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2014 - A YEAR TO SEE ACTION ON OUR RATES

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Sam is pictured at the club with Sharon Osbourne after being reunited with her son Tommy. Full story – Page 7

Our club has The X-Factor

X-Factor winner Sam Bailey was greeted by massive crowds when she returned to the club in Leicester where she used to sing. She was joined on stage at Eyres Monsell WMC by mentor Sharon Osbourne as they performed a karaoke duet. Sharon Osbourne also wowed club members by pulling pints and kissing Sam's cousin, Entertainment Secretary Jamie Robinson.

Four join the NEC

There are four new faces on the National Executive following last month's elections.

Stephen Foster and George Smith defeated sitting candidates Colin Armstrong and David Walton in Durham and Cleveland while Doncaster Branch Secretary Dave Gravel beat Leeds Branch Secretary Martin Smith in Yorkshire. As we reported previously Chris O'Neill was unopposed in Kent and South East Met as were President George Dawson and Vice-president John Tobin. Profiles of new and departing members will feature next month. Results – Page 13.

Last year was a tough one but the Union hopes to build on the successes we had in 2013 to move forward in 2014 and see the Government back up its words with action.

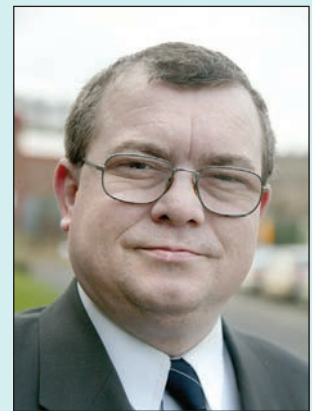
In 2013 we saw a triumph over the scandalous beer escalator and the successful introduction of Machine Games Duty; we need to follow this up by pressing home our case for mandatory rate relief.

Politicians often tell us about the value of our clubs to their communities; we have told them they should put their money where their mouth is and make a 60 per cent business rate relief for clubs mandatory – instead of councils having discretion as they have at the moment.

Last year saw Chancellor George Osborne finally bow to pressure from the Union and other bodies including CAMRA by scrapping the beer escalator, which ensured that the price of beer always rose above the rate of inflation. Many of our members were among the 109,000 people who signed a petition calling for its end and not only did the Chancellor abandon a planned 3p rise, he took 1p off a pint. We showed that we can play our part and work together with others in the on-trade industry to press home our case. As well as raising the profile of the combined clubs organisation CORCA we now need to continue co-operating with those working for pubs because, as the Government like to put it, we are all in this together.

When the motion calling for mandatory rate relief was passed at Blackpool we said it would be a long battle but we were not asking for handouts. We have always been self-supporting and would never want to be anything else. Instead, what we are seeking is a redress of the disproportionate and unfair burdens put on our clubs by recent governments.

The Chancellor has proved that Governments do sometimes listen. By pulling together we can make them keep listening and gain the treatment we deserve.



By **GEORGE DAWSON**
UNION PRESIDENT

Traditional victory

• George Dawson was a guest at the 21st Club Awards evening in Manchester where the Union sponsored the award for Traditional Club of the Year for the first time.

The award was shared between two Union clubs, Bloxwich Memorial near Walsall and North Ormesby WMC in Middlesbrough, and was presented by the President and TV personality Hazel Irvine. Full story – Page 7

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200 YEARS' SERVICE MARKED AT CLUBS



A total of 150 years of service has been marked at Haslington Cosey Club near Crewe.

North Staffs, South Cheshire & North Wales Branch Secretary Dan Capewell had what he described as the rare privilege of joining an elite group when he presented one of the Union's 50-year special service awards, as well as two 40-year Distinguished Service Awards and two 10-year Certificates of Merit.

Club Chairman Ken Vickers received the 50-year certificate while Trustees Alan Jones and Brian Porter received the Distinguished Service Awards.

"It was a privilege to attend such a special presentation evening where the club could give thanks to some hard-working Committee members," he said.

Pictured (left to right) are: Dan Capewell CMD, Brian Porter, Alan Jones, Ken Vickers, Committee member Eleanor Fisher and Club Secretary Malcolm Williams, who is also a member of the Branch Executive.

The club also presented bouquets to each of their wives and pictured with the award winners are: Margaret Porter, Maureen Jones, Alma Vickers and Denise Williams.

• Durham Branch Vice-president Eric Campbell and acting Branch Secretary George Smith also joined the elite group to present one of the Union's rare 50-year awards when they visited Spennymoor WMC to honour Treasurer Alan Bateman.

Alan served on the Committee for six years before becoming Treasurer, a post he has now held for the last 44 years. Club Secretary Gary Miller said: "Alan Bateman is an excellent Treasurer who has devoted his life to our club. His late wife Joan would have been so proud to see him receiving this certificate which I have been told is one of less than ten presented in the country each year."

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An award-winning pipe band were on hand to see Tyneside clubman John Alstead receive his Certificate of Merit.

John Alstead, a Committee member at Byker & St Peter's Social Club stepped in three years ago when the City of Newcastle Pipe Band lost their practice premises and offered them the use of the club.



The band has since gone from strength and strength and recently defeated pipe bands from all over Scotland by winning the title of Champions of Champions title at the Cowal Highland Gathering at Dunoon.

John is pictured with Northumberland Branch Secretary and National Executive member Sid Hicks.

BENIDORM? NO, IT'S HARTLEPOOL

Mayor turns social club into Neptune's bar

Three cancer charities are £1,000 better off after a North East club was transformed into Neptune's, the bar in the hit TV comedy Benidorm, in an evening organised by the Mayor of Hartlepool.

Seaton Carew Social Club was turned into a Spanish bar for the sell-out event and people dressed up in summer holiday clothes. Singer Shaun Foster Conley, who has appeared in the show, topped the bill and was supported by local singer, Missy D, while Radio Hartlepool's breakfast presenter Tommy Hall provided a Spanish-themed disco. The evening was organised by Hartlepool's Mayor, Coun, Stephen Akers-Belcher for the Mayor's Charity Fund. He said: "There was a great atmosphere with lots of people wearing their summer holiday attire.

"There was massive support for the event and I would like to thank everyone for their generosity."

