

Club Journal

November 2011 The magazine for all CIU members

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OUR UNION IS STILL OFFERING GREAT VALUE

Delegates sent by our clubs to Blackpool this year overwhelmingly agreed the increase of the Union's per capita fee from 30p to 50p and its extension from just male members to all full members. That's because they recognised that this still offers exceptional value for money.

This proposal was widely publicised before the Conference, giving every club the opportunity to consider the implications for itself and decide which way to vote. At the meeting the motion's proposer told how his own club had benefited from CIU membership by almost £40,000 per year plus a one-off Linneweber payout for back VAT in excess of £30,000 – at a cost of less than £1,000. The motions were passed by a huge majority of the clubs present and voting.

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Message goes to Labour

What a leading figure in the party described as the best fringe meeting of the conference was organised by Save our Pubs and Clubs at the world famous Cavern Club.

Union Vice-President John Tobin told

more than 200 delegates that the smoking ban had had a devastating effect on clubs and MPs had to be persuaded that there was no reason why clubs or pub should not have a dedicated smoking room. **Full story - Page 2.**



Empire Strikes Again: Keith Marshall, Barry Howbridge, Peter Robson and Mike Foden from new CIU National Quiz champions Gosforth Empire Club, Newcastle, receive the trophy from Alan Jackson (back

centre) from sponsors Dransfields, watched by National Executive member John Batchelor (right) and Paul Davies from co-sponsors The Co-operative Bank.

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President opposed

Both Union President George Dawson and Vice-president John Tobin are facing challengers in this year's biennial National Executive elections.

Barry Slasberg, the National Executive member for South East Midlands, is standing for President against George Dawson while Ken Brown, who represents Cumbria and Burnley & Pendle is opposing John Tobin.

Former Union President Terry Watson is among four candidates standing in Durham and Cleveland against the current incumbents Colin Armstrong and Brian Young.

There is a chance of a first woman being elected to the Executive in the South East Midlands and Warwickshire division where South East Midlands Branch Secretary Carol Goddard and Brenda McMahon from Brafield WMC, Northants are up against Warwickshire Branch Secretary Regan Blount and Alan Mellor from Brampton Institute, Cambs.

Ballot papers will be sent to clubs on November 9, votes need to be returned by December 13.

The complete list of candidates along with statements from the Presidential and Vice-presidential candidates are on **Pages 8 and 9.**

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Make a date

The Union's new diaries are now on sale at all our Branch Offices. There are two different diaries, a desk diary costing £5 and the pocket diary for £2.

Both diaries are of excellent quality and provide useful information about the CIU, club management and a host of other matters. The pocket diary includes a month-by-month planner for 2013 as well as 2012.

Club officials will find them particularly useful as they also include articles on such items as club officers' duties, employment law and suspending and expelling members. The diaries also have details of all contacts at Branch Offices and Head Office.



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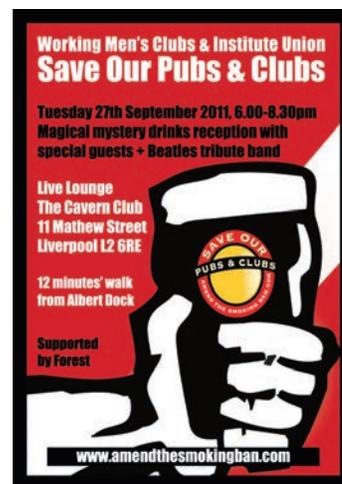
Labour Party activists heard that there is organised opposition to the smoking ban when the the Union took the campaign to amend the ban to their Conference in Liverpool.

Vice-President John Tobin was the main speaker at a fringe meeting organised by the Save our Pubs and Clubs campaign at the Cavern Club. He told delegates the smoking ban had been disastrous for clubs and that modern filtration meant there was no reason why clubs or pubs should not have a separate smoking room.

"We know we can't go back to the old days of smoking everywhere but we need to persuade MPs that this can be done," he said. "Clubs are closing everywhere and we can't allow this. We have got to get people out of their front rooms and back into the clubs."

The meeting was also addressed by publican Nick Hogan, who was jailed last year for allowing people to smoke but released after a few days when wellwishers raised £9,000 in four days and paid his fine.

The Union joined Save our Pubs and Clubs earlier this year because it believes the



health risks associated with second hand smoke are seriously disproportionate to the social and economic impact of the smoking ban. Organiser Simon Clark of SOPAC said he was delighted with the turnout and it showed that the smoking argument was not the dead duck people thought, nor was there the unanimous support for the ban portrayed by the media.

The speeches were followed by a performance by Beatles tribute band Made in Liverpool. Labour Leader Ed Milliband's Private Parliamentary Secretary Michael Dugher stayed till the end of the show and told the organisers it was "the best event at the Conference."



Tribute band Made in Liverpool follow The Beatles by rocking the Cavern

Club push the boat out for hospices

Heineken proved that it refreshes the parts other beers can't reach when a club team entered a charity boat race in Northamptonshire.

The "Barrel of Laughs" team, mostly from Rushden Town Band Club, were sponsored by Heineken in the UK in a dragon boat race on the River Nene and were voted the "most improved" crew among the 33 who took part. And just as in the famous adverts their improvement came when some cool, clear Heineken was administered after an unsuccessful first race against a crew called "Up the River Without a Paddle."

Captain Jason Parker, from Kettering Rifle Band Club, told organisers Rotary their race strategy was "drink plenty of beer, locate finishing line" and it worked when they faced "RU Being Served" and "Zach's Helping Hand."

"The lads told me they would row better after a pint," said South East Midlands Branch Secretary Carol Goddard, who co-ordinated the club's involvement. "And this proved to be true. We're very grateful to Heineken, particularly rep Steve Ives, who joined the crew."

A crew of 10 plus drummer Jay Shears took part in the event. In traditional Chinese dragon boats the role of the drummer is crucial as he sets the rhythm for the rowers – though unlike a cox he faces backwards while the



The Barrel of Laughs boat in full flow and (below) heading to the bank for some well-earned refreshment.



oarsmen face forwards.

The other crew members were Tom Furniss, Wayne Pearson, Steve Limage, Danny McDermott, Manos Karras, Adrian Hislop, Kai Parker and Liam Wood.

Money is still coming in but the organisers are confident of beating last year's figure of £8,000 for the Cransley and Lakeland Hospices.

Playing for England



Molly Boiston-Green and Stephen Kearnan present Bob with his life membership and certificate of appreciation for 24 years' service.

A Wakefield social club have raised more than £1,000 with a concert for their former Steward, who was forced to retire after having a leg amputated.

Bob England, who had been Steward of Carlton Social Club for 24 years, will be sadly missed by the many members who got to know him over the years and became his friend. The Committee decided to hold a benefit concert and thanks go to Julieanna, Jesse Garon, Ryan James and Big G, who performed for free. DJ Daniel Dancer provided all the support music and organised the races that were shown during the evening.

The club also had sponsorship from Heineken UK, H B Clark and Dransfields. Among the raffle and auction items were two Leeds Rhinos match tickets, an autographed Rhinos rugby ball and a signed Wakefield Trinity Wildcats T-shirt.

