends on its
community and is always happy to
give back. "We are very involved with
our community," says Andrew. "If
anybody comes asking for help we
give generously, we never turn
anybody down."



The club organises
the town's
Remembrance Day
parade. Below: the
club's pipe band
passes one of the
town's murals.



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RETIREMENT CHANGE COMES INTO FORCE

The ending of the default retirement age (DRA) means that since October 1 clubs have no longer been able to force employees to retire at 65.

An employee wishing to retire just needs to give the normal notice period outlined in their terms and conditions of employment. Clubs may choose to incorporate a voluntary retirement policy which requires employees who are choosing to retire to inform the Secretary in writing. The period of notice can be well in advance, but in any event, in accordance with the notice period.

By Andrew Dane

The Secretary may then choose to arrange a meeting with the employee to discuss arrangements for retirement, including the intended retirement date, possible flexible retirement options and succession and hand-over plans. The employee should decide their retirement date and the club should then confirm this in writing, together with any other relevant arrangements, for example, final salary/wages payments. Employees may be reminded to consider their pension provision and take independent financial advice before making any retirement decisions.

An employee's voluntary retirement is really a resignation like any other. There is no statutory procedure for a club to follow if the employee wants to retire. As there is no longer a specific age at which an employee may choose to retire, the club should notify all staff of any retirement policy, and provide information on when employees will be able to draw their pension benefits. The crucial thing to remember is that an employee should never be put under pressure to reduce their hours or change their responsibilities in preparation for retirement. The club can, however, agree to such changes if it is the employee's choice.

Instead of only asking older employees if they have plans to retire (which may be discriminatory), clubs should consider asking all employees about their future aims and aspirations, as a good way of raising the issue of retirement as part of a regular appraisal process.

Ex-steward wins case

A club in the North East has had to pay out £16,000 after a former assistant steward told an employment tribunal she resigned after being demoted to being a barmaid.

She told the tribunal she had worked at the club for 21 years and loved her job but that changed when she was called before a disciplinary hearing where she said she was accused of claiming holiday pay she was not entitled to.

After this hearing her position was downgraded to barmaid and her hours were cut by half. She felt this left her with no alternative but to resign.

The tribunal backed her claim for constructive dismissal and ordered the club to pay her £16,000 compensation.

Compulsory retirement age

Clubs can still use a compulsory retirement age, provided that they can objectively justify it. The new way of referring to this system is employer-justified retirement ages" (EJRA). To justify a compulsory retirement age, the club must be able to show that the proposed retirement age is a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim and, basically, that the employee is too old to do the job. As this not only varies from person but it is highly subjective it should provide a field day for lawyers.

Those clubs who continue to use, or adopt, a new compulsory retirement age will have to show that the age:

- corresponds to a real business need,
- is appropriate and necessary to achieve the objectives pursued, and
- is proportionate.

On top of this any dismissal based on a compulsory retirement age must be procedurally fair.

Changing their mind

An employee who indicates that they are considering retiring can change their mind and continue in employment. The club cannot force the employee to retire in these circumstances unless the retirement would be objectively justified and the employer follows a fair procedure in the usual way.

However, if the employee changes their mind about retiring after giving clear notice of retirement, the club does not have to accept the employee's withdrawal of their resignation. Disputes are expected to arise surrounding whether the employee has changed their mind or not. To avoid such issues clubs should be advised to confirm matters in writing once the employee has said they definitely want to retire. If the employee has given clear notice which the club has accepted, then the club can effectively insist the employee sticks to their retirement.

A compromise position for an employee who changes their mind may be some sort of flexible retirement option with reduced hours or altered duties. However there could be a risk of age discrimination.

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Don't take risk of being struck off

Clubs are being fined up to £3,000 for not filing their annual returns and, more importantly, are risking being struck off by the Financial Services Authority (FSA).

The consequences of being struck off are that the club loses its limited liability status exposing the Committee and members to personal financial risk. If the club is an I&P club it will lose corporate status, the club's bank accounts may be frozen and it could lose title to its property.

The club may continue to use its premises but it may have difficulty obtaining a mortgage or selling all or part of its property. It may also have problems with the tax authorities.

