

# Club Journal

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The magazine for all CIU members

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## THE UNION'S SUPPORT IS NEEDED MORE THAN EVER

### Football strip



The Full Monty found its way to Hampshire as a charity night at Hill Park Memorial Club in Fareham raised £1,600 with a variety of entertainment.

The original Monty, Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery, was President of Portsmouth FC and on the same night former Pompey footballer Dave Waterman had a strip of his own when his legs were waxed for the charity he set up in memory of his six-year-old son. **Full story and more pictures – Page 4**

An economic recovery may be on its way but clubs are continuing to feel the effects of the recession and that means the Union's support and advice is needed more than ever.

We continue to see clubs wait till things are too late before seeking the advice of the Union. All our Branch Secretaries are or have been long-serving club officials and know the problems that face clubs but too many Committees bury their heads in the sand and refuse to acknowledge that they are in trouble.

Then when they do find themselves in trouble they take the false economy of trying to save a small amount of money by leaving the Union. As well as our legal and financial expertise we have behind us a team of National Account companies whose services can save your club the price of their fee many times over. Add to that the Union's education courses and their range of sporting competitions and it remains one of the best bargains around.

### FLAGSHIP CLUB

As we report on Pages 10 and 11 Canley Social Club in Coventry, once one of the flagship clubs of the Midlands and the first to receive a grant from the National Lottery, chose to leave the Union in 2000 and its long slow decline had its final chapter this year.

Without the Union's help and advice the club began to struggle until this year its bank decided to board it up and it became a target for vandals, thieves and arsonists. Last month it was destroyed by a massive fire that was attended by 10 fire engines.

Regular *Club Journal* contributor Ruth Cherrington grew up across the road from the club and in a personal view, she mourns its loss and also argues that politicians should do more to support our clubs.

### INSIDE...

**WORLD RECORD:** A new world record for pot leaks was set at the Northumberland CIU Show. **Full story – Page 20**

**BEERDRINKER OF THE YEAR:** A Surrey club has had a visit from the American holder of the title Beerdrinker of the Year. **Full story – Page 4.**

**WETHERBY DEADLINE:** Clubs have until Friday, October 25 to book up for this year's National Charity Raceday at Wetherby. **Full story – Page 19.**

**BRING BACK SMOKERS:** All club members, particularly non-smokers are urged to write to their MP to support a Private Member's Bill allowing separate smoking rooms. **Letters – Page 7**

### Quiz goes to the wire

A thrilling finish to this year's Dransfields/CIU National Quiz saw Welsh champions Maesglas SC from Newport take a calculated all-or-nothing gamble that they'd correctly identified a mystery personality who'd been an army boxing champion, football director, tax avoider and the father of a first class cricketer. Find out who it was and if they were right on **Page 13.**

Chris Haley (right) the Managing Director of sponsors Dransfields, joined Union President George Dawson to hand over the winners' trophy and £500 first prize, one of his last duties before he flies to Africa for a charity climb of Kilimanjaro this month. **A Mountain to Climb – Page 12**



### Election time

Nomination papers for this year's Presidential and National Executive elections have been sent to all clubs. They need to be returned by October 14.

Elections are being held in December for all 15 National Executive seats as well as for National President and Vice-President. Since the size of the National Executive was reduced from 26 to 15 most constituencies cover more than one Branch and have been keenly fought.

A full timetable is on **Page 7.**



# PROUD AND HONOURED



Alan Austin addresses the packed concert room watched by Ron Duffy while Jimmy Green (right) shows off the salver he received from the club watched by Alan Hardy.



Pictured (left to right) are: Dave Richardson, Jimmy Green, Tony Isbister, Alan Austin, Rob Miller, Ron Duffy, Norah Tinnion, Rob Yeats, Tom Satterthwaite, Dennis Wheadon (half hidden), Alan Hardy and Sid Hicks.



Cramlington Village Social Club near Newcastle was packed to the rafters for a very special evening, which saw the presentation of a 40-year Distinguished Service Award and one of the Union's rare 50-year service awards. Several members of the Northumberland Branch Executive, including Branch President Alan Hardy, Branch Secretary Dave Richardson and National Executive member Sid Hicks, saw Committee members Alan Austin and Jimmy Green receive the 50-year and 40-year awards respectively. Ten-year Certificates of Merit were also presented to Ron Duffy and to Club Secretary Rob Yeats, who is also a member of the Branch Executive. Also among the guests were former Branch Secretary Tom Satterthwaite and Branch Executive members Tony Isbister, Rob Miller, Nora Tinnion and Dennis Wheadon.



## HAYES WORKING MEN'S CLUB LATE NIGHT CABARET

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Union President George Dawson recently attended the North Staffs, South Cheshire & North Wales Branch council meeting at Pittshill Victory WMC in Stoke-on-Trent. As well as addressing the delegates on the draft constitution and answering various questions he also presented three service awards.

The first was a Long Service Award to Branch Secretary Dan Capewell (left) for 25 years' service to Pittshill Victory where he is also the Club Secretary. The President then presented two 10-year Branch Service Awards to Branch President Frank Swift and Vice-President Ian Brammer (right), both of whom joined the Branch Executive on the same day, January 15, 2003.



# CLUB'S YOUTH POLICY PAYS OFF



The new Manhattan Bar.

