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ENGLAND EXPECTS A PACKED CLUB



We've raised £7,000

A high-flying Bedfordshire club has raised more than £7,000 to help their local Air Ambulance.

Members and Committee of The United Services Club in Dunstable raised money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance with a number of events which included naming the teddy bear, nearest coin to the bottle and various raffles. The club's main raffle had a top prize of £500 with other prizes donated by members and local companies. The main attraction was a charity night featuring comedy show band Triple Cream and X-Factor singer KT Star. Paul Bastiani, from the Air Ambulance, who told members that it costs £2,270 to take the helicopter on one flight, is pictured (centre), receiving an initial cheque for £6,500 from Club Chairman Brian Twiddy and Secretary Louise Lithgo. Later donations took the final total to £7,199.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all members and hope they continue to support the Club's Charity.

Union presses HMRC

The Union is continuing to press the tax authorities about repayment of VAT on gaming machines following the Government's Court of Appeal victory in the Linneweber case.

As well as writing to the Treasury Union President George Dawson has written to Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) urging them to delay demands of repayment until after the case has been finally decided by the Supreme Court. Some clubs have been told to take out a bank loan to repay the money they were given after an initial victory in the case.

The full text of the President's letter can be found on Page 12.

The World Cup kicks off in Brazil next week – and all clubs now have the opportunity to enjoy extra hours of trade after the Government extended opening hours for England's first two matches.

With England's opening game against Italy at Manaus on the Amazon starting at 11pm clubs faced the prospect of either having to obtain Temporary Event Notices (TENS) or closing after the start of the match. The Union was among the organisations to respond to a consultation ordered by the Prime Minister after The Home Office initially came out against a general extension.

Following the consultation a Government spokesman said: "The Government believes that England playing in the World Cup is an occasion of exceptional national significance. Clubs are responsibly managed environments and many people will wish to enjoy experiencing the atmosphere of the occasion with fellow football fans, as demonstrated by the enthusiasm of the majority of those who responded to the consultation."

Clubs can open till 1am on Saturday, June 14 when England play Italy and till midnight on Thursday, June 19 when they kick off against Uruguay at 8pm. The extension does not apply on June 24 when their match against Costa Rica kicks off at 5pm. If England progress then where matches kick off at 8pm or later clubs can open till four hours after kick-off or at the latest 1pm.

Head Office Manager Stephen Goulding said: "The Union is pleased to have played its part in changing the Home Office's original decision. This is a great opportunity for clubs to provide a great atmosphere for fans."

This was the second piece of good news for fans: at one point because of the heat in the Amazon jungle the match was scheduled to kick off at 11pm local time – 2am over here.

National Account company BOC Sureserve have again produced a range of balloons to help your club create more atmosphere. More details on Page 18.



INSIDE...



The Union is sad to report the death of former Leeds Branch Secretary Jack Ellis (left), who served on the National Executive for 30 years. **Obituaries – Page 13.**

A Northumberland club has become the first in the country to operate a post office. See Page 12.



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Two women who came out of retirement to help save their club have been presented with 10-year Certificate of Merits.

Durham Branch Executive member David Walton visited Wellington Prospect Club and presented the awards to Club Secretary Brenda Hudspeth (left) and Treasurer Margaret Todd.

Brenda and Margaret had both retired three years ago leaving the club with a healthy bank account but returned after it got into difficulties. Together with David Walton they have worked hard to turn it round again.

"I have worked closely with this club over the last few years," he said. "I eventually contacted the professional services of Amplus, who made staff redundant, sold off property and repaid huge debts to enable them to carry on. They still have some way to go but with sheer determination from the Committee I'm sure they will be able to stay open."



Northumberland Branch President Alan Hardy and Branch Secretary Dave Richardson made two visits to the Hirst area of Ashington in successive weeks.

PROUD AND HONoured



John Wrightson received the Distinguished Service Award for 40 years' service to Hirst Industrial Social Club while his wife Ann received a bouquet from the club. Pictured with them (left to right) are: Branch Executive members Rob Yeats and Dennis Wheadon, Dave Richardson, Alan Hardy and Rob Miller, who is also a member of the Branch Executive.

The previous week Rob Miller received his Long Service Award at Ashington Central Club. Also pictured (below) are National Executive member Sid Hicks (back row, second right) and Branch Executive member Bill Stoker.

The week before that the pair visited Annitsford Pioneer Club where Committee member Margaret Ogilvy received the Certificate of Merit (left).



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Another grand night at the club



Newbridge & Blackheath Social Club in South London have followed up their successful fundraising night in aid of Help for Heroes by raising another £1,000 for the Meningitis Now charity.

