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NEC PLANS CHANGES **O THE CONSTITUTION**

The National Executive has examined the whole of the Union's Constitution and will be forwarding its ideas to Branches with a view to putting forward motions at Blackpool.

The Union's Constitution was written soon after its founding 150 years ago and needs to be updated to take account of such things as modern employment law – which in some cases supersedes the Constitution.

UNNECESSARY

"We have already slimmed down the National Executive - and reorganised it so all members of the NEC are involved in all aspects of Union business," said Union President George Dawson.

"Now we need to look at the whole way the Union is constituted."

Inside this issue Mr Dawson puts forward his view that the Union no longer needs a General Secretary. Responding to a letter from a member about the election of a new Secretary he writes: "It is quite clear that the position is now unnecessary as the Union has not had one since August 2011 and it has made its annual returns and fulfilled its other legal requirements with no difficulty."

The deadline for notices of motion is Tuesday, February 5 – 60 days before what will be the 150th Annual Conference, on Saturday, April

Don't panic

If your club is still operating gaming machines or other cash prize machines without being registered with the Revenue & Customs (HMRC) for Machine Games Duty (MGD) you are breaking the law. What you should do immediately is register with HMRC online via their website.

Failure to do so may result in a penalty being imposed and/or seizure of the club's machines. MGD is chargeable from 1st February 2013 and must be fully accounted for and paid to HMRC even if a club makes a later registration.

6. The Conference will again be preceded by the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition on Friday, April 5 at Blackpool Pleasure Beach.

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Saltburn House

Saltburn House closed its doors on January 31.

The National Executive voted that Union funds could no longer be used to subsidise the centre, which has sustained substantial losses for a number of years. Despite the best efforts of the staff, quest numbers had consistently fallen below 50% of capacity. A full report will follow in next month's Club Journal.

CORCA chief honoured

Philip Smith, the Chairman of the clubs umbrella group CORCA, and one of the architects of the new simpler and lower pricing deal with Sky, received the CBE in the New Year Honours List. Full Story -Page 4

Sky has reaffirmed its commitment to clubs through the simpler and lower pricing deal for clubs agreed last year. See Page 18



Pictured (left to right) at the museum are Dave Dinnie, Senior Curator Walter Ainscough, Club Treasurer Don Goodfellow, President William Bathgate and brass band member Sid Belshaw.

Mosley's trophy finds a new home

A piece of history has been handed over by a Doncaster club to a national museum.

Members of Woodlands Park Sports & Social Club travelled to Wigan to present the Sir Oswald Mosley Challenge Cup to the National Brass Band Archive.

The silver cup, which weighs 10lb was the first prize in a national brass band contest promoted by Mosley's New Party, which he founded in 1931. The following year he replaced it with the British Union of Fascists, best known for their thuggish supporters, the Blackshirts.

COMPLETELY BLACK

The contest was only held once and was won by the Brodsworth Colliery Band, who until they broke up in 1990 after the closure of the colliery, were based at Brodsworth Colliery WMC, which is now the Woodlands Park Club.

"We found the trophy up in what was the band room and it was completely black so it needed a good clean," said Club Secretary Dave Dinnie. "We thought it would be much more appreciated at the Archive."

The cup was valued at £50 in 1931 and is now thought to be worth at least £3,000.

Committee members at Leam Lane WMC in Gateshead are pictured with their award after being chosen as Membership Club of the Year at the Club Awards in Manchester. The judges said they were looking for a club which could show that it had increased membership significantly over the past 12 months and which was continuously striving to provide members with a safe and appealing place in which to socialise. "Leam Lane was a worthy winner with a steady flow of new members ensuring the continued, healthy future of the club as evidenced by its high turnover. With many local pub closures it has proved its value to

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the community and members by keeping its doors firmly open and welcoming both new and old members."

The club were unable to send any representatives to Manchester for the presentations but pictured with the award are: (back row, left to right) Bob Emmerson, John Brown, Paul Grant, Tony Reid, Albie Scott and Ian Ross. Front row: Matty Turner, Vice-chairman Alex Rayner, Secretary Joan Askew, Treasurer Frank Youngman and Chairman David O'Brien.

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+ SUPPORT



Darts player Steve Wanless has just scored an unusual double. First he clinched the Northumberland Branch darts title and was presented with the trophy by Branch President Alan Hardy and Secretary Dave Richardson.

A few weeks later the same two officials presented him with the Certificate of Merit for 10 years' service on the Committee at the Northern Social Club in Ashington.

Pictured (back row, left to right) are: Club Chairman Tom Hetherington, Vice-Chairman Ray Hocking, Branch Executive member Graham Swarbrick, National Executive member Sid Hicks, Club Secretary Davie Fish, Branch Executive members Rob Miller, Rob Yeats and Dennis



Wheadon, and Ian Davison from Heineken UK.

Front row: former Club Secretary Dick Atkinson, Alan Hardy, Steve Wanless and Dave Richardson.

Steve clinched the Branch darts championship at Bedlington Station WMC with a 4-1 win in the final over Arthur Dobey from Netherton Social Club.



Ray Robinson received his Certificate of Merit for 10 years' service to Westfield Social **Club in Newcastle** from Northumberland **Branch Secretary Dave Richardson watched** by Branch Executive member Peter Scorer.

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Club repays cancer unit



Pictured (left to right) are staff members Heidi Withall, Georgia Stamford, Shaun O'Halloran, Sue Brookman, Clare Foran, Jess Storey and Sophie Capel.

A South London club has raised £2,800 for cancer care after two members of staff were successfully treated for the disease.

Plumstead Radical Club started raising money in the autumn with a series of events after Steward Clare Foran and cleaner Sue Brookman were successfully treated at the Macmillan Brook Unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Woolwich.

The cheque was handed over by Club President Del Strong (left), Club Secretary Bob Charlton (centre) and Kent NEC member Roger Oake. An extra £100 was raised after the presentation. The club are also grateful for donations

of beer from Greene King, Carlsberg and Heineken.

