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NEW TEAM GETS STRAIGHT TO WORK

The Union's streamlined new National Executive has wasted no time in getting down to business and starting to tackle the many problems facing our clubs.

The new NEC has 15 members instead of the previous 26 and its first decision has been to dispense with separate sub-committees so all its members will be familiar with all areas of Union business.

"The National Executive now have collective responsibility," says National President George Dawson. "Everyone in the Executive will know about everything that the Union is doing."

Mr Dawson, who has been elected for a second two-year term, is at 46 one of the youngest Presidents in the Union's history and is determined to be a modernising President.

"We will be starting by meeting each of the companies that are Union National Accounts so that we all know what these companies have to offer and why we recommend them to our clubs.

"It's also vital that we have a voice in Parliament and we will be continuing to campaign along with the Save our Pubs and Clubs campaign for a separate smoking room, and for controls on supermarkets.

"This Coalition Government are fond of talking about the Big Society and the importance of communities. Our clubs are often the most vital cog in the heart of a community and instead of swamping us with red tape and letting the supermarkets destroy our clubs with their cheap drink, Government should be giving us all the help we can get.

"The smaller Executive still has a fantastic amount of experience, especially as most of us are still secretaries and committee members in our own clubs." Each member of the Executive will be adding to that experience by having spells working with the All-Party Parliamentary Group and with CORCA, the group covering

CLUB'S DOUBLE TOP

A Stoke social club with 11 darts teams has just hit two bullseyes. For not only has Wolstanton Social Club member Adrian Lewis (below) won the PDC World Darts Championship the club was voted Most Improved Club in the Club Mirror Club Awards



Picture: Lawrence Lustig/PDC

The club was on the brink of closure in 2009 when Secretary Shaun Jackson and Assistant Secretary Duncan Cooper took it on. "We knew nothing about running a club," said Shaun. "But we were determined we wouldn't let it shut.

"We borrowed some money and the first thing we did was to borrow a large screen TV and start showing sport. That worked and we have also hired out our function room on Saturday nights." (continued on Page 20)

Shaun Jackson (left) and Duncan Cooper are pictured celebrating with their wives Committee members Wendie Jackson and Vanessa Cooper.



the work of all clubs, which is led by the CIU.

The Executive has one new member, and a significant one in Carol Goddard, its first woman member. Carol's experience of club life is second to none: she used to be taken into a club in her pram and worked for many years as the Union's Liaison Officer with both the All-Party Group and with CORCA. Profile – Page 6.

- Gaming machine suppliers Dransfields have again agreed to sponsor this year's CIU National Quiz. More details on Pages 10 and 11.
- Award-winning Saltburn House gardener Ian Harrison tells you what jobs need doing this month in our new gardening column. See Page 7.
- The Government appears to have listened to calls from clubs to abandon VAT on gaming machines. Full story – Page 9

ANOTHER FINE MESS - 30 YEARS OF LAUGHING GRAVY

A Yorkshire club is celebrating 30 years as the base for the Laughing Gravy tent of the Sons of the Desert – or if you prefer, the local branch of the international Laurel and Hardy Fan Club.

Once a month the 25 members meet at Tingley WMC near Wakefield and watch a couple of Laurel and Hardy films. Tradition dictates they then don fezzes, as worn by their heroes in the film Sons of the Desert, and their head, the Grand Sheikh, raises a toast to the comic duo.

The club even have their own crest with the motto suggested by Stan Laurel "two minds without a single thought", translated into Latin as *Duae tabulae rasae in quibus nihil scriptum est* (literally: "two blank slates on which nothing has been written.")

Over the years members have been to Hollywood where a couple of them met the producer Hal Roach before his death, and to Stan Laurel's birthplace, Ulverston, near Barrow-in-Furness, to celebrate the centenary of his birth in 1990.

On another trip to Lancashire one of the members laughed so hard at one of the films that his false teeth flew out in the cinema, sparking a scene that could have come out of a Laurel and Hardy film as the entire audience tried to find them.

All the 150 branches – or tents – around the world are named after films and Laughing Gravy, which was being shot when he was born, is founder Graham McKenna's favourite film. Graham has just stepped down at 80 after 30 years as the Grand Sheikh and is being succeeded by David Bulmer who says



that he represents a new generation of lovers of Laurel and Hardy.

"The films aren't shown on TV as often as they used to be so attracting younger members isn't as easy," says David, who is also a member of Rothwell WMC. "We're all paid-up members of the club but we're grateful for the way the social club look after us. They always put on an excellent pie-and-pea supper when we have a meeting."

Among their members is Stan Laurel's first cousin, Nancy Wardell, who lives in Dewsbury and the group are also in touch with Stan's daughter Lois Laurel-Hawes. Graham's collection of movie memorabilia includes a letter from Charlie Chaplin but his most treasured possession is a typewritten letter, signed by Stan Laurel himself just before his death in 1964.

The Mayor of Morley, Coun. Judith Elliott and Mayoress Wyn Kidger (left) visited the club when the tent celebrated its 30th anniversary, which coincided with Graham's retirement as Grand Sheikh. Pictured with them (left to right): David Oyston (turning away from camera), a guest from Bradford, Harry Nicholls, Peter Barber, Graham McKenna, Lawrence Hall, Graham Smith, projectionist Roger Parnell, Lillian Stoner, Terry Liversedge and Tom Speight. Below: this statue of Stan Laurel is in North Shields on Tyneside where he spent much of his childhood.



Alan's Award

South Yorkshire Branch Secretary Ken Green visited Albion Road WMC in Rotherham and presented a Certificate of Merit to Committee member Alan Phillips watched by Club Secretary David Stainrod.

(Picture: Rotherham Advertiser)

Club's born to be mild

One club that won't be celebrating an anniversary – because that would be too interesting – is the Dull Men's Club.

The club is an online group whose website includes a list of clockwise and anti-clockwise airport baggage carousels and reviews of books such as "The Art of Napping," "Boring Postcards USA," or "Cod: Biography of the Fish that Changed the World."

Nominated to succeed Dull Man of the Year Welshman Keith Jackson, who has spent 30 years assessing the drying time of industrial paint, are Michael Kennedy, from Norfolk, who spends two hours a day placing rocks on the beach to prevent cliff erosion and Rolling Stone Keith Richards who arranges his books with the Dewey Decimal system.