Organisers Kathy Taylor and Irene Rowland (pictured left) once again encouraged the whole club to get involved and had the club's concert room decked out in flags and bunting; as well as raffles and bingo there was also live music and karaoke.

Meningitis Now was formed last year by bringing together Meningitis UK and Meningitis Trust, it funds research, raises awareness and provides support for sufferers and their families.

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Branch holds its 104th dance



The South East Metropolitan Branch Executive are pictured at the Branch's 104th annual dinner and dance. This year's event was held at New Haw WMC in Surrey with the help of sponsorship from The Co-operative Bank, Dransfields, Heineken UK, Shepherd Neame, Greene King and accountants Turnbull Associates of Slough.

The dance has been an annual event since the Branch was founded in 1910 – though in those days there were only 21 clubs and all of them were in London.

Pictured (left to right) are: Robin Docherty, Branch Secretary Sue Graham, National Executive member Chris O'Neill, President Trevor Baker, Vice-President Andy Way, Frank Wilde, Peter Clark, Peter Gale and David Legge.

Cath celebrates in the corner



Victoria Sailors WMC in Bridlington has held a special 90th birthday party for club member Cath Crosier.

Cath has been a member of the club for 65 years and for many years she and 10 of her friends met four days a week at the club in what became known as Virgins' Corner. Sadly only Cath and her friend Bella Nicholson are left, but they continue to meet four days a week.

Cath was presented with a bouquet by Club Steward Derek Downes and celebrated with a large group of friends.

Don't do this at home

South Carolina has made moves to overturn an 1802 anti-gambling bill that makes it illegal for people to play card games such as bridge and canasta in social clubs and even in their homes.

Similar laws made bingo illegal in British clubs until the 1950s when the Union led a successful campaign against them.

Old Woking's new lounge (right) and (below) its popular function room.



New look pays off

Old Woking & District Recreation Club in Surrey has become the latest club to attract new members after carrying out major improvements.

The Committee recently called in regular Club Journal advertisers Thames Contracts of London to redesign and completely transform both their members' lounge bar area and main function room. The function room, which accommodates up to 250 people, features a dual level recessed ceiling with LED perimeter lighting. Specially woven heavy duty Wilton carpets were provided throughout both areas.

"We chose Thames because they understood our needs and their costs were extremely competitive," said Committee member Robin Docherty, who is also a member of the South East Metropolitan Branch Executive. "We found them to be highly professional and importantly they completed on time. The function room is proving very popular for members

to use for weddings, parties and other events."

"We've found that while a number of social clubs have fallen by the wayside in past years, those who are investing in improvements are flourishing," said Thames Managing Director Martin Morris. "The phrase 'income generation' is one Committees are using more often and improvements are often being carried out to retain existing members and importantly to attract new members who are key to their continued success.



Members Corner

LONE TRAVEL IS AN OPTION

Hello Club Members

Spring has finally sprung and many of us have already arranged our holidays. But what if you are living alone and perhaps would not feel comfortable arranging to travel without a companion or not sure where you would like to visit?

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Informative articles which affect our lives

by Dione Mobley

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A little beer does you a lot of good

People think wine is healthier to drink than beer. Yet research shows drinking beer is equally healthy and both are far healthier than not drinking at all.

“This dates back many years to when research was carried out in France – a wine-producing country.” said Professor Charles Bamforth of the University of California.

“When similar studies were carried out in the Czech Republic, they showed the lowest risk of heart attacks in men who drank ‘almost daily or daily’ consuming between seven and 16 pints of beer a week. The research showed strong evidence that moderate consumption of any alcoholic drink is linked with a lower risk of heart disease.”

Professor Bamforth has previously spoken out against the absurd new trend of having a “Dry January” – though unfortunately his remarks weren’t reported in the British press until February this year after a month in which many people had made themselves miserable, hurt their clubs and actually harmed their health.

New Executive team meets



The new National Executive Committee for 2014 and 2015 were pictured at a recent meeting at Head Office. Back row, left to right: John Baker, John Harris, Carol Goddard, Bob Russell, Dave Gravel, Chris O’Neill, Geoff Blakely, Steve Foster, Ken Green and George Smith. Front row: Ken Roberts, John Tobin, George Dawson, Geoff Whewell and Sid Hicks.

• George Smith has been elected as the new Durham Branch Secretary, securing just over half the votes in the ballot.

The Acting Branch Secretary for the last 10 months, George joined the National Executive in January after the previous month’s elections. He has served on the Committee at Billingham Trade Union Social Club for 34 years, three of them as President, and has been Club Secretary for the last 20 years.