To avoid being struck off you must ensure every year that the FSA annual fee is paid, annual accounts are produced and the annual return and accounts are filed with the FSA within seven months of the year end.

Where an independent report is required the accounts must be produced by a qualified Chartered Accountant. One club in South Wales had its accounts prepared by its stocktaker and paid him the full fee in good faith. As he was not a registered auditor they were rejected by the FSA and they may yet be struck off.



Twenty-eight students enjoyed our successful Club Law and Finance Weekend at Saltburn House where they heard lectures from Bill Robinson, John Vanderwolfe, John Tobin and John Baker. They also enjoyed a trip out to the Western Social Club in Middlesbrough. Students are pictured at one of the lectures.

TAX VICTORY

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"Clubs who claimed originally will have to wait to see if HMRC seek to argue that the machines treated as exempt from VAT were incorrectly treated," added Ian. "This seems unlikely but this may be HMRC's only defence. At this stage the advice is to sit tight and wait for HMRC to show their hand."

For 'Fleming' claims before 1997 and 'Linneweber 2' claims after 2005, the European Court's decision is helpful in establishing the tests that need to be considered in relation to establishing a breach of fiscal neutrality. It is expected, however, that further questions will need to be put to the courts before these claims can be resolved as it will be necessary to establish that there were similar gaming machines during those periods. It is possible given the previous stance of HMRC these claims may take several years to resolve.

In summary, the relevant parts of the ECJ decision are, supplies are similar if the same needs of the average consumer are met, it is not necessary to establish the existence of actual competition in order for there to be a breach of fiscal neutrality and the comparable services must be exempt as a matter of law for a breach of fiscal neutrality to be established.

It is probable there will be some remaining issues for the UK Courts to decide, such as whether there was a similarly marketed gaming machine which was exempt as a matter of UK law; and for which period of time a breach of fiscal neutrality arose.

- The Linneweber case is named after Edith Linneweber, whose victory against the German tax authorities at the European Court of Justice has proved a precedent for the clubs' case. In a separate case Dransfields have also won a case against HMRC over B3A lottery machines.

Make a date

The Union's new diaries are now on sale at all our Branch Offices. There are two different diaries, a desk diary costing £5 and the pocket diary for £2.

Both diaries are of excellent quality and provide useful information about the CIU, club management and a host of other matters. The pocket diary includes a month-by-month planner for 2013 as well as 2012.

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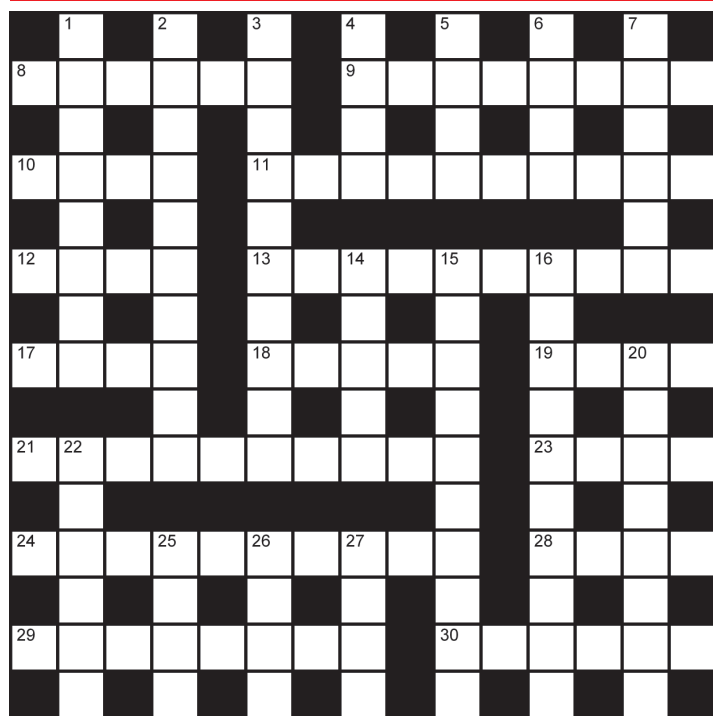
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ACROSS