Civic leaders from neighbouring councils and their consorts also got into the spirit of the event by dressing up in their holiday gear.

Mr Akers-Belcher's three chosen charities for the current municipal year are Macmillan Cancer Support, the Pansies Breast Cancer Support Group and the Denise Taylor Cancer Trust.

"The event raised £1,000 which takes the overall total for my three nominated charities to over £24,000," he said. "It was great to have Shaun Foster Conley to help recreate the fun atmosphere of Neptune's and I am so grateful to Missy D who was also very well received by the audience.

"It was also nice that some of my civic colleagues from neighbouring councils supported the event and got dressed up for the evening."

Until last year Hartlepool had an elected Mayor, Stewart Drummond, who had been the mascot for Hartlepool United FC, H'Angus the Monkey. He won his first election in 2002 after promising free bananas for school children and despite failing to honour this promise he went on to be re-elected twice more. In 2010 he was one of 25 mayors to reach the final of the World Mayor contest,

which was won by the Mayor of Mexico City, Marcelo Ebrard. Last year, Stephen filled the role of Ceremonial Mayor as Chairman of the Council and raised £40,000 for the Mayor's Charity. With £24,000 already raised he is well on the way to match that figure when his year of office ends in May.

At The Duple

Duple Club in Blackpool held a charity night in aid of Cancer Research. Club Secretary Stephen Higham presented a cheque for £900 to officials of the Fylde Coast Cancer Research.



These four revellers look like they're on a hen night but (below) turned out to be neighbouring civic leaders, Kath Nisbet of Northumberland County Council (second right) and her official consort Margaret Richardson (left), Carol Johnson, the Mayoress of Darlington; and Patricia Ridley; Mayoress of South Tyneside.



Hartlepool Ceremonial Mayor Councillor Stephen Akers-Belcher pictured with Shaun Foster Conley at the Benidorm night.

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Diaries give glimpse of the 30s

The Union's diaries have become longer and slimmer in 2014 but a South Yorkshire clubman has Union diaries from the 1930s when they were even shorter and fatter.

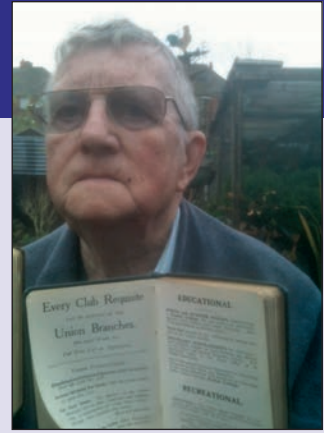
Keith Ainley, a former member of Ecclesfield WMC has acquired the diaries from a late member of the club and has had them valued by an auctioneer at between £400 and £500.

Like now the diaries give information about the composition of the Union – there were 2,700 clubs in 1935 with Manchester being the largest Branch with 281. There are also pictures of the Union Officers, President Bob Richardson, Vice-President Jack Thompson and General Secretary Bob Chapman, and management advice on such matters as suspending members and the duties of Committee members.

A couple of items giving a flavour of the times are an address book at the back with a column for telegraphic addresses and pages for entering cash accounts, The diary proudly lists "the 100 per centers" – those clubs where everyone buys a Pass Card, and lists a table of all the club members in public service; this list includes 119 MPs and 1,075 JPs as well as councillors and members of school boards.

A former slaughterman Keith has his own claim to be one of clubland's oldest visitors as he has been visiting clubs since 1936 – when he was a baby. His mother Alice was a barmaid at Smithywood Club in Sheffield and used to take him into the club and he went on to join the club at 18 when he was already with the Royal Army Service Corps.

"These are remarkable booklets and they are pieces of social history," he said. "I would love to see them given a good home in somewhere like a museum,"



Keith Ainley with a Union diary from 1936 – the year he first visited a club.

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Help arrives from Paradise

The Paradise Club in Burnley has raised more than £1,000 for Help for Heroes with a special concert.

Entertainment was provided by Rawkuss, a local classic rock band and money was also raised with a Name the Hero card and a giant raffle. Wendy Singleton from the charity is pictured receiving the cheque from Club President David McGlynn, watched by (left to right) Vice-president Yvette Johnson, Secretary Geoff Hillam and Stewardess Claire Payne.



Silence is grand gesture

Members at a club in Essex have raised more than £1,200 for two cancer charities with a variety of activities including a sponsored silence.

Ria Bejko-Cowlbeck, a member of the bar staff at Tyrrells Hall Club in Little Thurrock near Tilbury, came up with the original idea and she is pictured (left) with Club Secretary Lynn Childs in front of a poster thanking members for their efforts.

"Ria organised it all off her own back," said club member Lee Kennedy. "She works behind the bar and helps the stewards with managerial jobs as well. In between this she has three horses to care for. I don't know where she gets the time or energy.

"The money was raised with a sponsored silence for one of our louder members – which made more than £150 – raffles, guess the name of the bear and how many sweets in the jar, but mainly by shaking the collection tin under everyone's nose when they approached the bar."

• The Committee at Rushden Town Band Club in Northamptonshire donated £50 to club member Mandy Watts, after she carried out a tandem skydive to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Mandy, who works at a nursery, took a sponsorship form to the club where the Committee agreed she could ask members to sponsor her. She said: "it is our Charity of the Year and I wanted to raise as much as possible for a great cause".





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AMBASSADOR: Derek Tommo Thompson (pictured left with HEINEKEN Business Development Manager Peter Lawson) gives his tips



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Peter Lawson, the day was a great success. "We invited a number

WINNER: John Smith's is synonymous with horseracing

of clubs to the event and welcomed Derek 'Tommo' Thompson, presenter and commentator on horseracing for BBC Five Live and At The Races, to provide tips and advice to our betting guests.

"Derek is a great ambassador for the sport and also John Smith's on these occasions and he spent time chatting with our guests during the course of the day.

"Some of the players from Middlesbrough FC also joined us as part of our beer supply agreement at the

Riverside Stadium where John Smith's is among a number of our brands on sale.

"This is the third year running we have hosted events at Sedgefield Racecourse and traditionally more than 3,500 race lovers attend what is always an exciting and enjoyable meeting.

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Applications must be received by February 7 and due to limited space, places will be selected on a first-come first-served basis.