For those who consider bird watching too exciting an activity, the Dull Men's Club suggests taking up moth watching, since, "most moths are small, brown and hard to identify."



Colourful darts team helps to raise £4,000

Colourful clothes and colourful language from a group of women darts players have helped raise more than £4,000 for Help for Heroes.

"The Ladies", led by Joyce Hollingdrake, who threw the first arrow, took to the oche at Otley Social Club near Leeds and raised £1,700 with a 24-hour darts marathon. Joyce also had a swear bucket to hand to help boost funds – though most just put £5 in and called it quits.

The team (pictured) were Lorraine Kerr-Holmes, Lynette Hodge, Amanda Dibb, Lauren Clayton, Amy Berry, Mandy Hollingdrake, Emma Kerr, Liz Jacques, Joyce Hollingdrake, Lisa Butlin, Ruth Atkinson, Tracy Robinson, Sarah Robinson, Doreen Parker, Julie Braithwaite, Stephanie Luxton and Nina Kenworthy. Well done to them

Other events were an auction and a football match between "oldies" and "kids", which was won by the oldies – though they did have 15 men on the pitch.

The club has raised more than £100,000 for various charities over the last 25 years. President Gerry Braithwaite started holding an annual charity event after a tragedy in his family soon after taking on the job. The club still holds an annual President's Night and this year it was supported by the bands Beardsmith and Big Time Charlie.

Thanks also go to the



businesses of Otley for donating gifts to the club for the raffle, which helped bring the total to £4,349 and to club member Caroline Rhodes for all the cold calling to get them involved.

The club has publicised its fundraising locally with the first edition of its newsletter, edited by Brett Booth with the apt slogan "Fun, Friendly and Part of Your Community." This has also led to successful coverage in the Yorkshire Evening Post and Wharfe Valley Times.

Lord Mayor shows at club



The Lord Mayor of Coventry was the guest of honour at Radford Social Club when the club held its Senior Members' Christmas Party.

The Lord Mayor, Coun. Kieran Mulhall has been a member of the club for 51 years and it was both an honour and a pleasure for the club to have him at the Christmas Party.

The Lord Mayor and Club Treasurer Audrey Tyer are pictured with (back row, left to right): Secretary Claire Lowe, President Dean McGarrity and Vice-President Keith Hoyle.

A little Help from Paradise



The Paradise WMC in Burnley have raised £1,500 for Help for Heroes, with a concert featuring Buzztop Duo and ventriloquist Mike Dennett and Chic after which Club President David McGlynn (front left) presented a cheque to the charity's Lancashire representative Arthur Roe in front of Committee members and other guests.

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Proud and Honoured



Former Burnley & Pendle Branch Secretary Ronnie Caple has been presented with the bar to the Union's Gold Medal to mark 31 years' service to the Branch.

Left: Ronnie receives the award from Ken Brown (right), the National Executive member for Cumbria and Burnley, and is also pictured with Branch President Gordon Leighton. Pictured with them (below) are the new Branch Secretary Michael Woodvine (left) and the former Branch Secretary and National Executive Member Bill Ormerod.

Above right: Ken Brown also presented the Certificate of Merit to David Pearson, President of the Briercliffe WMC in Burnley.



Doncaster Branch Secretary Dave Gravel presented Committee member Paul Thompson with the Certificate of Merit at Duncroft Social Club.



HAYES WORKING MEN'S CLUB LATE NIGHT CABARET

February 25th

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COMPERE 'TERRI GAUCI'

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Ryton Social Club near Gateshead has held two separate presentation nights and seen four Committee members receive the Certificate of Merit.

Above: Durham Branch Secretary Brian Young (left) and Branch Executive member Jimmy Young visited the club and presented Certificates of Merit to Maurice Baines (left) and George Shackcloth. Below: Tony Pringle and Niki Watson are pictured with Brian Young and Jimmy Young.



CLUB'S LEADING BY EXAMPLE



CHEERS! (L-R): Secretary Brian Tunaley, Regional Manager Daniel Wood and Assistant Secretary Howard Sharpe

With more than 850 members of all ages, Thornhill Briggs WMC in Brighouse is a thriving club with a waiting list to join.

Its Secretary and former President Brian Tunaley puts the club's popularity and success down to a dedicated Committee, wide variety of regular activities, high standards and support from HEINEKEN in the UK.

"In order to keep members of all ages entertained and using the club on a regular basis, we ensure there is something for

everyone happening nearly every day of the week.

"We have live music and comedians weekly, bingo four times a week, poker three times a week and our younger members play in one of our nine snooker teams while the more mature compete at dominoes and cards in the Brighouse Games league.

"Our concert room holds 100 people and this is regularly let out for members' private parties and other functions including family discos. We also have large screen TVs for those



TO THE FUTURE: The Committee and members are proud of their club and have high hopes for the future

interested in sporting events.

"Our Regional Manager for HEINEKEN in the UK Daniel Wood ensures we are offered promotions such as Race Nights, new product tastings and sponsors a number of our bank holiday and summer events like barbecues. He also backs our players in the run-up to the finals of a national poker championship which take place in March.

Assistant Secretary Howard Sharpe also works closely with Daniel.

"We have regular meetings where we discuss everything from changes in legislation to new products, levels of service to sales figures and forecasts.

"The support we receive is second to none and Daniel is always at the end of the phone if we need any advice or help.

"HEINEKEN in the UK is one of the CIU's preferred



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suppliers and, like our branch - West Yorkshire - I would have no hesitation in recommending the company to others for its professionalism, expertise and commitment to the welfare of the club sector as a whole."

Daniel Wood, Regional Manager for HEINEKEN in the UK says: "Thornhill Briggs is a very well-run club which always has members wanting to be on the Committee. It caters very well for all its members and, as a result, has increased sales and membership over the past year.

"This club is an example to others on how to be pro-active, adapt and succeed in the current climate and I am delighted to work with the Committee and watch their business grow."