- 8 He firstly put the planets to music! (6)
- 9 Unadulterated, but not rated to go up and down. (8)
- 10 There's nothing from a friend that's semi-precious. (4)
- 11 Ferry car to sort out its problems - put it in furnace. (10)
- 12 Would the computer not read it if it were slipped? (4)
- 13 Do they carry enough stuff on the links even to make a brew? (3-7)
- 17 Fruit - tastes better than it looks? (4)
- 18 It's a 'midi-omelette', in a manner of speaking. (5)

- 19 Came round to the flavour. (4)
- 21 Reinforce gents, then stupidly go right in. (10)
- 23 Stigma brought about by too much alcohol. (4)
- 24 North of Madagascar, there's talk of ammunition. (10)
- 28 Shunt off part of preposition. (4)
- 29 Use a neat pattern to revolt. (8)
- 30 Besoms made to stamp. (6)

DOWN

- 1 Scrap heather that goes well with beef stew. (8)
- 2 They grow down under. (Remember - they 'stick tight'). (10)
- 3 Lot that goes with life, and the universe. (10)
- 4 You can gamble this accountant will win! (4)
- 5 Concept claiming to be expensive? (4)
- 6 Excess of little, first in

- stomach. (4)
- 7 Averts a disaster, but still cause to be hungry. (6)
- 14 Hip as may be, but it's still like a gorilla. (5)
- 15 Give medicine, like the cleric in charge of sales? (10)
- 16 Wet fireworks providing index of event failure. (4,6)
- 20 Aristocratic, early lady? (8)
- 22 Parent can be a bit of a bore. (6)
- 25 Top piece of dentine? (4)
- 26 Chinese lanterns with a flair inside. (4)
- 27 Reel back and letch. (4)

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OBITUARIES

For the second successive month we are pleased to say that we have received no obituaries.

We'd like to think this is not a coincidence - and that everyone has been hanging on to see the new-look *Club Journal*!

Charity match for 'Dodgy Nee'

Simonside Social Club in South Shields has staged a football match in memory of club member Terry Nee - who was known as "Dodgy" Nee, because of his football injuries.

Terry died at 41 from leukaemia in 2005 and the sixth annual game between football veterans and "young upstarts" raised £2,100 for Leukaemia Research.

Fundraising was also bolstered with a 149-mile coast-to-coast cycle ride by regulars from the club.

VC restored

A former club that is one of most historic landmarks on the Isle of Sheppey in Kent is being restored to its former glory.

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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 Steve Graydon. Tel: Club (01422) 373 023. www.ellandwmc.web.com
Telephone pre-bookings to be confirmed in writing to the Secretary.

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.

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

CLUB OUTINGS . . . CLUB OUTINGS

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
429 SAFFRON LANE, LEICESTER, LE2 6UF
Welcomes all CIU members to our friendly club here in Leicester. Only 5 minutes from the M1 junction 21 and close to the racecourse and the football, rugby and cricket stadiums.
Clean, comfortable and fully air-conditioned. Please visit our website where you will find details of all our facilities and activities.
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.

SKEGNESS WMC

BRIAR WAY, SKEGNESS, LINCOLNSHIRE PE25 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 ARTISTES. COACH PARTIES ARE WELCOME BY APPOINTMENT.

LONDON

BECKENHAM SOCIAL CLUB

89-91 CHURCHFIELDS ROAD, BECKENHAM BR3 40Q.
A WARM WELCOME IS GUARANTEED AT OUR RECENTLY REFURBISHED CLUB. BEERS AND SPIRITS FROM HEINEKEN, COORS AND SHEPHERD NEAME. LIVE SPORT ON FLAT SCREEN TV'S.
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.

CRICKLEWOOD TRADES HALL CLUB

134 CRICKLEWOOD LANE LONDON NW2 2DP
TEL: (020) 8452 8614
A WARM WELCOME TO ALL AFFILIATED MEMBERS. COACH PARTIES WELCOME BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT. 5 MINUTES FROM WEMBLEY STADIUM AND 2 MINUTES FROM BRENT CROSS SHOPPING CENTRE. LIVE BANDS AND BINGO ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHTS. CONCERT HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE.