All applicants must hold the Union's Associate and Pass Cards. Further information and application forms available from Cath Fitzpatrick in the Leisure Department on 0207 226 0221 ext 238 or cfitzpatrick@wmciu.org Application forms are also available at www.wmciu.org.uk

School returns to Scarborough

The Union is returning to Scarborough, the jewel of the Yorkshire Coast, to hold another of its weekend schools.

The Club Law Weekend we held in November at the Esplanade Hotel proved very successful and we return next month for a school on Club Finance. Details are on the poster on this page.

Dates for the exams for the Club Management Diploma have been arranged as follows:

Club Law: Saturday, May 3

Club Accountancy: Saturday, May 10.

The Club Law and the Club Accountancy exams form the two sections of the Club Management Diploma. Anyone who passes both can have the letters CMD after their name and receive the Union's CMD certificate. John Moon (pictured), the long serving Secretary of Dartford WMC, was recently presented with a certificate for passing



EDUCATION
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the Accountancy Section. Anyone who obtains first place in either section will be presented with their Diploma by the Union President at the Annual Meeting in Blackpool.

The results of our draw to raise money for the Education Programme are on the opposite page.

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Union is champion of traditional values

The Union was pleased to be the official champion for the first time of the Traditional Club of the Year category at the 21st Club Awards, organised by our friends at Club Mirror.

The award was shared by two Union clubs, Bloxwich Memorial Club near Walsall and North Ormesby WMC in Middlesbrough. Bloxwich were unable to send representatives to the awards evening in Manchester but Union President George Dawson joined TV personality Hazel Irvine to present the distinctive award to the representatives from North Ormesby Club (left to right): Derek Loughborough, Steve Maloney and Martin Padgett.

"We're delighted to have won," said Martin. "We just believe in keeping things simple and keeping on improving the club. It's important to keep spending money to keep the club updated, it's the members' money, after all, and it should be spent on the club." The Awards judges said of North Ormesby: "North Ormesby Working Men's Club manages to combine traditional values with contemporary demands. This is a huge club with a huge turnover.

"Over the past three years the club has spent £700,000 on redeveloping and refurbishing its three bars, function room, concert room and games room. Entertainment has been stepped up with live groups on Saturdays, duos, trios and/or karaoke on Sundays plus a sell-out Show of the Month.

"Events are advertised through the website, social media and the local paper. The club has darts teams, snooker, billiards and dominoes and has found a rich revenue stream in catering for functions – it is booked solidly for weddings until 2015."

Commenting on Bloxwich Memorial Club the Judges said:

"At 102 years old and with 2,500 members, Bloxwich Memorial Working Men's Club continues to give its members - and now displaced pub goers - a reason to come through the doors.

"Big names from the local circuit play to sell out audiences, Joe Longthorne appeared in May and a large amateur boxing tournament saw over £8,000 taken over the bar in one day. The club has set up its website this year, promotes events through good links with the local press and radio, and keeps up traditional favourites such as bingo, darts and snooker."

• More coverage of the awards including King of Clubs winners Beechwood, Easterside & District Club, also from Middlesbrough, will feature in our next issue.

Grand Draw for Education Programme

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TV CATCHES X-CITEMENT

Eyres Monsell WMC in Leicester literally had The X-Factor when singer Sam Bailey and her mentor Sharon Osbourne paid a visit.

The pair appeared at the club in the run-up to the final of the talent show as all three semi-finalists made the traditional return to their home towns after the long spell away from home with the TV programme.

Sam (36) was welcomed enthusiastically at the club where she used to sing and performed a duet of "The Shoop Shoop Song" with Sharon Osbourne, who told club members: "I'm sorry I'm late we were a bit fogged in New York. I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your support for Sam."



X-Factor winner Sam Bailey in full voice and (right) her cousin Jamie Robinson gives Sharon Osbourne a kiss.



She then went behind the bar and pulled several pints for members, many of whom were taking pictures on their camera phones. Sam's cousin Jamie Robinson, who as Entertainment Secretary, gave her some of her earliest bookings, said: "It was a fantastic day. We only had a few days' notice from the X-Factor and we had to use wrist bands to control the numbers to a guest list of 280. We were only allowed to let 280 people into the concert room, it was absolutely rammed."

He added: "I can't believe that I got a kiss from Sharon Osbourne and that she poured me a pint. It was a good pint with a decent head, she can have a job behind the bar any time."



Sharon Osbourne pulls a pint.

Fraudster takes Christmas cash

Clubs have been warned not to hand over cash without identification after a fraudster tricked a club on the South Coast into giving her £2,500 of Christmas club cash.

The woman in her 20s went to the club during a wake and using the names of a legitimate saver and his daughter said she had been sent to collect her father's money. She was given the cash in two envelopes without supplying any identification.

A police spokesman said: "We would remind businesses and the general public to ensure identification is requested in situations like this. The woman involved must have links to the club because she knew the names of the member and daughter."

PLI – WHAT IT IS AND WHY YOUR CLUB NEEDS IT



Dale Phillips (centre) with colleagues Suzanne Kenney and Andy Kitchener

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

By Dale Phillips
CIU Insurance Services

Happy New Year and welcome to our new feature on types of insurance. We at Aon, the operators of CIU Insurance Services will try to remove all the jargon that sits around the different types of cover to help you and your club understand what it is and why it's important to have it. This first article is on Public Liability Insurance (PLI).

Accidents happen, despite your best efforts to avoid them. Public Liability provides cover against claims made by members of the public who have suffered injury in connection with your club; for example, a member or a guest might slip on a wet floor.

Why have Public Liability Insurance?

- **PLI doesn't just include cover on your premises.** For example, did you know you are likely to be covered if you accidentally damaged someone's property while you were in their office – for instance, visiting a supplier.

- A Public Liability claim can be made if any employee injures a club member or member of the public during their working day.

- Also if you are a supplier to a company or companies, such as being a corporate hospitality venue, they will often expect you to have Public Liability Insurance.

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Don't be frightened of the Confined Spaces Regulations

Even though Confined Spaces Legislation has been around for some time, many clubs have taken no action to comply with their duties under the regulations.