• If you would like to find out more about the benefits your club could enjoy by trading with HEINEKEN in the UK or to arrange a meeting, please contact PETER USHER, Buying Group Director on 07831 840330 or email peter.usher@heineken.co.uk



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ANOTHER FIRST AS CAROL IS FIRST WOMAN ON NEC

The recent Presidential and National Executive elections have seen nine members leave the National Executive and one new member – its first woman, Carol Goddard.

Carol (pictured right after the result was announced) was elected to represent Warwickshire and South East Midlands. She was already the first female Branch Secretary after being elected by South East Midlands Branch in 2010. In 2007 Carol, who is 64, also became the first woman to stand for an Executive post when she stood as National Vice-President and surprised many people, including herself, by gaining 41 per cent of the vote.

Before that she worked with the Union's long serving National President Derek Dormer for 30 years and was the Union's Parliamentary Liaison Officer. "I've been involved with carrying out Union policy for many years," she said. "But this will be the first time I have been involved in policy decision making.

"We have a large amount of women club members and there are around 300 women club secretaries among our 2,000 clubs so it is only right to have a woman's voice on the Executive. Women have been very active in clubs for many years but in the past were often confined to selling bingo tickets."

Originally from London, clubs are in Carol's blood as she was in her pram when her parents first took her to the Eagle Club in Shoeburyness, Essex.

She started working for the CIU in the 1970s as a shorthand typist at the Branch Office. When the All-Party Parliamentary Group for



Non-Profitmaking Clubs was formed she worked initially as minutes secretary and then as the liaison officer between MPs and CORCA (The Committee of Registered Club Associations), while continuing to work in the Branch office.

In 2007 she was elected Branch Vice-President and in 2010 became the first woman to be elected as Branch Secretary.

The Union would like to thank the nine members of the National Executive, who have left after proving unsuccessful in the December elections.

Derbyshire Branch Secretary JOHN BATCHELOR was elected to the National Executive in 2001 and was Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee at the annual conference in Blackpool. He has been Secretary of Alvaston & Crewton Social Club since 1980 and a member of the Branch Executive for 14 years.



DAN CAPEWELL was elected to the National Executive in October 2002 a year after taking over as North Staffordshire Branch Secretary. He has been on the Committee at Pittshill Victory Club for 25 years, the last 19 as Secretary, and has



been on the Branch Executive since 1987.

PHILIP LARKIN had represented West Yorkshire Branch on the National Executive for two years. A keen advocate of Union schools, he has been a member of East Ward Labour Club in Bradford for more than 20 years and has served on the Branch Executive for 18 years.



MARK BREWER was elected to the National Executive in 1995 and became the Western Counties Branch Secretary the following year. He is also Treasurer of Chippenham West End Club, where he has been on the Committee for nearly 40 years, serving previously as Secretary and President.



DAVE COPHAM had served as the North West Met representative on the NEC for two years. A member of Hayes WMC since 1970 and a Committee member of Acton Vale Club for 17 years, Dave has served on the Branch Executive for 26 years,



the last six as Branch Treasurer.

CHRIS O'NEILL lost out by one vote to Kent's Roger Oake in the recent election. Chris, who had been on the NEC for two years, has been a member of the South East Met Branch Executive for 14 years and Secretary of Epsom Common WMC for 21 years.



KEN BROWN stood unsuccessfully for National Vice-President after representing Cumbria and Burnley & Pendle on the National Executive for 22 years. He has served on the Cumbria Branch Executive for 31 years, the last 26 as Branch Secretary and was Secretary of Flimby WMC for 29 years.



DAVE GRAVEL succeeded Malcolm McChrystal as Doncaster's Branch Secretary and National Executive member. He was elected to the NEC in 2005 and served for six years. He has been Secretary of Dunscroft Social Club for 12 years and



previously served as a Committee member, Trustee and Vice-President at Stainforth Central Club.

BARRY SLASBERG, who stood unsuccessfully for National President, served on the National Executive for four years. He was elected South East Midlands Branch President in 2006 and has also been Branch Tutor for six years. He has served Kingsley Park WMC for 35 years, the last 13 as Secretary.



Book early...



Prices for Saltburn House have been held for 2012 and we are once again repeating some of the successful promotions we ran in 2011.

As well as our successful three-day racing breaks Golf Week has already sold out very quickly. This is a venture by two local councils from July 1-July 7, the week before the Open, but we are considering offering the same deal at other times, a six-day stay with a round at each of the five local courses – or a four-day stay with three rounds.

Our New Year party and Turkey & Tinsel, our early Christmas weekend, also sell out so, crazy as it might sound, it does pay to book early for Christmas.

Pictured enjoying last year's party are Dorothy Coates from Belvedere Social Club, Kent; Barbara Purdy from Northern Social Club, Northumberland and George Craig, who belongs to both Scrogg Road Social Club and Blakelaw & District Social Club on Tyneside.



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 Friday 7th December -
 Monday 10th December. £170.
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GARDENING



Jobs for February

If you have a greenhouse, now is the time to give it a good spring clean to clear out over-wintering pests. To combat bacterial and fungal diseases use one of the natural garden disinfectants sold at garden centres. These can be safely used on all greenhouse surfaces including pots, staging and tools.

Growing potatoes is more popular than ever and to get your seed potatoes off to a speedy start put them in seed or egg trays to allow them to "chit" before planting. This allows strong shoots – ideally dark green or purple and about one inch long – to develop on the tubers and is strongly recommended for first and second "earlies" and salad varieties. Place the potatoes in trays with the "rose" end – where most of the "eyes" are – uppermost. Place in a cool, light, frost-free place.

February is also a good time to sow tomato, pepper, leek and onion seeds. If possible use a heated propagator. To sow peppers and tomatoes indoors, fill a seed tray with moist compost. Sow the seeds evenly over the surface and lightly cover with a bit more compost. Peppers should be kept in a warm place, 18-25 deg C (64-77F), and tomatoes need 18-20 deg C (64-68F). Keep the seed trays moist. Other vegetables that can be sown indoors now include leeks, onions, lettuce



Award-winning gardener IAN HARRISON, whose work recently helped Saltburn House to win a silver award from Britain in Bloom, is our latest columnist. Ian (pictured in one of the greenhouses at Saltburn House) suggests jobs for gardeners in February.

and early cabbage and cauliflower.

