

# Club Journal

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## DELEGATES REJECT NEW CONSTITUTION

Delegates to the Union's conference in Blackpool have rejected a planned new constitution and voted for a continuation of the role of General Secretary.

A motion to change the name of the Union failed to reach a two-thirds majority but a series of motions to tidy up the Union's Rulebook were passed, and expenses for the National Executive were increased for the first time in 20 years.

Union Vice-President John Tobin moved all ten motions on the agenda. He argued that the current system of an appointed Head Office Manager to deal with administrative duties had worked well for the last 20 months and there was no need for a General Secretary as the Office Manager was doing exactly the same job.

But only a handful of delegates voted in favour of the motion after Brenda McMahon from Brafield on the Green WMC, near Northampton, argued that the role of General Secretary was much wider and that the Union had suffered since the departure of Kevin Smyth. Earlier she had also spoken against changing the name of the Union from The Working Men's Club & Institute Union to the CIU. In his keynote speech Labour MP David Crausby paid tribute to his predecessor Lord Bilston, the Secretary of the Clubs All-Party Parliamentary Group, and suggested members persuade their MP to join the Group. He said the pub industry had been responsible for the illogical extension of the ban on smoking in public to private clubs, and this was unlikely to change, but it was important to maintain the different role of clubs, which deliver "something special" to the community.

In his Presidential address George Dawson said the Union had seen some improvements but the Linneweber case had cast a large cloud. He also urged clubs taking out a club premises licence to avoid more problems with the tax authorities by ensuring they kept their Club Premises Certificate and their status of mutuality.

This month's issue includes a seven-page verbatim report of the Conference and to accommodate it, many regular features including service presentations and news from our clubs have had to be held over until the next issue. **Conference Report – Pages 3-9**

### Our story is fit to print

The Union has been featured in the New York Times.

The American paper, famous for its slogan "All the news that's fit to print" interviewed writer Ruth Cherrington in the lounge of the Langham WMC in North London and outlined the history of the Union quoting President George Dawson saying he expected more clubs to close. It also described, however, the success of London's Bethnal Green WMC, which we've reported before is a traditional CIU club downstairs and an arts venue upstairs offering such things as burlesque and voga (a cross between yoga and the drag scene dance craze voguing) – and told how a woman in her 80s had joined the upstairs crowd for some pole dancing. The full article can be found online by googling "nyt clubs."



Clive receives the traditional cut-glass bowl from questionmaster John Humphrys.

### Clive's our Mastermind

Clubman Clive Dunning has won TV's hardest individual quiz, Mastermind.

In the final, which was broadcast just as *Club Journal* was going to press, Clive, a member of Stockton Malleable Club on Teesside, answered questions on the poet Philip Larkin for his specialist round. In the earlier rounds he had answered questions on Blackadder and John Lennon.

Clive plays in a regular quiz at the club and has captained them in the CIU National Quiz, which he says presents a different challenge as it is more entertainment-based.

**CIU National Quiz and Blackpool round-up, Pages 10 and 11.**

### Union acts on Linneweber

The Union has urged the Government to help clubs facing the prospect of paying back thousands of pounds in VAT in what has become known as the Linneweber case. Union President George Dawson wrote to the Treasury Minister at the end of March to tell him the attitude of HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs) was putting the future of clubs and jobs at risk and that HMRC should not ask clubs to repay the rebates they received until the case has been resolved in the Supreme Court.

Hundreds of clubs with the help of the Union had received repayments of VAT along with lead appellant the Rank Organisation – though they were always told there was a possibility of this having to be repaid. In a surprise twist last October HMRC won the case at the Court of Appeal and in March started asking for repayments.

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# PINT PERFECTION TRAINING GOES ON SHOW



**PERFECT:** Delegates from clubs across the country tried their hand at delivering 'Best in Glass' quality

**P**int Perfection was the key message from HEINEKEN at the 23rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition in Blackpool where delegates from across the country were invited to try and achieve it for themselves.

With draught beer and cider delivering 89% of total

on-trade sales volumes, the company was aiming to instil its own passion for quality into everyone serving its brands and remind them that the on-trade offers a unique drinking experience giving clubs the opportunity to drive sales and increase footfall.

HEINEKEN National Account Manager Graeme



**CHEERS!** CIU Vice President John Tobin (left) and HEINEKEN National Account Manager Graeme Nicholson demonstrate how to pour the perfect pint

Nicholson says: "The idea behind our Pint Perfection programme is to enthuse and engage bar staff in pouring beer with skill and passion. With some five billion pints a year being poorly served by untrained staff, we can provide education, support and practice on pouring technique which will increase consumer ratings of bars and our beer brands.

"This in turn leads to increased footfall and throughputs. Consumers rate beer quality as a key driver when going to a club and the on-trade has this unique proposition - fresh draught



beer, served with passion and knowledge in a good quality, correctly branded glass.

"This differentiates the experience from drinking at home, adds value to the enjoyment of the occasion and drives repeat purchase and we aim to assist all our customers in achieving Best in Glass quality every time they serve their members."

CIU Vice President John Tobin says: "HEINEKEN's commitment to the club sector is second to none and they continually strive to help our members benefit from their knowledge and expertise when it comes to product presentation and new innovation which will help our businesses.

"We always try to

serve the best pints we can in our clubs but there is always room for improvement and we appreciate any training going and I think their SmartDispense systems will be the thing of the future and will further help our members produce pint perfection at the same time as reducing costs and wastage which can only be a good thing!"



(L-R): CIU Vice President John Tobin with National Executive members Steve Foster, George Smith, Geoff Blakeley, Dave Gravel, Ken Roberts and HEINEKEN National Account Manager Graeme Nicholson



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The 151st annual meeting of the Union took place at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool on Saturday, April 5 with the Union President **GEORGE DAWSON** presiding.

It began with delegates and the National Executive standing in remembrance of those club members who had died in the last year. The President showed delegates last May's issue of *Club Journal* and asked them to agree the Minutes of the 2013 Council Meeting. This was followed by a Civic Welcome from the Mayor of Blackpool **COUN. EDDIE COLLETT**, who told delegates:

"Your conference is a very important feature in the Blackpool calendar. You bring hundreds of delegates but just as importantly you use our facilities across our town rather than holing up in a single hotel and rarely leaving it.

In many ways the challenges that face the CIU mirror the challenges that face Blackpool: a rich and glorious past that plenty of people hark back to and are convinced that the way to go forward is to turn back the clock. There are plenty of people with bright ideas about what needs to be done but are not prepared to step up to the plate and put in the effort."

He added that Blackpool extended a warm welcome to those prepared to make a contribution to improving the lives of their communities and most importantly, hoped the Union would come again.

South Wales Branch Secretary **KEN ROBERTS**, the Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee introduced the other members of the Committee starting with those on the stage, the Vice-Chairman Geoff Whewell from the West Midland Branch and National Executive members Sid Hicks from Northumberland and Bob Russell from Wessex. He then asked the other four members of the Committee in the front row to stand up: John Hegg from the Leicestershire Branch; Peter Askin from the Leeds Branch; Peter Robinson from the Manchester Branch and Malcolm Williams from the North Staffs Branch and explained these were the people to approach if delegates had any problems. He also introduced three other members of the Head Office staff, who were on the stage: Head Office Manager Stephen Goulding, Head of Rules Maureen Ross and the Union Accountant Steve Connell.

### President's Address

**THE PRESIDENT** said: "It has been another difficult year for all our clubs but it does seem to be getting better or not quite as bad, depending on your outlook.

Unfortunately a very big cloud has arisen regarding the refund of VAT in the Linneweber case. Bills are now being sent out with interest by HMRC for the money back. The Union has written to the Minister concerned to introduce a stay of execution, this may or may not work. Clubs have always been warned that this money



*Pictured on the traditional pre-conference photo are (left to right): Union Vice-President John Tobin; the Mayor of Blackpool, Coun. Eddie Collett; President George Dawson; and David Crausby MP.*

may be recalled while the court case is still going on with a further appeal but we live in the real world and many clubs will have used this money just to survive.

This fiasco just illustrates the incompetence of the reforms in HMRC, starting with the amalgamation of Customs & Excise with the Inland Revenue. Before these ill thought-out reforms when a court case proceeded regarding HMRC, after years of wrangling with the legal profession – and we all know how efficient they are – you put a claim in which did not need registering years in advance and you could go back seven years from the court decision. We all remember the Pony Club case, which meant we could claim back seven years' VAT on snooker tables and they then became exempted outputs. With that in mind it is even more imperative that we find other ways of helping ourselves with untapped income. There are possibilities to reclaim VAT on door charges and VAT wrongly collected on

free drinks and discounted drinks for those who were informed by the Revenue that this money was due. There may also be scope for a proportion of subs' revenue not liable to VAT but this is something the Union will have to pursue. Please ask your Branch Secretary for details and if there are enough clubs in a Branch interested then Ian Spencer will come and do a lecture.

The Union is also making Parliamentarians aware of our plight and has again made strong representations to the Government regarding beer duty. I cannot tell if it was our influence that made the Chancellor do what he did with beer duty at the last Budget but



*George Dawson makes his Presidential Address.*

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I do like to think that we played our part. If it is patronising of the Government to reduce bingo duty and beer duty then I hope they can be more patronising with other taxes our clubs have to pay and we get more money back.

To this end we are going to step up our campaign for a 70% mandatory rate rebate for our clubs. The policy on minimum pricing may not have the result of getting people back into clubs but it would mean that the Revenue would have a significant increase in VAT take from the supermarkets, which may take the heat away from collecting more revenue from us. I do not want to shine a beacon for the Revenue but I will say this: it is most important that clubs keep their status of mutuality in which a supply is made with no liability for Corporation Tax as opposed to a sale by retail, which does have a liability for Corporation Tax.

To this end I know a lot of clubs do have a club premises licence alongside the Club Premises Certificate for those occasions when they rent the room out, which is a very valuable source of income to clubs, as we all know.

But you must make sure you hold on to your CPC so that any untoward tax revenue inspections can be fought off with most of your trade being done as mutual trade and not a sale by retail.