"Knowledge of Confined Spaces Regulations and what a club should do to comply is still surprisingly low across the country," says BOC Sureserve's CIU account manager Richard Nixon. "BOC Sureserve have been advising clubs on these issues for some time; we are always willing to provide advice and carry out the necessary risk assessment. If a club uses dispense gases then these regulations will apply".

The Confined Spaces Regulations came into force in 1998 and require a "suitable and sufficient" assessment to be made of the foreseeable safety hazards for a range of specified risks. The major risk for clubs is in the cellar, where the accidental release of dispense gas into the atmosphere could cause loss of consciousness or asphyxiation to anyone working in the area.

Below, we answer some of the questions that have been asked by clubs



Q. Is risk assessment a legal requirement?

Yes. The Confined Spaces Regulations 1997 together with the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations require that a "confined space" be suitably and sufficiently assessed for all specified risks that constitute a safety hazard to persons entering or working in the area.

Q. What are a club's duties under the legislation?

- Identify and assess specified risks;
- Devise a plan to reduce such risks;
- Create a safe system of work for all those who work in or have reason to enter the



BOC Sureserve's CIU Account Manager Richard Nixon (right) is pictured with Union Vice-President John Tobin at last year's CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition in Blackpool.

- confined space;
- Train all personnel who might enter the confined space;
 - Record risk assessment findings and actions and review at regular intervals;
 - Devise a recovery plan in the event of an incident.

Q. What are the consequences of non-compliance?

Failure to comply could result in the Environmental Health Officer applying a prohibition notice on the outlet, prosecution of the club and any insurance policy may be invalidated.

Q. Who carries out the risk assessment?

A competent person should carry out the assessment and it should be documented. Health and Safety Executive (HSE) guidance says a competent person is "someone with sufficient experience of, and familiarity with, the relevant processes, plant and equipment so that they understand the risks involved and can devise necessary precautions to meet the requirements of the Confined Spaces Regulations". This could be a steward

or club official, or better, an appointed expert, for example, a BOC Sureserve expert on dispense gas safety.

Q. Who will be monitoring compliance with the Confined Spaces Regulations?

Environmental Health Officers are responsible for checking that cellars are safe working environments and that all reasonable measures have been taken to comply with the requirements of health and safety legislation.

Q. How much does it cost?

With BOC Sureserve's Cellar Gas Management Service a full Confined Spaces risk assessment is carried out free of charge. If clubs are confident enough to do the assessment themselves, BOC Sureserve have a self-assessment pack for just £14.02. A full cellar assessment for confined spaces conducted by a BOC Sureserve expert will cost £140.18.

In conclusion, it's easy to sit back and adopt an "it couldn't happen to me" type of attitude. But it does happen; there have been a number of reported incidents at pubs and clubs in the past year where people have been taken to hospital as a result of asphyxiation. Why lapse into complacency and put the lives of your staff, friends, and family at risk when operating a safe cellar environment can be as easy as pulling a pint of beer?

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WHERE THE IRISH LEARNED



**Club Journal's
Featured Club of the Month:
Dewsbury Irish National
League Club**



Among the many framed rugby league shirts in the bar is the one worn by club member Francis Cummins on his England debut in 1995. Part of a family of distinguished players, his cousin Simon is on the club's Committee.

"Cead Mile Failte" or "One Hundred Thousand Welcomes" it says above the front door of this club – known to all as the "The Irish Nash" but it's welcomed a lot more people than that in a history that spans three centuries.

The club was started by Irish immigrants but they quickly adapted to the customs of West Yorkshire, so much so that the club remains a

hotbed for rugby league with 12 teams including a girls' team based at the club. So as well as a picture of club member Sgt John William Ormsby VC, the bar includes rugby shirts from the likes of England internationals Arthur Keegan and Francis Cummins.

The last year has seen a new chapter for the club with a new team at the top following the deaths of the "two Pats", Pat Halloran, President for 40 years and Pat Maguire, Secretary for 25 years. "There's no doubt that they will be a hard act to follow," said Club Secretary Norman Lyons, who has been joined by new President Tony Pepper.

"Pat Halloran was the driving force of this club for many years and we will miss his great knowledge and experience."

The club's original full name was the "Dewsbury Branch of the Irish National League of Great Britain and Ireland" and its origins go back to the potato famine of the 1840s, which saw the population of Ireland cut by a quarter. By 1851 more than 1,000 had settled in the Daw Green area of Dewsbury and by 1855 they had formed a Branch of The Irish Land League, which lobbied the British Government on behalf of the poor.

In 1897 there was a split over Home Rule so the Dewsbury Branch decided the best thing to do was to have a drink and talk about it, and the town's first Irish Nationalist club opened on 13th November, 1897 in two old buildings knocked together in the suburb of Westtown. The club has moved twice since but never more than a few yards from where it was founded.

HORSE AND JOCKEY

The new club was not only a popular meeting place, it was also a place of learning with its own reading rooms and staged political discussions, meetings of debating societies and musical evenings. With such a political background it's no surprise that the club has contributed nine Mayors to Dewsbury and its successor, Kirklees, which includes Huddersfield. The most recent was Tom O'Donovan, whose Mayor Making was attended by the Mayor of Limerick, his home town.

The club moved to new premises in 1928 after they took over the Horse and Jockey pub and renovated it at what was then the considerable sum of £1,500. It then moved to its current purpose-built premises in 1961.

The club is one of the few not to play bingo but concerts in the main bar are popular and the concert room, which has a kitchen off it, is let out to members for functions. The club still has links with the local St Paulinus Catholic Church, though you no longer need to be a Roman Catholic to be a member.

As well as the social club this is the base for the Dewsbury Celtic rugby team, who go back even further to 1879 and in the 1960s and 70s they were the country's most feared amateur team reaching the first round of the Challenge Cup on several occasions and giving the likes of Hull KR and Wigan a tough match. The club has been granted gold award status by the Rugby League something some professional sides don't have.



Pictured below the club's landmark Cead Mile Failte sign are Committee members (left to right): President Tony Pepper, Geoff Timms, Simon Cummins, Secretary Norman Lyons, Derek Irvin, Phil Chan and John Lynn.

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D RUGBY LEAGUE



The Dewsbury Celtic Open Age rugby team and (below) the club's girls' team.