Other February jobs are: Putting new edges on the lawn: depending on the weather, cutting the lawn with the lawnmower at a high setting; tidying up herbaceous perennials and ordering bedding plant plugs such as geraniums, begonias and Busy Lizzie. You should be able to buy 40 plugs for around a tenner. Gazania are particularly good value and are cheaper than buying seed.

Chad draw results

The Chad draw was drawn on
6 December at Head Office.

The winning numbers are as follows:

1st Prize	39686	£3000 Thrybergh WMC, S Yorks
2nd Prize	17534	£1500 Leam Lane WMC, Tyneside
3rd Prize	15984	£1000 Relton Terrace Club, Co. Durham
4th Prize	17758	£500 Pelaw SC, Tyneside

Other winning prizes are:

1719, 14409, 15010, 15701, 16848, 18462, 19654, 22934, 23305, 25685, 31712, 49856, 51998

Bridge view savings of £18,000 a year

Wadsley Bridge Working Men's Club in Sheffield are astounded at the savings they are going to make as a direct result of meeting Envtec Services at last year's CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition in Blackpool.

Last year their gas and electricity costs were nearly £30,000 a year. But with a new energy-efficient heating system and new cellar cooling they hope to save £18,000 on energy bills this year – and they are now holding fitness classes in the once-cold concert room – bringing in extra revenue.

Club Secretary Phil Cooper (pictured right) said: "When I became Club Secretary in 2007 overheads were way too high compared to income, which had dropped significantly since the smoking ban came into force. We had to make redundancies, finish leases where possible and basically made cuts everywhere.

"We were looking at our energy usage but we had boilers under five years old and were reluctant to mothball them. But then last year we had a leak in our old cast-iron pipes and knew we had to do something.

"We had met Baly Shiel from Envtec at the Blackpool Beer & Trades Exhibition so we asked her to visit us. She came and explained everything regarding electric v gas; she invited me and the committee to another



club where Envtec had already installed a brand new energy-efficient system and we were all very impressed with it. After submission to the Carbon Trust we were offered a loan and received funding for the main part of the club, so we agreed to have the system installed.

"Since the new heating and cellar coolers have been installed we are now very happy to use the concert room during the week for

small groups as the cost of heating the room is minimal. It used to take at least an hour before use but now it only takes seven minutes to heat the room and we have attracted such activities as sequence dancing, a slimming club, and bokwa, the latest fitness dance craze, in a room that was shut midweek."

Phil's happy to share his experience. You can ring him on 0114 2311130 or visit their website at www.wadsleybridgewmc.co.uk

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'Better cover and cheaper'

Times are hard and every penny counts but you shouldn't cut corners when making important financial purchases such as club insurance. That's the view of most people including Bob Rumble, the Secretary of Stopsley WMC in Luton, who was delighted by his recent experience with CIU Insurance Services



Andy Kitchener

"I arranged an appointment for Andy Kitchener of CIU Insurance Services to meet me at the club one evening," said Bob. "Andy was able to give me a quote there and then that not only provided better cover, but also was considerably cheaper than we had been paying previously. I couldn't believe how simple the whole process was, and have no hesitation in recommending other clubs to give CIU Insurance Services a try"

Stopsley WMC is a proud club with a long and distinguished history. Originally just a wooden hut in 1946, a new brick-and-stone club opened in 1957 and was subsequently extended over the years. Footballer Bruce Rioch opened the new function room in 1972, which has attracted such acts as The Tremeloes, Merseybeats, and Mud.

Andy Kitchener said: "I am delighted we were able to play our part in cutting costs, while at the same time providing the high levels of cover and service CIU clubs expect and deserve"

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Govt to abandon VAT on machines

The Government have listened to the views of clubs and their suppliers and have decided to exempt income from VAT on gaming machines.

After a review they have confirmed that from February 2013 as well as exempting income from gaming machines from VAT, they intend to replace Amusement Machine Licence Duty (AML) with Machine Games Duty (MGD). It will apply to any machine where the player inserts a stake into a machine in the hope of winning a cash prize.

Chris Haley, Managing Director of the Union's recommended club machine suppliers Dransfields, said change was inevitable given the amount of VAT that the Treasury was losing through legal challenges. "The Rank/Linneweber fiscal neutrality challenges alone amount to tens of millions of pounds in potential lost VAT revenue – although the Revenue continue to dispute the cases," he said.

"I am broadly in favour of the new tax especially as the Government listened to our concerns surrounding B3A and agreed to exempt the product from MGD. This demonstrates that the Treasury understands the unique position that not-for-profit clubs, owned by their members,

hold within the communities in which they are based and that the tax-free B3A machine provides a much-needed source of revenue for struggling clubs.

"I also think that the removal of the disproportionate licence duty charge of £2,185 per annum on jackpot B4 machines will assist clubs as this enormous cost is incurred regardless of how well the machine to which it relates actually performs.

"Under MGD, the tax will be progressive and will be cashbox-based – in other words the tax payable will be directly related to machine performance with lower-earning machines paying less; of course, the concern now is the rate at which MGD will be set and we won't know the rate until it is announced in the Budget in March."

Provided the tax is not punitive there should be an opportunity for clubs to increase the number of gaming machines in their premises as there will be no upfront licence fee to pay and they can choose to income share with their supplier rather than pay a fixed rental. The club has the chance to receive income without any cost (other than electricity and carpet!) The main issue will be potential non-recoverability of input tax relating to VAT-exempt supplies and this will require close

scrutiny.

For the wider gaming machine industry there are some major concerns with the new tax. For example at the moment all machines other than Category D (such as are found in seaside arcades)

will pay the same rate of tax. While it will please the bookmakers that their high earning £100-per-spin machines will pay the same rate of tax as a not-for-profit club, it is clearly not equitable and we expect to see some pressure for the Treasury to think again on MGD bandings.



"WE TOLD YOU FIRST"

Last year I challenged a top executive to a public debate on whether Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) are fit for purpose.

This was based on the billions of pounds in tax they let big business off by the shake of a hand and the inefficient and monstrous way they treat our clubs and their members. Needless to say HMRC did not rise to the challenge.