Head office staff were pictured on the same day. Back row, left to right: Uto Ekanem, Steve Connell, Annette Johnson, Stephen Goulding, Marlene Bruce, Maureen Hawkins, Cath Fitzpatrick and Maureen Ross. Front row: John Kinsler and Dione Mobley. Since the picture was taken John Kinsler has retired (again) as the Union’s full-time caretaker and two new part-time members have joined the team.

Vera Palazova has been appointed as Administrative Assistant to the Office Manager Stephen Goulding and will be working with him on managing projects. Derek Whitmore, who has experience in this field, joins as a part-time caretaker. Stephen Goulding adds: “These two important part-time positions are at no extra cost to the CIU as they replace the previous full-time caretaker post.”



Vera Palazova



Derek Whitmore

By Andrew
Dane
The Business
Medic

LET ME SMOKE MY
**ELECTRONIC
CIGARETTE!**

E-Smoking needs a policy

Sales of e-cigarettes grew by 340 per cent in 2013 and in the UK around 1.3 million people are now "vaping."

The demand for e-cigarettes appears to be insatiable, although there is some doubt about their long-term health benefits.

As e-smokers are categorised by law as non-smokers, this leaves clubs in a dilemma about how to handle e-smokers at work and in the club.

- Should e-smokers be allowed to smoke at their place of work?
- Should e-smokers be required to share the same, usually outdoor, smoking areas as regular smokers or
- Should members and staff be allowed to e-smoke wherever they like?

In specific circumstances it may be reasonable to allow e-smokers to smoke at their place of work. However, depending on the club culture and other factors, this may not be appropriate. Mixing e-smokers with regular smokers could also violate their right to a smoke-free environment. Potentially this could give rise to grievances and at worst, claims for constructive dismissal.

The most important thing is for the club to incorporate an e-smoking policy into an existing smoking policy. And, if there's an existing smoking area for regular smokers, set aside a separate facility for e-smokers. The National Executive looked at this some time ago and recommended that because it can cause confusion and confrontation e-smokers should be treated the same as smokers.

By making these simple but effective changes, the potential for problems with e-smoking will successfully be avoided.

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You must submit returns to FCA

Clubs must register annual returns each year to the FCA (Financial Conduct Authority). It is a legal requirement for clubs to submit annual returns; the FCA are not able to waive it.

The FCA informed Head Office that some clubs are under the impression that provided a club's accounts are submitted to the CIU, this also covers the FCA.

The FCA require all relevant information at the appropriate time otherwise the club could become de-registered.

The FCA make a request by letter to clubs each September for the annual returns to be submitted and the fees to be paid. The FCA issue two reminder letters if the debt remains unpaid.

If a club fails to submit its returns it lays itself open to prosecution. This can result in a fine and/or cancellation of its registration. If no returns are submitted enforcement officers may prosecute in court if returns are still not forthcoming and a club's registration could be cancelled.

If a club becomes de-registered it will no longer have the same protection as a registered club. Officers and members of the club will be exposed to personal financial risk and legal action against the club could be made against a named officer.

By Maureen
Ross
Rules
Secretary

Heath Robinson club loses alcohol licence

Clubs have been warned to keep on top of their maintenance after a proprietary club in Blackpool lost its licence for adopting what was described as a "Heath Robinson" approach.

The Council's licensing panel revoked the club's alcohol licence after hearing infringements of fire safety requirements were among the worst to be seen in the town.

Enforcement officer Mark Marshall told the Committee the fire escape was about to break down because of rust and rot and it looked like it had not been maintained for a number of years.

He added that there were various Heath Robinson-type repairs that had been done to the drainage, there was a tinder box of combustible materials being stored in the cellar while the fire alarm was inoperable and sewage had overflowed into the rear yard of the premises. "I have not seen a list so comprehensive about what's wrong in terms of fire safety for many years, if at all."

The club's owner said he had leased the premises but had now taken back control and was in the process of carrying out the necessary work to regain his licence.

National Minimum Wage

The National Minimum Wage will increase on October 1 from £6.31 to £6.50.

The development rate – which covers workers aged 18-20 years – is up 2% from £5.03 to £5.13

The rate for 16 and 17-year-olds rises by 2% from £3.72 to £3.79 per hour.

The apprentice minimum wage rate will go up by 5p from £2.68 to £2.73 per hour. It applies to all apprentices under the age of 19 and those aged 19 and over in the first 12 months of their apprenticeship.



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rotating what we sell on a weekly basis, varying the ABVs and choosing from the wide selection of dark and blond ales at different times of year we retain our drinkers' interest.

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CHEERS! Rotating the choice of cask ales and offering different strengths, flavours and seasonal options has proved successful says Stanhill WMC Club Steward Chris Leigh

obliges where possible.