Below: Steward Adam Taylor and Secretary Maria Turner; Treasurer Danny Whitehead and Concert Secretary Les Turner

A North West club has taken radical steps to turn round a £55,000 loss and start attracting younger members.

Chadderton Reform Club near Oldham has undergone a stylish revamp and now has a young team of bar staff led by 22-year-old Adam Taylor.

"It's been tough as we've had to watch every penny," said Club Secretary Maria Turner. "I didn't sleep for a year."

Maria herself has designed the concert room, now named "The Crystal Room" and

the downstairs Manhattan Bar. The club also took what some would regard as a risk when they appointed Adam as Club Steward at 21 but, says Maria: "He is a pleasure to work with.

"He started here as a glass collector at 15 and he knows everything about the way the club works as well as being able to fix all the equipment in the club, including the stage equipment.

"He even does the sound and lights on a Saturday night if we are short-staffed, and he helps the Committee by inputting all the membership data onto the computer and sending out the emails."

Maria is also grateful to Concert Secretary Les Turner, who mans the lights and sound box most Saturday nights and does the maintenance around the club to ensure it is always in tip-top condition; and to Treasurer Danny Whitehead, a former bouncer who joined the Committee three years ago. "He spots potential trouble before it escalates, and deals with it if it does. He is a happy person to work alongside and mans the door with me on Saturday nights taking the entrance fees and selling the raffle tickets.

"The club has been hard work but it has been worth it."



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# FOOTBALLER DAVE'S NEW STRIP

Former Portsmouth footballer Dave Waterman is used to going through the pain barrier but when he did it at a local club he helped raise £1,600 for a good cause.

Dave, who also played for Oxford United, had his legs waxed as part of a big charity night at Hill Park Memorial Club in Fareham. His example inspired a couple of lads from the audience to have their chests waxed, and the entertainment also included a different type of stripping with a rendition of the Full Monty.

"It was a fantastic night for two very worthwhile charities," said organiser Lisa Fletcher. "The Full Monty went really well – women were literally climbing over their chairs and throwing their knickers on the stage."

The evening was in aid of the Macmillan Nurses and the Oakley Waterman Caravan Foundation, which provides respite breaks at two Haven caravan parks for children suffering from life-threatening illnesses. The charity was started by Dave and his wife Lorraine in memory of their son Oakley, who died from cancer at the age of six. Shortly before his death, a cancer charity paid for Oakley and his family to holiday in a caravan in Devon. "The time we had at the caravan with Oakley was so precious," said Dave. "It was Oakley who came up with the idea to buy a caravan and help other families, so when he passed away, it became our mission."

The evening also included a live band, a disco and a medium. "We couldn't have done it without help from the Committee, our team of helpers, the local businesses who provided raffle prizes, and Dave and Lorraine," added Lisa. "They are the nicest people we've ever worked with."

"A lady came up to me to say the Foundation was sending her child on holiday. Just seeing her face said it all."



Don Ayling, Levi Champion, Jamie Marsh, Andy and Wiggy Symes perform the Full Monty. Our female (and gay) readers can find more pictures on the Foundation's Facebook page. Below: Dave Waterman has his legs waxed by Elaine Young. (Pictures: Sharon Vardy)



## 75 years at the bar

England's contender for drinker of the year could be former merchant seaman Jack Henderson.

Jack has been a regular at Eastleigh WMC in Hampshire for 75 years so there was no better place for family and friends to organise a surprise party to celebrate his 100th birthday – the same venue where the Wessex Branch celebrated their 100th birthday this



Jack enjoys a whisky at the club.

year. As well as his telegram from the Queen there was a cake in the shape of one of the ships he sailed on, the Olympic, the four-funnelled sister ship of the Titanic.

After leaving school at 14 in 1927, Jack was a delivery boy before joining the merchant navy and later working at the Eastleigh Railway Works. He joined the club in 1938 when the Club Secretary, who was his brother-in-law, invited him into the club for a drink. He's been using it ever since and says the secret to his long life is "sea air and a drop of whisky".

## From the USA to the USC

Egham United Services Club in Surrey has been playing host to beer royalty – no less than the man with the title Beerdrinker of the Year 2013.

Beer travel writer and homebrewer Warren Monteiro from New York called in on the club's recent beer festival with fellow blogger Alex Hall, founder of the Gotham Imbiber, who said: "The Egham Beer Festival was outstanding, the organiser had put a lot of effort into finding unusual beers from a number of small breweries."

"I thoroughly enjoyed my day there, and will be back if I can time it right in the future. 10 out of 10."

### PASSIONATE

Warren won the title in a competition organised by the Wynkoop Brewing Company in Colorado to find America's most passionate beer

lover. He samples an average of 350 beers each year across the world and says: "This is not a habit, it's a lifestyle. This is why I constantly travel – to get a taste of a new brew or one I've been missing, and to find a way to share it whenever possible."

This was the 15th Real Ale and Cider Festival at the club and the Committee now hold three a year. The club has appeared in every issue of the Good Beer Guide since 2009 and in both 2009 and 2010 reached the top four as a finalist in the CAMRA Club of the Year contest.