The Executive have also spent a considerable amount of time revising the constitution and updating it after 150 years so it is in line with current legislation and the separation of management and policymaking with employees. This is a fundamental change but quite necessary as we are a democracy and the policymakers are elected every two years – the staff aren't.

Because it is such a big change the Executive has involved the FCA on advice on what can and can't be done. The revised constitution went out to all Branches for their input. Only four of the 28 Branches replied with objections. The revised constitution then went out to every club in the Union and we had less than 100 objections from clubs.

The NEC then decided that it was only right to put it before Conference to vote on. I do very much hope that Conference vote for the changes. The Vice-president will be going into detail when it comes to the motions.

We can all look at the past and see how rosy it all was and lament the passing of those days but things move on. The unending march of red tape continues and we have just had the first year of a new PAYE system, Real Time Information, which on the face of it seems to be going along OK. I do hope that this continues.

We have a new system coming in with pensions, which I do not profess to be very familiar with, but we do have one of the NEC, Geoff Blakeley, the Manchester Branch Secretary, who seems very knowledgeable about it and I am sure any Branch Secretary

can contact him and he will talk to them about it.

In conclusion, times they are changing and unfortunately we have to change too. Please use the Union to assist you but don't leave it too late that we can't do anything and when we've assisted take our advice instead of ignoring it and coming back later when things have got worse.

Two final things: we were all very sad to hear of the death of Lord Bilston, the Secretary of the Clubs' All-Party Parliamentary Group. He did an excellent job and was a very good friend to the Union. I know that David Crausby is going to pick up the mantle and, hopefully, he will do it as well as Lord Bilston. He's very capable and I'm sure he will be able to do that.

Finally I would like to say that one of my predecessors, Mr Derek Dormer OBE, is attending his 65th Conference. This is a great milestone, I know I'm only on my 30th and I don't expect to reach 65."



David Crausby makes the keynote speech.

I am honoured to stand in today as his replacement.

I have in my own right a long-term connection to working men's clubs. My dad was the Club Secretary of a working men's club in Bury. He went on later to work as a Club Steward in Bury and later as the Steward in a soldiers and sailors club in Rawtenstall.

I was brought up collecting glasses and working behind the bar in my spare time. So I have a long term association of sympathy and support for the clubs movement.

I followed Ian McCartney as the political secretary of the National Union of Labour and Socialist Clubs soon after my election to Parliament in 1997. In more recent years I was pulled into the All-Party Parliamentary Clubs Group by Dennis Turner. The All-Party Group enjoys cross-party consensus in supporting the essential community work that working men's clubs do.

We try to keep a careful eye on the effects of legislation and we are very well served by George Dawson, your President, members of your Executive and your full-time staff when it comes to keeping us informed.

The Group's cross-party nature allows us to promote your case and arrange meetings with relevant ministers regardless of which party is in Government. So if you do get the opportunity you should lobby your Members of Parliament to join us in the All-Party Group to participate in the protection and development of private members' clubs.

These are, of course, demanding times for the leisure industry as a whole but this difficult period of austerity has presented particular challenges for the licensed trade. The severe reductions in living standards that many working people have experienced in recent years is bound to have a disproportionate effect on the success of your businesses.

Hard-pressed families have little choice but to pay the rent or the mortgage, put food on the table and heat the house, not to mention pay for increasingly expensive transport costs. So the bit of the reducing family budget that suffers is inevitably leisure, and going out for a drink is bound to take a hit.



The **PRESIDENT** then presented a Club Management Diploma (above) to Carrie Cunningham from West Byfleet Social Club in the South East Metropolitan Branch, who had finished top in Club Finance and Accountancy. He then introduced this year's keynote speaker, **DAVID CRAUSBY**, the Labour MP for Bolton North East, who said: "Can I begin, Mr Chairman, by saying how pleased I am to be asked to speak at your Conference today, the 151st annual meeting, though I'm sad at the same time that I have been asked to stand in for my old friend and colleague Dennis Turner, or Lord Bilston as he was more recently known, who recently passed away.

Dennis was my kind of man, a working man elected to the House of Commons and subsequently the House of Lords, who never for a second forgot his roots.

He worked tirelessly for the clubs movement; he will be sadly missed, especially by the people of Wolverhampton, but also by club members throughout the land and

All this comes on the back of years of difficulty and hurdles that the licensed trade has had to scale. The smoking ban, for example, while not in my view responsible for all of your problems has inevitably had an effect. For my part I strongly believe that smoking is bad for health and the ban on smoking in public places unlikely to be reversed.

But what too many politicians failed to understand and accept is that the private members' club is not a public place. And as such it really should have been treated differently – and many of us argued for that. There was clearly a determined lobby by the pub trade against that course of action and they were successful in persuading MPs across the political divide that non-profitmaking members' clubs should be treated the same as pubs. The fact is they are not the same because in my view when club members come together to provide a private place to enjoy a drink together or play sport together or just to talk together it is, in principle, an extension into the community of their own homes and the private members' club should be treated as such.

However, the reality is that it is highly unlikely in the face of the might of the pub industry's influence that that argument will be won when it comes to the smoking ban. That's why we should ensure further protection for clubs when it comes to gaming duties, for example.

I was pleased when the beer duty escalator was cancelled and I supported the Chancellor's decision to scrap the alcohol duty escalator and take a penny off a pint in the Budget – although I have to say that with the price of a pint these days, a penny's not much. I do rather suspect that he did these things with the next election in mind rather than in the interests of the licensed trade but they were still welcome initiatives for the whole industry.

We should nevertheless campaign for special advantages for non-profitmaking members' club. After all, clubs deliver something special to the community and they have effectively been delivering the Big Society out there in our country long before David Cameron had heard of it, indeed long before young David was being pushed around the park by his nanny.

And can I also take this opportunity to say that it has just become far too easy to class everyone together when it comes to the problems of drink-related disorder and it is time that it stopped. Late night levies and early morning restriction orders must not be used as blunt instruments and money-raising schemes.

The very best way in my view to get a grip on the evils of alcohol-related misbehaviour is simply to encourage and promote non-profitmaking private members' clubs who have for generations been effectively dealing with their own problems of disorder within



*Des Flood moves acceptance of the Annual Report*

the democratic and disciplinary structures of their clubs.

So can I thank you all again for the chance to speak here today and take this opportunity to wish you all the very best of success in your endeavours. Our communities depend on you. Thank you."

Proposing acceptance of the Annual Report West Midland Branch President **DES FLOOD** said he would like to welcome his father Dessie, a leading clubman in Belfast. "The last time he was here was 53 years ago on his honeymoon: We have heard about Derek Dormer and his 65 years of coming to the Conference. I am also pleased to see our former General Secretary Kevin Smyth and I'd like to wish good health to both Kevin and Derek." He added he would also like to send best wishes to another former President, Terry Watson, who was unable to attend but had done a lot of good work for the Union, and to the past and present members of the West Midland Branch Executive. "We celebrate our centenary this year and I think they have done a sterling job so I'd like to salute the work of past and present members of the Branch Executive. I think a particular challenge to our clubs and also to the National Executive is to encourage the lifeblood of the future of our clubs, and that's young people. I think that it's not just a challenge for our clubs but also for the National Executive.

We need to look at sport and education as areas where we can encourage younger members and we also need to provide a safer environment than pubs. We need to champion this idea with our local councillors and MPs.

The Equalities Act has seen more women taking places on Committees and it's very pleasing to have Geoff Whewell, our Branch Secretary, who is also a member of the National Executive, tell us of the sterling work that Stephen Goulding and his team are doing in reorganising the office, so

congratulations to Stephen. At last year's conference I did raise the issue of the National Executive finding ways to help clubs in times of need, rather than our banks or building societies. The issue of investment-free loans seems to have gone on the back burner and the idea seems to have stalled. I would urge the National Executive to keep it on the agenda because, as we have heard, tough times for club members and increased living costs for hard-pressed families have a big impact on our clubs. The Government and HMRC are not helping clubs with this issue of trying to reclaim the tax on gaming machines. There may be delegates today, and this particularly worries me, from clubs who might be on the verge of closing. If we were a patient going into the hospital we would need action immediately, we would need an operation. So I would urge the National Executive to invest not in public companies across the world or here in the UK, but in our local community clubs because really we need to act now rather than later to save our clubs."

North Staffordshire Branch Secretary **DAN CAPEWELL** (left) from Pittshill Victory Club formally seconded the report. Presenting the Annual Financial Statement, the Union Accountant **STEVE CONNELL** said: "Mr President, delegates and guests, the results as seen from the financial statements for 2013 contained in your annual report, proved, not surprisingly, that this was going to be a very tough year for financial control. We already knew before the year commenced that the Union's income would decrease, as there had been no price increases from the previous year. With the continuing decline in membership it was just a case of knowing how far the decline would go. The Union's three and traditionally main sources of income fell collectively by some 10.7 per cent in total. This was made up of Pass Card income down by £109,618 to £840,483 a fall of 11.5 per cent; annual fee income down by £64,978 to £593,573, a fall of 9.9 per cent; and to a lesser degree, Associate Card income down by £4,820 to £64,540, a fall of 6.9 per cent. Unfortunately with other areas declining in income, the Union's operating turnover fell by £419,475, down nearly 15 per cent. As you can imagine, if you know in advance that your business's turnover is going to decline by 15 per cent, some hard decisions need to be taken regarding your operating expenses. This was done to a degree and it can be seen that total expenditure was reduced by £230,454 to £2,603,630, over 8 per cent. This will improve during this year now that the sale of our property at Saltburn has been completed, which will further reduce our overall expenditure.



Even with the efforts made to control expenditure and without further reducing the services that the Union provides, it is again disappointing to see that we recorded operating losses this year of £490,792 compared to losses of £343,604 in 2012.

Once again we had to rely on other income derived from our investments and rents together with the sale of one of our Branch offices, to overturn these losses.