DONE OUR BIT EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

128A MAYGROVE ROAD, LONDON NW6.
OFFICE: (020) 7624 3701; CLUB: (020) 7624 3603
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

Rutland Grove, London W6 9DH
10 mins' walk from Fulham FC and less than 25 mins by local transport to Chelsea and QPR. A warm and friendly welcome to away fans looking for good hospitality and a relaxing drink.
Also 20 mins to Westfield, Europe's largest shopping centre and 30 mins to West End theatres. Contact us on (020) 8748 5760 or visit www.hammersmithclub.net

HARROW ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Northolt Road, South Harrow HA2 0DW.
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: bobbydaybell@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: secretaryws@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

HIGHER OPENSHAW WM CLUB

49 STANLEY STREET, MANCHESTER M11 1LE
FIVE MINUTES FROM M60 JUNCTION 23 AND FROM MCFC. 20 MINUTES MUFC.
IDEAL STOP-OFF FOR AWAY FANS.
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.
BIG SCREEN SKY TV.
BAR FOOD AVAILABLE. COACH PARTIES WELCOME WITH PRIOR NOTICE.
CONTACT SECRETARY ON 07958641171

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

SPENCER CLUB (NORTHAMPTON)

Tennyson Close, Northampton NN5 7HJ
A warm welcome for all visitors. 15 mins to Northampton Saints Rugby Ground. Car park available on match days, £5.00 per vehicle (must be pre-booked on first-come, first-served basis. CCTV in operation). Cold buffet at reasonable rates available for groups (7 days notice required). Contact W Lee on (01604) 582680

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 Facilities include a 500 seat Concert Room, two other lounges and a Games Room. Great Cabaret every night except Tuesday and Wednesday. Coach parties please contact Mr B. Simmonite. Children allowed up to 10 years Catering for Buffet if required.
Telephone: (0114) 239 7151

CARCROFT VILLAGE WMC

Chestnut Avenue Carcroft, Doncaster DN6 8AG
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

Craithie Road, Doncaster DN2 5EG.
We are the closest club (5 minutes' walk) to Doncaster Racecourse. (See Page 19 for offers). Bar snacks available. Tremendous value-for-money bar prices.
Contact Secretary Tom Forester in advance on: (01302) 320 036 or email intakesocialclub@yahoo.co.uk

Skellow Grange WMC

Skellow Road, Skellow, Doncaster DN6 8JL.
Tel: (01302) 338 304 www.skellowgrange.com (Secretary: R. Lumley)
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
Situated just off Leger Way (approximately 1/2 mile from main Race Stands).
Coach parties welcome. Large car parking area. Artistes Friday/Saturday night.
Telephone (01302) 812 103/4

SURREY

CHERTSEY SOCIAL CLUB

Pyrcroft 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.
Tel: (01932) 563 265.

EGHAM UNITED SERVICES CLUB

111 Spring Rise, Egham, Surrey TW20 9PE.
"North Surrey CAMRA Club of the Year 2008 & 2009"
"Finalist for CAMRA Club of the Year 2009"
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
Tel: (01784) 435120 or 07738 714572
(Real Ale Festivals and Party Bars also arranged)

DAY OUT RACING ESHER W.M.C.

142 Esher High Street, Esher, Surrey.
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 Working Men's Club

21A Church Street, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey KT12 2QP.
Extends a warm welcome to Associate Members. Near M25/M3, Sandown and Kempton Racecourses, Hampton Court, Wentworth, Twickenham Rugby and Thorpe Park. Ideal fishing - River Thames. Dancing to live music Saturdays/Sundays. Coaches. In writing to the Secretary.
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 Joan Conley. Live entertainment on Saturday night. Food available. Please contact Secretary with your booking.

Although the CIU has taken care to ensure that all advertisements are placed in good faith it accepts no liability for any advertisements in Club Journal.
To advertise ring
Chris Brewis on
(0191) 265 0040

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WALES

Bettws Social Club

Lambourne Way, Bettws, Newport, Gwent.
A warm friendly welcome assured to all CIU affiliated members and guests.
Less than 10 minutes from junction 26 of the M4. Coach parties welcome by prior appointment. Live entertainment every Saturday evening. Catering can be provided by arrangement. Tel: (01633) 858 780.