After starting with Dewsbury Celtic Arthur Keegan played for Hull for 23 years and toured Australia and New Zealand with Great Britain. He was recently honoured by having a beer named after him – appropriately at 6.8 per cent, it was a strong one. Francis Cummins, part of a family that has contributed several players, has given the club the shirt he wore when he made his England debut against France in 1995. He later went on to play for the Ireland rugby league team, known as the Wolfhounds.

Other sporting stars to come from the club's membership include boxer Paddy Lyons and Champion Jockey Tommy Weston, who had two famous Derby wins on Sansovino and the legendary Hyperion – whose statue stands outside the Jockey Club in Newmarket. At 14 Tommy weighed only 4 stone giving him the nickname of the four-



This picture of John William Ormsby, who won the VC (above) at 19, hangs behind the club's main bar.



stone weakling. Such was his later fame that he became a friend of Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire and George Formby among others and always travelled in a chauffeur-driven limousine – but when he came back to his home town he always visited the Irish Nash and bought his friends a round of drinks.

Arguably the club's most distinguished member, however, was Sergeant John William Ormsby, who was awarded the VC in 1917 for defying machine gun fire to lead a company of men and capture a crucial village after the only surviving officer was wounded.

Historically the local newspaper the Dewsbury Reporter was a strong supporter of the Irish League and home rule, and another of the club's members is the paper's former Editor-in-Chief Danny Lockwood, who went on to found his own weekly, The Press, and a rugby league magazine, League Weekly. Something of a controversial figure he has been outspoken about the town's problems in assimilating a large Asian population, something he described in a book entitled "The Islamic Republic of Dewsbury" which described the town's "multi-cultural experiment."

These days the area of Westtown is largely populated by Asians, which has presented problems for the club as few of them have embraced local culture enough by developing a taste for beer or joining their local club.

This was clearly never an issue for the Irish immigrants though more than 100 years later Guinness is still the most popular drink here.

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club management

Computer policy can save you money

By **ROBERT THOMAS**
R.H. Jeffs & Rowe

Computers are being increasingly used in clubs and most Committees have procedures in place covering data back-up, virus protection, use of passwords and the acceptable and unacceptable use of the computer.

Few, however, give this area much attention, so it is advisable that the Committee periodically review their computer usage policy. **No club should be in a position where they have to say to the auditor or licensing authority: "We don't have any records or membership details for last year because the Secretary left and deleted all the files".**

Some of the more common problems can be avoided if a computer-literate member of the Committee oversees certain matters such as the regular back-up and off line storage of key data; this is certainly advisable where a new Secretary has been appointed. Some of the common problems we encounter are:

Online banking: The risks posed by electronic banking for individuals, charities and small businesses have been well publicised. Many have been defrauded by internal bookkeepers and administrators through the use of electronic banking facilities. The Payments Council (the body behind bank current account switching) came to an agreement with all banks and building societies in the UK, that they would provide "dual authorisation" of transactions online or by telephone before the end of 2013. This would mean clubs will have the option to make payments electronically but still have more than one person authorise the payment securely.

At the time of writing (December) this facility was not yet available so our recommendation is that the club continues to use cheques signed by two or more officers.

HM Revenue & Customs ID and password: The Revenue & Customs (HMRC) supplies online identifying codes to enable the club to file VAT returns, payroll under RTI and access other services. Without these codes the club is unable to file these returns leaving themselves open to hefty penalties. We frequently come across situations that on the departure of a Secretary the committee are unable to find these codes and when they contact HMRC the new Secretary is unable to pass the security checks.

Obtaining new codes and passwords can take a considerable amount of explanations and we have seen delays of up to three months in obtaining this information. To avoid this codes should be held by a person in addition to the Secretary, such as the Chairman, other officer or your accountants. We at Jeffs & Rowe currently hold more than 100 HMRC identity codes for our clients. This procedure can save the club both time and money.

Use of electronic mail: The club should have its own email address and all electronic correspondence to and from the club should be made using this address. The ability to send and receive correspondence will not be restricted as, with modern devices, email addresses can be accessed from remote locations and by more than one person. When communicating with members use the "contact group" or "bcc" commands, these functions keep members' contact details private. Do not use the "to" command. We have encountered a number of instances where disgruntled members have started a campaign against the club by using its own members' contact list. Without a computer usage policy there is little to stop officers and employees carrying out all kinds of bad practices. A few simple controls could save the club money and time as well as reducing the risk of its reputation being tarnished.

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Zero-hours? Zero Problem

By **Andrew Dane -
The Business Medic**

A zero-hours contract is a Contract of Employment which, while meeting the requirements of the Employment Rights Act 1996 by providing a written statement of the terms and conditions of employment, contains provisions which creates an "on-call" arrangement between the club and its staff.

It does not oblige the club to provide work for its staff, nor does it oblige the staff to accept the work offered. The member of staff agrees to be available for work as and when required, so that no particular hours or times of work are specified. The members of the club's staff are expected to be on call and receive payment only for hours worked. Zero-hours contracts may be ideal for some people who want occasional earnings and are able to be entirely flexible about when they work.

If zero-hours contracts are identified as the best option, clubs need to be clear about what type of arrangements will suit and what this means in terms of their responsibilities as an employer and the employment rights of the staff that are engaged in this way.

Because "zero-hours contract" does not have a specific meaning in law, it is important for clubs to ensure that written contracts contain provisions setting out the status, rights and obligations of any zero-hours staff.

Research among more than 2,500 workers by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development has revealed that zero-hours employees are more likely to be satisfied with their work-life balance than other staff, regardless of the contract type.

The use of zero-hours contracts had been around for years before they were demonised, got on to the political agenda and took the usual (unjustified) ritual hammering by some elements of the media. Careful consideration needs to be given, however, by any club contemplating the use of zero-hours contracts. The main reason for the use of zero-hours contracts being highly criticised, is not the use of zero-hours contracts themselves but poor management.

Properly managed, zero-hours contracts will, in the right circumstances, be of immense benefit both the club and its staff.

This article is not intended to be a substitute of professional advice. If your club is contemplating the use of zero-hours contracts, speak to your Branch Secretary first.