President Molly Boiston-Green and Secretary Stephen Kearnan presented an emotional Bob with an appreciation certificate and honorary Life Membership of the club. Concert Secretary Paul Kew said: "It was a wonderful evening's entertainment and raised an incredible total of £1128, with some more donations to come. On behalf of Bob, the committee would like to thank everyone who came and helped raise this fantastic sum of money."

Proud and Honoured



Dipton Social Club in Co. Durham raised £2,637 for Help for Heroes and Lance Corporal Brent Jessop from 21 Engineer Regiment Ripon visited the club to accept the cheque from Chairman David Gleghorn. Secretary Brian Cain also received the Distinguished Service Award from Durham Branch President Colin Armstrong while his wife Joan received a bouquet from the club.



Pictured (right to left) are: Colin Armstrong, Brian and Joan Cain and Branch Executive member John Corrigan.



Durham Branch Vice-President Eric Campbell visited the Osborne WMC in Chester-le-Street and presented Chairman Alan Morgan with a Long Service Award and Committee member David Hubble with a Certificate of Merit, watched by Branch Executive member Jimmy Young. (Right)



Another busy month for Northumberland Branch Secretary Dave Richardson and President Alan Hardy saw them visit Newburn Memorial Social Club when Committee member Alan Clasper received the Long Service Award.

Pictured (back row, left to right) are: Club Secretary Dave Wilkinson, National Executive member Sid Hicks and Branch Executive members Rob Yeats and Graham Swarbrick. Front row: Dave Richardson, Alan Clasper, Club Chairman Richie Hathaway and Alan Hardy.

Committee member John Holmes received the Certificate of Merit at Prudhoe Social Club.

Pictured (below back row, left to right) are: Justin Ross from wholesaler Wallaces Express, Graham Swarbrick, Dave Richardson, Branch Executive member Steve Kell, Rob Yeats and Alan Hardy.

Front: Club Secretary John McQueen, John Holmes and Club Chairman William Fothergill.



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SURE WAY TO COME OUT TOPS

More than 140 delegates from clubs across the Midlands turned out at Birmingham City Football Club to hear how HEINEKEN in the UK can support their businesses.

With only 20 per cent of the audience being HEINEKEN in the UK customers, the aim of the evening was to give an overview of the company and its expertise in clubland, to highlight the benefits of stocking its market-leading brands and give potential new customers an idea of the additional support available to them.

Among the speakers was Bob Whitehill, Club Recovery Manager for Heineken in the UK, who led a discussion on club management and some of the pitfalls to avoid with regards to stocktaking, staffing levels, pipe cleaning and wastage and gaming machine income among other issues. Guest speaker Peter Adkins of Sidney Mitchell Solicitors also explained the impact of the imminent new Licensing Laws



Allan Stevenson, Quality Beer Dispense Manager for Heineken in the UK, had a captive audience for his interactive presentation - *Glass Act* - which demonstrated the art of pouring the perfect pint every time.

In addition, six 'zones' including a Foster's Beach Hut and John Smith's promotional activity stand attracted great interest while attendees were also able to discuss and sample Theakstons.



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With the business side of the evening mostly over, many present had the opportunity to toe the John Smith's oche with darts legend Bobby 'Dazzler' George or pot the black with Foster's pool.

There was also a draw with prizes including VIP Hospitality tickets to the Jasper Carrott Suite at Birmingham City FC for a Premiership match and a trip for four to the John Smith's Races.

Event Organiser, Scott Douglas, Business Development Manager for Heineken in the UK, was



DAZZLING: Bobby George took on all challengers, presented the raffle prizes and was photographed with a number of delegates

delighted with the numbers attending as well as the positive feedback he received on the night.

"This was an opportunity for clubs considering their future to take a look at what HEINEKEN in the UK has to

offer, to meet some of our team face to face and to have a chat with other club representatives about the issues facing their businesses.

"The feedback we have received has been very encouraging and on the night itself a number of potential customers booked meetings with us to discuss in depth what we can offer their individual clubs and members.

"We always welcome calls from clubs of any size, and are happy to visit you with one of our Club Specialists to outline the additional support we can offer your club and members."

MUCH MORE THAN A DAY AT THE RACES

Fontwell Park Racecourse in Sussex welcomed 80 club representatives for a day of 'business and pleasure', courtesy of HEINEKEN in the UK.

According to Phil Gray, Regional Sales Director for Heineken in the UK, feedback from the event has been very positive.

"We split the day into two with seminars in the morning

and hospitality and racing in the afternoon. Our Club Recovery Manager Bob Whitehill started proceedings by discussing a number of issues affecting the successful running of a club and how best to avoid the pitfalls many are encountering today.

"Our guests were then amazed to hear from our Quality Beer Dispense Manager Allan Stevenson how much income they could be

losing through wastage caused by the incorrect pouring of a pint.

"Racing UK and Dransfields were also present to promote their businesses.

"I then talked about the need for clubs to modify what they offer in order to appeal to a younger customer as well as drawing everyone's attention to some of the latest brands HEINEKEN in the UK has to offer to meet recognised consumer demand.

"On speaking to most of our guests, I am delighted to say that everyone took at least three ideas away with them - many had even longer lists."

Trevor Baker, President of the CIU's South East Metropolitan Branch says: "The morning's presentations were extremely interesting and opened all of our eyes to some of the bad habits and mistakes we all make that are affecting our profitability.

"I give HEINEKEN in the UK a 100 per cent thumbs-up for their efforts to help our members - especially clubs



CHEERS! (L-R): Bob Russell, President of the CIU's Wessex Branch and National Executive Committee Member, Phil Gray, Regional Sales Director for HEINEKEN in the UK and Trevor Baker, President of the CIU's South East Metropolitan Branch toast the success of the day

with new inexperienced Committees who welcome their support and advice."

Bob Russell, President of the CIU's Wessex Branch, agrees: "The day gave an excellent overview of what HEINEKEN in the UK can do to benefit clubs across the country.

"There isn't a club in Britain that isn't in need of some sort of advice and support and, judging by the feedback

I got on the day, many club representatives were keen to organise meetings with the company's Recovery Manager to expand on what they learnt at Fontwell."



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Anybody who has read *Club Journal* over the last four years cannot have failed to notice Dransfields' "David and Goliath" battle with HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) over the taxation treatment of B3A automated lottery machines, such as the Cash Box (pictured below).

Clubs all over the country were facing retrospective tax bills of up to four years' VAT on the takings from the machines and up to three years' Amusement Machine Licence Duty (AMLDD). The AMLDD bills alone would have been in excess of £6,000, which together with the VAT liabilities, would have caused the closure of many hundreds of clubs.

As Dransfields had supplied some of these machines, they were determined to protect clubs from an unjust and incorrect ruling made by HMRC. Four years later, we finally have clarity and the taxation position is as follows:

- The machines are and always have been exempt from VAT. Any club that has declared VAT on the takings within the last four years should claim it back and do so as soon as possible to avoid being out of time.
- The machines are exempt from AMLDD. Dransfields are in the process of claiming this back on behalf of their customers for the period back to July 2009.
- The machines were subject to AMLDD for the period November 1, 2006 to July 20, 2009 due to a legal technicality. Any club that has received a demand for AMLDD that falls within this period must pay it. Very few Dransfields customers are affected as AMLDD was already in place for nearly all of this period.