Net finance income, being interest received from our investments, increased to £228,779 up by 11 per cent. Also sales of investments recorded gains this year of £115,927 and together with gains of £225,323 in 2013, the Union has had two very successful years in this area of income.

The sale of our Northumberland Branch office gave us a net profit of £194,212, but this must be treated as a one-off item of income, which can give a false impression if only looking at the bottom line results. Therefore the Union ended up with an after-tax profit of £111,782 compared to £155,073 in 2013. This was further enhanced by the revision of the pension scheme actuarial results to a gain of £242,000, which resulted in total recognised gains of £353,782 compared to losses in 2012 of £155,927.

Under the circumstances it is pleasing to see two years in a row where our financial results have been better than expected. From a purely accounting point of view, the Union continues to show a very healthy balance sheet which shows total net assets of £6,421,631 compared to £6,070,974 in 2012, an increase of nearly 6 per cent. This healthy balance sheet certainly bodes well for the immediate future if not the long-term future. It will take a lot of work and care



Steve Connell presents the Annual Financial Statement.

to maintain this healthy position.

It may surprise you to know that nearly 40 per cent of the Union's financial activities are controlled by our 27 Branches and their elected executives, many of whom are here today. Last year I confirmed that your National Executive would be examining all the various levels of funding that our Branches receive from central funds and this was completed this time last year. It was agreed that the fairest way to inject extra funding at Branch level was to increase the allocation of central annual fee income from 25 per cent to 50 per cent. This collectively increased the allocation by over £110,000.

However, that decision alone will not solve all the financial problems currently being experienced by Branches. We have already seen, sadly, that our Scottish Branch had to take the decision to close its operations at the beginning of the financial year. It was pleasing to see that some of the clubs in Scotland decided to remain in the Union by

transferring to either our Cumbria or Northumberland Branches.

As I have already mentioned, our Northumberland Branch took the necessary decision to sell its Branch office and move into club premises. This naturally has reduced their operating expenditure

considerably and I understand this has been highly successful.

As the number of clubs in the Union continues to decline, I would expect to see further actions required including the possible merger of smaller Branches into more financially viable units. So, what can be done by all of us to protect the future of our Union?

Well certainly, your National Executive are going to be extremely busy in examining ways to increase our current income streams and also to tap into new potentials, especially from our joint agreements with outside companies. Sponsorship



Gordon Winn moves acceptance of the balance sheet.

must be maximised where possible. I know that these areas are already being closely examined for their potential.

On the expenditure front, we must continue to recognise that as we decline in numbers, financial wastage cannot be tolerated at any level.

Without wishing to justify that politically sensitive word, austerity – which as a word I personally hate – I have to admit it has got its merits; but at the end of the day we are a service industry and we must endeavour to protect and develop those that we provide to enable us to continue to help our clubs survive both at national and Branch level.

In this respect, your National Executive continues to look at ways to improve the educational facilities we offer, especially to club management committees but also to any members interested in the successful management of their club.

Whenever I get the opportunity to speak, I always emphasise the importance of the work undertaken at Branch level. I cannot stress enough the importance that this close contact with your clubs has to their survival.

There is only so much that can be achieved through the central Head Office in getting the average club member to support their Union. Every effort must be made to protect the support that we currently receive but, of equal importance, to attract fresh support."

The PRESIDENT said no written questions had been received on the accounts.

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Former Wakefield Branch Secretary **GORDON WINN** said he was honoured to be invited to move the acceptance of the balance sheet up until 30 September 2013.

"I was a member of the National Executive for 22 years until I stood down on November 1. The changes in the way the National Executive are running their meetings mean every member knows the ins and outs of every meeting where before there were lots of sub-committee meetings. This, I truly believe has led to an outcome where we have savings in costs and better discussions.

We should thank the Union Accountant and the Head Office staff for all the hard work they have put in and I hope the profit for the Union continues. I know the National Executive will continue to work very hard to help the clubs and the Branches who are struggling."

**DAVID WOODBURN**, the Secretary of Acregate Lane in Preston and the President of the Manchester Branch, formally seconded the motion and the Annual Financial Statement was accepted.

**THE PRESIDENT** announced that 780 members had applied for credentials and 530 had attended.

Proposing the first Motion, Vice-President **JOHN TOBIN** said that although the Union was holding its 151st meeting it was starting a new decade and a new future. He hoped the Union could rebuild new and better foundations to go into the 21st century and further into the future with some of the changes we are proposing today.

"The first proposal is to remove the words 'Working Men's Club' and just have the CIU. Everywhere we go in the UK we are known as the CIU. Some years ago we did adopt a motion to give our ladies full membership and to let them have the Pass Card and Associate Card. And I understand from different parts of the country that these ladies are doing wonderful jobs in our clubs as Presidents and Secretaries. And with the equality law I see no reason why we can't just call ourselves the CIU."



*John Tobin proposed all ten Motions.*



*Brenda McMahon successfully argued against the two main Motions.*

In the past using the words 'working men's club' had worked against some clubs and the Union itself when applying for grants so he hoped that local councils and their licensing departments would see that there was now equality. "So I would move that we tidy this particular rule up and propose that in the future we call ourselves the CIU."

Opposing the Motion, **BRENDA McMAHON** from Brafield on the Green WMC in the South East Midlands Branch, said: "My club is proud to be known as a member of the Working Men's Club & Institute Union Limited and strongly believes that it is vital to retain that name.

"The name of the organisation links us to our roots and reminds us of our history. If we change the name of our movement we risk losing our daily contact with those roots and history. That would be a monumental travesty.

"When our children and grandchildren ask us where our name came from, we can tell how we started as a teetotal movement run by the aristocracy for working men and their families, which then moved on to be an organisation run by working men themselves, through to the all-embracing movement we are today.

"Within the Working Men's Club & Institute Union Ltd there are over 50 different names that exclude 'Working Men's Club & Institute Ltd.' I'm sorry to keep saying that but it's very special. That totals hundreds of clubs. These names show the wonderful array of interests our clubs have, but whatever the individual face of a club, there is a pride in belonging to this Union.

"However, if the Executive wish to rebrand our movement and the delegates agree with that principle we suggest that to change the name to 'CIU' will mean we have no identity whatsoever. From the day the change is registered we will become the CIU. From that day if anyone asks what the name 'CIU' stands for the only honest answer will be 'nothing.'

"I believe it would be an insult to our forebears if we were to adopt a name that stands for nothing. If rebranding is the way forward it should surely be with a name that emphasises our values and aims. The name CIU does neither. The Brafield on the Green Working Men's Club strenuously opposes the proposed change of name."

Responding, **THE VICE-PRESIDENT** said he respected the lady who had come and spoken so strongly on behalf of the title 'The Working Men's Club & Institute Union.'

"I don't disagree with a lot that she says but the CIU is not being degraded. It has always been the Club & Institute Union, and when we go round the country, that's what we're really known as, when we talk among ourselves, it's CIU.

I think we all agree with the equality that we have got now and, as I said before, the name can cause complications with some legislation. I respect what the lady said but I must disagree.

The National Executive do propose that you accept the motion and go into the 21st Century as the CIU."

**A card vote was taken which resulted in 271 votes in favour and 212 against, meaning the Motion failed to receive the necessary two-thirds majority so was lost.**

Proposing Motion 2, **THE VICE-PRESIDENT** said this was a motion to remove the General Secretary.

"As you know, over the years the National Executive consisted of 29 members plus the President and Vice-president and the General Secretary and you can see that this has drastically reduced with big savings for the Union. There is a total now of 15 of us, the two Union officers plus 13 Executive members across the UK.

Over the last 20 months we have not had a General Secretary, we have had an Office Manager and we have found at Executive level that it has worked extremely well.

It does give that divide; not having a General Secretary but the Office Manager dealing with the staff and running the office and the Executive getting on with the work that they have to do. This system has really worked well over the last 20 months.

I know we have had General Secretaries year after year but it's time to change. Again it's only trade unions today that still have these General Secretaries. An organisation like ourselves has a lot of administration and we need a person that has the knowledge to administer our office.

We believe that the gentleman we have at the moment, Mr Stephen Goulding, is the man for the future. He's got many ideas, he's done a lot of alterations in the office already. The staff are a lot happier, the Executive seem to be working better and we feel that in this day and age we should go forward with this position with an Office Manager to run our affairs in London.

The General Secretary is not needed, it's a position that is elected from anybody in the country and in this day and age an organisation like ourselves should be able to deal with our own problems on administration and sit down and interview these people for the various positions.

We feel that the system now that has been in operation should continue so we are asking for your support so we can go ahead with this position of not having a General Secretary but having the two Union Officers, 13 Executive members and a general manager to look after our office."

This Motion was also opposed by **BRENDA McMAHON**, who said: "It is my club's experience that since the departure of Kevin Smyth the service it has received from the Union has been deteriorating both in scope and efficiency.

From our viewpoint and limited knowledge the role of General Secretary has been well beyond what is laid down in the Rules. The General Secretary is:

1. A communicator. As Editor the General Secretary has historically been the main drive of the *Club Journal*. Today there is no input on the things that matter to our clubs, for example, the Linneweber case and the TV scam between Sky and BT Sport. Both have a huge impact and are of immense interest but are given no space. It still keeps banging on about smoking. Yes, it is still important but there are other equally important issues. An independent General Secretary would ensure full exposure of the things that matter to clubs.

2. An ambassador. The General Secretary is the one person on the Executive not subject to a two-yearly election. This must surely be an advantage when dealing with the likes of the All-Party Parliamentary Group, CORCA and CAMRA. A General Secretary gives a valued sense of continuity when dealing with these large bodies. Also, often local radio and TV stations want statements or

interviews. They used to be covered by the General Secretary but are now outsourced and not handled by a dedicated servant of the movement.

3. An educator. The General Secretary has been a prolific lecturer and travelled widely round the country, updating, informing and entertaining clubs on legislation and what is going on in the Union.

4. A balance. With the proposed change there will be effectively one officer. That is the one with the strongest character between President and Vice-president. There needs to be checks and balances and the General Secretary provides those. The GS does the will of the Executive but also has independent authority to ensure that the road is travelled in accordance with best practice and law. This is a very vital role.