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Let the Union invest in clubs

Dear Sir

At a recent meeting of the Birmingham & District Club Officials Association we discussed a proposal from the West Midlands Branch titled



"Investments v Loans to Clubs". As a former bank manager and now an accountant I can see many merits in the proposal.

Investing money at the moment is not as good as it used to be. Stock markets are volatile, investment can go up as well as down and interest rates are extremely low. Only by leaving money for the long term is there a possibility of making the investment work for you. In essence investing these days is a gamble and I am sure that some of the money invested would be in companies which would offend members – such as Wonga. It begs the question: "Why should the CIU invest in an institution that is lending money and making a fortune, when we could be doing a similar sort of thing?"

Why not let club surplus funds work for the membership by assisting other clubs in their hour of need? Money is tight and lending restrictions by many of the banks and other financial institutions have been crippling cash flows and capital spends. The Union still has funds in the stock market so why shouldn't they lend them to clubs?

DUE DILIGENCE

Before lending to a club that had approached the Union for a loan it would have to ensure due diligence is undertaken and that the club is run properly.

The amounts lent could be relatively small or could be a fairly substantial amount.

Among the questions to be asked would be:

- Is the amount to be lent right for the purpose?
- Can the club adequately fund the repayments for the borrowing? There would be no point in lending to any club if there were insufficient takings generated to make any repayments.
- Will security be required? It could be a personal guarantee if a small amount or maybe a full legal charge over the property? Any security would need to be looked into carefully but if the property were security then should there be a default on the borrowing at least the Union would own it, rather than some unscrupulous lender who does not have the best interests of the club at heart. Security will, of course, be subject to legal completion and could be costly, but there could be peace of mind that the Union would be the end beneficiary should there ever be a problem.

Interest could be charged on any of the lending depending on whether it is fully secured, partially secured or maybe unsecured. This would be fixed at the time of negotiation.

Credit unions are setting up all over the place and even the Church of England is thinking of going down that road, so why shouldn't the CIU? I believe this is the way forward for a members Union to be thinking about helping its ailing members and clubs.

Yours faithfully

Howard Crow

Secretary

Stirchley United WMC, Birmingham

- The National Executive are keen to encourage a debate about this subject though a judgement will have to be made as to whether it is allowed under the Union's Rules.

ELECTION RESULTS

THE WORKING MEN'S CLUB AND INSTITUTE UNION LIMITED ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE FOR THE YEARS 2014 - 2015

THOSE ELECTED MARKED*

PRESIDENT

DAWSON, George AlexanderReturned Unopposed

VICE-PRESIDENT

TOBIN, John.....Returned Unopposed

1. SCOTTISH/NORTHUMBERLAND BRANCH CLUBS ELECTORAL DISTRICT

HICKS, Sidney.....Returned Unopposed

2. DURHAM/CLEVELAND BRANCH CLUBS ELECTORAL DISTRICT (TWO NEC)

ARMSTRONG, John Robert Colin 35

*FOSTER, Stephen..... 60

LONG, Dennis..... 13

*SMITH, George 53

SOUTER, Arthur Cecil..... 11

WALTON, David..... 23

WILKINSON, Eric, John..... 11

WRIGHT, Christopher 7

3. CUMBRIA/BURNLEY & PENDLE /MANCHESTER BRANCH CLUBS ELECTORAL DISTRICT

*BLAKELEY, Geoffrey 45

BROWN, Kenneth 27

4. YORK CITY/LEEDS/WAKEFIELD /DONCASTER BRANCH CLUBS ELECTORAL DISTRICT

*GRAVEL, David..... 44

SMITH, Martin..... 37

5. WEST YORKSHIRE/HEAVY WOOLLEN/SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH CLUBS ELECTORAL DISTRICT

*GREEN, Kenneth David..... 51

HOWROYD, Colin 17

LARKIN, Philip..... 2

SHARPE, George Howard..... 1

STENTON, David 4

6. NORTH STAFFS/WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH CLUBS ELECTORAL DISTRICT

CAPEWELL, Dan..... 16

*WHEWELL, Geoffrey 30

7. DERBYSHIRE/LEICESTERSHIRE BRANCH CLUBS ELECTORAL DISTRICT

BATCHELOR, John Dennis 6

*HARRIS, John Victor..... 14

8. WARWICKSHIRE/SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS BRANCH CLUBS ELECTORAL DISTRICT

GODDARD, CarolReturned Unopposed

9. NORTH WEST MET./NORTH EAST MET. BRANCH CLUBS ELECTORAL DISTRICT

BAKER, John CharlesReturned Unopposed

10. KENT/SOUTH EAST MET. BRANCH CLUBS ELECTORAL DISTRICT

O'NEILL, Christopher Unopposed

11. WESTERN COUNTIES/WESSEX BRANCH CLUBS ELECTORAL DISTRICT

BREWER, Mark Leo 20

*RUSSELL, Robert Andrew..... 24

12. SOUTH WALES/MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH CLUBS ELECTORAL DISTRICT

ROBERTS, KennethReturned Unopposed

Any advance on 105?

Dear Sir,

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Tom Ward
Secretary
Hunwick WMC
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- Brilliant - serve from the pack? (3)
- Talked in loco of one engaged. (6,3)
- Salvoes not back, so as to leave an ointment. (5)
- Old guy, said to be a hot spring, naturally. (6)
- Drown a problem first, and then upward? (6)
- Head of state has hammer for recession. (5)
- Last prowl taken for rough count. (5,4)
- Impatient side of gremlin. (3)