Lo and behold, months later the papers state that the same question is being asked in the halls of Westminster. Then on Radio 4 Nick Clegg tries to put the blame for these losses on hordes of highly qualified accountants acting for big industry.

That simply does not wash. If all the reports from many sources are true the giveaway of up to £25 billion was done over the heads of HMRC staff – who were diligently chasing the money due – by the HMRC supremo Dave Hartnett who spoke on the record with disregard for his staff, small business and individual taxpayers. He was equally vociferous on the need to support big business. Mr Hartnett has agreed to retire in the summer but his legacy lives on.

The Deputy PM wants to look at the law and the blatant disregard for it shown by the Government's own top brass rather than blame professional accountants whose function is to legally minimise the tax bills of their employers or clients – there is nothing wrong with that.

I reiterate my challenge for a face-to-face public debate in the sure knowledge that, unless Mr Hartnett's regime has been disbanded, it will once again be totally ignored.

Barry Slasberg
Kingsley Park WMC
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~ Closing date for entries: March 31, 2012 ~

I certify that the team members are at least 18 years old, they are members of this club and hold Associate Pass Cards for 2012 issued by this club. I enclose a cheque for £10 made payable to Powdene Publicity Ltd.

Date

Secretary

Secretary's name (please print)

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and TV & Films rounds – so there are at least six prizes to be won between a maximum of 20 teams

In addition our popular spot prizes, usually bottles of spirits, go to the person with the closest guess to such cheeky questions as "How many years did the writer Georges Simenon say it took him to sleep with 10,000 women?"

The quiz begins in Blackpool on Thursday, April 12, on the eve of the CIU Conference, with the North West regional final, which is co-sponsored by The Co-operative Bank. Other finals are likely to be held in Surrey, South Wales, the Midlands, Yorkshire and the North East.

For further information ring

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• Georges Simenon slept with his first woman at 13 and 64 years later, at the age of 77, he reckoned he'd reached number 10,000.



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HOW TO USE CCTV IN DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

Clubs can use closed circuit TV (CCTV) images as part of a disciplinary procedure - provided they follow the right procedures. Follow and document the procedure below and you will ensure that your club complies with the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA), the CCTV Code of Practice and other relevant legislation and demonstrate that the club has taken all steps possible to protect the personal information of anyone captured by CCTV footage.

By Andrew Dane

The approved procedure is as follows:

1. Acknowledge that the club does have CCTV in place, with appropriate signage. State that the function of the CCTV is to prevent crime and protect public safety. Remind the staff that the use of CCTV in disciplinary proceedings is referred to in their employment contract and the employee handbook.
2. State that the CCTV allegedly caught an employee committing a disciplinary offence (which may also be deemed to be a criminal act) in the course of their employment. The CCTV footage may also show images of other staff not involved in the offence/crime.
3. State that the club wishes to use the CCTV images in connection with the disciplinary proceedings against the staff members. The CCTV footage may also be made available to the police.
4. State that the club recognises that the CCTV images contain personal information and therefore to comply with the DPA they cannot be disclosed or released. However, section 35(2), DPA exempts the CCTV images from the non-disclosure provisions of the DPA where they are used for the purposes of, or in connection with, legal proceedings.
5. State that in the opinion of the club the disciplinary proceedings constitute legal proceedings in the light of the alleged criminal activity, and therefore the proposed use of the images in connection with the disciplinary proceedings is exempt from the non-disclosure provisions of the DPA.
6. State that the staff member will be given a chance to view the CCTV images and to fully explain and/or challenge their content.
7. Where relevant, state that the club has investigated the possibility of obscuring the images of other staff members, and whether or not

EMPLOYMENT LAW QUIZ

QUESTION 1

What data does the Data Protection Act apply to? Are videos, CCTV and emails covered?

- a) None or some of the above?
- b) All of the above?

QUESTION 2

Where can guidance and assistance on interpretation of the Data Protection Act be found?

- a) The website of the Information Commissioner?
- b) Local authority website?

QUESTION 3

Does a member of your club's staff, during disciplinary proceedings, have the legal right to be given, or view, a copy of CCTV images?

- a) No
- b) Yes

QUESTION 4

If a staff member is allegedly caught committing a disciplinary offence (which may also be deemed to be a criminal act) could the CCTV footage be made available to the Police?

- A) Yes
- B) No

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this was possible. The obscuring of the identity of persons not relevant to the alleged misconduct should be attempted before the CCTV footage is shown to the staff member.

8. State that circulation of the images will be restricted to those attending the disciplinary meeting and those attending are covered by confidentiality provisions.

Clubs should ensure that they document the above process within their meeting notes before release of the CCTV images, otherwise they will breach the DPA.

Equality Act 2010

The 2010 Equality Act continues to cause difficulties in clubs so here's a reminder of what it does and doesn't say.

The Act allows clubs to restrict membership to certain characteristics but not others. It is acceptable to have a men-only club but if, like 99 per cent of our clubs, women are allowed to be members or guests they must be treated equally. It is no longer legal in these clubs to have men-only bars, cheaper but restricted membership for women or not to allow women on the Committee.

The Act sets out a list of what are called "protected characteristics" that cannot be used as means of discrimination. These are:

- age
- disability
- gender reassignment
- marriage and civil partnership
- pregnancy and maternity
- race
- religion or belief (or lack of belief)
- sex
- sexual orientation

It is still legal to offer different rates on grounds of age though there are proposals to stop this as well. Family membership is permitted provided it does not refer to husband and wife, or otherwise assume people are heterosexual.

If they have not done so already clubs need to:

- update their rules to remove all reference to gender;
- make procedures clear and open to eligible members regardless of gender;

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LAW QUIZ ANSWERS

1 ANSWER (b)

The Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) can apply to computerised and manual records, photographs, CCTV footage, mainframes, laptops, organisers, palm pilots, audio and video systems, telephone logging/surveillance systems, microfiche and microfilm.

The definition of data falling within the DPA is complex. It includes information:

- which is personal data relating to a living individual, and
- includes any expression of opinion about the individual and/or
- includes an indication of the intentions of the data controller or any other person in respect of the individual.

The individual must be identified from the data (or from the data and other information

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which is in the possession of the data controller).

2. ANSWER a)

The website of the Information Commissioner is the most comprehensive source for guidance as to good practice.