Director Chris Haley, who has led the fight with HMRC, said: "Needless to say, HMRC has not issued an apology for the worry and stress caused to the hard working volunteers that run the clubs; we would like, however, to express our gratitude to all those Dransfields customers that assisted in the fight against HMRC and supported us through the legal challenges.

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NATIONAL ACCOUNTS



Saintly Lady won last year's Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday Handicap Hurdle at Wetherby and her owners The Hedonists are pictured with Dransfields' Alan Jackson (back row, centre) and Chris Haley (right with poppy)

stock and ready for immediate delivery.

"Also available now is our exciting new 'Club Roulette' to enable clubs to compete with the betting offices!" (See Dransfields' advertisement on Page 8 for more details.)

As well as sponsoring the CIU National Quiz Dransfields has underlined its commitment to the CIU and its clubs by sponsoring a race at this month's CIU Charity Raceday at Wetherby on November 12. The raceday attracted more than 1,500 club members and raised more than £3,000 last year for the Union's Holiday and Convalescent Centre, Saltburn House on the north Yorkshire coast.

The day is made possible by the sponsorship of Dransfields and by the assistance of John Smith's, who are providing five 50p beer tokens to each club member at the raceday. John Smith's is part of what was formerly Heineken UK, now known as HEINEKEN in the UK, the Union's sole recommended supplier of beers and ciders.

In addition, Wetherby Racecourse and its caterers CGC Events give £1 from each booking to Saltburn House.



EMPIRE STRIKES AGAIN!

CIU NATIONAL QUIZ

GOSFORTH Empire Club from Newcastle gave the Dransfields/CIU National Quiz its fourth different champions in four years – the same number there have been in the whole of the history of the Premier League.

In the national final at Alvaston & Crewton Social Club in Derby the Empire Club finished above the last three winners of the title, runners-up Radford Social Club from Coventry, third-placed Maesglas Sports & Social, Newport and Ashford Road Club, Swindon, who were fourth.



Thanks to national sponsors Dransfields there was a top prize of £500 with £200 for second and £100 for third. The winners also received bottles of spirits from co-sponsors The Co-operative Bank while the runners-up received bottles of beer from brewers Coors.

As in the regional finals prizes were also awarded for the team finishing second last and the best scores in the Sports Round and TV & Films Round by teams outside the top three. Shottermill WMC from Haslemere in Surrey won the consolation prize with Smawthorne Lane, Castleford winning the sports prize and Sydney St B from Accrington beating everybody including the top three in the TV & films round.

The questions were set by Dave Cornish from Enfield, author of How to Win at Quizzes. As befits a final they were much tougher than those in the six regional finals. See how you do, we have in some cases included some clues (in brackets)

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THE TEAMS

The 18 finalists were:

- 1 Reddish WMC, Stockport
- 2 Shottermill WMC, Surrey
- 3 Bagworth Social, Leics
- 4 Aberkenfig Social, Bridgend
- 5 Innisfree Social, Newcastle
- 6 Soothill WMC, Batley
- 7 Sydney Street WMC B, Accrington
- 8 New Haw Club, Surrey
- 9 Unicorn Social, Coventry
- 10 Maesglas Sports B, Newport
- 11 Newbottle WMC, Sunderland
- 12 Lindley WMC, Huddersfield
- 13 Sydney Street WMC A, Accrington
- 14 Ashford Road, Swindon
- 15 Radford Social Club, Coventry
- 16 Maesglas Sports A, Newport
- 17 Gosforth Empire, Newcastle
- 18 Smawthorne Lane, Castleford

Answers:
1. Ronald Reagan;
2. John Peel;
3. Ray WILSON;
4. India; William WHITELAW;
5. William WARSAW;
6. Warsaw; James II;
7. James II; Curragh;
8. Curragh; Serena Williams;
9. Serena Williams;
10. Nike.



Barry Howbridge, Keith Marshall, Peter Robson and Mike Foden celebrate their victory at Alvaston & Crewton Mens Social Club.

NOW TRY THESE

1. When asked about his autobiography, which world leader (a US President) said "I hear it's a terrific book. One of these days I'm going to read it myself"?
2. Whose gravestone at St. Andrew's Church at Great Finborough bears the inscription: "Teenage dreams, so hard to beat" (a line from his favourite record)?
3. Which hero of the 1966 World Cup shares his surname with a Prime Minister and is one of the figures on a statue outside West Ham United's ground though he never played for the club?
4. In which country (the most populated one where English is commonly spoken) is the English language daily newspaper with the highest circulation published?
5. At whose farewell dinner in 1991 did Margaret Thatcher say "Every prime minister needs a willie"?
6. In which European city (whose name also begins and ends in a W) is Frederic Chopin Airport?
7. Who became British king 36 years after the death of his father, who had also been king (and 24 years after his brother was crowned)?
8. According to *Club Journal*, what is the Irish Gaelic word for racecourse?
9. In the "Mystery Guest" round on television's *A Question Of Sport* which (non-white) sports person did Shane Warne once mistakenly identify as Roger Federer?
10. The image of which Greek goddess (of victory) will be appearing on all 2012 Olympic medals?



Runners-up Gareth Kingston, Nic Paul, Craig Element and Dave Masters receive their prizes from Alan Jackson, John Batchelor and Paul Davies

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Position	Candidates
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Vice-President	BROWN, Ken TOBIN, John
District 1 – Scottish/Northumberland	HICKS, Sidney (Unopposed)
District 2 – Durham/Cleveland (Two candidates to be elected)	ARMSTRONG, John Robert Colin CARRICK, John HOWE, Gareth REAY, Keith WATSON, Terry YOUNG, Brian
District 3 – Cumbria/Burnley & Pendle /Manchester	BARROWCLIFFE, Keith BLAKELEY, Geoffrey
District 4 – York City/Leeds/Wakefield /Doncaster (Two candidates to be elected)	GRAVEL, David HEALY, Frank Anthony SMITH, Martin WINN, Gordon
District 5 – West Yorkshire/Heavy Woollen/South Yorkshire (Two candidates to be elected)	GREEN, Kenneth David HOWROYD, Colin LARKIN, Philip
District 6 – North Staffs/West Midland	CAPEWELL, Dan WHEWELL, Geoffrey
District 7 – Derbyshire/Leicestershire	BATCHELOR, John Dennis HARRIS, John Victor
District 8 – Warwickshire/South East Midlands	BLOUNT, Regan GODDARD, Carol McMAHON, Brenda Patricia MELLOR, Alan Thomas
District 9 – North West Met./North East Met.	BAKER, John Charles COPHAM, Dave
District 10 – Kent/South East Met.	OAKE, Roger O'NEILL, Christopher
District 11 – Western Counties/Wessex	BREWER, Mark Leo RUSSELL, Robert Andrew
District 12 – South Wales/Monmouthshire	ROBERTS, Kenneth (Unopposed)

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ELECTION 2011 - THE CANDIDATES

GEORGE DAWSON - For President

I am 46 years old. I joined the Committee at Arden Road Social Club at 18, became Treasurer when I was 19 and was elected to the West Yorkshire Branch Executive at 24.

I have been Club Secretary since I was 30 and seven years ago was appointed Branch Secretary and elected to the National Executive. I have served on the Legal and Advisory Committee, the National Accounts Committee and the Insurance Committee.