• The competition for the Beer drinker of the Year, as you'd expect, is fierce. Last year Warren was runner-up to J. Wilson from Prescott, Iowa, who in 2011 gave up food for lent and fasted for 46 days on just water and a beer he brewed himself.



Warren (left) and Alex are pictured in front of some of the club's CAMRA awards.



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By Maureen Ross  
Rules Secretary

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The Branch must also be contacted if advice is required in relation to Rules/Legal/Arbitration questions. Head Office may not be contacted by telephone unless authorised by the NEC or Branch Secretary.

The Rules Department at Head Office may be contacted by letter or email, to process an update or amend the club rules. This will then be dealt with via letter or email. The Branch Secretary is always copied in to all correspondence with clubs, so the Branch is aware of any updates of rules for their respective clubs.

The address of your Branch can be obtained from the Union's website [www.wmciu.org.uk](http://www.wmciu.org.uk). For the process of Rules, my email address is [maureen.ross@wmciu.org](mailto:maureen.ross@wmciu.org)

Clubs could be fined up to £5,000

## EQUAL PAY LAW TO BE BEEFED UP

EQUAL WORK  
DESERVES  
EQUAL PAY!

By Andrew Dane  
The Business Medic

Committees are reminded that it is

illegal to pay different rates to men and women for the same work if your club employs ten or more people. New legislation, which the Coalition Government hope to introduce next year, will allow employees to take you to an Employment Tribunal, where the club could be fined up to £5,000 – repeatedly if necessary.

The battle for equal pay goes back more than 100 years and even now the gap between pay rates is estimated at between 10 and 20 per cent. Here is a short history:

- **1906:** The National Federation of Women's Workers was formed by Mary Macarthur in an attempt to organise and unionise women workers in Britain.
- **1914-1918:** The First World War meant that women were brought into the workforce in large numbers to fill the jobs vacated by men.
- **1956:** British legal reforms say that women teachers and civil servants should receive equal pay.
- **1968:** Female workers at the Ford plant in Dagenham went on strike for three weeks demanding equal pay. They successfully argued that their work as machinists was equal to the highly skilled production jobs done by

men. Their case was brought to the attention of the Secretary of State for Employment, Barbara Castle, and led directly to the 1970 Equal Pay Act. "Made in Dagenham", a film about the strike, was released in 2010 and nominated for 4 BAFTA awards.

- **1976:** The Equal Opportunities Commission, now the **Equality and Human Rights Commission**, is set up to enforce the **1975 Sex Discrimination Act and the Equal Pay Act**. The Commission campaigns on all gender-related issues in the UK.
- **2010:** The Equality Act passed.
- **2011:** The Government consulted on modern workplaces.
- **2013:** The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act which contains the legislative framework for regulations relating to equal pay audits planned for 2014.

The Government response to the 2011 workplace consultation confirmed its commitment to proceeding with legislation to order an employer to conduct an equal pay audit, if it has discriminated on the ground of sex in contractual or non-contractual pay.

A second consultation took place this year and the Government hopes the legislation will come into force next year. It is expected to require Employment Tribunals to order an equal pay audit where the employer has breached the equal pay provisions under the **Equality Act 2010**.

Under the legislation, Employment Tribunals will have the power to impose, repeatedly if necessary, a civil penalty of up to £5,000 for non-compliance with an equal pay order. Small businesses – defined as having fewer than 10 employees – and start-up businesses will initially be exempt from the proposals. The current gender pay gap is estimated at between 10 and 20 per cent. Recent studies have suggested that it may take another 100 years to finally achieve equal pay.



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## Well done Andrew

Dear Sir,

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gave us the name of Andrew Dane, the Business Medic.

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We have no hesitation in recommending him for ANY legal matters. He was able to get our problem resolved with NO cost to our club at all.

We hope other clubs needing legal services will see this letter.

Gornal & Sedgley Labour Club  
Dudley



## Tell your MP that 98% back smoking rooms



Dear Sir,

The battle to allow our clubs to welcome smokers back

inside, to drink and smoke in their own separate rooms – like the “snugs” of not so long ago – is not over. Philip Hollobone MP has tabled a Private Member’s Bill due before Parliament next month and it can succeed if people, even non-smokers, tell MPs why they support it.

There is no earthly reason why there should not be separate smoking rooms. There is nothing scientifically, even medically, to justify smokers being banished to the outside world. If you think we should be stopped for the sake of our health then presumably you’d stop people drinking as well. Yes, the tang of smoke is irritating and it makes your clothes smell but that wouldn’t matter if there were separate rooms.

There is absolutely nothing to stop bar staff exercising a choice of whether to serve in a smoking room or not and with modern day ventilation, the myth of “passive smoking” is well and truly “blown out of the window.” But it’s not just me saying this. To mark the sixth anniversary of the ban in England *Club Journal* printed a survey for us. Here are the results:

- 97% said the smoking ban had been detrimental to their club;
- Only 2% thought the smoking ban had been implemented fairly;
- 98% agreed that there should always have been choice for clubs as they are not public places but are for members only, unlike pubs where the public can walk in off the street;
- 84% of respondents said they had alternative facilities for smokers and some added that they would happily ‘make arrangements for smokers’ if the occasion

arose;

• 99% stated that staff should

have always had the choice to work in a smoking room.” The other 1% responded “do not know, sorry.”