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Help from Paradise



The Paradise WMC in Burnley has raised £1,300 for Help for Heroes with a series of events which concluded with a concert by vocal comedy duo Barricade. Wendy Singleton from the charity is pictured receiving a cheque from Secretary Geoff Hillam (left) and Club President David McGlynn.



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Thanks, Brother

It was a family affair when Brockley Social Club in South London celebrated 100 years' membership of the Union. For presenting Club Secretary Peter Baker with the Union's Centenary Certificate was his brother – South East Metropolitan Branch President Trevor Baker. Pictured (left to right) with the brothers at the centenary celebration are: Committee members Ashley D`Auvergne, Maureen Hunt, Emma Little, Terry Le Page (Club President) and Louise Hagan (half hidden) and National Executive member Roger Oake.



Other members of the Committee not on the photo are: Brian Field,

Wayne O`Dwyer, Christine Gwinell and Pauline Curtis.



John's big night



Committee member John Mountford received his Certificate of Merit for 10 years' service to Rugely Progressive Club in Staffordshire and he is pictured with his wife Doreen, and (left to right) Trustee Jim McKenry, President Geoff Brown and Secretary Glynis Payne.

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A new High

Denver already has a Mile High Social Club. Now it has been joined by Club 64, which opened on New Year's Eve and celebrates Amendment 64 to the Colorado State Constitution, which allows citizens the right to own and use pot in private premises.

CBE for clubs chief

Philip Smith, the Secretary of the Association of Conservative Clubs (ACC), has been appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire – the CBE – in the New Year Honours List. Philip (46) is Chairman of the clubs' group CORCA (Committee of Registered Clubs Associations), whose largest member is the CIU, and describes himself as a friend of all types of clubs. A recognised authority on private members' clubs, he is the editor of the Conservative Clubs Magazine and the author of Club Law & Management, published in 2008. He became Secretary of the ACC in 1999.

PARTY TREASURER

As a Conservative Party volunteer, he joined the Board of Finance in 1998 and became a Party Treasurer in 2003 - at that time being the youngest holder of this office. Philip is a member of his local Conservative Club at Farnham in Surrey and a regular visitor to clubs up and down the country. "During the past 25 years working for the ACC on a professional basis, and for the party on a voluntary one, I have witnessed much change," he said. "But one thing which has remained constant is the outstanding commitment of so many club officers and Committee members throughout the country and I see my honour as a reflection of the Conservative clubs' hard work and loval efforts.

"I have been extremely touched by the number of generous and kind messages I have received and am looking forward to the forthcoming year with renewed vigour and commitment."

Beware of snoopers

Clubs are warned to take care and sign guests in properly – as at least one council has been checking up by sending undercover officers to see if they can get served without being challenged. One club secretary has already been prosecuted by Blackpool Council, who have warned that others will follow. Officials from the council visited eight private clubs last year and were able to buy a drink without being signed in.

The Secretary of the first club to admit breaching its licence was given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £200 costs when he appeared before the town's magistrates. He told the court the club had put up clear notices telling people they must be members or must be signed in as guests, and had given staff extra training.

Council Cabinet member Gillian Campbell said: "We have been working closely with clubs to make sure that they stick to the terms of their licence agreement regarding serving alcohol to nonmembers."

HEINEKEN TAP INTO A GROWING MARKET SECTOR



CHOICE: Nobby Hall, Bar Chairman at The Welcome Club in Stanford Le Hope agrees with Heineken Regional Manager Tom Bowran (left) when he says being able to offer members a wide selection of different ales is a real benefit to business

Clubs up and down the country are benefiting from yet another business-building initiative launched last year by Heineken in the UK for all its free trade customers -Cask Orders, a monthly selection of popular regional and seasonal caskconditioned ales sourced from more than 20 local and national UK brewers.

Club committees can choose from a total of 42 cask ale brands on offer permanently through the new scheme and from 187 guest cask ales which are split into monthly groups of 17 'National and Regional Champions' - a range of classic national and regional cask ales that are available through Cask Orders throughout the year.

According to Nobby Hall, Bar Chairman at The Welcome Club in Stanford Le Hope in Essex, offering a range of cask ales has paid dividends.

"We started off with just one ale but soon found that



wasn't enough to attract our members' interest and sales dropped off - neither were just two, so we now have two permanent popular ales and a third from the Cask Orders range on a rotational basis.

"We always have a Brains ale and regularly offer the likes of Fullers London Pride, Caledonian's Deuchars, and some of the Theakston ales as well as seasonal and 'novelty' brews and those that sell well return to the bair every now and then. "We try and balance the choice, offering session ales as well as stronger tipples and we use the tasting notes supplied by Heineken to engage our drinkers in debate about the quality and flavour of their chosen pint. We also advertise what's on offer on chalkboards outside the entrance.

"We have quite a lot of competition from local pubs who have four or five cask ales at any one time, so it is of paramount importance that we serve up a top quality pint at the same time as offering a good choice on a regular basis.

"I would certainly recommend clubs give Cask Orders a try and watch their sales grow."

Peter Usher, Buying Group Director for Heineken UK says: "We are already one of the biggest and most active players in the cask sector, supporting the sale, distribution and dispense of over 375,000 barrels of cask ale per year.

"Cask Orders shows our ongoing commitment to

CHEERSI: Stewardess Pauline Jones makes sure members know what ales are available and when by displaying posters in hotspots around the club

promoting and maintaining draught beer quality and helping thousands of our customers tap into the profit opportunity that Britain's thirst for cask ales offers.

"Well-kept, well-presented cask conditioned beer provides clubs with a unique sales proposition and Cask Orders showcases a varied and exciting range of ales that will appeal to new and existing audiences alike.

"While the total UK beer market has declined by some 3.5%, cask ale sales grew by 2% in 2012 and with between seven and eight million cask ale drinkers out there, this is a market clubs cannot afford not to get into.

"The Cask Orders range is a mix of familiar and not so familiar names with a variety of flavours, strengths and appearances - in other words there is always something cask ale drinkers, both old and new, are just waiting to try and remember, this is the only drinking experience that cannot be replicated at home so it is a great way to increase footfall!