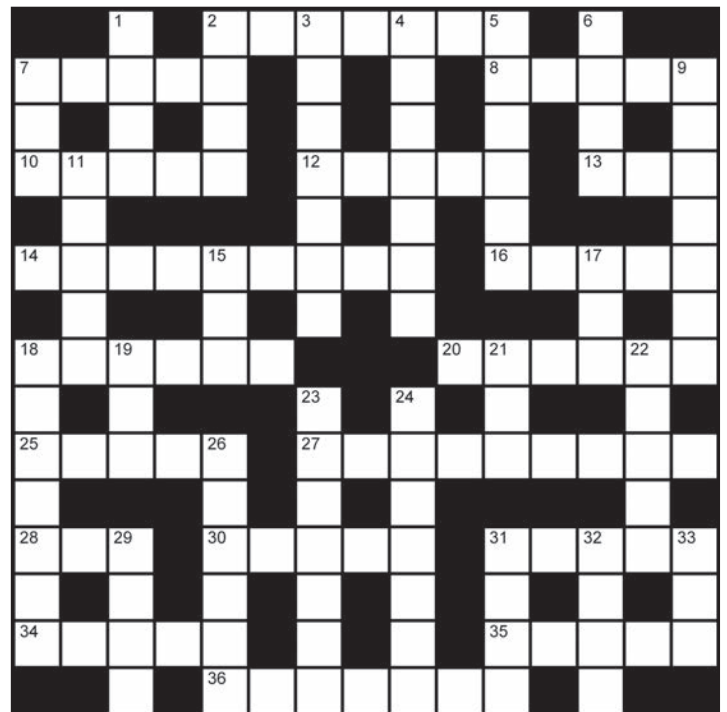
- Mates hurt with hot vapour. (5)
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- Omega, mutilated in the middle of the range. (5)
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DOWN

- Engrave, in wretched surroundings. (4)
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- Bring up to run true, somehow. (7)
- Old number cruncher found in a scuba set-up. (6)
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- Fish eggs laid in aero engines. (3)
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- Beekeeper has to

- scratch out a living. (3)
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- Here's looking at the answer, kid! (3)
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- The 30cm monarch? (5)
- Core said to have 'S' sense. (7)
- Voice quiver is a lot more of a mess... (7)
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and J.J. Galvin of New Studio Club, Bromley, Kent.



Soccer chief honours St John



Dennis St John (right) receives the Wilfred Sharp Shield from Bill Williams, the Chief Executive of Maidstone United Football Club.

Bill Williams, the Chief Executive of Maidstone United Football Club, was guest of honour as Kent's oldest club held its 77th annual games presentation.

The event at Maidstone WMC was attended by all the winners of the club's 17 Winter Games tournaments, seven memorial competitions and 12 open competitions. Each of the 36 champions received a trophy or clubs drinks and on the evening was presented with one of the Perpetual Shields or Cups kept on display in the club's trophy cabinets in the games lounge.

Pride of place went to Dennis St John, who for the second year running won the Wilfred Sharp Shield for the overall winner. Runner-up Rob Underwood was presented with the Percy Ansell Cup.

The evening finished with live music from duo New Legacy and a buffet as well as a big thank-you to Dennis Reed, the club's retiring Games Secretary, Club Secretary Brian Hickmott, Dave Hayman, Ken Pooter and Peter Turner. Ken and Peter will be taking over the reins as joint Games Secretaries.

The club was founded in 1870 and joined the Union in 1875.

OBITUARIES

Noel Woodall – Club Secretary and number plate pioneer



Noel Woodall with his own personalised plate, which he eventually sold for £4,000.

The death has been announced of Noel Woodall, who was Secretary of the Hotel & Apartments Social Club in Blackpool, and Britain's first dealer in personalised number plates.

Noel was born on Christmas Day in 1930 and served for three years in the RAF before returning to Blackpool and starting his own electrical company. His interest in number plates began in the early 60s when he saw a car with the number BB4 and after much research he discovered it belonged to a local bookmaker.

He found there were no books on the subject so wrote his own after he took out an advertisement in an RAF magazine and wrote to celebrities asking for information. It worked and he soon had enough information to publish his first book "Car Number Galaxy – Celebrities" though he had to pay £250 – about six months' wages – to publish it himself.

He coined the word "autonumerology" and in the book featured, among others, philosopher Bertrand Russell's brother Lord Russell, who queued overnight to buy the first British number plate A1, moustachioed Tory MP Sir Gerald Nabarro, who owned NAB1 to 5 (and later bought NAB6 to 10 from Noel) as well as stars such as Arthur Askey,

Norman Wisdom, George Formby and Harry Secombe, who used their initials on their plates.

His company Regtransfers is still running today – although Noel retired to run a shop and to serve the Hotel & Apartments Club in the 1970s –and current clients include Keith Harris (ORV1L), Ian Botham (B33 FYS – Beefy's) and Paul Daniels (MAG1C).

The Hotel & Apartments Club staged the first final of Club Journal's bar staff contest Star of the Bar in 1992 and Noel became part of our folklore when he explained to organiser John Trotter why there would be a halt in the evening's proceedings. "This is Blackpool," he said. "Even if Frank Sinatra was here singing 'My Way' he'd stop at twenty to ten for the bingo."

Such was Noel's fame that his death was featured in the Daily Telegraph and on Radio 4's obituary programme "Last Word."

Tony Bradley

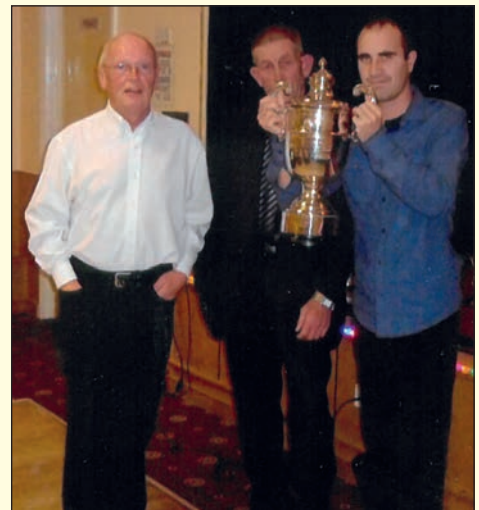
A popular club member and former steward, affectionately known as Papa Focka, has died at the age of 70.

Tony Bradley, a member of the bowling team at Sydney Street WMC in Accrington, was a former president of the Club Stewards Union and worked at the Dyers and Finishers WMC for 11 years.

He acquired his nickname because he loved holidays in Benidorm – where he and his wife used to rent an apartment near a bar called Focka 2. It was nicknamed Focka Towers and he got the name Papa Focka.

Club Secretary Brian McGeown said: "Tony was a life member of our club and a real good guy, who was well liked throughout Accrington and Blackburn. He would do anything for anybody and did a lot of charity work."