Feelings still run very high as many attached “good luck” and “please get this ban amended” messages to their survey answers. It was remarkable that of the 16% who said they hadn’t got two rooms many still wanted smokers back.

Attitudes toward the Smoking Ban have hardly changed over the past four years since our last survey, but the number of clubs remaining in business has. Many have fallen by the wayside and plenty of those remaining clubs are teetering on the brink. It is time for this ridiculously implemented ban to be amended, therefore Philip Hollobone’s Private Member’s Bill, which is to allow smoking in a designated room in private clubs must be strongly supported by all who care.

I implore you to write to your MP asking him/her to support this Bill for Parliament needs to understand that adhering to every whim of the health fanatics will simply bankrupt this country and slowly strangle the social life we love and know so well. Send your MP a copy of this survey – it will help.

Don’t forget that it was Labour that brought in this disgraceful ban. They promised exemptions for our clubs – and then reneged! Good luck and please contact your MP.

You will see that our name has changed slightly as we have amalgamated with another pro-choice organisation, but you can be assured that our resolve has not altered.

Phil Johnson,  
Chairman,

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## Can you beat 75?

Dear Sir,

Our club is a long-standing member of the CIU and while sifting through our old records I came across Pass Cards issued in June 1938.

On the reverse side of the card it states that the Club Journal was priced at one penny (as now you could usually get three copies for less than the price of a pint –Editor)

I wondered if any other member club would have a 75-year-old Pass Card.

Con Ward  
Secretary  
Swansea Labour Club

## 2013 Election timetable

**The timetable for this year's Presidential and NEC election is as follows:**

**13 September - Nomination Papers issued to all clubs**

**14 October - Nominations returned to Head Office**

**5 November - Issue Ballot Papers (Scrutineers and Head Office Staff)**

**3 December - Return of Ballot Papers**

**6 December - Count (Scrutineers and Head Office Staff)**

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# How my second home went



One of the club's billiard teams with their trophies. As well as traditional billiards, bagatelle, an early form of bar billiards, remains popular in Coventry.

Regular Club Journal contributor DR RUTH CHERRINGTON, the founder of the Club Historians website, grew up both opposite and inside the Canley Social Club in Coventry. She even describes it as "an extension of our living room" in her book "Not Just Beer and Bingo! A Social History of Working Men's Clubs" (available from Head Office for £14.50) In this personal piece she tells how she felt at the loss of what had been one of the Union's flagship clubs.

People came from all directions, from up the street and down the street, from across the train line and other parts of the city. Some probably came from other towns and cities.... For a moment I thought it was like the old days when the Canley Club attracted huge numbers of people on a regular basis, such as during its heyday in the 1970s. It was famous for its lovely concert room, the height of luxury at the time, its huge lounge and great sporting facilities. So many people used and loved the Canley Club. It was at the heart of Canley and even members sometimes had to queue up to get in.

Yes, for a moment, I felt like it was the old days again. But why were there tears in my eyes and others? The reality was, this was a wake for the club, which had been burned down during the early hours of Sunday.

## The rise and fall of a great club

The Canley Social Club & Institute was founded in 1948 by a group of local men who wanted somewhere to go in their free time on this new post-war council estate. They were men like my father Jack, who was an enthusiastic supporter of the idea of a new club close to home. A plot of land, one of six across the city, had been set aside in Canley by the local council.

Plans were drawn up, money was borrowed from the council and the plot soon had a basic club building on it - much of the work on it done by members themselves. The Committee, headed by the formidable Jimmy Cooke, who went on to be a long-serving and influential member of the Union's National Executive, applied to affiliate to the CIU and was accepted in 1950.

A basic wooden hut became a well-used and loved facility on the estate where there wasn't much else to do. It was open for family activities right from the start - it wasn't just for the men. There were boxing lessons for the boys and parties for the children at Christmas. There wasn't much else to do on the expanding estate and the Council was happy for the club to become an unofficial community centre. There were also the all-important outings. Many hundreds of children set out for their first trip to the seaside from outside the club. The excitement was tangible as several coaches left in the early morning, headed for Skegness or Rhyl.

There was a billiards room where other games were played. It soon had successful teams for all the usual games: billiards, dominoes, darts, and Coventry's own speciality, bagatelle - a form of bar billiards.

### FREE AND EASY

By the mid-60s, there was a small lounge where free and easies, piano sing-alongs and *housey-housey* - bingo - could be enjoyed. The old fashioned bag of numbers were used with the familiar shout of 'shake 'em up!' from the audience. Members could get up and join in the free and easies by singing songs or telling jokes. One of the founder member's wives played the piano as there was very little paid entertainment at this time - that came later.

Despite that the club's membership grew over the decades and there was often a long waiting list to join. The club gained a good reputation within the CIU as well as the local area.

In the 1960s and 70s, there was much rebuilding and extension work done on the club, as there was all over the country.

The "temporary" wooden hut, which had served the club members



The club as it was in its heyday

for ten years, was finally replaced with brick buildings. There was a brand new concert room, which seemed very luxurious with a beautiful wooden dance floor. The foyer area was rebuilt and expanded. Later on the lounge was expanded and another floor added upstairs for committee rooms and offices, and the steward's flat was refurbished. It became even more popular and attracted a lot of praise.