I was elected Union President two years ago and I seek re-election as I feel I can continue to bring a realistic outlook on matters affecting clubs. As I said at Conference, I am not only in the artillery but also on the frontline infantry.

When talking to Government about the effects of their punitive legislation you need first hand knowledge and not hearsay, anecdotal or second-hand knowledge. I feel I can help reverse the Union's decline, with the help of the National Executive, and return us to a more influential force defending clubs' interests.

We have had important staff changes at Head Office and I feel the work there has not yet finished. We will have significant changes in the NEC and I would like to continue to be involved in these changes.

I live by three things: honesty, integrity and propriety. I also expect anybody, no matter who, to be guided by these same standards when it comes to the Union. I once again ask for your support in the upcoming elections.



BARRY SLASBERG - For President

In my opinion only an idiot would stand as President of the CIU!

We have a huge task ahead to adapt the new National Executive at National and Branch level.

We have massive battles ahead. Central government wows big business whilst trampling all over our clubs. HMRC gives away huge sums of collectable taxes to big business whilst going for every penny it can get from our clubs and club members. A minority of local and enforcement authorities are using their right of individual interpretation of the law to damage our clubs or fill their financial black holes with clubs' hard earned funds. We must fight for an even playing field.

Through my Branch I fought for the change in the National Executive and feel responsible to lead the transformation through. I have publicly fought for our clubs through the Journal and other national publications, radio and television. I have stood against the tyranny of the last Government. I have faced down HMRC and won.

I am the idiot who so loves his own club he has served for 34 years and the movement to which it belongs that I want with all my heart to take on all this aggravation on your behalf.

Please vote for me and be prepared to fight alongside me. I need a large vote as a mandate to act on your behalf and hopefully help lead us all with the National Executive, to a secure if not prosperous future.



KEN BROWN - For Vice-President

Having accepted nomination for the position of Union Vice-President from Grasslot Welfare Sports & Social Club, I now seek your support and promise if elected to serve honestly and diligently as long as I am in office.

I began my club service some forty-five years ago and served as the Secretary of Flimby Working Men's for twenty-nine years. I have also been Cumbria Branch Secretary for twenty-six years after having been a member of the Branch Executive Committee for four years prior to that. I obtained the CMD in 1984 with honours and third prize in law and then become a tutor for the course.

Elected to the National Executive in 1989, I have served on most of its sub-committees giving me a very wide experience. I am a passionate believer in club life and in the work of our great Union. Times do change and it is necessary that we meet the needs of the different world in which we live.

I believe it is essential at National level to understand the problems, wishes and desires of ordinary working men and women. So much so that I was requested to write the Risk Assessment advice in the Union's Secretary's Handbook, which my experience helped me to do.

You may be assured that a vote and support for me will constitute a plea for change and a demand for more accountability in our Union which I most earnestly promise to do my best to achieve.

Ken Brown

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JOHN TOBIN - For Vice-President

Since January 2009 I have been your National Vice-President, having been appointed unanimously by the National Executive Committee. I was returned unopposed to serve for the years 2010/2011 and I have been honoured to hold this distinguished position.

I have been a club and Branch Secretary for over 33 years and have served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of many Committees on the National Executive over the past 30 years, along with lecturing throughout the country at Branches and National schools.

We are unfortunately going through difficult times at the moment owing to the financial situation in the country and I feel I have the experience to face the challenge and endeavour to get our movement back on the road to success if elected as your National Vice-President for the next 2 years.

The position at present is not easy, having to deal with ever changing legislation, increasing costs, the smoking ban, alcohol price increases and much more. It is therefore more important than ever that we all unite together and keep this significant organisation of ours in the forefront of supporting our communities.

We must be optimistic and believe in ourselves to get through these hard times and get back to the better days we have all experienced.

The forthcoming challenge for our movement and ensuring our security for the future will not be an easy task and the Union Officers and National Executive Committee will have much to do over the next few years.

There is no doubt that solidarity amongst us all will play a big part if we are going to fulfil our objectives for a successful future and we can only hope that the economic situation will change for the better and get our members back in our clubs.

Good luck to the club and its members and hopefully you will please vote for me.

John Tobin.

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Before...

CLUB JOURNAL'S FEATURED CLUB OF THE M

A PHOENIX FRC

Not many clubs have to fight back in the way that Silverdale Working Men's Club has had to do.

The club's previous premises were burnt down in 2005. The good news was that the club was insured; the bad news was that they were underinsured to the tune of £300,000.

It meant that when the club did reopen three years later with brand new premises they had to borrow that money and the Committee are working extra hard to pay it off. The club is busy seven afternoons and evenings a week with a variety of activities not usually associated with a traditional club - including scout meetings, children's birthday parties and even meetings of the UK independence Party. It's working though as suppliers Heineken in the UK have confirmed that the club's beer sales are up 11 per cent.

"You can't survive just on selling drink," says Club President Allan Fowles. "You have got to have a community spirit - and this club is the heart of this community."

The club has 700 members but the fire cost them quite a few members. An added factor was that some of the club's older members didn't like the new club as much as the old one. "We had no choice," says John Johnston, who was formerly a Trustee before becoming the Club's Steward. "We had to diversify or we would have gone under."

Among the regular events the club hosts for members are:

- Christenings on Sunday afternoons
- Line dancing on Sunday evenings.

Other events the club has staged are meetings of the UK Independence Party, the Spitfire Model Aeroplane Club and an Asian Oriental night for members of the Filipino community.

The local lodge of the Buffs - the Royal Antedeluvian Order of Buffaloes - has its own room at the club and holds weekly meetings.

In addition there are live acts on Saturdays while the concert room is available for members to book on a Friday night.

"It's incredibly popular," says John. "We already have bookings for 28 out of next year's 52 Fridays."

As a former mining village it's no surprise that the club has been around for more than 100 years. The club's records were lost in the fire but what's known is that it was first registered with the CIU under the Friendly Societies Act on September 22, 1909. It was known as Chapel Street Club when it began



Heineken Regional Manager Sharon Webster is pictured with Allan Fowles and Branch Secretary Dan Capewell



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in two terraced houses knocked together in the 1890s and it moved into purpose-built premises on the present site on the corner of High Street and Chapel Street on June 19, 1968.

Its troubles began, it's thought, when a cigarette was left in a plastic waste paper bin. The blaze was made worse by the fact that the Fire Brigade struggled to find water to fight it and the club were left with no choice but to demolish the building.

It took three long years and several battles with the council planning department before the club was able to reopen and only then through the concerted efforts of the then Club Secretary Barry Deeming, and the Club's long serving President John Middleton – who sadly died in September. Before his retirement last year John had served on the Committee



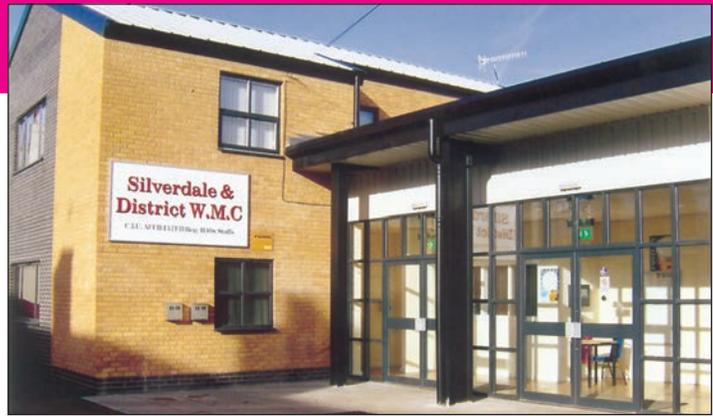
Stewardess Kerry Johnston with staff members Carla Leese & Jemma Russell.

for 50 years.