CARDIFF WEST END SOCIAL CLUB

COWBRIDGE ROAD WEST, ELY, CARDIFF CF5 5BY.
A very friendly welcome to CIU Associates and their families from CARDIFF'S PREMIER SOCIAL CLUB.
10 minutes from M4.
15 minutes to city centre.
Millennium Stadium,
Cardiff International Arena, St. David's Hall/ Centre, Cardiff Bay.
Live entertainment every Saturday Night with Bingo/Raffle/Tote/Disco
FULL SKY SPORTS/RACING UK
Hot and cold food available.
COACH PARTIES MOST WELCOME.
Telephone: (029) 20594004

Llanharry WMC & Institution Ltd.

Elm Road, Llanharry, Pontyclun, Mid-Glamorgan CF72 9HR.
Extends a warm welcome to all CIU associate members and guests. Coach parties welcome by arrangement. Entertainment every Saturday. Restaurant facilities available. 10 minutes from junction 34 M4 motorway.
Telephone (01443) 222 217
Fax/Telephone (01443) 224 322

GOING TO PREMIERSHIP SWANSEA CITY OR RACING AT FFOS LAS? VISIT MORRISTON WMC

11 SLATE STREET, SWANSEA SA6 8AA.
A FRIENDLY CLUB WHICH MAKES VISITORS WELCOME.
LIBERTY STADIUM 15 MINUTES. FFOS LAS 45 MINUTES.
OSPREYS 15 MINUTES. 10 MINUTES FROM M4 JUNCTION 45.
COACH PARTIES WELCOME WITH ADVANCE NOTICE.
RING (01792) 771580

Rogerstone and Bassaleg Social Club

1 Tregwilym Road, Rogerstone, Newport NP10 9DW.
A warm friendly welcome assured to all CIU affiliates and guests, less than 10 minutes from junction 27 of the M4. Coach parties welcome by prior appointment, live entertainment every Saturday evening.
Telephone: (01633) 893 508.

WARWICKSHIRE & COVENTRY

BEDWORTH EX-SERVICEMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB & INSTITUTE

Rye Piece, Bedworth, Nr. Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Tel: (024) 7631 3236
Extends a warm welcome to all associates.
Restaurant facilities Monday to Saturday - Bar snacks also available. 6 minutes from junction 3 of M6. Approx. 5 miles to Coventry City. Saturday/Sunday night entertainment, live music, bingo, bar and lounge. Contact Secretary for bookings.

Willenhall Social Club

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.

HEN LANE SOCIAL CLUB

Beacon Road, Holbrooks, Coventry CV6 4DS.
5 minutes from M6 Junction 3, 10 minutes' walk from Ricoh Arena, minibus from club on match days. Excellent function room and facilities. Hot and cold snacks available at all times. Prior notice required for coach parties and catering (menu sent on request).
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

WEST COUNTRY

The Cabbage Patch Club LAWRENCE WESTON SOCIAL CLUB

Lawrence Weston Road, Bristol BS11 0ST.
Extends a warm West Country welcome to those travelling to holiday destinations.
3 mins from Junction 18 M5. 10 minutes M4.
Coach parties by arrangement.
Ring (0117) 982 9148

Poole Labour Club

22 Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset
Tel: 01202 674 059 / 686 256
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 W 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, (Harbour End Of Town)
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.
Tel: (01305) 786 392 or (01305) 787254
www.weymouthworkies.co.uk

WIDCOMBE SOCIAL CLUB

Widcombe Hill, Bath BA2 6AA. Tel: (01225) 425076
www.widcombesocialclub.co.uk
Large friendly club, 5 mins walk from city centre. Darts, skittles, snooker, dance floor, lakeside terrace, entertainment. Food including our famous Sunday roasts. Associates warmly welcome. Child friendly. Coaches by appointment. Catering available. Easy access from M4. 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

Wotton Hall Club Ltd.