The Information Commissioner has published codes of practice, good practice notes, technical guidance notes and other guidance. The guidance evolves and develops over time to reflect new case law and the practical experience gained as the Data Protection Act 1998 is applied.

3. ANSWER b)

Yes; the staff member can legally be provided with, or view, a copy of the relevant CCTV images. Where relevant, state that the club has investigated the possibility of obscuring the images of other staff members, and whether or not this was possible. The obscuring of the identity of persons not relevant to the alleged

misconduct should be attempted prior to the CCTV footage being shown to the staff member concerned. State that the circulation of the images will be restricted to those attending the disciplinary hearing and those covered by confidentiality provisions.

4. ANSWER a)

Yes; if the CCTV evidence caught someone committing a disciplinary offence during the course of their employment that could be deemed to be a criminal offence. The club should recognise that the CCTV images contain personal information and therefore to comply with the DPA they cannot be disclosed or released. However, section 35(2) of the DPA exempts the CCTV images from the non-disclosure provisions of the DPA where they are used for the purposes of, or in connection with, criminal proceedings.

Dealing with the Equality Act

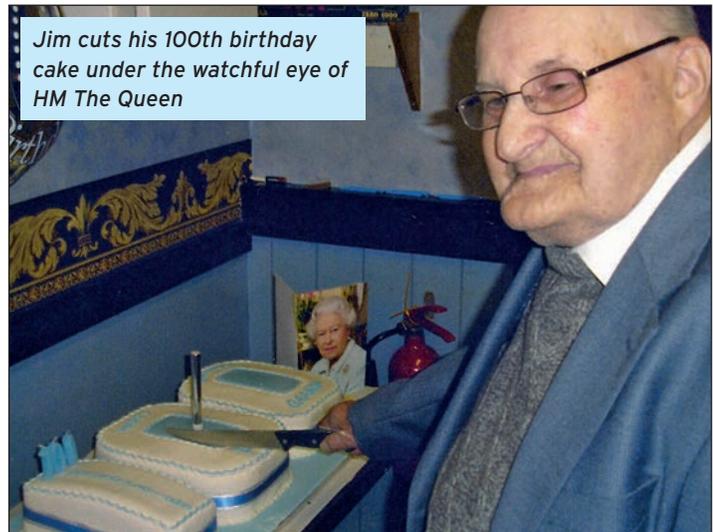
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- make subscription rates for members the same for men and women. It is still legal to offer different rates based on age but there are proposals to stop this.
- review all activities they organise on a male or female basis and ensure they can defend themselves and not contravene the Act.

It remains illegal to have a club that restricts membership because of the colour of people's skin though you can restrict by ethnic origin. The example given by the Home Office is: "The constitution of the Black Women's Culture Club states that membership is open to any woman whose national origins are in Africa or the Caribbean. This would be permitted because, even though colour is referred to in the name, it restricts membership based on ethnic origin rather than colour."

Home Office guidelines also state that "private clubs can treat men and women differently in any sport, game or activity of a competitive nature where the physical strength, stamina or physique of the average woman puts her at a disadvantage compared with the average man, or vice versa." You would think the Government would have better things to think about but this effectively gives the green light for clubs to have women's darts teams but not women's dominoes teams.

Jim cuts his 100th birthday cake under the watchful eye of HM The Queen



Former farmer Jim Stoker celebrated his 100th birthday the way he spends most afternoons – with a free pint next to the bar at Willington WMC in Co. Durham. The club has given Jim a free pint for life since his 90th birthday. As well as his free drink he has his own seat next to the bar with a framed photograph of himself.

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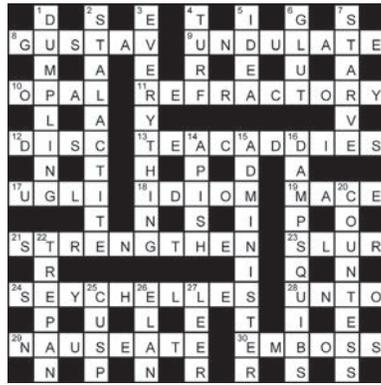
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- 10 Handy reading for foreign holidays? (6-4)
- 11 Where you write for a government unit? (6)
- 12 Height distribution has easily ended before the 9th. (8)
- 13 Query tram re-scheduling as a result of ornate woodwork. (9)
- 15 Leave out of my inclusive talk initially. (4)

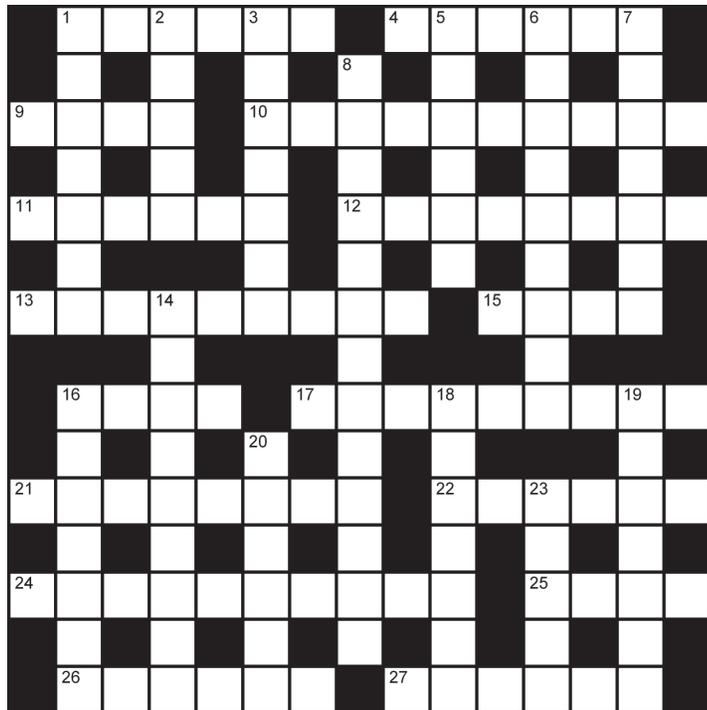
- 16 Fight with the beam. (4)
- 17 Domestic de-bugging programme. (9)
- 21 Boar's aim - to become beetle food. (8)
- 22 Not a single ticket seller is in. (3-3)
- 24 The kind of sauce you put on beefy fish? (3-7)
- 25 Reign with a straight edge? (4)
- 26 Put up with middlemen under poor management. (6)
- 27 Detestable overdose applied to bills. (6)