In the latest *Club Journal* the President stated: 'We have been able to operate successfully without a General Secretary now for a couple of years so we know the system works.' The experience of my club would indicate that the word 'successfully' be removed and be replaced with 'we have done our very best and just managed to muddle through.'

The loss of an effective General Secretary has been a monumental loss to our movement. The removal of the office would be a gradually unfolding catastrophe. Brafield on the Green WMC believes that the position of General Secretary is vital to the good running of the Union and strongly opposes the Motion."

**STAN SUMMERS**, (right) the President of Darlington WMC and a member of the Durham Branch Executive said:

"I believe Brenda has summed it all up, she's taken the words I was going to use. I believe it's vitally important that we have a General Secretary. I know the Vice-president has said things are working, but I know for a fact that they are not working.

"I have written a number of letters on behalf of my club and others to the National Executive and I have not received one reply.\* When Kevin Smyth and others were there I used to get a reply back within two or three days. I'm not going to say much more because what Brenda said summed it up."

Responding, **THE VICE-PRESIDENT** said the two speakers had put their points of view over well. "You mention Kevin Smyth, yes Kevin was a great man, he still is; he was a great Education Secretary and a great General Secretary, but that was a while ago.

He said he didn't think there was any point in mentioning what had happened over the last couple of years but apart from the job title he couldn't see the difference between the Office Manager and a General Secretary. "There isn't any. He does the job of General Secretary."

"We had 1,800 clubs when these motions were sent out but only 100 replied – the rest didn't even bother to reply. But I see that today there's a different feeling so I hand it back to you, Mr Chairman." **The motion was overwhelmingly defeated on a show of hands.**

**THE VICE-PRESIDENT** said Motion 3 concerned the Convalescent Homes but, as everyone knew, the Union didn't have any. "Our last home at Saltburn has been sold, but the good thing about that is that we have been able to secure convalescence with the club that has purchased it, the Hayes Working Men's Club from Middlesex. "We had various offers for the Convalescent Home starting at £200,000, and it went at the end of the day for £330,000.

"People say that it should be sold for a lot more but we had it valued – we had professional people come in and from £200,000 we got £330,000 at the end of the day.

The one good thing is that it is there for the benefit of our members and they are offering £35 for bed and breakfast and evening meal. You can book either through Saltburn House or through Hayes Club. Unfortunately all our Homes have now been sold so they need to be removed from the Rules."

**The motion was passed by a show of hands.**



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Proposing Motion 4 **THE VICE-PRESIDENT** said Gordon Winn had referred to the difficulties Branches were having financially. "We have had to look at the finances of our Branches throughout the country and try to balance our funds.

We have lost one Branch, Scottish – as our Accountant said – and it's getting close to the day when there may have to be an amalgamation of Branches, which is something the Executive will really have to look at.

If there are big losses in certain parts of the country it may be beneficial to merge Branches to make them more financially stable. There has already been an acceptance of this Rule change, and, of course, the FSA (Financial Services Authority) is now the FCA (Financial Conduct Authority).

We do need a new constitution printed and after today we will be looking into that to bring it up to date but it's not cost-effective to keep changing our Rule book every year. We will be doing a new printout after all these Motions have been passed today."

**THE PRESIDENT** said a couple of Motions had been passed in 2009 and 2010 but had not been incorporated because there had not been a reprint of the Rulebook. It had been decided to bring them forward today in the interests of transparency.

**The Motion was passed without dissent.**

Proposing Motion 5 the **VICE-PRESIDENT** said many clubs already had it in their rules that their club subscriptions should be £1 going up to a maximum of £10, depending on what the case might be, so that it was easier to make reference to it at their Annual Meeting or Special Meeting and they could decide what the fee was going to be without a Rule change.

"Well, we've come to the maximum fee of 50 pence so we need to insert a Rule saying a minimum of 50p up to a maximum of £10. It doesn't give the Executive the authority to do that but if there needs to be an increase, and by the sound of it there is going to be a need for one, possibly next year from what our Accountant has been saying, then we can decide to increase it from 50p up to a maximum of £10 – and that will probably go on for quite a few years – until we get to the £10 we wouldn't need to change that Rule again. The Motion was approved by a show of hands.

Proposing Motion 6, the **VICE-PRESIDENT** said this was very similar to the previous Motion and was to do with the Associate Card. "What we are proposing is that we put it into our Rules that we have a minimum of £3 and a maximum of £10 based on the same system as the Pass Card."

Opposing the Motion. **DAVID COLES**, (above) the Secretary of Wickersley WM Social in South Yorkshire, said: "I am at a loss, following the vote on the Annual Fee, as to why this one has got a £10 ceiling. Why is it £10, why isn't it £20 why isn't it a fiver, unless

there is some underlying reason behind it?

The only reason – because it says it will come back to Conference for you people to decide, and so it should, is that when it does come back to Conference – and it will – it will require 50 per cent of the vote instead of the two thirds majority, which makes it easier for the motion to be put through – so I'm going to oppose this motion.

And a word of warning, delegates, beware of the power base that's being built up following the changes to the constitution."

In reply the **VICE-PRESIDENT** said he didn't think there was anything being hidden. "We're quite open about putting this in the constitution and if it did come up to increase it from £3 to £4 that would be a massive increase. And I don't think anyone on the stage – or anyone at all – would be looking for such a big increase.

At the same time it's going to be in your hands. You are the ones who will agree it at the end of the day. So we're not taking anything away from you, there's nothing hidden in this proposal."

**After a show of hands THE PRESIDENT declared the Motion had been lost.**

The **VICE-PRESIDENT** said Motion 7 was another tidying up proposal. Branches had previously had one, two or three National Executive members but now no Branch had over 200 clubs, the maximum would be two members. The Executive had now been reduced from 29 members to 15.

**THE PRESIDENT** said this had previously been passed in 2011. **It was agreed on a show of hands.**

**THE VICE-PRESIDENT** said Motion 8 concerned National Executive expenses, which had not been looked at for 20 years and stood at £20 for a day and £40 for a night.

"Now, anyone who's been to London over recent years will realise that £40 for a night is absolutely ridiculous. You're looking at a minimum of £75 to £80. Yes, it's cheaper to stay at guest houses in Blackpool, which is one of the cheap places, but London is not. A lot of our people travel from all over the UK and they put a lot of hard work in – each and every one of us does, though many people think we're on the gravy train. People should realise it's not a gravy train, it's difficult and there's no profits from it.

The Inland Revenue also take an interest and they tax us on any fares we have to claim. So I think people need to realise that in this



day and age £20 a day and £40 a night is absolutely ridiculous. It's been 20 years since they were increased and I hope that all of you – even though you may disagree with a lot of what the Executive say – appreciate that they do a lot of work for our clubs."

He said he hoped delegates would therefore approve an increase from £20 to £30 per day and from £40 to £60 per night to cover expenses for London meetings.

**THE PRESIDENT** called for a card vote.

**The Motion was passed by 318 votes to 79.** Proposing Motion 9 the **VICE-PRESIDENT** said as the Union did not have a General Secretary it was necessary to appoint a member of staff at Head Office to be the Returning Officer and that this would be the Office Manager.

"Obviously there are a few Motions that haven't been passed so we need to sit down and have a rethink, there are massive changes to be looked at. I can assure you, however, that although I speak for the National Executive I respect the views of all those who have come up and spoken against the Motions. I wouldn't argue with anything you've said and I can assure you that all the points you've made will be taken on board by the National Executive.

This is just a question of appointing a member of the Head Office staff to be the Returning Officer when we have a vote."

Opposing the Motion, **BRENDA MCMAHON** said: "Can it be right that the people who are standing for election choose their own Returning Officer?"

"This is a role that should be mandated to the General Secretary so that no person standing for election can be criticised for being involved with the administration of their own election."

In reply the **VICE-PRESIDENT** said: "We do have Scrutineers who are independent and are elected at the Annual Meeting. They are the ones who do the counting and the checking. The Returning Officer gives the final result."

**THE PRESIDENT** said the motion had been passed a few years ago and was just to make it possible to appoint a Returning Officer if the General Secretary wasn't available so it didn't hold up any elections and had originally been passed when the Union had a General Secretary. **It was passed on a show of hands.**

Proposing Motion 10 to change the date when the Provisional Agenda is sent out from February 1 to February 15 the **VICE-PRESIDENT** said the National Executive just wanted to give whoever was there, either the Office Manager or the General Secretary, a bit more time to get it out. **The motion was carried on a show of hands.**

The next meeting will be on 11 April, 2015.

\* *Head Office Manager Stephen Goulding writes: I have checked the files and I have no record of any unanswered correspondence at Head Office.*



Ian McDonough (second right) receives the £160 winners' cheque from Trevor Beebe of sponsors Dransfields, watched by team mates Craig McDonough, Neil Meadowcroft and Ray Cronie, and Paul Davies from The Co-operative Bank. Below: Becky Ashall, Sharon King, Jane Ogier and Neil Cason from the Bloomfield Club in Blackpool entered the quiz for a laugh and received £40 from Trevor Beebe as best newcomers and the £20 consolation prize for coming second last.



# A REDDISH V

The Union's oldest club became our newest quiz champions during the conference weekend in Blackpool.

Club President and former airline steward Ian McDonough led the Reddish WMC from

Stockport to victory in the opening heat of this year's Dransfields/CIU National Quiz at Stanley Road Club. Reddish and defending champions, Sydney Street Sports & Social from Accrington, were neck and neck until the sports round allowed Reddish to open up a three-point lead going into the final two rounds. Despite the Lancashire team scoring 10 out of 10 in Round 6 Reddish held on to win by a single point.

Reddish WMC, which is a quiz question in its own right, can trace its history back to 1857 although it joined the Union later than the teetotal Walthamstow WMC in North London, which was founded by Henry Solly himself in 1862.