"So offering a good selection of cask ales is an added attraction to current and future members which enhances everything else we do such as functions, bingo and quizzes and running teams in the various club sports leagues including football.

"We have 250 members and on Saturday nights when we have live music, if you're not seated by 8pm, you'll be standing for the night. If there's live music on offer in the area, Stanhill WMC is where people come to see it!

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HEINEKEN Regional



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CHOICE: HEINEKEN Regional Manager Graham Jones (right) keeps the club up to date with new products in all brand categories and forthcoming additions to Discover Cask



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Get Smart to remove R22 gas and slash bills



NATIONAL ACCOUNTS



Club Secretary Lee Whitton outside Lee Mount Club in Halifax.

The December 31 deadline for replacing R22 refrigerant gas is approaching fast and will affect clubs whose cellar cooler or air conditioning systems are more than eight years old.

Club Secretary Lee Whitton at Lee Mount Club in Halifax gave National Account supplier Smart Energy a call after he read in Club Journal about the work National President George Dawson, the Secretary of the nearby Arden Road Club, had had done at the club. In our April issue Mr Dawson explained how Smart Energy's energy-efficient low cost heating panels had not only reduced his club's heating bills but had pleased members by allowing the rooms to be warmed up in minutes instead of hours.

As a result the Lee Mount Club's Committee opted to stay ahead of the R22 phase-out law and replaced the club's old and costly cellar cooler. The club is a converted Methodist chapel and had sky high energy costs but they now stand to reduce their running costs from £18,444 to just £8,219 over five years.

Another Lee, this time Club Secretary Mick Lee from Ivanhoe WMC near Doncaster, has also helped his Committee to replace their old cellar systems with Smart Energy. It means they will now have much lower running costs overall and can rest assured that they are both ahead of the law and the changes that are fast approaching.



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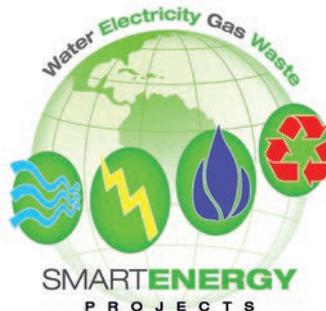
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clubs are still operating with old cellar coolers, boilers or air-conditioning units with very high gas or electric bills but Smart Energy's advice means you just don't have to any more

Frank Hunter, the President of Darlington East End WMC, expects to see his club save more than £22,000 over the next five years by reducing their bills from £36,873 down to £14,669.

Frank and his fellow Committee members wanted a more economical way of heating their concert room instead of having to rely on their very old existing air-conditioning units to heat the area which were not only very costly to run on electricity but also contained the R22 refrigerant gases which they knew they shortly wouldn't be able to use.

BLACKPOOL

By making a few changes and listening to Smart Energy's advice the club now have low-watt heating panels installed. Frank visited the Smart Energy stand at the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition in Blackpool and told representatives Amy Alvarez and Baly Sheil: "Our heating is now superb, our rooms heat up in minutes and our members are happy at a fraction of the price. The club has a brand new heating system and can also make further savings while it's running that we can re-invest back into the club."

"The panels are that good and have exceeded the club's expectations so much that we are now considering having them installed into our outdoor smoking area to keep our members warm in the winter. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend these to any other clubs who wish to dramatically reduce their club's energy bills."

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By Dale Phillips
CIU Insurance Services

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THE SIGNS ARE



The Committee. Back row, left to right: Shaun Clay, Anne Holland, John Clarke, Treasurer Tony Hill, Alex Royle and Sarah Johnston. Front row: Barry Clark, President Joe Holland, West Midland Branch President Des Flood and Club Secretary John Harley. Right: Tony Hill, Sarah Johnston, Barry Clark and Anne Holland model the club's polo shirts.



The club's collection of sports trophies sit above the main bar.

Pull up outside Broomhill Albion Club and it's soon clear that this is an enterprising go-ahead club. Two cabins in the car park accommodate a clothes bank and a bookmaker's – now no longer going – and signboards outside the front door advertise the club's prize bingo evenings and its weekly grand auction.

"We had a bit of an argument with the council because they claimed they would distract drivers," said Club Secretary John Harley. "But they accepted them in the end." That's typical of this club and of John, a retired gas engineer, who has enterprise in the blood and has even been nicknamed Del Boy. As well as being the club's Secretary and odd job man – he was repairing the club's toilets when *Club Journal* called and conducted the interview in his overalls – he runs a screen printing business and turns out flyers and posters to promote club events and has printed up polo shirts for the Committee.