"If you haven't already, make sure you ask your Heineken Regional Manager for all the information if you think your club could benefit!"

Tom Bowran, Regional Manager for Heineken in the UK, says: "The Welcome Club is one of the biggest and most popular clubs in the Stanford Le Hope and Corringham area and have always been proactive in providing great brands and facilities for its members, but they never used to serve real ale, until Nobby and a few committee officials decided the club would benefit massively from introducing cask.

"Both the cellar and retail standards are very high on their priority list, and they serve a great pint. Pauline, the stewardess, takes great pride in keeping her cellar in immaculate condition, which is key for serving great real ale.

"She also makes good use of posters and point of sale materials in key hotspot areas of the club so that members are always aware of new ales available. This means all pumps get the attention and throughputs needed for a quality pint of cask ale."





QUALITY: The key to great cask ale is caring about your cellar

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Don't mess with electricity

Key points

. Ensure that workers know how to use the electrical equipment safely.

• Make sure enough sockets are available. Check that socket outlets are not overloaded by using unfused adaptors as this can cause fires.

• Ensure there are no trailing cables that can cause people to trip or fall.

 Switch off and unplug appliances before cleaning or adjusting them.

• Ensure everyone looks for electrical wires, cables or equipment near where they are going to work or any other hazard around the workplace.

• Make sure anyone working with electricity has sufficient skills, knowledge and experience to do so. Incorrectly wiring a plug is dangerous and can lead to fatal accidents or fires.

• Stop using equipment immediately if it appears to be faulty - have it checked by a competent person.

• Ensure any electrical equipment brought to work by employees, or any hired or borrowed, is suitable for use before using it and remains suitable by being maintained as necessary.

• The phrase often used in risk assessment: "so far as is reasonably practicable" means balancing the level of risk against the measures needed to control the risk in terms of money, time or trouble. The decision is weighted in favour of health and safety so that the measures are adopted unless they are grossly disproportionate.

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A 19-year-old man was recently electrocuted when he touched a refrigerated display cabinet in a café. The metalwork of the cabinet, which should have been safe to touch, was dangerously live at mains voltage because a 13A plug had been incorrectly refitted to the cabinet's main lead. As a Committee member you are responsible for the safety of everyone who visits the club but you can take simple measures to significantly reduce the risk of injury.

Even wiring a plug incorrectly can have serious consequences so you must ensure that your electrical installation and equipment is safe. Don't cut corners electrical installations must be installed and maintained by someone who has the necessary training, skills and experience to carry out the work safely.

What do I have to do?

You must ensure an assessment has been made of any electrical hazards, which covers: who could be harmed by them

- how the level of risk has been established

• the precautions taken to control that risk The risk assessment should take into consideration the type of electrical equipment used, the way in which it is used and the environment that it is used in.

You must make sure that the electrical installation and the electrical equipment is: · suitable for its intended use and the conditions in which it is operated only used for its intended purpose

In wet surroundings, unsuitable equipment can become live and make its surroundings live too. Fuses, circuit-breakers and other devices must be correctly rated for the circuit they protect. Isolators and fuse-box

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Burnley & Pendle Branch Secretary MICHAEL WOODVINE, a qualified electrician who was in charge of maintenance for a major vehicle parts manufacturer, offers some shocking advice.

cases should be kept closed and, if possible, locked.

Cables, plugs, sockets and fittings must be robust enough and adequately protected for the working environment. Ensure that machinery and equipment has an accessible switch or isolator to cut off the power quickly in an emergency.

Maintenance

You must make sure that electrical equipment and installations are maintained to prevent danger.

Users of electrical equipment, including portable appliances, should carry out visual checks.

Remove the equipment from use immediately and check it, repair it or replace it if:

the plug or connector is damaged

 the cable has been repaired with tape, is not secure, or internal wires are visible etc

burn marks or stains are present (suggesting overheating).

Visual checks are not usually necessary for small, battery-powered items, or for equipment that works from a mains-powered adaptor (laptops or cordless phones etc). However, the mains-powered adaptor for such equipment should be visually checked. Consider whether electrical equipment, including portable appliances, should be more formally inspected or tested by an electrician or other competent person. In this context, a competent person is someone who has the suitable training, skill, and knowledge for the task to be undertaken to prevent injury to themselves and others.

successfully completed electrical А apprenticeship, with some postapprenticeship experience, is one way of demonstrating technical competence for general electrical work. Repairs should only be carried out by a competent person,

Make arrangements for inspecting and testing fixed wiring installations. The circuits from the meter and consumer unit supplying light switches, sockets, wired-in equipment, (e.g. cookers, hairdryers) should be inspected regularly by a competent person so there is little chance of deterioration leading to danger.



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Fraud in a club

Rumours are always flying around clubs about someone being on the take. Just occasionally they're true and for that reason it is imperative for every club to have systems in place that both protect the innocent and deter or find very quickly the guilty.

The following is a brief summary of some of the major aspects of what is known as "internal control"; this will safeguard every club and enhance the reputation of management and staff among all club members.

CONTROLLING YOUR CASH

1. Cash in the hands of the Steward

Every month, at irregular times and without giving any warning to the Steward, his/ her cash should be counted by at least two members of the Committee. A basic essential is that all the cash should be taken into one room and counted in the presence of the Steward.

Make sure the Steward has been to the toilet if necessary before counting starts as one moment's absence invalidates the count. (If short the Committee members could be accused of taking the cash.)

The details of the count should be scheduled and signed by the Steward and Committee members present. They should be reported to the main Committee and minuted as such together with the Committee's decision as to any action required.

2. Cash in machines with registers

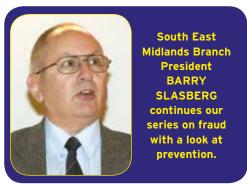
All machines under the control of the club should be emptied weekly. (Some machines are emptied by the suppliers and may be done at different intervals.) The cash should be reconciled with what should be in the machines according to the registers. The details should be recorded in a permanent record book showing the theoretical as well as the actual cash and this should be presented to the whole Committee to consider.