The top two qualified for the National Final at Alvaston & Crewton Social Club in Derby on Sunday, August 31 along with third-placed Hampton Road Social Club from Blackpool. The host club Stanley Road won a total of £80 from sponsors Dransfields by finishing highest of the teams from outside the top three in both the Sport and TV & Films round, while newcomers Bloomfield A won £20 by finishing second last as well as claiming the best newcomer's prize for their club.

Even bigger winners were those punters who backed jockey Leighton Aspell in the Grand National after spotting him in the picture round with footballer Leighton Baines and darts player Leighton Rees. After retiring in 2007 and being out of the sport for 18 months the Irish jockey returned to ride 25-1 shot Pineau de Re to victory at nearby Aintree.



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As well as Blackpool heats have now taken place in the Midlands at Ansty Club & Institute near Coventry and at Bettws Social Club in South Wales. There is still a chance to enter the South East England final at Epsom Common WMC in Surrey on Tuesday, June 3 and the North East final at Lemington Social Club in Newcastle on Thursday, July 24. It is also hoped to organise a heat in Yorkshire. For further information contact Chris Brewis on (0191) 2650040 or email [cj@powdene.com](mailto:cj@powdene.com)

Conference delegates were again welcomed by exhibitors at the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition in the Paradise Room at Blackpool Pleasure Beach on the eve of the Conference.



Benny Eagle from the Bloomfield Club won two of our four spot prizes and is pictured receiving a bottle of whisky from Paul Davies.



John Tobin meets Amy Alvarez and Baly Sheil on the Smart Energy stand.

Each delegate and a guest received a voucher offering three varied drinks from the main supporters of this 23rd CIU exhibition, Heineken UK: a pint each of Foster's from the main stand, Bulmers cider on offer at the CIU Insurance Services stand and John Smith's bitter from the Dransfields stand. Delegates were also given a demonstration on how to pour the perfect pint of what Australians call the amber nectar. (See also Page 2)

The exhibition also offered delegates the chance to meet firms providing services for our clubs and their members. One company who have been coming for more than 10 years are Ace Furniture of Corby, who were proud to supply some furniture recently to Buckingham Palace. Partner Graeme Miller said: "We've always found the Exhibition to be an excellent opportunity to meet customers old and new as well as members of the National Executive. In the last two years we have seen a much more positive outlook with many clubs reporting better takings and more profits, allowing much needed refurbishments, which in turn have led to increased membership."

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## PRESIDENT ACTS ON LINNEWEBER

(Continued from page 1)

In his letter to Exchequer Minister David Gauke, written after the last issue of *Club Journal* went to press, Mr Dawson wrote:

"The CIU note that Rank has petitioned the Supreme Court to be allowed to appeal. We would ask you to give serious consideration to authorising Revenue officials not to undertake recovery action unless and until the process of litigation is completed in favour of HMRC.

"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 thereby put clubs' future viability at risk."

The National Executive have pledged to continue to raise this matter and seek resolution for clubs through the All-Party Parliamentary Group and CORCA. In a letter to all clubs the President says:

### NEGOTIATE

"HMRC recognises that paying the money back in one lump-sum will be difficult for some businesses. They therefore advise clubs and others in this position to discuss and agree arrangements with them for repaying the required amount.

"The CIU urges member clubs unable to settle outright to contact HMRC without delay to negotiate a repayment arrangement consistent with the club's financial capability. Enclosed is a hardship form, which may assist in discussions with HMRC."

Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley has also written to all clubs to reassure them that VAT repayments for Category B3A lottery machines have been accepted by HMRC as tax-exempt and will not be affected.

The Linneweber case relates solely to gaming machines and is named after Frau Edith Linneweber, who won a long-running case with the German authorities in the European Court of Justice.

## Don't bury your head in the sand

Clubs with financial or other problems have been urged once again to talk to their Branch rather than waiting till it's too late and, like the proverbial ostrich, burying their heads in the sand.

In his speech at this year's Conference Union President George Dawson said: "Please use the Union to assist you but don't leave it too late that we can't do anything and when we've assisted take our advice instead of ignoring it and coming back later when things have got worse."

Committees also need to look out for new rules which mean Employment tribunals will now be able to order a club which loses a tribunal claim to pay a financial penalty. This will mean that if a club loses a case brought by a member of staff, or a former member of staff, and is shown to have especially poor workplace practices, it could be fined up to £5,000 on top of any back pay that is due to the employee.

Acas's "early conciliation" also came into effect this month, subject to transitional provisions.

This means that a member of staff thinking about making an employment tribunal claim will need to contact Acas first. Acas will then offer "early conciliation" to try to resolve the dispute quickly and cost-effectively.



By Andrew Dane -  
**The Business Medic**

## Rate relief victory

While the National Executive continues to campaign for mandatory relief one of our Branches has won a year-long battle to persuade a local council to grant clubs Discretionary Rate Relief.

In a landmark case recently the South East Midlands Branch Executive tackled Northampton Borough Council and, after a year of campaigning on behalf of all the clubs that put in individual claims, won 80% relief for each of them.

Historically, our clubs' claims have often been rejected because we have bars that make profits. With that single point we have been called profit-making and therefore not eligible. The Branch's winning argument was that the profit derived from the bars went to supporting live arts; games and sport; social welfare such as children's and senior citizen's outings and pantos; offering accommodation to local community groups and charities; and making charitable donations and finally providing recreation which they defined as "refreshment of health or spirits by relaxation and enjoyment."

With local authorities trimming costs all the time, this is one area where many are cutting back. However, there are still authorities that do offer this relief if certain criteria are observed. The argument is that once those criteria are met, the relief becomes mandatory.

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 Large car parking space available.  
 Entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday.  
 Bookings must give 14 days' notice.  
**contact Secretary on 01282 431 363 or e-mail [rosegrove20@gmail.com](mailto:rosegrove20@gmail.com)**

### GOING TO THE RACES?

Why not try  
**BURNLEY MINERS WMSOC**  
 As seen on TV  
 2 minutes from the Town Centre and Turf Moor.  
 Entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday.  
 Coach parties by appointment.  
 Breakfast and/or evening meal.  
**Tel: Bar (01282) 422 791 or Office (01282) 835 429**

## BRIGHTON & SUSSEX

Eastbourne & District Trade Union Club & Institute Ltd.  
 Clapham House, 48 Seaside, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN22 7OL.

A warm welcome is guaranteed to all CIU associates and guests. A good selection of reasonably priced beers and spirits available. Temporary membership can be arranged at the door for all holiday makers. Large groups or coach parties are welcome with prior arrangements. Situated 5 minutes walk from the beach. Please contact secretary on **(01323) 727703**.

### EASTBOURNE WORKING MEN'S CLUB

102/104 Firie Road, Eastbourne BN22 8ET.  
**Tel: (01323) 723322**  
 Email: [eastbournewmc@googlegmail.com](mailto:eastbournewmc@googlegmail.com)  
[www.ewmc.co.uk](http://www.ewmc.co.uk)

Visit the one and only workers' club in our lovely South Coast town. We have live music, raffles, bingo, darts, snooker and pool.  
 See our website for coming events.  
 A warm welcome to CIU members all year round.

### Littlehampton Trades & Labour Club

Wick Street, Wick, Littlehampton BN17 7JH. Telephone (01903) 714 054  
 A warm welcome awaits all visitors.  
 Facilities include darts, crib and Sky TV.  
 Catering for private parties can be arranged (14 days' notice please). Live entertainment every Saturday. Coach parties welcome with prior notice, please contact the Secretary.

## ESSEX & EAST ANGLIA

### COMRADES SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, CLACTON

A warm welcome awaits at both our premises. 205 Old Road, a short walk from seafront, has live entertainment Saturday evenings, disco Sunday afternoons, back garden and car park. 9 Colne Road is one minute from sea front. Live entertainment Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday afternoons and Saturday evenings. Pool, darts, raffles and bingo at both. Coach parties welcome by ringing the Secretary in advance on **(01255) 423 314**.

### HUNSTANTON (NORFOLK) UNITED SERVICES SOCIAL CLUB

A warm welcome to all visitors. Large enclosed garden and car park with sea views. Three snooker tables, also pool table and darts. Bingo Mondays and Thursdays and one game Saturday evening. Live weekend entertainment. Catering arranged on request. Disabled friendly. Close to Sandringham Royal Estate, Coaches welcome midweek.  
**Contact Club Steward on (01485) 533360.**

### Naval & Military Club (Southend-on-Sea)

**20 Royal Terrace, Southend SS1 1DU.**  
**Tel: (01702) 347169**  
 A warm and friendly welcome awaits you. Large rear garden and roof terrace with fantastic views overlooking the seafront and estuary. Live entertainment Saturday nights and Wednesday afternoons. Hot and Cold Food available every day of the week. Local Real Ale Club of the Year. Coach parties welcome but must contact the Secretary/Chairman prior to the visit.

### On the beautiful North Norfolk coast

### SHERINGHAM TYNESIDE CLUB

95 Station Road, Sheringham NR26 8RG  
 Safe beer garden and parking.  
 Great home-made food at great prices seven days a week. Coaches welcome, contact the Secretary in advance on  
**(01263) 822570**

### Walton-on-Naze RBL Club

Vicarage Lane (off High Street). (01255) 674 153  
 Visiting the seaside? A warm welcome and friendly atmosphere - two minutes from beach front.  
 Live entertainment at weekends - sing-a-long Thursday afternoons - large screen TVs - pool - darts. Good range of drinks and bar snacks available. New membership available - CIU and RBL affiliated.  
 Coach parties welcome! Contact Secretary

## HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT

### Leigh Park and District TUWMC

439 Dunsbury Way, Havant PO9 5BD  
**The largest club on the South Coast**  
 Situated 2 miles from A3(M) and A27 and within 20 minutes' drive of Goodwood and Fontwell Races. Visiting clubs welcome. Live bands on Saturday nights and food, darts, snooker and pool available all week.  
 Please contact the Secretary on (023) 92472624  
 email: [workingmens.ins@btconnect.com](mailto:workingmens.ins@btconnect.com)  
 website: [www.workingmensclubleighpark.co.uk](http://www.workingmensclubleighpark.co.uk)

### Newport (I.W.) Social Club

13-14 Lower St James Street, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 5HB. Tel: (01983) 527 291  
 Situated in the centre of town, with a warm friendly atmosphere where you can bring family and friends. Open all day, function room, snooker room, darts, pool and jukebox. Kitchen now open 7 days a week for hot and cold food. Coach parties always welcome by prior arrangement.