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

Alvechurch SPORTS & SOCIAL Club

The Square, Alvechurch, Near Birmingham B48 7LD.
A friendly welcome to all Associate Members.
Weekend entertainment and comfortable surroundings, also food available. Close to M42 and M5 in a picturesque part of the countryside.
Contact: A. Morrison, Secretary on (0121) 445 2121.
Large parties please notify 14 days in advance.

REMEMBRANCE CLUB LTD.

10 CHESTER ROAD, CASTLE BROMWICH, BIRMINGHAM B36 9DD
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.
Ample parking. Close to M6/M42 (nr. Spaghetti Junction). Coaches by arrangement.
Contact the Secretary. (0121) 747 5256 / 747 2943

Yardley Wood Social Club

118 School Road, Yardley Wood, Birmingham B14 4JR.
Club Tel: (0121) 474 2026 Sec: (0121) 474 3725
Visit our brand new website:
http://www.yardleywoodsclub.co.uk/
Two large TV screens, 6 snooker tables, bingo and weekly entertainment, bowling green. Function rooms available for hire and catering. Large car park at rear of the club.
Associate members welcome.

YORKS (N & E) & NORTH EAST

BEECHWOOD, EASTER SIDE & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB

Broadwell Road, Easterside, Middlesbrough TS4 3PP.
(Opposite The James Cook University Hospital)
Live music every night with bingo, totes and raffles. Large bar with 4 snooker and 2 pool tables, 2 dart boards and all Sky sports channels. Two smoking areas with heated Beach Huts. Coach parties welcome with prior notice to The Secretary. Tel: (01642) 318789. Check the website it's all on there,
www.beadsclub.co.uk

BLAKELAW & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB

6 Cragston Way, Newcastle NE5 3SW.
Friendly club on northern edge of Newcastle. Handy for A1, Racecourse and St James' Park. Coach parties welcome.
Food can also be arranged.
Contact Secretary Alan Campbell on 07986706354 or blakelawsc@googlemail.com

CENTRAL WMC

7 Beaumont Street, Darlington
Tel: (01325) 464054
Situated near town centre, five minutes from A1(M). Associate members and coach parties are welcome as are football and racing followers.
Please give prior notice.
Live entertainment and catering by private arrangement. Room available for birthdays, engagement parties, wakes and weddings.

King Street Social Club

Phoenix House, 27 King Street, North Shields NE30 1BZ.
Telephone: (0191) 2900473.
Situated on the main road from North Shields to the coast. Main bingo sessions are Tuesday and Friday evenings and Sunday morning.
Top class live entertainment every weekend supported by resident band "Soul Machine".
Coach parties welcome with prior notification to the Secretary David Farrell. Telephone (0191) 2900474.

Middlesbrough RAOB Club (The Buffs)

51 Wilton Street, Southfield Road, Town Centre A19-A66 2 minutes. Redcar races, 10 minutes. Middlesbrough FC 5 minutes. Games Room, TV Lounge and Lounge. Live entertainment Saturday and Sunday. Disco's Wednesday and Friday. 50/50 Dancing Tuesday and Thursday. A warm welcome to all affiliated members including coach parties with prior notice to the Secretary. Telephone: (01642) 860 511.

New York Club & Institute Limited

22-26 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AJ.
Tel: (01904) 612 244 newyorkclub@btconnect.com
Secretary: Frank A. Healy BA HND CMD
300 yards from station on way to racecourse. Warm and friendly welcome to all Associate Members and guests. A great place to call into before or after your visit to York. Beer garden and 42" screen with Sky TV.
Parties and buffet-style catering by prior arrangement.

North Biddick Social Club

Bonemill Lane, Fatfield, Washington NE38 8AN.
Excellent riverside location. Five minutes from A1(M) with excellent car/coach parking facilities. Games room with 2 snooker tables and 2 pool tables. Restaurant facilities and buffets catered for. Why not call on your way to see football games or cricket games in the area? Coaches welcome by prior arrangement with Secretary Michael Normile on
(0191) 416 0148.
Why not visit our website at
www.northbiddickclub.co.uk

OSBORNE WMC

Osborne Road, Chester-le-Street, County Durham DH3 3DS.
200 yards from the station and short walk to the Riverside Cricket Ground. Evening car and coach parking facilities. Live entertainment every Saturday night. A great place to call in after your day at the races. Bingo Mondays and Fridays.
Just give us a ring on (0191) 388 8679.