One of the club's most recent ventures was to buy a pool table for the refurbished games room. This has paid off spectacularly with the club now hosting three pool teams including a team from the Midlands Superleague, who regularly bring 30 to 40 spectators, as well as regular dominoes, and men's and women's darts teams. Posters of Muhammad Ali adorn the new look games room and the club has also knocked through into a little used lounge to create a room that can be used for functions; the club is particularly popular for funerals and wakes as for more than 60 years it has been situated at a crossroads opposite the cemetery in Cannock, where it began in a small house.

One man who can remember those days is Arthur Wood, now 78, who has been a member since he was 17 and still has a bowl he won in a raffle at the club 60 years ago. "In those days we were all in one room, with a fire in the middle of the room and the stage at one end." These days that room is the concert room which is packed at weekends for live entertainment and for the club's popular weekly auction which is run by auctioneer Andy Carlos. "I've bought everything there from a packet of sweets to a set of car parts," said John. "It's amazingly popular."

The room is also used for bingo three nights a week. It has a small kitchen off it making it ideal for meetings of the club's weekly over-55 section – still called the over-60s club – and by the club's pigeon section.

The club also stage charity evenings with the help of their main suppliers Coors, who have sponsored the Whizz-kidz disabled children's charity for three years. Committee members Sarah Johnston and Anne Holland, the wife of President Joe Holland, raised £300 with a coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support





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Club President Joe Holland with "Joe's Bar", a glass-fronted fridge in the Committee room.

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Some of the items on display in the club's weekly auction.

– but held it a week early so they could still take part in the charity's annual World's Biggest Coffee Morning event.

Says Anne: "What I love about the club is that you come in here on your own and you'll always find someone who'll talk to you."

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Other charities to benefit include the Midlands Air Ambulance and on May 17 the club staged the Ralph Tyler Memorial Darts Trophy in aid of still birth and neo-natal charity SANDS. Ralph, (pictured right) who sadly died of cancer 10 years ago while in his 40s, was an exceptional darts player known as the "The Gentleman's Darter." Said John. "He was always quick to congratulate anyone who beat him – but not many did. Among those who weren't able to were world champions Keith Deller and Steve Beaton." The day was organised by Committee member Paul Davies with the help of

Unicorn Darts Products, and included competitions for men and women as well as a raffle with prizes all supplied by local businesses.

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UNION KEEPS UP PRESSURE

Union President George Dawson has written to the tax authorities asking them to help clubs facing the prospect of paying back thousands of pounds in VAT following the Linneweber case.

Hundreds of clubs received repayments of VAT along with the lead appellant the Rank Organisation – though they were always told there was a possibility of this having to be repaid. In a surprise twist in October the Court of Appeal reversed its decision and HMRC started asking for repayments – even though the case is now expected to go to an appeal at the Supreme Court.

HMRC say they recognise that paying the money back in one lump sum will be difficult for some clubs and advise Committees to discuss arrangements. Some offices, however, have been less helpful and have suggested to clubs that they take out a bank loan to pay the money. Rates of interest charged are also way above what clubs could have obtained had they invested the money.

The full text of the President's letter to Mr P Sears of the Indirect Tax Directorate is below.

Dear Mr Sears

The Club and Institute Union (CIU) aims to support and promote the interests of non-profit making private members clubs, principally the wide range of social and recreation clubs affiliated to club governing bodies comprising the Committee of Registered Club Associations (CORCA).

In total CORCA organisations have some 4000 member clubs across the UK whose aggregate individual membership is around three million. The vast majority of parliamentary constituencies will include one or more CORCA member clubs e.g.CIU.

Revenue and Customs Brief 01/14 notifies operators of gaming machines of official action following the decision of the Court of Appeal in the case of HMRC v The Rank Group plc. Along with the lead appellant (Rank Group plc) many other gaming machine operators, including a substantial number of CIU clubs received repayments of VAT during 2010/11 following earlier litigation. They were also issued with protective assessments to allow HMRC to recover these repayments if, in ongoing litigation, HMRC was ultimately successful. As the Court of Appeal has found that there was no breach of fiscal neutrality, as contended by claimant operators, HMRC has now decided to pursue recovery of the repaid VAT from all the operators concerned. Claimant CIU clubs have now started to receive repayment demands for the sums previously received.

The requirement to repay the money involved will cause hardship to many clubs, although we note that HMRC indicates a willingness to consider individual circumstances where full repayment cannot be made by the due date.

I attach a copy of a letter from the Minister which reinforces this message.

However, in reality, our clubs are receiving mixed messages from HMRC, with some being offered a structured reasonable repayment where others have not.

The CIU National Executive is also concerned at what we consider to be punitive levels of interest being added to the amount to be repaid by each club. This is set at a level considerably higher than the original monies received by clubs would ever accrue, if invested upon receipt.