DOWN

- 1 Traumatizes tirelessly troubled Mandarin. (7)
- 2 Rubs out brochures in brown. (5)
- 3 Supreme court comes out with illogical split. (7)
- 5 Give out, just like a pointer. (6)
- 6 Mosaic, but oddly very

- small indeed. (9)
- 7 Subterranean plant part said to be the way to rent. (7)
- 8 Ever irritable, making it impossible to get back. (13)
- 14 Good, according to Orwell, when two-legs were bad. (9)
- 16 UHO? -unidentified human object. (7)
- 18 Do enemy harm by being wealthy. (7)
- 19 ...when there are four of you at court. (7)
- 20 Usurper quietly goes out to loan shark. (6)
- 23 Where to keep your six-pack from predator sots! (5)

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OBITUARIES

JOHN ALLEN

A former printer who wrote a popular weekly column about the Coventry CIU Games League has died at the age of 84.

John Allen was a printer at the Coventry Evening Telegraph for more than 30 years but after he took early retirement he began to write about the CIU League, in which he represented Cheylesmore Club.

The column featured in the Sporting Pink, Midweek Pink and later in the main Telegraph editions over 20 years, and John also supplied a series of fond profiles of the city's clubs and the characters that he found so fascinating.

RICHIE CARR

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TELEPHONE: (0116) 262 0181
262 5404 (Evenings) - CIU Affiliated

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

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(01923) 236687

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email: secretarywsc@btconnect.com
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Tel: (01604) 456 602 www.stjameswmc.co.uk

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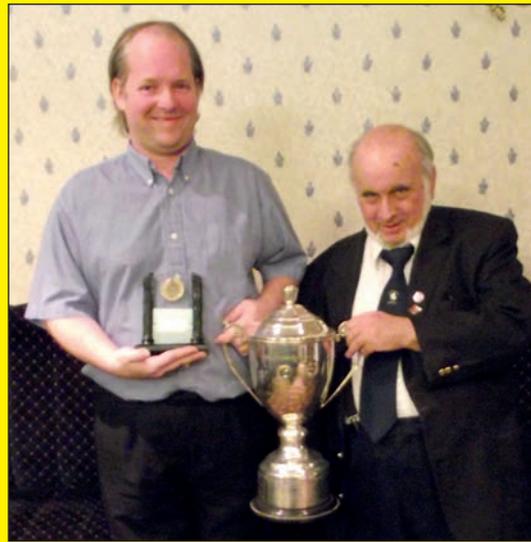
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save the courses any work. To register your club as a member of the CIU Racing Club ring **Jean Garrett** on (0191) 2650040. As well as receiving regular updates and the full list of offers you will receive a free copy of Club Journal. Remember that 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)

10,000 take up our discounts

MORE than 10,000 club members took advantage of the cut price tickets negotiated by the CIU Racing Club last year, saving themselves thousands of pounds and bringing crowds to racecourses.

Once again Haydock Park on Merseyside was the most popular choice with our members, selling nearly 3,000 tickets. The success of the CIU National Charity Raceday at Wetherby attended by 1,516 members was enough to make Wetherby the second-most popular.

The top ten courses (with last year's placings in brackets) were:

1. Haydock	2871	(1)
2. Wetherby	1516	(3)
3. Chepstow	754	(4)
4. Ripon	659	(6)
5. York	613	(7)
6. Uttoxeter	588	(9)
7. Thirsk	361	(5)
8. Newbury	356	(-)
9. Aintree	299	(-)
10. Market Rasen	279.	(-)

- Thirsk Racecourse in North Yorkshire have a special offer for their Irish Day on Saturday, 19th May. For £10 the course is offering "Paddock and a Pint" which includes:
- entry to the Paddock Enclosure (normally £15)
- a pint of draught bitter or lager
- Saltburn House has again arranged some breaks that combine a stay at the CIU centre with visits to some local race meetings. Full details - page 7.

NORTHERN RACING - A DAY OUT FOR £10

Northern Racing, who operate Fighting Fifth and Ladies Day at Bath, Brighton, Chepstow, Ffos Newcastle; Midlands Grand Las, Fontwell, Great Yarmouth, National and Ladies Night at Hereford, Newcastle, Sedgefield, Uttoxeter; Welsh National Day and Uttoxeter Racecourses, are at Chepstow; the Eastern again offering their £10 across-Festival and Ladies Day at the-board deal for Grandstand Great Yarmouth, August & Paddock tickets throughout Festival at Brighton and the 2012. The offer applies to all Ladies Day fixtures at Fontwell meetings with certain and Ffos Las. To book fill in the exemptions such as Plate Day, form on this page.

Fixtures include:

Sun, Mar 4: Sedgefield	Sat, Mar 31: Uttoxeter	Chepstow
Mon, Mar 5: Hereford	Tues, Apr 3: Fontwell, Sedgefield	Sat, Mar 17: Ffos Las, Newcastle
Tues, Mar 6: Newcastle	Wed, Apr 4: Hereford	Wed, Mar 21: Hereford
Wed, Mar 7: Fontwell	Bank Holiday Monday, Apr 9:	Thur, Mar 22: Chepstow, Fontwell
Sat, Mar 10: Chepstow	Chepstow	Fri, Mar 23: Sedgefield
Sat, Mar 17: Ffos Las, Newcastle	Sat, Apr 14: Chepstow, Newcastle	Tues, Mar 27: Hereford
Sun, Apr 15: Ffos Las	Sun, Apr 20: Fontwell	Thur, Mar 29: Ffos Las, Newcastle
Wed, Mar 21: Hereford	Sun, Mar 4: Sedgefield	Fri, Mar 30: Newcastle
Thur, Mar 22: Chepstow, Fontwell	Mon, Mar 5: Hereford	Sat, Mar 31: Uttoxeter
Fri, Mar 23: Sedgefield	Tues, Mar 27: Hereford	Tues, Apr 3: Fontwell, Sedgefield
Tues, Mar 27: Hereford	Thur, Mar 29: Newcastle	Wed, Apr 4: Hereford
Thur, Mar 29: Ffos Las, Newcastle	Wed, Mar 7: Fontwell	Easter Monday, Apr 9: Chepstow, Yarmouth
Fri, Mar 30: Newcastle	Sat, Mar 10: Chepstow	