"I don't think this club would have been built without them," said Allan.

One of the club's original members was Allan's grandfather Sidney Fowles. "He was followed by his son, my father Jim, and now by me and my sons and grandsons – making five generations of the family," said Allan.

"It's not just us, lots of the older members can say the same, this is a real family club."



...and after



The Committee (back row, left to right): Carole Hewitt, Tom Wilkinson, Pete Capel, Mick Hassett, Dan Alcock and June Wilkinson. Front: Ken Holland (Vice-President), Jill Griffiths (Secretary) and Allan Fowles (President).

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KEEPING TRACK OF CHANGES IN LAW

Keeping up with changes made to employment law is almost a full-time job. Here are the changes made in 2010 and so far in 2011 that affect clubs.

February 2010

Compensation limits for unfair dismissal went down (for the first time ever) from £66,200 to £65,300. (The maximum weekly pay to be taken into account when calculating statutory redundancy payments and the basic award in unfair dismissal claims was increased to £380 in October 2009 and was not changed again.)

New Statements of Fitness for Work or "fit notes" replaced the traditional "sick notes" issued by doctors across the UK.

October 2010

Core provisions of the Equality Act 2010 came into force. It is no longer legal to offer different categories of membership based on people's gender.

February 2011

Increased limits on employment tribunal awards came into force. A "week's

By Andrew Dane

pay" rose from £380 to £400; the maximum compensatory award for unfair dismissal rose from £65,300 to £68,400; guarantee pay increased from £21.20 to £22.20 a day.

April 2011

The provisions under the Equality Act 2010 relating to positive action in recruitment and promotion came into force.

The ending of the default retirement age (DRA) under The Employment Equality (Repeal of Retirement Age Provisions) Regulations 2011 came into force making it unlawful to dismiss someone on grounds of age, subject to transitional provisions. Employers will be able to retain a compulsory retirement age only if they can objectively justify it and basically prove someone is no longer able to do the job.

Additional paternity leave (APL) was introduced. This means up to six months of the mother's paternity leave can be transferred to the father.

Rates of statutory maternity pay (SMP), statutory paternity

EMPLOYMENT LAW QUIZ

- Q1 What year and month did the Equality Act make it illegal to offer different categories of membership for men and women?
 a) November 2009
 b) October 2010
- Q2 When was the default retirement age legislation (DRA) implemented, making it unlawful to dismiss someone on the grounds of age??
 a) October 2011
 b) April 2011
- Q3 What is the current hourly National Minimum Wage effective October 2011, for a worker aged 18-20?
 a) £4.98
 b) £6.08
- Q4 What is the current rate of Statutory Sick Pay (SSP)?
 a) £79.15
 b) £81.60

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 13)

pay (SPP) and statutory adoption pay (SAP) increased from £124.88 to £128.73, while statutory sick pay (SPP) increased from £79.15 to £81.60. The weekly earnings threshold for the SMP, SPP and SAP payments also increased from £97 to £102. Rates of NI contributions paid by employees, employers and the self-employed increased by one percentage point.

October 2011

The Agency Workers Regulations 2010 (SI 2010/93) came into force on 1 October. After 12 weeks in a job, temporary agency workers in the UK are now entitled to receive equal treatment to comparable permanent employees. This is to comply with the EU Temporary Agency Workers Directive 2008/104/EC. National Minimum wage rates were increased: the standard adult rate to £6.08, the 18-20 rate to £4.98, the 16-17 rate to £3.68, and the apprentice rate to £2.

At the Conservative Party Conference, the Chancellor announced the qualifying period for gaining employment protection rights against unfair dismissal will increase from one year to two years. This change is likely to be introduced from April 2012.

European developments

A revised Parental Leave Directive (2010/18/EU) was adopted by the Council of Ministers in March 2010. The measures include increasing parental leave for each working parent. Member States have two years to implement it. The UK Government is currently consulting on a new system of flexible parental leave.

In October 2010 the European Parliament agreed proposals for a revision of the Pregnant Workers Directive 92/85/EEC to increase maternity and paternity rights. However, opposition to the amendments has been widely expressed by member states (including the UK), particularly in relation to increasing the period of maternity leave with full pay to 20 weeks. Until the disagreement is resolved, the amendments will not go ahead.

After years of debate in December 2010 the European Commission launched a second consultation on revisions to the Working Time Directive covering inactive on-call time and further restrictions on the right for workers to opt-out of the 48-hour week.

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SKY: there's extra time and penalties

The victory for Portsmouth landlady Karen Murphy over Sky and football's Premier League is good news for clubs – but they need to tread cautiously.

Although the European Court of Justice has ruled that it is not illegal to use satellite decoder cards from continental Europe the ruling will return to the High Court in London where a decision will be made on how the verdict can be incorporated into UK law.

Until then, the law is unaltered and it remains unlawful to use European broadcasts; even if the law changes, broadcasts from outside the EU will still be illegal. It is unlikely, however, that anyone will be prosecuted before High Court makes its ruling.

The Premier League has said it considers that EU broadcasts will still be illegal because the copyrighted aspects of the broadcast – such as credits and onscreen graphics – will



require authorisation from them. This is disputed by several legal commentators and while most think it would be difficult for the Premier League to prosecute, their advice and that of the Union is to wait until the situation is clarified before deciding to buy a European decoder card.

sky

Legally, the monopoly is still in place in this country and there will be more legal wranglings before it is safe to kick Sky into touch. Do not jump the gun as Sky will undoubtedly sue without a second thought.

We do not think there is anything wrong with informing Sky that it is your intention to change supplier the day it is legally possible. It's an odds-on bet they will come back with an offer you cannot refuse.

When they do clubs should look at any offer Sky make, and make sure they do not hold themselves to a long-term commitment

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For years Sky have grown their service without regard to their customers' (our clubs) wishes and increased rental fees way above inflation.

Just before the Murphy verdict, they made great play of holding their charges this year and talked about possible future reductions now the monopoly is coming to an end.

The Union has been obliged to keep informing our clubs of the legal position to safeguard them from legal action and Sky have used us as a means to keep clubs informed of the consequences of using other suppliers without so much as a thank you. They would not be missed.

Why we're worth it

(from page 1)

The CIU has many massive tasks on its hands. It has to fight a Government that seems to act in partnership with big business (supermarkets) in promoting the binge drinking culture, while grinding our responsibly-run clubs and members into the ground with exorbitant taxes, duties and red tape. It has to fight the Revenue & Customs, who make deals with big businesses, writing off huge sums of due tax, while wringing every last penny out of our clubs and members.

It has to confront rogue authorities and enforcement agencies that are given free rein to interpret laws and seem to take delight in making those interpretations against our clubs and to their detriment. It also has to maintain its internal services to clubs in management education, arbitrations, games and Saltburn House.

The increase agreed at Blackpool is there to ensure the CIU can continue to do for all clubs what any club on its own has no chance of doing.