We would emphasise that CIU clubs, as private members' clubs, are family and community oriented and provide much needed employment in their localities; many of them are just getting by financially and it would benefit neither the clubs, their members, or the Exchequer to rigorously hasten the repayment process and add higher levels of interest, thereby putting clubs' future viability at risk.

I would be happy to meet with you to discuss any concerns HMRC may have.

Yours sincerely

George Dawson CMD
President CIU



(Picture: Newcastle Chronicle and Journal)

Pint and a stamp, please

A Northumberland club has cemented its place as the heart of its community by opening as a post office.

Swarland WMC had already starting selling newspapers, eggs and bread, after the village store closed just before Christmas. It has now become the first club to house a post office, joining vets, pet shops and church halls as unlikely settings.

Club Secretary Gordon Hodgson said: "We felt we needed to do something because a lot of people in the community don't have cars."

Although this is the first post office in Britain similar arrangements are in place in Ireland where pubs regularly double as shops, hardware stores and even undertakers.

Vince Timmons from sponsors Dransfields presents a spot prize outside the club to Yvonne Smyth, the wife of former General Secretary Kevin Smyth, who represented Kingsley Park WMC, Northampton.



Below: Vince presents the winners' cheque to Radford Social captain Craig Element, watched by Warwickshire Branch Secretary Graham Holt and team mates Danielle Cartwright, Nic Paul and Jamie Dodding.

QUAY VICTORY IN QUIZ

The Midlands heat of this year's Dransfields/CIU Quiz took place at the Ansty Club on the banks of the Oxford Canal near Coventry. Radford Social Club, Coventry won the first prize of £160 and clinched their place in the National final on August 31 where they will be joined by runners-up Unicorn Social, Coventry and Alvaston & Crewton SC, Derby, who finished third.



OBITUARIES

Jack Ellis

The Union is sad to announce the death of one of its longest serving Branch Secretaries and National Executive members, Jack Ellis, at the age of 82.

A member of several clubs in Morley Jack was Secretary of Morley WMC for many years before becoming Leeds Branch Secretary, a post he held for 29 years from 1970 to 1999. He was not only the Branch's longest serving Branch Secretary but his experience and depth of knowledge earned him a well deserved reputation as a very efficient problem solver and adviser.

He was known as a "hands-on" Secretary, who spent countless hours giving advice and assistance to club secretaries.

He was elected to the National Executive in 1971 and stepped down in 2001 when he was succeeded by the current Branch Secretary Martin Smith.

A very friendly and outgoing man, like many people from Leeds he addressed everyone – both men and women – as love. Jack was also known for his colourful speeches at the Annual Conference in Blackpool and for his great sense of humour. This may have started at birth; although he was born on October 31, 1931, his father registered his date of birth as October 30 and he always said he had two birthdays.

Condolences go to his widow Betty and children Susan, Barrie and Jane.



Peter Reeder

Leeds Branch and the Main Line Social Club regret to announce the death of former Branch Executive member Peter Reeder at the age of 80.

A signalman for 48 years with British Rail Peter previously served at West Leeds WMC where he was Club President and at West Leeds Railwaymen's Club and was on the Branch Executive for 17 years. In his youth Peter played football for Sheffield United and was a life-long supporter of the team. As well as the railways his other interests were club law, vegetable growing and playing 5s and 3s dominoes and cribbage at the club.

Condolences go to his wife Edith, to whom he was married for 60 years, his six children, four of whom are life members, and to all at the club. He will be much missed by all who knew him.



Terry Anthony

Westfield Social Club in Newcastle regret to announce the death of their former Chairman Terry Anthony.

Terry joined the Committee in 1978 and became Chairman in 2006, only stepping down because of ill health in 2012. A very popular Chairman, he always had time to speak to any member about anything at all. He also did the the job of Sports Secretary, bingo caller and any other jobs that needed to be done.

A keen sportsman and games player, he represented the club at darts, snooker and cards, and was daft about his beloved Toon – Newcastle United. He was, as they say in Newcastle, "a canny lad", who will be sorely missed by all at the club, his former colleagues on the buses and his wife and three children.



Jack Clark

The Coronation Club and Institute in Alkborough, near Scunthorpe, is saddened to announce the death at the age of 77 following a long period of illness, of its former Secretary/Treasurer, Jack Clark.

Jack moved to Alkborough in 1965 and soon became an active member of the club's committee. He became Secretary/Treasurer in 1969 and held that post until 2012. During his tenure he witnessed many changes in club culture and valued the advice and support he received from the Union, which awarded him a certificate for his 40 years' service. He was a keen participant in the Coronation Club activities and he was deeply disappointed when ill health forced him to curtail his active involvement in the club's day-to-day running and social events.