• Revenue & Customs also have an interest in these records where they concern B4 and other classes of machines subject to tax. If there is no reconciliation to meter readings they can raise an enforceable assessment and make the club pay.

3. Cash for tickets sold

Whether it be raffles, bingo, mini-tote, concert tickets or any other such items, it

Prevention by internal control is the best cure



should always be possible to confirm what cash should be paid over to the Committee each week by reference to the starting numbers and finishing numbers of the tickets for each event. Again, the details should be recorded in a permanent book for the Committee.

4. Members' subscriptions

After every session the amount of cash should be reconciled with the value of receipts issued for each session. Receipt books can be obtained from Branch offices. The reconciliation prepared by the Secretary/Treasurer should be double checked by a member of the finance committee and discrepancies reported to the main Committee.

5. Other cash receipts

It is always best to have a rota of Committee members to empty smaller machines, such as snooker meters. These are not high risk areas and it is inevitable that there will be minor errors from time to time. Such errors can be disregarded as a Committee member tearing around the club selling raffle tickets can be forgiven tearing off two strips instead of one or dropping the odd pound coin on the floor. Management should not waste time here but should be looking for patterns and considering major deficits.

CONTROLLING YOUR PAYMENTS

1. Wages

The Committee alone is responsible for staffing levels in the club. It should ensure time sheets provided are within those agreed guidelines, unless alterations are previously



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sanctioned and should also ensure that if Mickey and Minnie Mouse are on the payroll they are who they say they are. The Committee should also check to make sure the payroll is calculated in accordance with the time sheets.

2. Suppliers

The Secretary or Treasurer will most probably prepare payments for suppliers of both goods and services. They should be checked by that person for both delivery and price. All payments must be confirmed by the Committee (either finance or general) who should have before them the originals of all invoices and delivery notes where appropriate.. Cash payments should be kept to an absolute minimum and should always be backed up by a legitimate bill or receipt signed by the recipient.

CONTROLLING YOUR STOCK

Many clubs experiencing hard times and looking to cut costs do so by cutting out professional stock gaugers. This is a false economy. A regular professional stock check is of paramount importance. It highlights any deficiencies in the cellar and also protects the security and reputation of a good steward.

CONTROL YOUR FINANCES

The full Committee should be presented at every meeting with a full report of every transaction that has taken place since the previous meeting. This should show all payments and receipts to and from whatever source. These should be tied into movements on however many bank accounts the club has and there should be a reconciliation between the book balance of every bank account and the actual balance on the bank statement. For regularly used accounts it is usual for there to be a difference, but the difference should always have a valid reason. For instance, a bank deposit made through a carrier may take a few days to appear on a bank statement or a cheque sent may take some time to be presented.

All of the above and other areas are covered in more detail in the CIU's own Club Management Diploma. Every Committee member can do themselves nothing but good by enrolling so they can take on the job with confidence and enjoy the experience. Tightly controlling the finances will not stop the odd one-off event like the disappearance of a week's takings or a major stock deficit caused fraudulently. Details of every identified deficit should, however, be made available to the Committee for its consideration in timely fashion.

Why compromising on gas can ruin your beer

Beer Tips

- Beer is designed and brewed to be served at a specific temperature, pressure and mix of gas - the wrong gas can affect the presentation, the head, the taste, the mouth feel and the brightness and clarity of the beer.
- People drink with their eyes before it even touches your lips you have expectation of pleasure and the first few sips are the most intense. That's when the customer is already thinking - this is nice I'll order another!
- If a lager is bright, clear, properly dispensed, with the right head, in the right glass and there is a burr of condensation forming then it already tastes good before you drink it!
- Any more than the tiniest amount of oxygen in the keg or cask will sour and kill the beer stone dead
- Soft drinks also depend on pure carbonation - any contamination of the gas cylinder can taint and ruin the serving.

Clubs put so much effort into getting the atmosphere and the facilities right, keeping the place clean, selecting top quality beers to sell, and ensuring service is slick and efficient - why would they want to ruin the beer by having poor gas?

Beer is not just a liquid. Highly carbonated lagers for example can be one volume of liquid to 2.2 volumes of CO2. Gas is vitally important for beer quality. The same goes for carbonated soft drinks.

In fact, every beer and effervescent soft drink is designed to be served with the right pressure, mix and purity of gas. Get it wrong, you disappoint your members and they may decide to drink elsewhere. Get it right and you could have the best drinks in town.

From your club's point of view one cylinder may look pretty much like another. Buying gas from a non-approved or qualityaccredited supplier may appear to save a few pence. But it's quite the reverse.



People are beginning to recognise that you cannot cut corners with gas in the beer dispense process. And according to BOC Sureserve, the CIU's approved dispense gas supplier, you don't have to. Here's how you can maximise your sales ensuring you have high quality gas from a source you can trust.

Using poor quality gas or cylinders can lead to beers having inferior taste and presentation. Savings may also be quickly lost as fobbing due to poor gas mixtures can lead to beer being thrown away. Gas needs to be seen like any other food ingredient, beer leaves the brewery in good condition, but to be served right it needs to be properly handled in the club. Gas and cylinder quality, consistent gas mixtures and the correct gas pressure are vital for beers to have good appearance and taste. Leading brewers and trade associations agree that gas quality is the new arena where customer satisfaction and goodwill can be won or lost. It surely isn't worth compromising on gas quality when so much more is at stake.

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Dozens of CIU clubs have made huge savings thanks to the professional advice and expert implementation of brand new energy-saving equipment with the help of Envtec Services and funding from the Carbon Trust. Envtec are urging any Committee that are struggling to keep their club warm, have large energy bills or old heating, lighting and cellar cooling to contact them for a free energy survey.

"As the cold winter months set in so does the reality of ever-increasing energy bills," says Director Phil Towndrow. "Unfortunately many clubs struggle to keep their clubs comfortable during this vital period of the year meaning that old heating systems need to be on all day to be just warm enough for the evening's events."