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LAW QUIZ ANSWERS

Q1 Answer b) Core provisions of the Equality Act 2010 came into force. Making it no longer legal to offer different categories of membership for men and women.

Q2 Answer b) The ending of the default retirement age (DRA) came into force in April 2011, making it unlawful to dismiss someone on the grounds of age.

Q3 Answer a) The current hourly National Minimum wage for a worker aged between 18-20 is £4.98. Effective from October 2011.

Q4 Answer b) The current rate of Statutory Sick Pay for qualifying employees is; £81.60 per week. Effective from April 2011.

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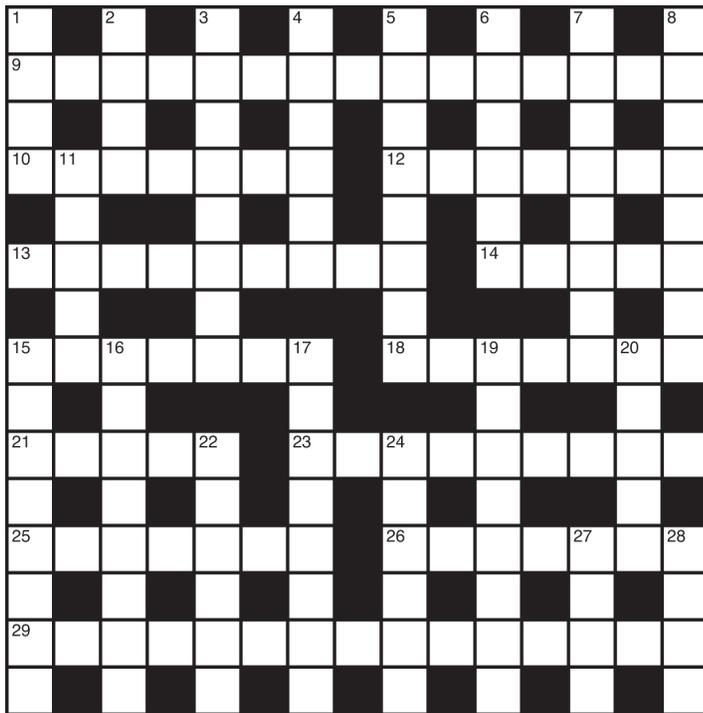
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10 Rimless, stem ginger recipe for cash saving. (4-3)
12 Can exit in confusion, to be imprecise. (7)
13 In top danger of becoming baptism sponsor. (9)
14 Willow - planted in hosiery section? (5)
15 Drawable state in steel fabrication. (7)
18 Final, before mice get sorted in one particular region. (7)
21 Stroll out of the bramble patch. (5)
23 Querulously sort out

- hype about Elvis. (9)
25 Briskly added to the score. (7)
26 Treason - dodgy business for a state legislator. (7)
29 They mean to be two-way communications. (6,9)

DOWN

- 1 How the wool was turned round? (4)
2 Singer discovered in club as star. (4)
3 Let it air, before becoming lettered group (8)
4 Bribe the French make a mess of. (6)
5 Grabs, in the end, the liqueur. (8)
6 Short jacket - by Ravel? (6)
7 Highmindedness is half concept, to begin with. (8)
8 Exclusive coteries must be disbanded. (8)
11 Wear away at the sound of the virtual highway? (5)
15 Brewer's first port of call. (3-5)
16 It can be cloudy indefinitely. (8)
17 Boss who's a user. (8)
19 Edging in - in a way it's condescending! (8)
20 Bigwig looking into Inuit home. (5)
22 Swallow flung around but not overbearing. (6)
24 Star-gazer loses his rag at becoming substitute. (6)
27 Become weary, in semi-retirement. (4)
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 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).

SOUTHBOROUGH MEN'S CLUB

Forge Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells TN4 0EX.
Tel: (01892) 529 304; Office: (01892) 523 832
 A warm and friendly welcome is extended to all Associate members and guests. Ideal for parties and outings from the coast, we have frequent live entertainment on Saturdays, bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays. Sky TV, snooker and pool. Club open all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Coach parties and catering by arrangement.

Let people know about your club by taking out an advertisement in our Club Outings guide for as little as £20 a month.

Thousands of club members take part in organised social trips or travel to sports events outside their own area. If you are close to a football ground or a racecourse, or in a convenient place to make a refreshment stop - let them know.
Ring Chris Brewis on (0191) 265 0040 or email cj@powdene.com

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.

Wainscott Institute (WMC)

4 Wainscott Road, Wainscott, Rochester, Kent ME2 4LB.
 Tel: (01634) 717 464
 A warm welcome is extended to all CIU associates. Live music & bingo on a Saturday night. A range of facilities including snooker, pool & darts. We welcome coach parties by prior arrangement with the steward. Buffet refreshments can be arranged. We are close to all the motorways via the Medway towns. CHILDREN ARE WELCOME.

LEEDS & WEST YORKSHIRE

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

Then call at: Elland Working Men's Club
 Roseberry Street, Elland, West Yorkshire.
 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. Floodlit 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
 Telephone pre-bookings to be confirmed in writing to the Secretary.

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.

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

CLUB OUTINGS . . . CLUB OUTINGS

LEICESTER & EAST MIDLANDS

NEW PARK SOCIAL CLUB & INSTITUTE LIMITED

Battersbee Road, Leicester LE3 9LD
All coach parties welcome, with 14 days' notice to the secretary. Fully air conditioned large concert room. Hot and Cold Food available. Sky TV shown on big screen in the games room. Children allowed Friday and Saturday nights. If you have any questions please contact the secretary on Telephone (0116) 2333 305 or Fax (0116) 2333 303.

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

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 BAPS. LIVE ENTERTAINMENT EVERY SATURDAY (SUNDAYS MAIN SEASON). OPEN 11.30-6.00 AND 7-11.30 MOST DAYS. PRE-BOOKED COACHES WELCOME - COME TO A COMPLETELY REFURBISHED 21ST CENTURY CLUB.

SKEGNESS WMC
BRIAR WAY, SKEGNESS, LINCOLNSHIRE PE25 3NR
TELEPHONE: (01754) 762 598
A WARM AND FRIENDLY WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL CIU ASSOCIATE MEMBERS VISITING THE AREA. WE ARE CENTRALLY LOCATED IN THE TOWN 5 MINUTES FROM THE BUS AND RAILWAY STATIONS (OPPOSITE THE MARKET). WE OFFER FACILITIES INCLUDING A CONCERT ROOM, GAMES ROOM AND A SPECIAL FAMILIES ROOM. OUR RESIDENT ORGANIST WILL ENTERTAIN YOU IN THE LOUNGE. AFTER THE SPRING BANK HOLIDAY WE WILL ALSO HAVE VARIOUS VISITING ARTISTES. COACH PARTIES ARE WELCOME BY APPOINTMENT.

BECKENHAM SOCIAL CLUB
89-91 CHURCHFIELDS ROAD, BECKENHAM BR3 40Q.
A WARM WELCOME IS GUARANTEED AT OUR RECENTLY REFURBISHED CLUB. BEERS AND SPIRITS FROM HEINEKEN, COORS AND SHEPHERD NEAME. LIVE SPORT ON FLAT SCREEN TV'S.
FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHTS. 20 MINS CENTRAL LONDON. CLOSE TO CRYSTAL PALACE FC AND ATHLETICS TRACK. COACH PARTIES WELCOME WITH PRIOR NOTICE.
CONTACT THE SECRETARY ON (020) 8650 1463.