### COWES COMBINED SERVICES & SOCIAL CLUB

85 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 7AJ.  
 A warm and friendly welcome is extended to all visitors. Situated on the sea front with panoramic sea views from the stage dining area, the club has one of the best views in the country. Ideal for parties and outings. Freshly prepared meals available 7 days a week. Disabled facilities. Coach parties very welcome, please notify Secretary or bar manager in advance. Entertainment Friday and Saturday evenings.  
**Tel: (01983) 292921 email: [rblcowes@onwight.net](mailto:rblcowes@onwight.net)**

## HEREFORD & WORCESTERSHIRE

### Hereford Welsh Social Club

1 Hinton Road, Hereford, HR2 6BL.  
**Tel: (01432) 269038/285974.**

Email: [herefordwelshclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:herefordwelshclub@hotmail.co.uk)

A friendly welcome is extended to all Associate Members. Live Entertainment every Saturday evening.

Hot and cold food available. Coaches welcome (please contact Secretary prior to your visit).

Please visit our website:

[www.herefordwelshsocialclub.co.uk](http://www.herefordwelshsocialclub.co.uk)  
 "Hereford's most popular social club"

### RICHMOND PLACE CLUB

69/71 EDGAR STREET, HEREFORD HR4 9JP  
 Live entertainment every Saturday. Monthly Country & Western night. Hot and cold food available. Disabled facilities, real ale, Wrestling nights. Football supporters, shoppers and coach parties very welcome. Parking for coaches.  
 Contact Secretary, Les Walker on (01432) 356 529.  
 email: [richmondclubsecretary@btconnect.com](mailto:richmondclubsecretary@btconnect.com)

## KENT

### BEXLEYHEATH WMC

Royal Oak Road, Bexleyheath. DA6 7HG  
 Telephone (0208) 303 2163  
 Friendly atmosphere, comfortable surroundings and an excellent range of beers to quench your thirst. Everything you require on your visit to Bluewater and Lakeside shopping centres.  
 Refreshments available.  
 (Please give advance notice).

### SUNDRIDGE PARK WMC

**134 BURNT ASH LANE, BROMLEY.**  
 Tel: (020) 8464 3638 (Office); (020) 8460 6348 (Club)  
 Located close to A21 and A20. A warm welcome is extended to all visitors. Two bars serving a wide range of drinks. TV in bar and the lounge. Purpose-built snooker room with four tables. Live entertainment Saturday and Sunday evenings. Coach parties by prior arrangement with the office.

## LEEDS & WEST YORKSHIRE

### Belle Isle WMC

Belle Isle Road, Leeds LS10 3PE.  
 Warm and friendly club with large car park, good value beer and large concert room. Live bands Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Coaches welcome.  
**Contact Secretary on (0113) 2718 768.**

### Visiting Blackpool or Yorkshire Coast? Haydock Park or York Races?

Then call at: Elland Working Men's Club Roseberry Street, Elland, West Yorkshire HX5 0HT  
 For your breakfast on the outward journey. And for an evening's splendid entertainment on your way home. We are only 2 miles from Junction 24, M62 on the A629. A warm welcome extended to all Associate Members. Live entertainment on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Dancing on Thursdays to our resident organist. Fully modernised Concert Room and Lounge. Excellent Games Room. Floorlit Bowling Green. Large Car Park. Coach Parties welcome - please let us have  
 14 days' notice in writing to the Secretary Steve Graydon. Tel: Club (01422) 373 023.  
[www.ellandwmc.web.com](http://www.ellandwmc.web.com)  
 Telephone pre-bookings to be confirmed in writing to the Secretary.

### SWARCLIFFE WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Swarcliffe Avenue, Leeds LS14 5DE  
 A warm and friendly welcome always assured in the comfortable surroundings of our recently refurbished club. Live entertainment every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening. Relax in the quiet of the lounge or try a game of snooker on one of our three superb tables.  
 Big screen Sky Sports TV.  
*Planning a day at the races?*  
 York, Wetherby, Ripon.

We are 2 minutes from the A64 and 5 minutes from the M1. Breakfast and evening meals for large parties available by appointment.  
 Contact: Glen Doyle (Secretary)  
**(0113) 2959100**

## LEICESTER & EAST MIDLANDS

### Nottingham Oddfellows Club

89 Humberstone GATE, Leicester.  
 TELEPHONE: (0116) 262 0181  
 262 5404 (Evenings) - CIU Affiliated  
 ★ City Centre Club  
 ★ Coach park right outside premises  
 ★ 2 minutes from centre of Leicester

Coach parties and parties always welcome. Food supplied hot or cold - 7 days' notice or please phone prior to visit. Children welcome. Dances Monday, Tuesday and Friday.  
 Entertainment available.  
 Phone or write to Secretary Eric Johnson

### SAFFRON LANE ESTATE WMC

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

### SKEGNESS EX-SERVICE CLUB

2 Grand Parade, Skegness, PE25 2UN.  
**Telephone: (01754) 762113**  
 Located on the seafront near the clocktower, 2-3 mins from town centre. Lounge bar, pool/children's room, 1st floor patio area. Reasonably priced beers/lagers and house doubles. Selection of chilled bars. Live entertainment every Saturday (Sundays main season). Open 11.30-11.30 most days. Pre-booked coaches welcome - come to a completely refurbished 21st century club.

## LONDON

### BLACKHEATH NEWBRIDGE SOCIAL CLUB

22 Charlton Road, Blackheath, London SE3 7HG  
 A warm and friendly welcome awaits you in this South East London club situated close to The O2, historic Greenwich and the River Thames with boat trips to Central London and the sights.  
 Children welcome. Coach parties by prior arrangement, refreshments available upon request. Various entertainment. Ask for details from the Secretary on (020) 8858 6776 or email [blackheathwmc@btconnect.com](mailto:blackheathwmc@btconnect.com)

# CLUB OUTINGS . . . CLUB OUTINGS

**THE HAMMERSMITH CLUB**  
Rutland Grove, London W6 9DH  
10 mins' walk from Fulham FC and less than 25 mins by local transport to Chelsea and QPR. A warm and friendly welcome to away fans looking for good hospitality and a relaxing drink.  
Also 20 mins to Westfield, Europe's largest shopping centre and 30 mins to West End theatres.  
**Contact Thomas on 07914 868272 or visit www.hammersmithclub.net**

**HARROW ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**  
Northolt Road, South Harrow HA2 0DW.  
Extends a warm welcome to all Associate members and guests. Situated 10 minutes from the A40 and 20 minutes from Wembley Stadium. We have live bands every Saturday and Sunday night. Catering on request. Coach parties welcome with prior notification to Kath or Roy Roberts. Telephone: (020) 8422 1222.

**Hayes WMC**  
Pump Lane, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 3NB.  
Telephone: (020) 8573 1721  
e-mail: bobdaybell@aol.com  
Why not visit the flagship of clubs in the South? Ascot, Kempton Park & Sandown racecourses all nearby. Live bands every Friday and Saturday night. Late night cabaret last Saturday of every month, at least 3 acts, charge for entry, late bar. Catering available weekends, orders taken in advance to your requirements. Visit our website: [www.hayesworkingmensclub.com](http://www.hayesworkingmensclub.com) for our full entertainment programme. Coaches welcome by prior arrangement with the secretary.

**ISLEWORTH CLUB**  
Goodenough House, 109 St John's Road, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 6PN. Telephone: (020) 8560 2569  
We are good enough - are you?  
5 minutes from Twickenham Rugby and only 15 minutes from Kempton and Sandown. Call in on your way and give us a try. Pick your winners from our varied selection of popular beers which are available in either our large Concert Room or Lounge. Close to the M4 and M3. Please give prior notice for parties. Coach parties are welcome.

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION TWICKENHAM**  
95 Popes Grove, Twickenham TW1 4JT  
Coming to Twickenham then why not visit the RBL Twickenham?  
For opening times and food offerings visit our website. All are welcome at our friendly popular club.  
For coaches and large groups please telephone or email in advance.  
Tel: (020) 8892 6728 Email: [rbtwtwickenham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rbtwtwickenham@hotmail.co.uk) [www.rbtwtwickenham.com](http://www.rbtwtwickenham.com)

## MANCHESTER & CHESHIRE

**Sale Excelsior WMC**  
2 Symons Road, Sale M33 7FJ  
Friendly club handy for Old Trafford and Etihad Stadiums. Sky Television Live entertainments at weekends  
Mini-coaches welcome  
Snacks can be arranged  
**0161 973 4920**

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE & CAMBRIDGESHIRE

**St James Working Mens Club**  
Weedon Road, St James, Northampton.  
A warm welcome awaits all club members. Lounge, Games Room and large Concert Room. Parties welcome, catering if required by prior arrangement. 5 minutes M1, Junction 15A.  
Please contact Secretary Mrs P. Webster.  
Tel: (01604) 456 602 [www.stjameswmc.co.uk](http://www.stjameswmc.co.uk)

## SHEFFIELD & SOUTH YORKSHIRE

**ARMTHORPE CORONATION CLUB**  
Tranmoor Lane, Armthorpe, Doncaster DN3 3BS.  
Handy for racecourse and Doncaster Rovers. Close to M18. Big screen TV, entertainment every weekend.  
Ring Club Secretary Alan Jones on (01302) 831 393

**Arundel Ex-Servicemen's Club**  
City Road, Sheffield  
A friendly Club close to Town Centre Facilities include a 500 seat Concert Room, two other lounges and a Games Room. Great Cabaret every night except Tuesday and Wednesday. Coach parties please contact Mr B. Simmonite. Children allowed up to 10 years Catering for Buffet if required.  
**Telephone: (0114) 239 7151**

**CARCROFT VILLAGE WMC**  
Chestnut Avenue Carcroft, Doncaster DN6 8AG  
Extends a warm welcome to all CIU affiliated members. Coach Parties welcomed by prior arrangement. 1 mile from A1 and close to M1, M18 and M62. Top class entertainment every weekend. Handy for Doncaster Races and trips returning from North or South coastal routes. Big screen TVs and live football. All enquiries to Jim Hutchinson, Secretary on (01302) 725497; email [secretary@carcroftvillagewmc.com](mailto:secretary@carcroftvillagewmc.com), website [www.carcroftvillagewmc.com](http://www.carcroftvillagewmc.com)

**Hawthorn Recreational & Social Club**  
Goodison Boulevard, Cantley, Doncaster. Tel: (01302) 535 995  
Easily accessible for the Racecourse.  
Big screen Sky TV.  
Artistes on Saturdays.