In 1998, it became the first CIU club to secure a Lottery grant under the CIU's National Lottery Initiative. The grant of £462,787 enabled the Committee to build a new floodlit multi-use games area with changing rooms and to refurbish the games hall and football pitch.

Less than two years later, however, the club left the CIU and ended up in private hands, ending 50 years of affiliation. Without the benefit of the advice and support of the CIU its popularity began to decline and the membership to dwindle.

In recent years there remained a number of football teams, mostly young lads, while men and women of different ages enjoyed bowls. The club retained a small but steady group of members who organised fun days and other community events. They were trying hard to keep their club open but the bank decided to board it up and then the rot really set in. The final act came in the small hours of September 1.



# t up in smoke



Ruth Cherrington with her father Jack in Canley Social Club. Right: the remains of the club.

People weren't coming for a concert, bingo, or a game of snooker. They were coming to see what remained of this once mighty and hugely popular club. They were coming to see if the news was really true. They came to see what was left, to reminisce and share their sense of loss with others. Some younger people came probably just out of curiosity to see what a fire so strong it took ten fire engines to put out can do: destroy a club and rip the heart out of a community.

The club had been boarded up since early July but there was some hope it would reopen if a buyer could be found. Yet we all know what happens when a building is boarded up – it becomes a target for vandals, thieves and, of course, arsonists.

Now the 65-year existence of this once great club has come to a sorry and very undignified end.

The story of this club is told on Page 10. It is like hundreds of others around the country – though as our Club of the Month feature finds – every one is different and with good luck and good advice thousands still flourish.



Children enjoying a Christmas party at the club during Ruth's childhood in the 1950s.



Looking at the charred remains of the Canley Club provokes sorrow, a huge sense of loss and also anger because things could have been different. It is such a waste of great facilities.

This club, like hundreds of others, could have been supported more, not only by members but by local councillors and MPs perhaps, if they had recognised the great history it had, its facilities and its potential. Many, however, never see beyond the "beer and bingo." They are ignorant to the importance of clubs.

People need somewhere to go to socialise with others: social isolation is a huge problem for older people but also for younger ones too such as young mothers.

Already local people are dreading the inevitable demolition and the selling of this plot of land for building. A couple of local women are thinking of getting a petition up so that a smaller club could be built. "We need something around here, there isn't anything at all now," they told me.

Yes, they do and I would support them. I really hope that something can rise from the ashes of the Canley Club so that the local community can have a place to go – even on a smaller scale – to be together as they used to be.

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# WE'RE CLUBS' BIGGEST SUPPORTERS

Gaming machine suppliers Dransfields continue to be among the biggest supporters of the Union and its clubs.

As well as earning thousands of pounds in VAT rebates for clubs thanks to their work on the B3A and Linneweber cases, Dransfields, the Union's recommended suppliers of all things gaming and amusement continue to support the work of the Union at a host of events throughout the year. These include the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition at Blackpool in April, the Union's charity greyhound meeting at Sheffield in September, the National Charity Raceday at Wetherby in November and, as you can read on these pages, the Dransfields/ CIU National Quiz.

Next month the result of the Government's review of gaming machines should be announced, with an expected benefit to club machines of an increase in the maximum jackpot from £250 to £400 and the current maximum stake from £1 to £2.

Many clubs already operate their machines on a profit-sharing basis with Dransfields meaning that the club is not taking any of the risk should the machine takings fall. "This will give more opportunities to offer more choice to members and to make more money for your club," said Managing Director Chris Haley.



Chris Haley and Diane Hammond from race sponsors Dransfields present stable girl Natasha Haynes (right) with the prize for best turned out horse at last year's Wetherby raceday.

"The increase in the stake money will also mean that operators will have the ability to bring in innovations in games design." Dransfields' work in bringing about the abolition of machine licence duty is now paying off for clubs after a somewhat frantic spell when clubs had to register for the new tax. The company produced a guide to the new tax for all the CIU's 2,000 clubs, and in the lead-up to the deadline they were fielding up to 80 telephone calls a day, many of them from clubs that weren't even customers.

Chris and Operations Director Alan Jackson regularly attend CIU Branches' quarterly council meetings and work closely with

manufacturers of club machines to design machines to appeal to clubs.

Continued expansion from their original base in Leeds means that virtually every club is easily within an hour's reach of a Dransfields service engineer. The network of service depots support a locally-based team of account managers, service engineers and collection staff, all committed to clubs. "We think it's vitally important our account managers meet Club Secretaries and Committees face to face," says Alan. "They can assist the club with any queries they have with any of their gaming, amusement or lottery requirements and to help maximise the choice to club members whilst earning much needed revenue for clubs.

Both Chris Haley and Alan Jackson are prominent members of the gaming machine trade organisation BACTA and are able to give clubs a strong voice. Chris was a representative on the recent BACTA Working Party contributing to the Government review of stakes and prizes and has previously chaired the Category B4 Working Party and B3A Working Party. "Clubs are very important to us and I'm there to ensure that clubs' best interests are represented and hopefully this review will show that we are continuing in our efforts to do that."

## He's got a mountain to climb

Chris Haley is also putting his best foot forward for charity this month with a walk to the roof of Africa.