LONDON

CRICKLEWOOD TRADES HALL CLUB
134 CRICKLEWOOD LANE LONDON NW2 2DP
TEL: (020) 8452 8614
A WARM WELCOME TO ALL AFFILIATED MEMBERS. COACH PARTIES WELCOME BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT. 5 MINUTES FROM WEMBLEY STADIUM AND 2 MINUTES FROM BRENT CROSS SHOPPING CENTRE. LIVE BANDS AND BINGO ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHTS. CONCERT HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE.

DONE OUR BIT EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

128A MAYGROVE ROAD, LONDON NW6.
OFFICE: (020) 7624 3701; CLUB: (020) 7624 3603
Coach Parties welcome by appointment with the Secretary. Entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Food by arrangement. 15 minutes from Wembley Stadium. 10 minutes from West End. No children under 16 on Saturday.

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 us on (020) 8748 5760 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 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.

Wealdstone Social Club

Railway Approach, Harrow, HA3 5BX.
Tel: (020) 8427 3334
email: secretaryws@btconnect.com
For 15 min connection to WEMBLEY STADIUM. Coach parties welcome. Free parking all day. Please arrange with Secretary for bookings. Function Hall available for private parties. Friendly staff - great beer - good company

MANCHESTER

HIGHER OPENSRAW WM CLUB
49 STANLEY STREET, MANCHESTER M11 1LE
FIVE MINUTES FROM M60 JUNCTION 23 AND FROM MFCF. 20 MINUTES MUFC.
IDEAL STOP-OFF FOR AWAY FANS.
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.
BIG SCREEN SKY TV.
BAR FOOD AVAILABLE. COACH PARTIES WELCOME WITH PRIOR NOTICE.
CONTACT SECRETARY ON 07958641171

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

SPENCER CLUB (NORTHAMPTON)

Tennyson Close, Northampton NN5 7HJ
A warm welcome for all visitors. 15 mins to Northampton Saints Rugby Ground. Car park available on match days, £5.00 per vehicle (must be pre-booked on first-come, first-served basis. CCTV in operation). Cold buffet at reasonable rates available for groups (7 days notice required).
Contact W Lee on (01604) 582680

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 Sky TV and premier football. All enquiries to John Oldroyd, Secretary on (01302) 725 497.
www.carcroftvillagewmc.org.uk

Hawthorn Recreational & Social Club

Goodison Boulevard, Cantley, Doncaster. Tel: (01302) 536 565
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

Skellow Grange WMC

Skellow Road, Skellow, Doncaster DN6 8JL.
Tel: (01302) 338 304 www.skellowgrange.com
(Secretary: R. Lumley)
It's 1/2 mile from A1M motorway links gaining access from M62, M18, M1. Completely renovated club, top class entertainment at weekends and top class money tombola through the week. Bus parties welcome, ample parking space. Handy for Doncaster Races or call back from the coast. - All associates of CIU and guests welcome -

THE WESTMINSTER RECREATIONAL CLUB

Westminster Crescent, Intake, Doncaster DN2 6HU
Sited just off Leger Way (approximately 1/2 mile from main Race Stands).
Coach parties welcome. Large car parking area. Artistes Friday/Saturday night.
Telephone (01302) 812 103/4

SURREY

CHERTSEY SOCIAL CLUB

Pycroft Road, Chertsey. 5 minutes M25 J11. Country Club 1st Monday monthly; Line Dancing Wednesday; Bingo Thursday, Saturday and (fun) Tuesday afternoons. Live music Saturday; some Fridays. Thorpe Park 5 minutes; handy for Epsom, Ascot, Sandown, Kempton Park, Windsor Castle/racecourse and Chessington. Coaches and buffet/hot snacks by prior arrangement.
Tel: (01932) 563 265.

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
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.

Although the CIU has taken care to ensure that all advertisements are placed in good faith it accepts no liability for any advertisements in Club Journal.
To advertise ring
Chris Brewis on (0191) 265 0040

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WALES

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.

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) 20594004

Llanharry WMC & Institution Ltd.

Elm Road, Llanharry, Pontyclun, Mid-Glamorgan CF72 9HR. Extends a warm welcome to all CIU associate members and guests. Coach parties welcome by arrangement. Entertainment every Saturday. Restaurant facilities available. 10 minutes from junction 34 M4 motorway. Telephone (01443) 222 217 Fax/Telephone (01443) 224 322

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.

UNICORN SOCIAL CLUB

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

WEST COUNTRY

The Cabbage Patch Club LAWRENCE WESTON SOCIAL CLUB

Lawrence Weston Road, Bristol BS11 0ST. Extends a warm West Country welcome to those travelling to holiday destinations. 3 mins from Junction 18 M5. 10 minutes M4. Coach parties by arrangement. Ring (0117) 982 9148

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 game 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. 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 fillers on these nights. Plus the usual club activities. Restaurant now open. Tel: (01305) 786 392 or (01305) 787254 www.weymouthworkies.co.uk

WIDCOMBE SOCIAL CLUB

Widcombe Hill, Bath BA2 6AA. Tel: (01225) 425076 www.widcombesocialclub.co.uk Large friendly club, 5 mins walk from city centre. Darts, skittles, snooker, dance floor, lakeside terrace, entertainment. Food including our famous Sunday roasts. Associates warmly welcome. Child friendly. Coaches by appointment. Catering available. Easy access from M4. After a day at Bath Races or a fabulous shopping trip, come and relax at Bath's hidden gem.

Passing through the Cotswolds? Then why not visit

Wotton Hall Club Ltd.

138 Barnwood Road, Gloucester - We welcome all Associate Members - Bar, Lounge, Ballroom and Games Room. Dancing every Saturday. Restaurant facilities and basket meals available. 14 days' notice required. Telephone: Secretary (01452) 610 025 9.00 am - 1.00 pm Monday - Friday

WEST MIDLANDS & BIRMINGHAM

Alvechurch SPORTS & SOCIAL Club

The Square, Alvechurch, Near Birmingham B48 7LD. A friendly welcome to all Associate Members. Weekend entertainment and comfortable surroundings, also food available. Close to M42 and M5 in a picturesque part of the countryside. Contact: A. Morrison, Secretary on (0121) 445 2121. Large parties please notify 14 days in advance.

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

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, EASTERSED & 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

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 07986706354 or blakelawsc@googlemail.com

CENTRAL WMC

7 Beaumont Street, Darlington Tel: (01325) 464054 Situated 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.

King Street Social Club

Phoenix House, 27 King Street, North Shields NE30 1BZ. Telephone: (0191) 2900473. Situated 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.

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's 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.

New York Club & Institute Limited

22-26 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AJ. Tel: (01904) 612 244 newyorkclub@btconnect.com Secretary: Frank A. Healy BA HND CMD 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.

North Biddick Social Club

Bonemill Lane, Fatfield, Washington NE38 8AN. Excellent riverside location. Five minutes from A1(M) with excellent car/coach parking facilities. Games room with 2 snooker tables and 2 pool tables. Restaurant facilities and buffets catered for. Why not call on your way to see football games or cricket games in the area? Coaches welcome by prior arrangement with Secretary Michael Normile on (0191) 416 0148. Why not visit our website at www.northbiddickclub.co.uk

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.