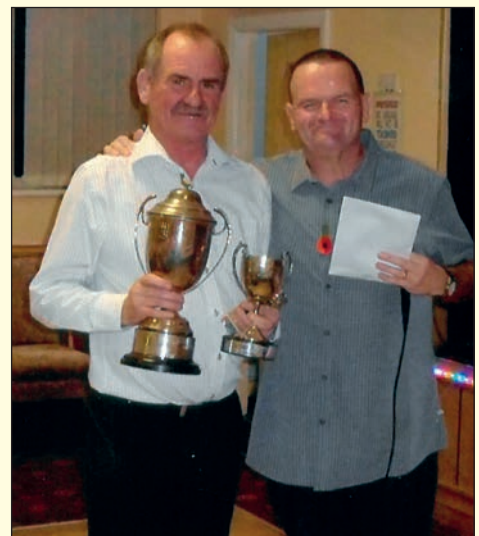
Tony was also a quizmaster and bingo caller and used to arrange all the Christmas parties at the sheltered accommodation where he lived.



Top flight evening

Durham Branch Executive member Cliff Lee visited New Durham Club for their annual Pigeon Presentation night. Pictured with him (top) are G. Carr and A. Bromley, who won the CIU Trophy from Lillers, and were also top flyers in the Pigeon Club.

J M Stephenson & J Atkinson (below) were first in the Durham Combine, Durham Central Fed and Carville Club from Bourges.



Race Discounts

(All offers Tattersalls unless stated otherwise)

UTTOXETER:..... Saturday 8th February	£10 (normally £20)	
HAYDOCK:	Saturday 15th February.....£11 (normally £20)	
CHEPSTOW:	Saturday 22nd February	£12 (normally £20)
KELSO:	Saturday 1st March	£11 (normally £18)
SEDGEFIELD:	Sunday 2nd March	£10 (normally £16)
CHEPSTOW:	Saturday 8th March.....	£12 (normally £20)
KELSO:	Saturday 22nd March.....	£9 (normally £15)
UTTOXETER:.....	Saturday 29th March.....	£10 (normally £20)
CHEPSTOW:	Saturday 5th April	£12 (normally £20)
THIRSK:.....	Saturday 12th April.....	£10 (normally £16)
SEDGEFIELD:	Wednesday 16th April (eve).....	£10 (normally £16)
HAYDOCK:	Saturday 19th April.....	£11 (normally £20)
CHEPSTOW:	Bank Holiday Monday 21st April	£12 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK:	Saturday 26th April.....	£11 (normally £20)
CHEPSTOW:	Friday 25th April (eve)	£12 (normally £20)
RIPON:.....	Saturday 26th April.....	£12 (normally £16)
THIRSK:.....	Saturday 3rd May.....	£10 (normally £16)
UTTOXETER:.....	Saturday 3rd May.....	£10 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK:	Saturday 10th May	£12 (normally £22)
THIRSK:.....	Saturday 10th May (eve).....	£10 (normally £14)
CHEPSTOW:	Wednesday 14th May (eve).....	£10 (normally £15)
THIRSK:.....	Saturday 17th May Irish Day	£10 (normally £16)
BEVERLEY:.....	Saturday 24th May	£11 (normally £13)
HAYDOCK:	Saturday 24th May	£12 (normally £22)
UTTOXETER:.....	Sunday 25th May	£10 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK:	Friday 30th May (eve).....	£11 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK:	Saturday 31st May	£11 (normally £20)
THIRSK:.....	Monday 23rd June (eve).....	£10 (normally £14)
UTTOXETER:.....	Sunday 29th June.....	£10 (normally £20)
CHEPSTOW:	Wednesday 2nd July (eve).....	£10 (normally £15)
HAYDOCK:	Friday 4th July (eve)	£11 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK:	Saturday 5th July.....	£12 (normally £22)
UTTOXETER:.....	Tuesday 8th July (eve)	£10 (normally £18)
THIRSK:.....	Tuesday 15th July (eve).....	£10 (normally £14)
RIPON:.....	Saturday 19th July.....	£12 (normally £16)
CHEPSTOW:	Friday 25th July (eve)	£12 (normally £20)
UTTOXETER:.....	Monday 28th July (eve)	£10 (normally £18)

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Stainsby and Smith lay another double



National Executive member John Harris presented the prizes and is pictured with the champions (right) and the runners-up.

Dominoes kings Colin Stainsby and Steve Smith have achieved yet another double. Last month we reported that they had won their ninth straight dominoes title since 2002 to go with their nine 5s and 3s titles but by the time we went to press they had made that ten. The combined 5s & 3s semi-finals and final were played at Latimer Ward Conservative Club in Leicester and saw Stainsby and Smith beat G Selby & T Medhurst from Christchurch NADS Club in Dorset 3-2 in the final.

The two losing semi-finalists were D Dormer & L Carr from Higham Ferrers Club in Northamptonshire and C Porter & C Edwards from Abbey Hulton Suburban Club, near Stoke-on-Trent.

• DEREK and the DOMIMOES: D. Dormer, of course, is former Union President Derek Dormer OBE, who at 87 remains a regular dominoes player.

Up the Hudson



Alan Hudson speaking at West Ewell Social Club.

West Ewell Social Club in Surrey held a very successful evening with Alan Hudson, the former Chelsea, Stoke City and England footballer, who provided a forthright and funny fund of anecdotes and views.

The evening was organised by his friend Martin Knight, who is a member of the club. "It attracted around 100 members on a Tuesday night when normally we'd be lucky to get a dozen,"

said Martin. "The bar takings were in excess of anything we'd imagined. Alan himself enjoyed the evening and is keen to do more so if any other clubs are interested they can ring me on 07871 522927.

"Alan divides himself between Stoke and London but is happy to travel and his rate is very affordable."

Part of the poster the club produced for the event.

Moor men hit their target

Shiremoor SC are the new Northumberland Branch team darts champions. Their team of T. Wright, T. Norton, B. Spowart and G. Faulkas beat Netherton SC 4-2 in the final, which was held at Camperdown SC and attended by Branch President Alan Hardy, Branch Secretary Dave Richardson and John Ball from sponsors Precision Energy Management Services.



The winning team with (left to right) John Ball, Dave Richardson and Alan Hardy.



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Prices for the first feature meeting of the year, the Tote Eider on February 22 are £15 for Grandstand & Paddock and £22 for the Premier Enclosure.

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