He will be joining members of the gaming industry - including former footballer Robbie Savage, a patron of the William Hill Trust - on a charity trek up Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain at 19,340 feet, and the highest free-standing mountain in the world. At the time of writing he had already passed his initial £5,000 target and is now hoping to raise £10,000 for the Responsible Gambling Trust and children's charity Rays of Sunshine, which helps children who are living with serious or life-limiting illnesses.

"The Trust were organising the trek and asked for volunteers," said Chris. "I'd already decided that I wanted to raise money for charity this year by 'doing something' so I was keen to sign up.

"The Trust were also happy to share the money I raise with Rays of Sunshine, which does fantastic work with children who are seriously ill." The 26-strong party fly to Addis Adaba before travelling to base camp in Tanzania.

During the seven-day expedition, the walkers will trek through four climatic zones: rainforest, moorland, desert and then the Arctic zone where snow is permanent and oxygen levels are nearly half of that at sea level.

Chris, who is 45, is paying all his own costs so that all the money he raises goes to the two charities. The easiest way to donate money to Chris is to Google "Mydonate ChrisHaleyisgoingforawalk" as the charities can then increase the donation through Gift Aid and make an extra 25 per cent.



Chris Haley is prepared for his charity walk up Kilimanjaro.



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Further information and application forms available from Cath Fitzpatrick in the Leisure Department on 0207 226 0221 ext 238 or [cfitzpatrick@wmciu.org](mailto:cfitzpatrick@wmciu.org)

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# A little Wisdom proves crucial

A brave decision led to a dramatic finale at this year's Dransfields/CIU National Quiz.

Welsh wizards Maesglas Social Club from Newport were neck and neck with defending champions Ashford Road Club from Swindon going into the final "Who am I?" round where teams are asked to identify a personality from a series of clues.

Maesglas risked all – scoring five if they were right or zero and certain defeat if they were wrong – after hearing these clues: "Born in London, I was always interested in sport. In the army I became a boxing champion and later went on to be a football club director, while my son played first class cricket. I was also involved in a well-publicised court case with the Inland Revenue concerning non-payment of tax, which I lost."

After bringing up their answer – and not knowing if they were right – they waited as more clues appeared: he had been sacked during the war for calling Winston Churchill Winnie to his face; had appeared in several TV programmes but was best known for his films and had died in 2010 – at which point Eric Kilby, who'd come up with the winning answer for Ashford Road last year, said: "I should have known this earlier, I was at his funeral!"

Further clues revealed he had been described as his favourite clown by Charlie Chaplin and as his inspiration by Lee Evans, who has been accused of copying his act; finally "although only 5ft 2in tall I remain very big in Albania where I am still known as Pitkini because I played a character called Norman Pitkin, particularly noted for shouting 'Mr Grimsdale' whenever I got the chance.... I am, of course, Sir Norman Wisdom."

Maesglas took the gamble because they knew that Nicholas Wisdom had played for Sussex and the five points meant the team of Trevor Parry, Richie Parnell, Gordon Galliford and Colin Lloyd finished

with an astonishing score of 66 out of a possible 69 on the demanding questions set by

professional quiz setter Dave Cornish from Quizman.co.uk. As well as receiving the trophy from Chris Haley, Managing Director of sponsors Dransfields, they won the first prize of £500.

It was a return to the glory days of the middle of the last decade when Maesglas dominated the CIU Quiz with the assistance of Mark "The Beast" Labbett, now the star of the TV show "The Chase" and its recent American spin-off, which is just called "The Beast."

## GROUPIES

Mark came along to the final at Alvaston & Crewton Social Club in Derby where in between posing for photos he teamed up with some female admirers to form an unofficial team called The Groupies, who would have finished sixth.

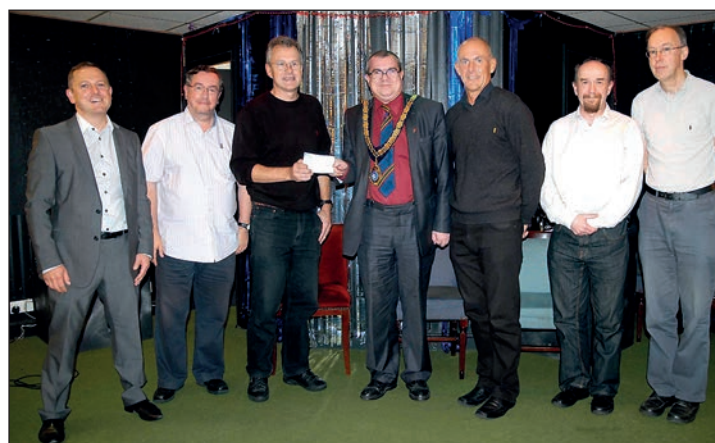
Third behind runners-up Ashford Road were newcomers Sunderland National Reserve Club while the prizes for the Sport and the TV & Films rounds went to former champions Gosforth Empire from Newcastle and Radford Social from Coventry, and the £20 consolation prize for finishing second last was won by Epsom Common Club from Surrey.



Richie Parnell and captain Trevor Parry (right) hold the trophy as they celebrate winning the Dransfields/CIU National Quiz in front of (left to right) Paul Davies from co-sponsors The Co-operative Bank, Colin Lloyd, Chris Haley from sponsors Dransfields, Union President George Dawson and Gordon Galliford.