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Anita Thompson polishes up the brass rails at the club. Below: One of the pub's side rooms has been turned into a smart snooker room.

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"The old pub had a terrible reputation and it

was a complete mess when we took it over," says Secretary Anne Harkness.

"It was always being visited by the police but now the only time we have the police is when they pop in to check that it's still open. People come in and they are absolutely amazed by the difference." Bob and Anne make a remarkable team, especially as neither of them drink, and given their over-riding commitment it's fortunate



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FTY PUB INTO THIS'

both their other halves are a part of the Committee which unusually for these parts is made up of four women and three men. Not only did the new team take over the pub but they inherited £30,000 of debts which the success of the club means they've been able to pay off steadily.

"We run the business like we would run our own homes," says Anne. "We pay all bills on a weekly basis leaving nothing outstanding." A selection of games keeps the club busy with darts, pool and dominoes on Monday nights, a racing club and a golf section. Emphasising its reputation for being a female-friendly establishment the club now has four women's and two men's darts teams, who play in a games room with red curtains, which has been nicknamed the boudoir.

It was in 2007 that the pub became available at the same time as the nearby Westbourne WMC became a private club and left the CIU.

"We were a bit dubious about taking on the pub," said Bob. The whole thing was just a mess, seats were slashed and springs were broken. All the ceilings were stained with nicotine and had to be painted. It's taken a lot of hard work but we've got it looking good again.

"People think it's a bit much driving people home in the minibus but we have a lot of old people and they wouldn't be able to come to the club otherwise.

"We're the kind of place where everybody knows everybody. If anybody's bad everybody knows about it and if you need any work doing someone at the club will know who can do it."

Steward Liz Robinson says all the staff pull together to make it a friendly place both to work and to drink. "Nearly all the staff

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like me came from the old club and it's like one big happy family, everybody helps each other."

Cleaner Anita Thompson worked for 12 years at the old club and has spent five years keeping the new club in tip-top condition. "When we moved in the pub was the pits, I've never seen anything like it. Now people come in and they find it amazing when they remember the rough place it used to be."

Northumberland Branch Secretary Dave Richardson is among those to be extremely impressed. He said: "This is a textbook case of how to run a club. They work as a team and they've done everything by the book." Secretary Anne Harkness in "the boudoir" with Chairman Bob Bone and (below) with (left to right) Northumberland Branch President Alan Hardy, Secretary Dave Richardson and National Executive member Sid Hicks.







Anne Harkness, Stewardess Liz Robinson (standing) and Anita Thompson are pictured with barmaids Sue Westerby, Gemma Parmley and Dot Newell.

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TV show is a Tad special

A team of club members from Yorkshire have taken on the country's top quiz team - TV's Eggheads.

The Tad Socialites from Tadcaster Social Club don't have a date for their show but have been told it will be shown in February or March. "We can't say much without giving the result away," said Club Steward Cliff Edwards, who was substitute. "It was a very exciting finish to the show with one of the two teams being victorious. "Some teams take the event very seriously, but that's just not The Tad Socialites' style. We did go with a plan and if the show isn't edited too aggressively, our plan is spelled out during the programme.

"Just about every category we didn't want came up and more or less in the order we least wanted. Presenter Dermot Murnaghan's closing words to our team were: 'Well, that was entertaining.'

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Anyone watching will enjoy the episode as will the entire nation, I'm sure. It was a laugh and a great day out.

"I'd like to say well done to the team and thanks to the production team and the Eggheads themselves."

Having to wear brightly-coloured shirts for Eggheads was not an issue for Cliff, who raised £100 at the club's New Year's Eve party by wearing a Borat-style mankini. Members enjoyed a recital of Rindecella, a spooneristic version of Cinderella by committee member Rod Allison who also ran the bingo, and were entertained by Mojo, who performed songs from the 50s to the present day.



Pictured (left to right) are: Cliff Edwards, Chris Page (Crispy), Rod Allison (Trotter), Club Chairman Vernon Coleman (Taffy) John Wilson (Jazzy John) and Terry Welsh, with Eggheads Dave Rainford, Pat Gibson, Barry Simmons, ClU champion Kevin Ashman from Ashford Road Club in Swindon, and Judith Keppel.



How dogma can ruin a country

People laugh when I say that it has cost £28bn in the last five years to try to stop people smoking but believe me, there is nothing to laugh about. Here's where the money has gone:

Total expenditure on NHS Stop Smoking Services last year was £88.2 million, £3.9 million more than in 2010/11 when it was £84.3 million.

A total of 816,444 people set a quit date through NHS Stop Smoking Services – up from 787, 527 the year before. Under half completed the four-week smoke-free

half completed the for period and fewer than 5 per cent went on to give up smoking – at a cost of £20,000

per smoker. Over

years we can soon see what a hefty figure that has become, nigh on £8bn per annum! So if we only afford two and a half years of this ridiculous ban with these figures we can see that £20bn has gone west without even scratching the surface of the true cost. Then, of course, we need to add all the other unemployment benefits due to those now laid idle by this ban.

RATE REBATES

Add to that the colossal amount of Council Tax rebates granted due to unemployment caused by the smoking ban and you might the Government short £56,160,000 every single year – and that's without all the smaller outlets!

Is anyone still doubting that figure of £28bn now? I can dig deeper and deeper into this financial cesspit if required...any takers? My club is starved of customers of a Saturday dinner time nowadays, yet my local MP cannot see why this should be when we have a room (with a bar and ample ventilation) sitting empty where smokers could enjoy the facilities the club should be allowed, under equal rights, to offer their

members!

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that Pfizer were fined \$60m

and corruption

PHIL JOHNSON OF SMOKERS JUSTICE gives a personal view on how much the smoking ban is costing the country.

just two years 1,604,071 people tried to stop smoking at a cost of £172.5m plus the cost of pharmaceuticals, which is £20 per week per person or £32m a week, making more than £1.6bn a year.