POPPLETON ROAD WMC

132 Poppleton Road, York YO26 4UP (01904) 793398 A warm friendly welcome assured to all CIU affiliates and guests. Wide selection of beers available, ideal for the races and close to the city centre. Bingo and raffle Fridays. Live entertainment and bingo, Saturdays and Sundays.

RELTON TERRACE WMC

1 Red Rose Terrace, Chester-le-Street DH3 3LN. Five minutes' walk to Durham County Cricket ground and riverside park. Eight miles from both Sunderland AFC and Newcastle United. Away fans welcome. Contact club on (0191) 388 3477 for more information.

ST CLEMENTS WMC

Count de Burgh Terrace, South Bank, York YO23 1HH. Small friendly club. Five minutes from York Racecourse. Artists every Saturday night. Regular and guest real ales. Coach parties and catering by arrangement. Telephone: (01904) 629973

SPITTAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Jubilee Centre, Highcliffe, Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 2JL. A warm welcome to all. Five minutes from the A1, 30 minutes from Kelso Races, cabaret every Saturday evening. A spectacular evening once every month. Bingo Friday, Sunday and Mon-day nights. Coach parties welcome. Ring Treasurer Carol Lynn in advance on (01289) 305 597.

City of York Tramways Employees'

- club and institute - 1 Mill Street (off Piccadilly), York YO1 1PY. Telephone: (01904) 623 953 5 minutes from Marks & Spencer Entertainment and dancing every night except on Wed and Thurs. Prize games. Concert room (seating 275). Games Room, Bar and TV Lounge. Visiting Associates are welcome. Parties by arrangement. Telephone: (01904) 623 953.

He's bloomin' marvellous

Saltburn House can now boast award-winning gardens.

The centre recently won the silver award for its grounds from Northumbria in Bloom – the North East section of the Britain in Bloom competition.

Congratulations go to Ian Harrison, who has worked here for 20 years, and skillfully and passionately maintains the extensive grounds and kitchen gardens. The centre's organic kitchen garden produces an abundance of herbs and vegetables throughout the year, and particular pride is taken by our cooks who provide outstanding freshly-prepared home-cooked food, using locally sourced meats and ingredients.

Northumbria in Bloom is a big deal in Saltburn, which hosted this year's competition. A few years ago the town hit the headlines when all of its 400 hanging baskets were poisoned; it was suspected that a rival town was to blame as Saltburn was a hot contender for the national Britain in Bloom title.

• Saltburn House hosted the Club Law & Finance Weekend from Friday, October 28 to Sunday, October 30. The weekend was sponsored by HEINEKEN in the UK and included tuition from our experienced lecturers in both law and accountancy. A report will appear in the next issue.



Ian Harrison looks after both the centre's veg and its award-winning flower beds.



Bowled over

Kent Branch Vice-President Plate for the second year Colin Lewing was part of running. Gillingham's Sturdee WMC Pictured (left to right) are: B team, who last month won the Medway Bowls League's Shepherd Neame

Colin Cannon, Roy Corman, Paul Newton and Colin Lewing.



Durham Branch Vice-President Eric Campbell attended the final of the Branch Bowls competitions, at Vane Tempest Bowling Club in Durham City. He is pictured with the Triples winners from Hesleden Club. (Left to right): John Davies, Allan Harper and Billy Dowson.

Below: The Pairs winners George Alderson and John Webster from Sherburn Village Club



The Singles winner Ian Peacock from Leadgate Club



CIU SALTBRN HOUSE

2011
PRICES AND
THEMED BREAKS

To book please ring 01287 622 008

MARCH-DECEMBER

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Northern Racing, who operate Bath, Brighton, Chepstow, Fontwell, Ffos Las, Great Yarmouth, Hereford, Newcastle, Sedgefield and Uttoxeter Racecourses, are again offering their £10 across-the-board deal for Grandstand & Paddock tickets throughout 2011.

The offer applies to all meetings except certain feature days like Plate Day at Newcastle. Fighting Fifth Day at Newcastle Racecourse on Saturday, To take advantage of the offer and any other Northern Racing offers fill in the form on Page 19 as usual.

Fixtures include:

Newcastle Sat Nov 26 Mon, Nov 28 Ffos Las Wed, Nov 30 Uttoxeter, Hereford Sat, Dec 3 Chepstow Tues, Dec 6	Fontwell, Sedgefield Sun, Dec 11 Hereford Fri, Dec 16 Uttoxeter Sat, Dec 17 Newcastle Wed, Dec 21	Ffos Las Thurs, Dec 22 Hereford, Sedgefield Boxing Day, Dec 26 Ffos Las Fri, Dec 30 Uttoxeter
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CIU Racing Club Booking Form

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

Racecourse _____ Date of meeting: _____

Cheque enclosed for £ _____

(Made payable to racecourse involved).

Club: _____

Club Address: _____

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Contact Name: _____

Daytime telephone No: _____

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

Listening Branch reels in new anglers



Our Team Snooker champions Andrew Pagett, Jason Tucker, Allan Morgan and Kirk Gambold from Twyn-Y-Ffald WMC in Monmouthshire are pictured with National Executive member Brian Young from Durham. Twyn-Y-Ffald beat High Howden Social from Tyneside 4-0 in the final.

One Branch has successfully revived its angling competition by listening to its members.

The South East Midlands Branch attracted 14 teams of four after its organisers, Branch Executive members Wally Greenaway and Steve McGrane, switched the venue to Decoy Lakes Fishery near Peterborough. The event had previously been held on the Grand Union Canal but had been cancelled for the last two years because of lack of interest.

"We found that anglers preferred the fishing to be had at the lake and we've had a great turnout and a great day," said Branch Secretary Carol Goddard. "Everybody's looking forward to next year's event at the same venue. Our thanks go to Wells & Young's Brewery for sponsoring the competition.

Over 500lb of fish were caught with the winning team being Rushden Athletic with Rushden Town Band second and Broughton & Cransley B third. Individual winner was M. Baxter from Rushden Athletic with a winning weight of 61lb 2oz (27.784kg).



A successful indoor games presentation evening was held at Darlington Club, sometimes known as the Northgate Club.

Above right: Club member Steve Smith, who won the Durham Branch Dominoes Singles Championship received the trophy from Branch Vice President Eric Campbell and Branch Executive member Stan Summers, who is also Club President.

Stan Summers also presented the Games League's Pairs Dominoes trophy to the winning pair Club Secretary Dougie Heseltine (centre) and his brother Trevor.

The club's 5's & 3's teams took first and second place in the Darlington CIU Games League and they are pictured with Eric Campbell and Stan Summers.



The Branch Knock-out Championships were sponsored by Carlsberg UK and have also proved more successful this year.

Results were:

Skittles Winner: Northampton WMC "B"; **Runner-Up:** Islip WMC.

Dominoes Winner: Towcester Sports & Social; **Runner-Up:** Kempston Liberal Club.

Cribbage Winner: Woodford WMC; **Runner-Up:** Kingsley Park "B".

Darts Winner: Irthlingborough Town Band; **Runner-Up:** Kingsley Park WMC.

Pool Winner: Woodford WMC; **Runner-Up:** Kempston Liberal Club.



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