Cricketer Nicholas Wisdom at his father's funeral. Eric Kilby is somewhere behind him.



Kevin Ashman, captain Tim Westcott, Eric Kilby (second right) and Keith Andrew from Ashford Road receive their runners-up cheque.



Spot prize winners Chris Stephens from Hampton Road SC, Blackpool; Bob Gibb from Ashted Village Club, Surrey, and June Davies from Siddal Cricket & Athletic Club in Halifax, celebrate winning spot prizes with Paul Davies.

The co-operative bank  
good with money

The quiz always retains its purely fun element, and there were spot prizes from co-sponsors Coors and The Co-operative Bank of bottles of whisky or vodka for the closest guesses to such questions as "how many verified children did King Ismail of Morocco, the world's most prolific father have?" (888), and "what is the highest unclaimed prize in the Euromillions lottery?" (£63.8m), the latter won by June Davies from Siddal Cricket & Athletic Club in Halifax, a guest of Union President George Dawson.



• Last year's decisive question, described by quizmaster Dave Cornish, as possibly the most obscure he's ever asked, was the proper first name of Hoss Cartwright from Bonanza. It was, of course, Eric.



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Mr W Robson (657), Empire WMC & Inst Ltd, Co Durham  
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- Suit an aim for gym visits? (5)
- Reverse vision made in anger? (4,4)
- Bottle opener has a noisy addition to begin parenthesis. (7)
- Land area is of little account to eager plan. (7)
- Existence that's cellular? (4)
- Houseplant 'in the rapids', as it were. (10)
- Alpenhorn has none missing, strangely, from Fiennes family. (5)
- Pasta that's screened for the Western market? (9)
- When sentences come to an end - .. (4,5)
- They're almost in the kingdom. (5)
- Our bellies upset by

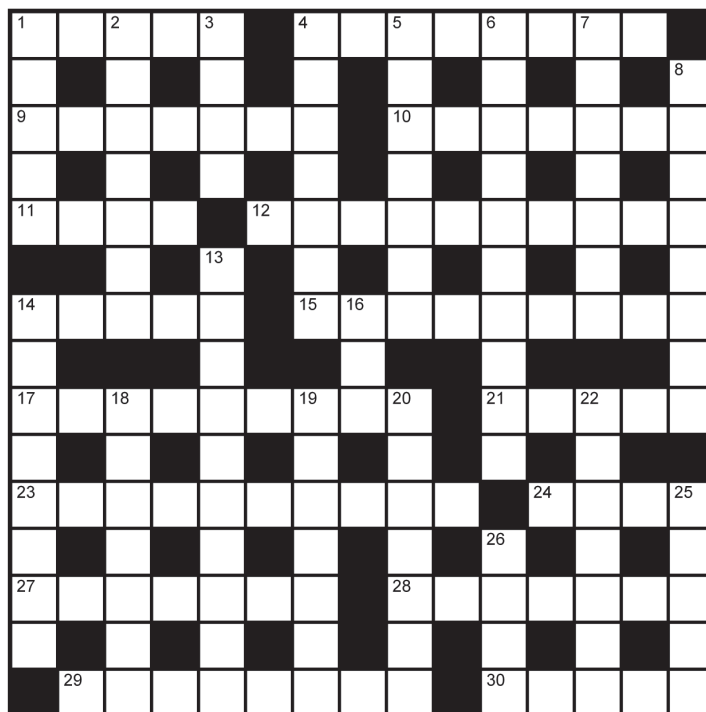
- teenage attitude. (10)
- Humble potato gives puddings an ingredient. (4)
- Design style of red coat embroidery. (3,4)
- Dressing said to be from forbidden era? (7)
- So trendy to build a wall like this! (3-5)
- Tired but in trouble, arithmetically. (5)

### DOWN

- Ancient tower - very confusing! (5)
- Afraid of a ruffle, however caused. (7)
- Uncouth person seen through crafty keyhole! (4)
- Some of the fastest flowers on the road? (7)
- Oar I can fashion into a wind instrument. (7)
- Rinse brush with solution - for smoothies? (10)
- Coat-tails not as well defined as a little bird. (4-3)

- A slim leg could be taken to the letter, but not in spirit. (8)
- These carpenters might well cheat you! (10)
- Could you treat a slipped disk this way? (2-6)
- Portfolio piece can go up or down! (3)
- Bolster snapped on shellfish. (7)
- Cool! Iron construction of S American flower. (7)
- After the corn harvest - could it be designer? (7)
- Placate the legumes said to be vertical? (7)
- Medic has listener, but it's dull and gloomy! (5)
- Cut the buns up. (4)

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Eric Appleby of Ashington & District Comrades, Northumberland; and  
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# OBITUARIES

## George Sawyer

It is with great sadness that the Manchester Branch announces the death of its President, George Sawyer, at the age of 76.

George served for 33 years on the management of the Brun Grove WMC in Blackpool as Committee member, Trustee and President.

He worked for Blackpool Council as a plumber then as an assistant building attendant.

After joining the Manchester Branch Executive in 1975, he served as Branch Vice-President from 1987, then became President in 2001.

Condolences go to his wife Barbara and to his daughter and stepson. He was an excellent well-respected clubman and will be missed by clubmen and women all over the North West and the rest of the UK.