POPPLETON ROAD WMC

132 Poppleton Road, York YO26 4UP
(01904) 793398
A warm friendly welcome assured to all CIU affiliates and guests. Wide selection of beers available, ideal for the races and close to the city centre. Bingo and raffle Fridays. live entertainment and bingo, Saturdays and Sundays.

ST CLEMENTS WMC

Count de Burgh Terrace, South Bank, York YO23 1HH.
Small friendly club. Five minutes from York Racecourse. Artists every Saturday night. Regular and guest real ales. Coach parties and catering by arrangement.
Telephone: (01904) 629973

SPITTAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Jubilee Centre, Highcliffe, Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 2JL.
A warm welcome to all. Five minutes from the A1, 30 minutes from Kelso Races, cabaret every Saturday evening. A spectacular evening once every month. Bingo Friday, Sunday and Mon-day nights.
Coach parties welcome.
Ring Treasurer Carol Lynn in advance on (01289) 305 597.

City of York Tramways Employees'

- Club and Institute -
1 Mill Street (off Piccadilly), York YO1 1PY.
5 minutes from town centre
Entertainments Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Prize games. Concert room (seating 275). Games Room, Bar and live Sky Sports TV. Visiting Associates are welcome. Parties by arrangement.
Telephone: (01904) 623 953.

CIU RACING CLUB

RACEGOERS RAISE ANOTHER £3,000



George Moore, the trainer of *The Shy Man*, winner of the Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday Handicap Hurdle, receives the winner's trophy from Alan Jackson and Diane Hammond of Dransfields.

More than £3,000 was raised for Saltburn thanks to a bumper turnout at this year's National Charity Raceday.

For the second successive year Wetherby Racecourse was bathed in November sunshine as 1,516 CIU Racing Club members enjoyed the privilege of having their own marquee, a pie-and-pea lunch and five 50p-off beer vouchers.

The course and their caterers CGC Services both gave £1 from each booking to Saltburn meaning the course's Chief Executive Jonjo Sanderson was able to hand over a second successive £3,000 cheque to Union President George Dawson.

The Union's recommended gaming machine suppliers Dransfields again sponsored a race, the Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday Handicap Hurdle; Alan Jackson and Diane Hammond from Dransfields were on hand to choose the best turned out horse in the race, Monsieur Cadou, and present the £50 cash prize to his stable lad Ghulam Shabbir.

The Union is also grateful to John Smith's, part of our sole recommended supplier of beer and cider Heineken, who provided the 50p-off beer vouchers. More than 100 representatives from clubs across Teesside were also treated to a VIP day from Heineken at the John Smith's Race Day at Sedgefield on November 8. As well as lunch and drinks officials had



Racecourse announcer Graham Orange and Racing UK commentator Stewart Machin offered tips to club members.

the chance to meet tipster Derek Thompson, and see the John Smith's Grand National trophy.

Cleveland Branch Secretary Arthur Souter (below right) presented trainer Ferdy Murphy (below left) with the winner's trophy after the John Smith's C&IU 150th Anniversary Novices Limited Handicap – the first known mention of the Union's 150th anniversary next year.

The highlight of the day, according to Regional Sales Director Duncan Barlow, was an "unforgettable, impromptu karaoke session" by representatives from each club at the end of the meeting.

Farsley WMC in Leeds brought a staggering 191 members to the National Raceday and were given a special mention in the racecard. Other great supporters of the day are the Driffild Veterans football team from East Yorkshire, who regularly come in fancy dress. This year they came dressed as jockeys and staged a race across the final 150 yards of the course, which was won by Neil "Spider" Woodcock.



CIU Racing Club members enjoy the facilities in the marquee.



The Driffild Veterans football team, who staged a race across the final 150 yards of the course.