As a sign of respect his funeral cortege halted outside the Coronation Club for a few minutes. Donations were made by the club to the two wards at Scunthorpe General Hospital where he had been nursed in his final illness.

Jack specifically requested that people remembered him neither with pity nor sadness but having a game of dominoes with his friends with a pint in front of him.



Gerald Freegard

Gladstone Road Club at Chippenham in Wiltshire regret to announce the death of their former Secretary Gerald Freegard at the age of 84.

Gerald joined the club at a young age, originally to play skittles, and went on to join the Committee, receiving his 25-year Long Service Award in 2002. He was a Trustee from 1988 to 1993 and served as Secretary from 1993 to 2009, retiring at the age of 79.

Gerald was always very proud of the club's association with the CIU, to which it became affiliated in 1897. A bachelor, he died on April 28 after a short but difficult illness and will be missed by all at the club.



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Colin Foster, Park Social Club, Doncaster
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John Kendrick, Rushall Labour Club, West Midland
Tony Whomersley, Arundel Exservicemens Club, South Yorkshire

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Ashby Mill Road Club (Doncaster Branch)

Expulsions

Mr J Peet (No P007) Kingsley Park WMC, Northampton
Gerald Cadogan, Mountain Ash Hibernian Band Club, Mid Glamorgan
Luke Smith, Darlington East End

Suspensions

Mr E W Rose (No 0736) Harrowgate Club, Darlington (October 9, 2014)
Mr J P Giggins (No 0779) Harrowgate Club, Darlington (October 9, 2014)
Mr G Harper (No 1512) Harrowgate Club, Darlington (April 29, 2015)

FOR SERVICE



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Andy Devine, South Yorkshire

Club Awards

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David Pyatt, Adderley Green WMC, North Staffs

Long Service Awards

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ACROSS

- 1 9 - 5 piece of architecture? - powerless crystal lump! (6-5)
- 7 Set up for oil in N Sea, say. (3)
- 9 Weary, but said to be fitted with slicks. (5)
- 10 Orca to fly? Somehow that's a bit smelly! (9)
- 11 I had a fall, allegedly as a cover. (9)
- 12 Scandinavian root veg.? (5)
- 13 Needlework, starting with blackbird, say. (7)
- 15 Formerly exist as a written test. (4)
- 18 Soggy rope core used for ship's compass. (4)
- 20 Feline gait - seen in a model area. (3-4)
- 23 Cheese, from a right wild rose! (5)

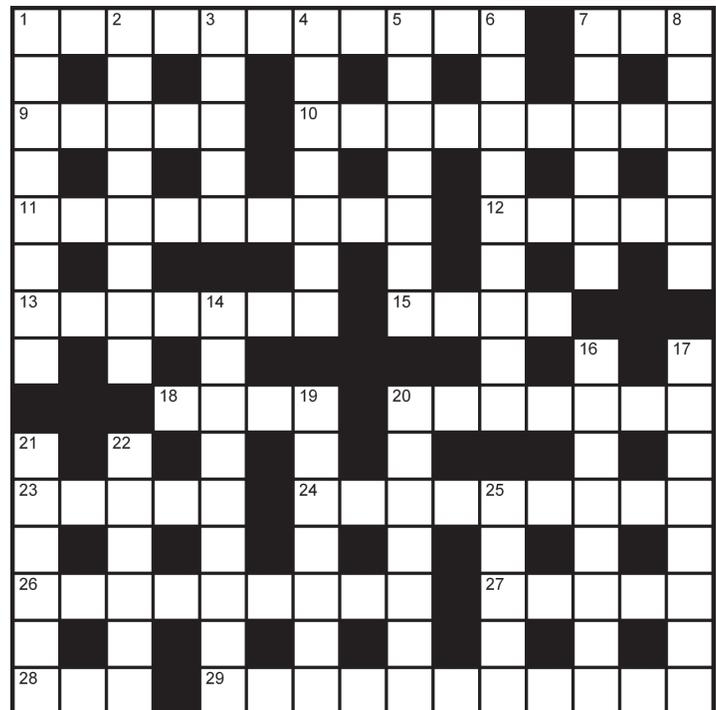
- 24 Her woeful incompetence gave a sort of drive. (4-5)
- 26 Constrain to be like sound speed. (9)
- 27 Tallying, but it's not at all binding. (5)
- 28 Take some holiday - before nightfall. (3)
- 29 Closest bone set to be no longer useful. (11)