Away from all that medical "support" we can soon start adding up figures again for we know, courtesy of Paul Nuttall MEP, that every 10,000 newly unemployed people cost the Government £1.53m per week in Jobseekers Allowance alone. As as our hospitality sector has shred nigh on 200,000 jobs in the last five and a half start getting a glimmer of what this silly law is really costing this country.

Don't forget the 700-plus CIU clubs that have been graced with rebates due to loss of business (there is your absolute proof that smoking bans are NOT good for business!) and just to top things up a little more for the disbelievers, each major bingo hall (Gala, Rank, Mecca etc) that closes costs the Government £780,000 per annum in LOST revenue (bingo tax). A total of 72 major bingo outlets have closed in the past five years, which to my reckoning leaves over the past decade. I wonder how much smoking bans are truly worth to the big pharmaceutical companies? If you want to see what the good old days were like then order Ruth Cherrington's book "Not Just Beer and Bingo". It shows those with narrow minds just how this country used to flourish when people were accepted for what they were – human beings of all types.

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WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD

Dear Sir,

In my last letter (*Club Journal*, June) regarding incidents and comments from the April conference I finished by writing: "...hopefully, issues and



differences can be resolved so we can move forward in our Union." It is my opinion that the Union (which I understand means unity and democracy) has taken a huge step backwards regarding the delay in electing a General Secretary and the way they are treating the Durham Branch and its members.

Reading extracts from *Club Journal* I am of the opinion that the Union President George Dawson seems intent on taking on the role of General Secretary in the absence of one. If this is the case why the delay in holding an election? If Mr Dawson wants the position, he should resign from the Presidency and put his nomination forward for the ballot alongside any other CIU member interested in the position.

Regarding the Durham Branch why the underhanded approach to various people to fill the vacant seat on the National Executive? (following the retirement of former Branch Secretary Brian Young.) If it was to save time and money why was the runner-up in the last election not approached first. After all the position was previously filled following a proper ballot of member clubs. I cannot understand the way that the National Executive seem to be treating Durham CIU members who must make up a sizeable proportion of the Union's membership and income.

On a personal note I think the National Executive should get their act together and sort out the present situation in a fair and democratic way and unite our Union instead of trying to divide it.

John Franks Chilton & Windlestone WMC Durham Branch

President's response: I have never had any interest in taking the position of General Secretary. It is quite clear that the position is now unnecessary as the Union has not had one since August 2011 and it has made its annual returns and fulfilled its other legal requirements with no difficulty.

The position is not required, saving £46,000 per year salary and also expenses of over £27,000, going on the previous incumbent's last 10 months' expenses for 2010-11. There would also be a saving on National Insurance and pension Contributions.

Regarding the vacant position of NEC member for the Durham/ Cleveland electoral district, the NEC filled the position as they have the previous three vacancies in the last six years for other electoral districts so that position has not been picked out for any unusual or special treatment. For your information the Durham Branch accounts for approximately 10% of the membership of the Union. I would also like to respond to the other two letters. I am in total agreement that the smoking ban has had a devastating effect on clubs. I have witnessed this directly being a club secretary myself. Before the smoking ban my own club made surpluses each year and had money in the bank; in fact just before the smoking ban the club was looking to invest £30,000 for a rainy day. The effect of the smoking ban was felt within a month with bar sales down 35% from which we still have not recovered, and we no longer have any reserves.

As a smoker myself I take every opportunity to state the case with politicians for allowing some sort of indoor smoking and to tell them of the devastating effect of the ban for our clubs. I would concede that a minimum price would have very little effect if it did not come in tandem with the smoking issue being addressed. Even the minimum price – unless it is a ridiculously high figure – will not make supermarkets dearer than clubs but it may raise revenue for the Government via VAT that may plug the gap in revenues which HMRC may want from the hard pressed club sector.

Smoking ban did the real damage

Dear Sir

Union President George Dawson's remarks welcoming minimum pricing and his view that the Government are finally listening to the plight of our organisation is good news and shows the determination of the Union to get recognition for our clubs. However I found the statement that "since the Labour Government introduced the beer escalator in 2008 more than 5,800 pubs and clubs have closed" misleading. The real damage was done by the smoking ban, which led to the closure of 1,800 pubs and clubs in the first eighteen months after it was introduced on July 1, 2007. The Labour Government then hammered in the final nail in the coffin with the escalator and not a whimper or murmur was heard from the hundreds of MPs who had publicly promised us support in the election manifesto of 2005.

The campaign to have the smoking ban amended is as strong as ever but in my humble opinion the introduction of "minimum pricing" will not help us because the supermarket giants will keep selling booze cheaper than food. In Luton, one supermarket put up the price of essential food such as potatoes and vegetables three times in December but beer became cheaper.

The only way to stop our clubs closing is to have "indoor designated smoking rooms" with proper ventilation. How many times have we heard MPs saying "pubs and clubs are the heart of the community"? In The Sun this month Communities Minister Brandon Lewis admitted the industry is facing a tough time so if we have the "ear" of the Government I would like to believe it's an opportunity to ask those MPs who deserted us to make amends and support our campaign.

Sean Spillane High Town SC, Luton

You cannot be serious!

Dear Sir,

I cannot believe what I am reading in *Club Journal!* Why are the CIU backing "minimum pricing", a horse that will never go to post? This is David Cameron's dead duck. The day he announced his intentions the EU blasted the Scottish version straight down the toilet as illegal.

It interferes with competition laws and the EU won't have that at any price – there's too much foreign booze to be bought and sold! When it fails Cameron will, however, be able to say "Well at least I tried."

Having a minimum price (of say 45p per unit) will do absolutely nothing to reduce binge drinking and even less to restrict the sale of alcohol by supermarkets. The day to berate the supermarkets is long gone. While everyone else was mollycoddled into NOT objecting to the smoking ban the supermarkets positively welcomed it for it meant they sold more alcohol. The Government had done them the biggest favour they possibly could!

I was never a supermarket drinker until the smoking ban came in but now? Well, when you can get three bottles of decent red wine for a tenner what more could you wish for but one of them with Sunday dinner?

The CIU need to remove themselves from this idiotic proposal and concentrate on regaining one room per club for their best customers – the smokers!