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

## SURREY

**EGHAM UNITED SERVICES CLUB**  
111 Spring Rise, Egham, Surrey TW20 9PE.  
"North Surrey CAMRA Club of the Year 2008 & 2009"  
"Finalist for CAMRA Club of the Year 2009"  
Located 5 minutes from J13 M25, handy for Windsor Castle and races, Kempton, Ascot, Epsom and Sandown. 5 mins from Egham Station on the Waterloo to Reading line.  
Three real ale and cider festivals a year. [www.eusc.co.uk](http://www.eusc.co.uk)  
Tel: (01784) 435120 or (07738) 714572  
(Real Ale Festivals and Party Bars also arranged)

**DAY OUT RACING ESHER W.M.C.**  
142 Esher High Street, Esher, Surrey.  
Telephone: (01372) 467 758  
Sandown Race Course within walking distance. Kempton Park and Epsom also nearby.  
A warm welcome is extended to all associate members.

**Walton Working Men's Club**  
21A Church Street, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey KT12 2QP.  
Extends a warm welcome to Associate Members. Near M25/M3, Sandown and Kempton Racecourses, Hampton Court, Wentworth, Twickenham Rugby and Thorpe Park.  
Ideal fishing - River Thames. Dancing to live music Saturdays/Sundays. Coaches. In writing to the Secretary.  
**Telephone: (01932) 220 361.**

## THAMES VALLEY

**Banbury Trades & Labour Club**  
32 West Bar Street, Banbury, Oxon OX16 9RR.  
Tel: (01295) 215 7119 (H); (01295) 254 168 (Club).  
A warm welcome is extended to all Associates. Coach parties welcome with 14 days prior notice to Secretary Joan Conley. Live entertainment on Saturday night. Food available. Please contact Secretary with your booking.

## WALES

**CARDIFF WEST END SOCIAL CLUB**  
COWBRIDGE ROAD WEST, ELY, CARDIFF CF5 5BY.  
A very friendly welcome to CIU Associates and their families from CARDIFF'S PREMIER SOCIAL CLUB.  
10 minutes from M4.  
15 minutes to city centre.  
Millennium Stadium, Cardiff International Arena, St. David's Hall/ Centre, Cardiff Bay.  
Live entertainment every Saturday Night with Bingo/Raffle/Tote/Disco  
FULL SKY SPORTS/RACING UK  
Hot and cold food available.  
COACH PARTIES MOST WELCOME.  
**Telephone: (029) 2059 4004**

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

Going to Premiership Swansea City or racing at Ffos Las? Visit  
**MORRISTON WMC**  
11 Slate Street, Swansea SA6 8AA.  
A friendly club which makes visitors welcome.  
Liberty Stadium 15 minutes, Ffos Las 45 minutes, Ospreys 15 minutes, 10 minutes from M4 Junction 45.  
Coach parties welcome with advance notice.  
**Ring (01792) 771580**

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

## WARWICKSHIRE & COVENTRY

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

## Willenhall Social Club

Robin Hood Road, Coventry CV3 3BB. Secretary: (024) 7630 1222 or 7630 3278.  
Welcome to all Associate Members. Entertainment every Saturday and Sunday night in concert room (seats 600). Bar, games room and luxury lounge facilities. Large car park. Hot and cold snacks available. 10 minutes from City Centre.  
No Children Allowed.  
Coach parties apply to Secretary.

**HEN LANE SOCIAL CLUB**  
Beacon Road, Holbrooks, Coventry CV6 4DS.  
5 minutes from M6 Junction 3, 10 minutes' walk from Ricoh Arena, minibus from club on match days. Excellent function room and facilities. Hot and cold snacks available at all times. Prior notice required for coach parties and catering (menu sent on request).  
Please contact the Secretary.  
Tel: (024) 7672 4830; Office: (024) 7672 4832.

## WEST COUNTRY

**THE ANZAC CLUB**  
Anzac Street, Dartmouth, Devon TQ6 9DJ  
(01803) 832661  
A warm and friendly welcome awaits all affiliated members and guests.  
Coach parties welcome, please give 14 days' prior notice. Catering for buffets can be arranged. Situated behind St Saviour's Church.  
Please like us on Facebook.

**Poole Labour Club**  
22 Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset  
Tel: (01202) 674 059 / 686 256  
Offers the 3 S's to all affiliated members, Sea, Sand and Speedway! Centre of Poole, 20 minutes from Bournemouth, 2 minutes from Poole Stadium for Speedway and Greyhound Racing. Good beer, warm welcome, open all day. Entertainment on Saturday nights, Tuesday Tea Dances, Darts, Skittles, Snooker, Pool and Dominoes games can be arranged. Certain restrictions apply to children.  
Contact Secretary for details.

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE WMC**  
Orchard Street, Weston-super-Mare.  
**Telephone: (01934) 418 202**  
A warm welcome is extended to Associates and their families in Weston's premier club. Situated in the town centre and close to the sea front.  
Live entertainment every Saturday and Sunday evening, Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon  
Bingo (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Buffets arranged.  
Large downstairs concert room seating 250. Coach parties welcome including a Saturday.  
Please contact the Secretary giving prior notice of visit. Open all day.

**WEYMOUTH WMC**  
MITCHELL STREET, WEYMOUTH, (Harbour End Of Town)  
Less than 5 minutes from the beach! We welcome all CIU affiliated members. Music Friday & Saturday evenings, with Bingo fliers on these nights. Plus the usual club activities.  
Restaurant now open.  
Tel: (01305) 786 392 or (01305) 787254  
[www.weymouthworkies.co.uk](http://www.weymouthworkies.co.uk)

## WEST MIDLANDS & BIRMINGHAM

**REMEMBRANCE CLUB LTD.**  
10 CHESTER ROAD, CASTLE BROMWICH, BIRMINGHAM B36 9DD  
Extends a warm welcome to all Associate Members. Live entertainment every Saturday and Sunday evening. Line Dancing Mondays. Ballroom Dancing Tuesdays. Large comfortable lounge. Games Room. Ample parking. Close to M6/M42 (nr. Spaghetti Junction). Coaches by arrangement.  
Contact the Secretary. (0121) 747 5256 / 747 2943

To advertise contact  
**Chris Brewis**  
on (0191) 265 0040  
or email: [cj@powdene.com](mailto:cj@powdene.com)

# CLUB OUTINGS

## Yardley Wood Social Club

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

## YORKS (N & E) & NORTH EAST

### BEECHWOOD, EASTER SIDE & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB

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

Going to watch Sunderland or Newcastle United? Visit

### BELMONT CLUB & INSTITUTE

Grange Road, Carrville, Durham DH1 1AJ  
Friendly club. Football and other sports supporters welcome. Large screen TVs.  
Coach parties by arrangement.  
**Tel: (0191) 386 1487**

### BLAKELAW & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB

6 Cragston Way, Newcastle NE5 3SW.  
Friendly club on northern edge of Newcastle. Handy for A1, Racecourse and St James' Park. Coach parties welcome.  
Food can also be arranged.  
Contact Secretary Alan Campbell on (07986) 706354 or [blakelawsc@googlemail.com](mailto:blakelawsc@googlemail.com)

### CENTRAL WMC

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

### CHILTON & WINDLESTONE WMC

Darlington Road, Chilton, Co. Durham DL17 0EY  
Great facilities in our modern bar, lounge and concert hall.  
Sky Sports - Snooker - Pool - Regular Entertainment  
Convenient for M/bro, S/land, N/cle football matches.  
Only 3 miles from A1(M),  
5 miles from Sedgfield Racecourse  
For bookings contact the Secretary on 07789 003529 or email via our website at [www.chiltonwmc.co.uk](http://www.chiltonwmc.co.uk)  
Situating on the main road in Chilton - look for the flagpole!

Going to watch Sunderland or Newcastle United?

### Then visit HETTON VICTORY CLUB

10 Richard Street, Hetton-le-Hole DH5 9HN  
Friendly club welcoming all visiting football supporters. Cheap beers and spirits, six large TV screens, short journey to both grounds. Snacks supplied, coach parties welcome with prior notification to the secretary Ian Wilson on 07799233319 or email: [wls901@aol.com](mailto:wls901@aol.com)

### Middlesbrough RAOB Club (The Buffs)

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

## King Street Social Club

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

### New York Club & Institute Limited

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

### Northallerton & District WMC

Elder Road, Northallerton, DL6 1NH.  
Tel: (01609) 772390  
Email: [Northallertonwmc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Northallertonwmc@hotmail.co.uk)  
Situating in the picturesque county town of North Yorkshire, with easy access to A19 and the A1, we extend a warm welcome to CIU associates. Only 15 mins from Catterick, Ripon and Thirsk racecourses. Racing and football channels showing on four TVs. Live entertainment and bingo Saturdays and Sundays.

### OSBORNE WMC

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

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Cliff addresses the audience after receiving his Certificate (pictured below) from Branch President Eric Johnson.

## Cliff joins a select band

Leicestershire clubman Cliff Eversfield has become one of the rare people to be presented with the Union's 50-year gold badge and certificate.