CIU RACING CLUB



THE CIU Racing Club uses the bulk buying power of more than 2,000 clubs to obtain special discounts from racecourses. You can make a booking by filling in the form at the foot of this page. To obtain the discount we send all the forms to the racecourse together as one block booking and they will send you the tickets at your club a few days before the meeting. Tickets are sent to the club as otherwise anyone could buy them. We need to receive your booking three weeks before the meeting otherwise we cannot guarantee you will receive the discount because late bookings do not

save the courses any work. To register your club as a member of the CIU Racing Club ring **Jean Garrett** on (0191) 2650040. As well as receiving regular updates and the full list of offers you will receive a free copy of Club Journal. Remember that even if a meeting is not listed here you can obtain a party discount direct from the course. Satellite racing channel RACING UK is offering all CIU clubs a 30 per cent discount. For further information ring 0870 351 8834.

(All offers Tattersalls unless stated otherwise)

Race Discounts

LEICESTER: Wednesday, December 28£7.50 (normally £13)
KELSO: Thursday December 29 £9 (normally £13)
BEVERLEY: Saturday 2nd June 2012 £10 (normally £13)
BEVERLEY: Saturday 1st September 2012.. £10 (normally £13)

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Toon legends help club raise £2,700

A Tyneside club raised £2,700 for charity on the same night that it was visited by members of the last Newcastle United team to win a major trophy.

High Howdon Social Club was packed to the rafters at the ticket-only event to see captain Bobby Moncur and eight other players from the team that won the Fairs Cup, the predecessor of the UEFA Cup, in 1969. They were joined by 81-year-old Vic Keeble, the last survivor of the Magpies team that won the FA Cup in 1955 and Dave Hollins, Gordon Marshall and Glasgow Rangers legend Wee Willie Henderson.

The club sold ordinary tickets at £15 for the event and VIP tickets at £25 that allowed fans to mingle with the players before they sat down for a pie and pea supper. Signed shirts and footballs were included in a raffle, which along with and collections on the night raised a separate £2,700 for the NSPCC and motor neurone disease.

"I'm not a football fan but I thought it was a fantastic night," said Club Secretary Alan Fitzpatrick. "Everybody enjoyed it and there were some great anecdotes. We hope it will be an annual event."

Bobby Moncur, now 66, who scored three goals in the two-leg final, has been battling colon cancer. He said it was great to see the old team together and thanked Bill Gibbs from the Fairs Club for getting the players together.



Bobby Moncur (centre) and other members of the Fairs Cup squad are pictured at High Howdon Social Club. Below players Tommy Gibb, John McNamee and Jim Scott enjoy a pint.



DOMS PAIR'S STRAIGHT 8s

SPORTS SHORTS

Colin Stainsby and Steve Smith from Northgate Club in Darlington clinched their eighth Dominoes Straight Pairs Championship in 11 years.

The combined semi-final and final was held on Saturday, November 5 at Mansfield Woodhouse Club in Nottinghamshire.

The semi-final results were as follows:

S Smith & C Stainsby (Darlington Club) 11 D Metcalfe & T Wood (Cockfield Club) 8

R Daybell & J Walker (Hayes Club) 11 G Briggs & T Williams (Parkstone Club) 8

In the final Smith and Stainsby beat Daybell and Walker 11-5.

• Stainsby and Smith have also won our 5s and 3s competition eight times.

The semi-finals and final of the Individual Pool Championship were held at East Dene Social Club in Rotherham on November 26 after this issue went to press. The semi-finalists were R. Richards (Hayes WMC, Middlesex); I Sargent (Bargoed Labour, South Wales); C. Gill (Annitsford United Irish Club, Northumberland) and N. White (Parkstone Club, Warks).



Pictured (left to right) are: Don Blake, Peter Jackson, Dennis Horsley, Stephen Cain, Barry Newbold, Jeff Dobbin, John Poole and Geoff Lane. Picture courtesy of The Press, York

These are for the skipper

Bowlers at Clarence Working Men's Club in York have dedicated their double success to the memory of their former captain.

The club won both the Branch bowls league and knockout cup and collected the trophies in honour of Paul Cain, who died at 59 after battling throat cancer, pneumonia and brittle bone disease.

Paul's brother, Steve, who captained the side, said: "It was Dennis Horsley who said he would like to dedicate the achievement to Paul, who was a great friend of his. Everyone thought it was a great idea."

This was the club's second double with Paul Cain leading them to the feat five years ago.