Phil Johnson

Saffron Lane WMC, Leicester

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Tel: (020) 8892 6728 Email: rbltwickenham@hotmail. co.uk www.rbltwickenham.comli.com

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email: secretarywsc@btconnect.com For 15 min connection to WEMBLEY STADIUM.

Coach parties welcome.

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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

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WALES

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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) 2059 4004

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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.

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BEDWORTH EX-SERVICEMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB & INSTITUTE Rye Piece, Bedworth, Nr. Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Tel: (024) 7631 3236 Extends a warm welcome to all associates. Dedwards focilities tweatwe & Schwardsur, Bar 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.

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Coach parties apply to Secretary.

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

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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.

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Bun - said to offer Clare

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18 For easing hearts - and

damage. (6)

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Top trio, would you

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- 21 Technicians who talk a lot? (3-7)
- 24 Painter in a dire strait? (6)
- 25 Beastly one from card
- 26 Step onto platform and
- 27 Keen to dis-agree. (5)

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- together. (7) 4 Badly trained item given
- as part-X. (5-2) 5 Ironic twist about head of state's tooth. (7)
- 6 Ship's room, producing similar crystalline substances. (9)

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- say, given a new lease of life. (9) 14 Where to sit, pre-piste.
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- boat race. (7) 18 Big oboe is a few
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A19-A66 2 minutes. Redcar races, 10 minutes. Middlesbrough FC 5 minutes. Games Room, TV Lounge and Lounge. Live entertainment Saturday and Sunday. Disco 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.

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(0191) 416 0148 Why not visit our website at

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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 4UF (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.

Citv of York Tramways Employees'

 Club and Institute Club and Institute Mill Street (off Piccadilly), York YOI 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. Tolophone (2012) 2012 Telephone: (01904) 623 953.

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OBITUARIES

Sheila Caple

It is with great sadness that the Burnley & Pendle Branch announce the death of Sheila Caple at the age of 76. Sheila was the wife of former Branch Secretary Ronnie Caple, who has been a Branch official for 32 years including 10 as Secretary from 2001 to 2011.

Sheila was a strong supporter and friend of the Branch. She assisted Ronnie wherever she could and for quite a period ran the Branch Office when Ronnie was unable to attend due to his own medical problems. As well



as being a keen club member she visited many of the clubs in the Branch.

A loving mother and grandmother, Sheila was always thinking about other people, helping them and making them smile, even to the end where she had requested donations to a local hospice rather than flowers. She was married to Ronnie for 56 years. She will be a great loss but will be remembered kindly by all the people that had the pleasure of her company.

Terry Conning

Committee member Terry Conning, who served on the Committee at the Dorman Long United Athletic Club in Middlesbrough for more than 40 years, has died suddenly at the age of 75. A holder of the Long



Service Award he epitomised all that was good in club life. Up until two years ago, when his health began to fail, Terry attended the club 7 nights a week. He will be sadly missed.

Terry is pictured with Cleveland Branch Secretary Arthur Souter (left) after receiving his Long Service Award from Branch President Howard Instone.

John Nicholson

Acomb WMC in York regret to announce the death of their former Secretary John Nicholson at the age of 82. John became a member of the club in 1968 and joined the Management Committee in 1989. He took over as Secretary in 1991 and served till his retirement in 2004.

Current Secretary John Lane said: "I had the pleasure of serving under John for a number of years and he was always the gentlemen."

Condolences go to his widow

Audrey and his children Tony, Barry, Chris, Terry, Bev and Jane, Allan, Gary, and Lyn. The club

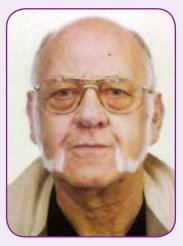
also wishes Lyn a speedy recovery from the brain haemorrhage she suffered before her father's death.



It is with regret that the Kings Own Old Comrades Club in Fleetwood announce the death of their Club President Tony Betty at the age of 72.

Tony served as a Committee member, Sports and Social Secretary and as President for 13 years.

He will be greatly missed by all his friends and by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Condolences go to his wife Ethel and all his family.

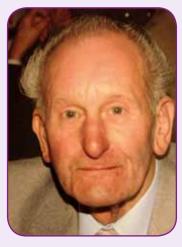


Ralph Overson

The Intake Social Club are sad to report the death of life member Ralph Overson, a founder member of the Doncaster Over-50s Snooker League.

A member of the club since 1969, Ralph did National Service with the Royal Artillery in Egypt and later worked as a driver for the removal firm Pickfords and as a bus driver and instructor. The snooker league was originally set up in the 1980s when the pits shut because in Ralph's words

"everyone was sat round doing nowt." As the years passed and



players died, it became the over-50s league and provided a chance to "pot a few balls, have a couple of pints and meet some lovely people."

Ralph's recollections were included in her recent book about working men's clubs Not Just Beer and Bingo! by author Ruth Cherrington, who has written a longer appreciation on the Club Historians website www.clubhistorians.co.uk.

"Ralph had so many good stories to tell and experiences to share and I only included some of what he told me in my book," she said. "He is there as one of the grand club characters, an ordinary person who loved going to the club."

Condolences go to his widow Rita and his family, who arranged a spray of flowers depicting number 48, his club membership number. There will now be a large empty space that Ralph used to occupy. He was simply an excellent club man.

CLUB NOTICES

Clubs Applying for Membership of the Union

The Persey Social Club, Whitehead Street, South Shields (Durham Branch)

Clubs Closed

East Bowling Unity Club (West Yorks. Branch) National Association Church & Oswaldtwistle Club (Manchester Branch) Ryecroft & Rawmarsh WM Club (South Yorks. Branch) Layton Institute Club (Manchester Branch)

Clubs Withdrawn

Betteshanger Social Welfare Club (Kent Branch)

Meltham & Meltham Mills Liberal Club **(Heavy Woollen Branch**)

Royston RBL Club Ltd (North West Met. Branch)

Long Eaton Silver Prize Band Social Club (Derbyshire Branch)

RBL Club (Salisbury) Ltd (Western Counties Branch)

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Accommodation to be agreed, bond required. Please send CV with references to: The Secretary, Daventry WMC, Unit 15, Abbey Retail Park, South Way, Daventry, Northants NN1 4GL

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Sky recently introduced a new agreement exclusively for clubs in Great Britain. In demonstration of their commitment to creating a pricing structure that allows clubs to benefit from live Sky Sports in their premises, Sky consulted extensively with CORCA and member clubs to offer clubs lower rates on their monthly subscription charge.