DOWN

- 1 A hot cure applied to community contact. (8)
- 2 Sacked alternative said to be a smoke barrier. (4,4)
- 3 Country drink - to have with Rosie? (5)
- 4 Exhale (but dangerous on the motorway!). (4-3)
- 5 Sort of bordering on sin? (7)
- 6 Trick task - oddly it was a beginning for old bikers. (4,5)
- 7 Begin trade again for

- one, per arrangement. (2-4)
- 8 'Codger', said to be hot? - and springy? (6)
- 14 Top heresy is not how the magician punchlines. (3-6)
- 16 Elite, and becoming a meridian. (8)
- 17 Roof window - dietary heaven? (8)
- 19 Outrages, coming from carpet remnants? (7)
- 20 Local body heard to give advice. (7)
- 21 Died away at a bed dug over. (6)
- 22 Marine thuggery - a pricy mistake! (6)
- 25 Questions asked about power. (5)

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Name.....

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CHEPSTOW:..... Friday 25th July (eve)	£12 (normally £20)
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..... Tuesday 29th July-Friday 1st August	
..... Gordon Enclosure	£31 (normally £40)
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..... Saturday 2nd August	
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..... Monday 25th August	£12 (normally £20)
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BATH:..... Sunday 14th September	£10 (normally £19)
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..... Sunday 14th September	£10 (normally £16)
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..... Family Fun Day	£10 (normally £20)
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NEWMARKET:..... Saturday 27th September.....	£17 (normally £23)
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Racecourse _____ Date of meeting: _____

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National Championships

POOL GOES TO THE WIRE

Upperby Men's Club from Cumbria are our new National Pool Champions after defeating Bargoed Labour Club from South Wales in an exciting final at Bramley Social Club, near Rotherham. The match started with Bargoed building a two-frame lead before Upperby then won the next four frames. Bargoed then made a dramatic comeback, winning the next two frames to draw level. But Upperby won the final deciding frame to clinch victory and the title.

South Yorkshire Branch Secretary and National Executive member Ken Green represented the Union and he is pictured with the winning team (left to right): R. Taylor, D. Turley, M. Brannan and P. Riddick.



Runners-up Bargoed (left to right) K. Lewis, G. Price (reserve) N. Jones, I. Sargent and N. Alexander (reserve) are pictured with Ken Green.



Oldies honour 'dodgy' Nee

A North East club has now raised more than £10,000 in memory of a footballer who died from leukaemia nine years ago.

Simonside Social Club in South Shields has been staging an annual football match in honour of father-of-two Terry Nee known as "Dodgy", who both played for and managed the club's football team before he died at the age of 41.

Now in its eighth year, the game between football veterans and younger players raised £1,026 for Leukaemia Research, which was handed over to Terry's widow, Angela, at the club. The old boys - some in their fifties - ended up beating their younger rivals 5-2, at Harton and Westoe Welfare Ground.

About 200 players and onlookers helped raise £1,026, and a cheque was accepted on behalf of the charity by Club Chairman Bob Gray, who said: "The oldest player was Terry Wilson, who is 57, and on the other side was his 17-year-old son James.

"Most of the golden oldies, as we like to call them, played the whole game despite some being in their fifties. The game always draws a big crowd as Terry was such a likeable lad. "After his funeral I suggested staging a match in his honour, and it has just snowballed over the years. We must have raised about £10,000 for Leukaemia Research in the last nine years."

Quantity and quality from club players

A father and son have raised money for cancer research at a Kent club by beating the world record for playing table tennis.

Peter Ives and his son Daniel played non-stop for eight hours, 40 minutes and 10 seconds at Plumstead Radical Club, beating the previous record by 10 minutes. The pair estimate that they each hit the ball 16,000 times.

Daniel (24), runs the Tabletennisdaily website, which broadcast the game live to 7,000 viewers. He aimed to raised £800 for Prostate Cancer UK but has so far received £1,716.21.

Daniel and Peter are pictured (right) with their bats in their hands, along with supporters at the club, before the start of the event.

Kevin Plowman, who plays table tennis for Scissett WMC in the Huddersfield League, has become Britain's national disabled tennis champion.

The national championship in Grantham was organised by the British Table Tennis Association for People with Disabilities and attracted the best wheelchair players in the country. Kevin, who had previously played most of his table tennis in able bodied leagues, won both his class singles and the open events as an unranked player.

Kevin (53) was a talented badminton player before he was paralysed from the chest down in a mountaineering accident on the Isle of Skye when he was 28. In 2001 he was one of four people who were the first to demonstrate wheelchair lawn tennis at Wimbledon and in 2004 he represented Britain in the sport at the Paralympics in Athens.



Kevin in action at the BTTAD championships.