Cliff recently retired as President of the Nottingham Oddfellows Club - which despite its name is in the centre of Leicester - and was presented with the award to mark his service as a Committee member, Vice-President and President of the club, known to all as the Notts Club.

Cliff first joined the Committee in 1964 and worked tirelessly until his retirement earlier this year at the age of 86, which even then was only due to health reasons.

John Harris CMD, the National Executive member for Leicestershire and Derbyshire writes:

"The presentation was made at the recent Pensioners Dinner by Leicestershire Branch President Eric Johnson - who is Secretary of the club and has served for even longer than Cliff.

"In fact, Eric and myself joined the club on the same night in May 1956. I went on to become Club President in the 60s until I had to leave for business reasons.

"I have, however, always been a staunch supporter of the Union and was happy to follow in the footsteps of many outstanding supporters and National Executive members from the Notts Club such as Harry Tench and, more recently, Norman Yates.

"In conclusion I would like to wish Cliff Eversfield a long and happy retirement."



## CLUB NOTICES

### Expulsions

M Wilkins (No 361) Ramsgate WMC. Kent

Adrian Jones (No 553) Thurnscoe Coronation WMC, Rotherham

### Suspensions Expiring on Dates Mentioned

Garry Dodds (5D) East Stanley WMC, Co. Durham (17th November 2014).

Del Yates (20th May 2014) Broadwater Working Men's Conservative Club, Worthing

Debbie Yates (20th May 2014) Broadwater Working Men's Conservative Club, Worthing

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Stuart Chapman (30th November 2014) Broadwater Working Men's Conservative Club, Worthing

Michael Connor (No 545) (18th September 2014) North Heath Social Club, Kent

William E Shead (13th May 2014) Barry Dock Liberal Club, South Wales



# Half a million reasons to remember

A club in Coventry has held a special night to pay tribute to fundraiser Garry Poyner, who had raised around £500,000 for good causes over the past decade.



Garry and Jacqui with some of the mementoes of their charity nights

A former Entertainments Secretary, Garry, had organised a series of psychic evenings and Stars in Your Eyes nights with fundraising partner Jacqui Jordan-Earnshaw at clubs across the city, including Bell Green WMC, Walsgrave SC, Willenhall SC and the Radford Social Club.

Sadly Garry, a painter and decorator, was diagnosed with cancer of the oesophagus and died shortly before he was due to go on honeymoon in October after marrying his long-term partner Mandy.

A special memorial Stars in Your Eyes charity night was held at Radford Social Club in March and raised £1,350 for Macmillan Cancer Support, whose nurses helped Garry in his final months.

"This was a little bit of payback for Macmillan because the nurses did such a wonderful job with Garry," said Jacqui. "He was a wonderful man and a proper comedian, even when things got tough."

## Seventh heaven in Burnley

A club in Burnley has held its seventh beer festival in three years and declared it to be its best yet.

Briercliffe Social Club had more than 300 people of all ages queueing up to sample 14 guest bitters, four ciders and two specialist lagers. The festival has run twice a year for the last three years and the next one will be in October.



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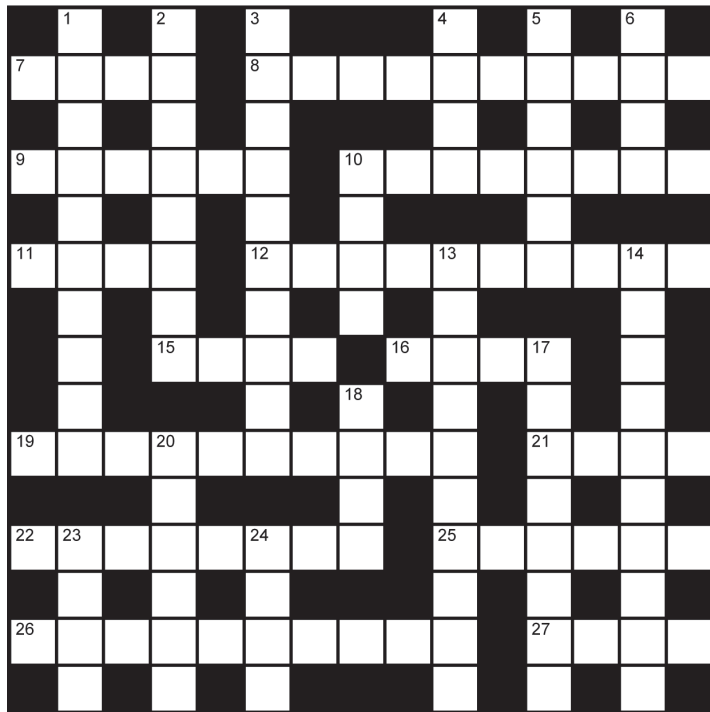
- 7 This noble is a bit superior to you and me (he thinks!). (4)
- 8 Alimentary but, I fancy, no rushing about. (10)
- 9 Mythical story could be afoot! (6)
- 10 Turning - a turbine becomes a city type. (8)
- 11 Someone's mutterings include dirty talk. (4)
- 12 Security in running side by side. (10)
- 15 Dress spotted in space-probes. (4)
- 16 Wading bird revealed in Garibaldi biscuit crumb pattern. (4)
- 19 They're first rate, Olympic style. (4,6)

- 21 Beast - a dropout, but nothing finer. (4)
- 22 Autocracy? Mmm... on a key, so to speak. (8)
- 25 Beast, from a rightangle, is just a thin plate. (6)
- 26 Instrument that's both loud and quiet? (10)
- 27 Breathe easily in, you oldie! (4)

### DOWN

- 1 "Mozz - entire reorganisation required," in between pieces. (10)
- 2 Butter - conscientious sort? (8)
- 3 A-line pattern, cubed so crudely it cannot be taught. (10)
- 4 Member of climbing club. (4)
- 5 Moan based on western pivot. (6)
- 6 Signature reveals a sucker! (4)
- 10 Fruity sort of panto sister? (4)
- 13 Armada boss, treated as a representative. (10)
- 14 Can they sail well? (4,6)
- 17 No intoxication revealed by Tories(!). (8)
- 18 Simple? Yes. (A change!). (4)
- 20 Made Arthur's piece a shortage. (6)
- 23 Good job oestrogen is less for this instrument! (4)
- 24 Manage in top masonry (4)

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## Prince crowns Mel's great day for bowls

West Midlands clubman Mel Evans is pictured after receiving an MBE for his services to crown green bowling from Prince Charles

Mel has represented Chadsmoor Progressive WMC in Cannock for 46 years and has been instrumental in developing the team into one of the top teams in the country. At the same time he has become one of the sport's top administrators and commentators and later this year will be returning to London to address a Parliamentary committee.

"It was a proud moment for me to receive this honour and also for my sport to be recognised at such a high level," said Mel. "Just entering Buckingham Palace was an occasion I will never forget.

"Prince Charles recalled actually playing Crown Green Bowls in Cannock some years ago. He admitted he struggled to control the bowls - I replied that I watched him and told him it was good he stuck with his day job as he wouldn't have made a living playing bowls!"

Mel, who is 60, was born into bowls as his late father Les was one of Staffordshire's finest players. "My mother told me the first time I went out of the house at one week old was to go to the bowling green - and I have been around greens ever since." At 14 he made his debut in the local CIU league and he has gone on to play more than 100 times for Staffordshire and win around 130 singles and doubles titles around the country.

As well as being a great player Mel has always tried to put something back into the game. Until 1991 he ran the Olympia Tournament in Stafford, which annually attracted more than 1,000 entries with prize money of £14,000, and since 2007 he has been instrumental in the development of the Summit Garage League, which is the premier league of the Midlands.

Over recent years Mel has carved out a career as the "voice of bowls" presenting and commentating at various events. Last year he was appointed by the British Crown Green Bowling Association to spearhead the live worldwide live streaming of the sport's major tournaments.

More recently Mel has been involved in a campaign to save bowling greens from being built over by developers without planning permission.

The day before going to the Palace, he visited the House of Commons as a guest of John Woodcock MP, who is attempting to steer a Bill protecting greens through Parliament. Mel has been invited later this year to make a speech in support of the Bill to a cross-party Commons Select Committee.

"Crown green bowls relies heavily on dedicated unpaid enthusiasts who devote their time to the sport," he said. "There have been many people who are equally deserving of recognition and I hope this award will be a shot in the arm for the sport."



Mel is pictured outside the Palace with his MBE and (below) receiving the honour from Prince Charles.



## 15 they've won



A Nottinghamshire club's dart team have set a remarkable record - they've won their local league for the 15th time in a row. At the same time the Newark WMC 45s dart team have completed 13 league and cup doubles in the Newark & District Double Board League.

Despite their success the team are really more interested in the social side of the game, something reflected in the format of their competition. Matches are played like a golf foursome but with six players on each side, playing down from 1001. After each player has thrown, 11 more throw before it's their turn again.

Matches are also played on the traditional double board, which has a double scoring ring but no trebles. It's thought the name 45s came from the players being over the age of 45, but the current team includes current players of all ages and most are under 45. Pictured (back row, left to right) in front of a doubles board are: Martin Farrell, Michael Francis, John Esam, Stuart Robinson (non-playing captain), Neville Squires and Rob O' Neill. Front: Colin Weir and Russell Rose. Not in the photo are Paul and Shane Gallacher.

The Double Board League has been going since at least 1939, the oldest date engraved on the knock-out cup. At its peak the league had 124 teams, 86 in the winter, and 38 in the summer, though they are now down to a still healthy 24 teams.

## Snooker final arranged

Our Team Snooker Final will be held on June 7 at the Leicester Railwaymen's Club between Merthyr Tydfil Labour Club and the Buffs Social Club from Stockton-on-Tees.

We reported last month that Merthyr Tydfil had beaten their Welsh rivals Abertysswg WMC in the first semi-final. The second semi-final was held at the Pellon Social Club in the West Midlands and saw Buffs Social beat the Poplar Social Club from Accrington 4-1.

The Team Pool Final between Upperby Men's Club in Cumbria and Bargoed Labour Club from South Wales will be held on 10 May at Bramley (Rotherham) WMC.

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