Race Discounts

NEWBURY: Saturday 3rd March.....	£12 (normally £16)
NEWBURY: Saturday 24th March.....	£12 (normally £16)
ASCOT: Sunday, 1st April.....	£12 (normally £18)
HAYDOCK: Saturday, 7th April.....	£11 (normally £20)
REDCAR: Easter Monday 9th April.....	£11 (normally £15)
NEWBURY: Saturday 21st April.....	£12 (normally £16)
HAYDOCK: Saturday, 28th April (Music night).....	£12 (normally £22)
ASCOT: Friday, 11th May (eve).....	£12 (normally £18)
ASCOT: Saturday, 12th May.....	£12 (normally £18)
HAYDOCK: Saturday, 12th May.....	£11 (normally £20)
THIRSK: Saturday, 12th May (eve).....	£12 (normally £15)
NEWBURY: Saturday 19th May.....	£16 (normally £20)
THIRSK: Saturday, 19th May Irish Day: Includes free pint.....	£10 (normally £15)
HAYDOCK: Saturday, 26th May.....	£12 (normally £22)
HAYDOCK: Friday, 1st June (eve).....	£11 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK: Saturday, 2nd June.....	£11 (normally £20)
BEVERLEY: Saturday 2nd June.....	£10 (normally £13)
REDCAR: Bank Holiday Monday 4th June Zetland Gold Cup Day.....	£11 (normally £15)

CIU Racing Club Booking Form

Number of tickets required (minimum 6) _____ Price per ticket £ _____

Racecourse _____ Date of meeting: _____

Cheque enclosed for £ _____

(Made payable to racecourse involved).

Club: _____

Club Address: _____

_____ Post code: _____

Contact Name: _____

Daytime telephone No: _____

Please send this booking form plus cheque (made payable to the appropriate racecourse) at least three weeks prior to meeting to: Jean Garrett, Club Journal, Unit 17, St. Peter's Wharf, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 1TZ.

Darts spurs club to best comeback since Lazarus



Durham Individual 5s and 3s champion M. Shield from Whitehill Tenants is pictured with Branch Executive member Derek Lumley and runner-up S. Sedman, also of Whitehill Tenants.

Adding to success

In the final of our National Dominoes 5s and 3s Championship at Alvaston & Crewton Mens Social in Derby on January 14 R Davis & T Brown of Braunstone Victoria, Leicester, defeated P Dance & I Millar of Sway Social Club, Hampshire.

The combined semi-finals and final of the National Cribbage Pairs Championship, also supported by John Smith's, will be played on Saturday, 4th February at Latimer Ward Conservative Club in Leicester, starting at 1pm. The competitors are: C Phillips/T Baker, Bexleyheath WM Club, SE Met; M Pollard/E Bishop, Rushden WMC, Northants; F Bailey/J

SPORTS SHORTS

Gratton, Abbey Hulton Sports & Social Club, North Staffs; A Mitchell/B Allen, Brookside Commercial Club, S Yorks.

The semi-finals of our National Team Snooker Championship, supported by John Smith's are: Buffs Social Club, Stockton-on-Tees v Poplar Social Club, Accrington on Saturday, 3 March at Doncaster Trades & Labour Club; Abertysswg WMC, South Wales v Greasbrough WMC, South Yorkshire on Saturday, February 18 at Longbridge Social Club, Birmingham. Both matches are over the best of seven frames and start at 1pm.

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Shaun and Duncan got a £30,000 loan and a £20,000 overdraft and gradually started to turn things around. As things have improved the club has extended its opening hours, paid off its loans and ploughed the extra revenue back into the club. Commenting on what a darts commentator might describe as "the best comeback since Lazarus" the Club Awards judges said: "Membership has grown by 10 per cent this year – against all odds."

The club's membership and takings have been boosted by the club's 11 darts teams and it has also been boosted by the presence of the world champion, who plays for the club when he can in the local superleague. Adrian went back to playing for the club in the autumn to sharpen up his game and said that although he got funny looks from people wondering what he was doing playing in a club he needed to be on his mettle as the standard of the league was so high.

It's paid off as Adrian, who has just turned 26, has become only the third player after Eric Bristow and his former mentor Phil Taylor to retain the world title. He originally had a career in football and was a promising



Picture: LawrenceLustig/PDC

World champion Adrian Lewis from Wolstanton Social Club was a promising goalkeeper for Crewe Alexandra.

goalkeeper with Crewe Alexandra before suffering a hand injury.

Instead he turned to darts and acquired his nickname "Jackpot" when he thought he had won \$75,000 in Las Vegas – but was unable to claim the prize because at 20, he was too young to gamble in the United States.

Adam comes out first

Adam Robinson from Stanhope Club came through six rounds of tough competition to become this year's



Durham Branch Pool Champion. He will now go on to compete in the National Championship.

Club Secretary Jim Creaser said: "We are very proud that Adam has won this prestigious county-wide competition. Our congratulations go to Adam and we wish him every success in the forthcoming national championship." Adam said he would like to thank the club for providing him with the opportunity.

He is pictured receiving the trophy from Branch President Colin Armstrong (right) and Branch Executive member David Walton.



Erith end up on top

Erith WMC came out on top in the Kent Bowls Championship winning the Singles and finishing first and second in the Pairs.

D. Roper (left) and M. Erridge, the winners of the Pairs, are pictured with Branch Executive member Ron Giles and Bowls Chairman Ron Newman (right) after beating club colleagues M.Naylor and P.Gavin. The Singles winner was E.Bishop, who beat A.Roberts of Plumstead Common WMC, while Naylor, Gavin and G. Naylor were also runners-up in the triples, which were won by R.Clark, K.Rutty and D. Tattsfield of North Heath Social Club. Among other results Erith B were Team Knockout Winners while Erith A were also Two Rink runners-up to Plumstead Common.