The new agreement has been designed with pricing and packages to better suit the business needs of clubs and to help make Sky more affordable to a greater number of clubs.

And if clubs sign up to Sky before the end of March, they'll get free At The Races for six months - with televised meets, expert analysis, tips and interviews throughout the day, it's a great way to entertain members, drive daytime trade and attract fans of horse racing.

The pricing for the new Clubs Agreement continues to be based on Rateable Value; a simplified banded structure has been introduced, however, with prices starting from as little as £100 (+ VAT) per month when taken with WiFi.

To find out more, call Sky's dedicated team on 08442 411 528 and quote CB6M TRA1.

• Our National Team Darts semi-finals will be held on 16 February at Penygraig Labour & Progressive Club between Mid Rhondda WMC and Aberavon Port Talbot Liberal Club; and on 23 February at Byker St Peter's Social Club in Newcastle between Newbold WMC, Chesterfield, and Bannockburn Miners Club, Stirling.



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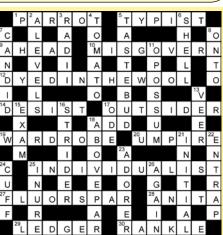
William Lough, King Street SC, Northumberland Thomas William Welsh, Old Benwell Village SC, Northumberland Clifford Casburn, Wilby WM Club, South East Midlands Christopher Alan Leggett, Higham Ferrers WM Club, South East Midlands

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CROSSWORD Solution

Congratulations to the five winners of our £10 Prize Crossword for January:

Jim McNamee of Fairfield WMC, Glasgow; Colin Darrington of Chapeltown WMC, Rotherham; Maureen Allison of Newton Aycliffe WMC, Co. Durham; John Anderson of Heaton RAOB, Newcastle; and John Carter of Hopetown WMC, Darlington.





THE CIU Racing Club uses the bulk buying power of our 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 anvone 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 (019

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.

A selection of offers are printed here. The full list has been sent to registered Racing Club members and can also be found on the CIU websi

(All offers Tattersalls unless stated otherwise)

Race **Discounts**

KELSO:Saturday, 2nd March	£9 (normally £13)
NEWBURY:Saturday, 2nd March	£12 (normally £16)
CARLISLE:Sunday 17th March	£10 (normally £15)
KELSO:Saturday, 23rd March	£9 (normally £13)
NEWBURY:Saturday, 23rd March	£12 (normally £16)
CARLISLE:Saturday 30th March	£10 (normally £15)
HAYDOCK:Saturday, 30th March	£11 (normally £20)
NEWBURY:Saturday, 20th April	£12 (normally £16)
HAYDOCK:Saturday, 27th April (eve)	£11 (normally £20)
LEICESTER: Saturday, 27th April	£9 (normally £16)
RIPON:Saturday, 27th April	£12 (normally £15)
HAYDOCK:Saturday, 11th May	£11 (normally £20)
NEWBURY:Saturday, 18th May	£16 (normally £20)
LEICESTER: Monday, 20th May (eve)	£7 (normally £12)
HAYDOCK: Saturday, 25th May	£12 (normally £22)
YORK:Saturday, 25th May	£16 (normally £20)
CARLISLE:Bank Holiday Monday, 27th M	ay £10 (normally £15)
LEICESTER:	
HAYDOCK:Friday, 7th June (eve)	•
HAYDOCK:Saturday, 8th June	£11 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK: Thursday, 13th June (eve)	£7.50 (normally £13)
YORK:Saturday, 15th June	
Macmillan charity d	lay £16 (normally £20)
LEICESTER: Thursday, 20th June (eve)	
NEWBURY:Tuesday, 25th June (eve)	
LEICESTER:	£7 (normally £12)
NEWBURY: Thursday, 4th July (eve)	
HAYDOCK:Friday, 5th July (eve)	-
HAYDOCK:Saturday, 6th July	
NEWBURY:Saturday, 20th July	
RIPON:Saturday, 20th July	-
LEICESTER: Wednesday, 24th July (eve)	-
CARLISLE: Sunday 28th July	£10 (normally £15)
LEICESTER: Wednesday, 31st July (eve)	£7 (normally £12)
NEWBURY:Sunday, 4th August	-
HAYDOCK:Saturday, 10th August	-
RIPON:Saturday, 17th August	
LEICESTER: Tuesday, 20th August (eve)	
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Haydock shows the way again

Haydock Park have again proved themselves top of the courses for CIU Racing Club members.

The Merseyside course attracted 2,666 bookings making them the most popular among our racegoers. The runaway success of the CIU Charity Raceday at Wetherby meant Wetherby retained second place after an amazing 1,584 Racing Club members attended the November meeting.

Northern Racing courses Chepstow, Uttoxeter, Bath, Hereford and Newcastle took up five of the top ten places. The company merged with Arena Leisure at the end of last year and so far the new company has not confirmed whether it will repeat its successful £10 across-the-board deal, which was arranged when Northern Racing's founder, Sir Stanley Clarke attended a CIU raceday at Newcastle in 2001.

The full top ten

(with last year's positions in brackets) was:

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- 1. Haydock 2,666 (1)
- 2. Wetherby 1,584 (2)
 - Thirsk 450 (7)
- 7. Leicester 253 (-)

Uttoxeter 277 (6)

- 8.
 - 9
- 5. York 283 (5)

3.

4.

- Bath 213 (-)
- Chepstow 340 (3)
- Hereford 164 (-) Newcastle 120 (-)
- 10.

Racing Club Booking Form

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

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