## Eddie Irvin

It is with great sadness that Ossett Central Club in West Yorkshire announce the death of their former President and Secretary Eddie Irvin at the age of 81.

Eddie had served the club since 1963, originally as Club Steward, and after leaving that job he joined the Committee in 1970. He was first appointed as a Trustee then in 1973 he became President, a post he held for 35 years until 2008 when he accepted the post of Club Secretary.

He retired from that role in 2010 due to poor health and was later presented with the Distinguished Service Award, which he was rightly very proud to receive.

Eddie also held the position of Concert Secretary for more than 10 years and built many relationships and friendships over that time. He leaves his widow Ann and his five children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He will be very sorely missed by the club and all who knew him.



## Grapplers make a grand

A Kent club has helped raise more than £1,000 for charity by staging a night of wrestling.

The four-man knock-out tournament for the Oliver Smith Trophy at Sheerness East WMC raised £800 for local five-year-old Oliver, who has the childhood cancer neuroblastoma, as well as £450 for Help for Heroes. Other matches featured Mexican Eagle and WWE champion The Phantom.

The money took funds for the Sheerness Times Guardian's "We're backing Oliver" appeal up to £97,026. "It was a great night," said Club Secretary Dave Smith. "We're always happy to help local youngsters."



Oliver is pictured with some of the wrestlers at Sheerness East WMC.

## Reign continues



Pictured (left to right) are: Merddyn Davies, Vince Cook, Branch President Pat Barry, Terry Elms and Rees Pugh.

Despite one of the best summers for years the South Wales Branch's bowls pairs competition still managed to fall victim to the weather. Fourteen pairs from seven regions made their way to Swansea for the play-off final, sponsored by Molson Coors, in early August only to see it rained off. It was finally played on August 18 when the weather was much kinder and an excellent day was had by all. Rees Pugh and Merddyn Davies of Fernhill & Blaenrhondda Social Club continued their reign as Branch Champions by defeating Vince Cook and Terry Elms of Mountain Ash WMC in a keenly fought final.

## Anglers sweep the board



Rushden Athletic Club swept the board at the South East Midlands Branch Angling Competition at Decoy Lakes near Peterborough, claiming the top two places as well as the team prize.

Winner Jay Richardson landed 148lb 4oz and runner-up M. Baxter 111lb 5oz and they are pictured with the rest of the winning team, who only dropped a single point. Also pictured are fishery owner Di Band and the organisers, Branch Executive members Wally Greenaway and Steve McGrane



Durham National Executive member Colin Armstrong presented the Thomas Kelly Darts Memorial Trophy to Stanhope Sports and Social Club team captain Kenneth Atkinson after they beat Alberta Club, Jarrow at Craghead Social Club.



## Race Discounts

(All offers Tattersalls unless stated otherwise)

AINTREE:..... Saturday, 26th October.....	£16 (normally £20)
CHEPSTOW:..... Saturday, 26th October.....	£10 (normally £20)
NEWBURY:..... Saturday, 26th October.....	£12 (normally £16)
AINTREE:..... Sunday, 27th October.....	£16 (normally £20)
ASCOT:..... Saturday, 2nd November.....	£14 (normally £20)
CARLISLE:..... Sunday, 3rd November.....	£10 (normally £15)
KELSO:..... Saturday, 9th November.....	£9 (normally £13)
FFOS LAS:..... Sunday, 10th November.....	£10 (normally £16)
UTTOXETER:..... Saturday, 16th November.....	£10 (normally £20)
<b>WETHERBY:..... National Charity Raceday, ..... Saturday, 16th November..</b>	<b>£14 (normally £24.95)</b>
ASCOT:..... Saturday, 23rd November.....	£14 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK:..... Saturday, 23rd November.....	£12 (normally £22)
CARLISLE:..... Sunday, 1st December.....	£10 (normally £15)
LEICESTER:..... Sunday, 1st December.....	£9 (normally £16)
AINTREE:..... Saturday, 7th December.....	£16 (normally £20)
CHEPSTOW:..... Saturday, 7th December.....	£10 (normally £15)
KELSO:..... Sunday, 8th December.....	£9 (normally £13)
ASCOT:..... Saturday, 21st December.....	£14 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK:..... Saturday, 21st December.....	£11 (normally £20)
NEWCASTLE:..... Saturday, 21st December.....	£10 (normally £15)
FFOS LAS:..... Boxing Day, 26th December.....	£10 (normally £16)
LEICESTER:..... Friday, 27th December.....	£9 (normally £16)
NEWBURY:..... Saturday, 28th December.....	£12 (normally £16)
KELSO:..... Sunday, 29th December.....	£9 (normally £13)
HAYDOCK:..... Monday, 30th December.....	£7.50 (normally £13)
UTTOXETER:..... Tuesday, 31st December.....	£10 (normally £18)

## Booking deadline for Wetherby looming up

Racegoers have until Friday, October 25 to send their booking in for this year's 21st National Charity Raceday, which will be held at Wetherby on Saturday, November 16.

The day is again being supported by Dransfields, the Union's recommended suppliers of gaming and quiz machines, who are sponsoring a race for the fifth year. As we report on Page 12 Dransfields have become good friends to our clubs, not only by supporting a range of Union events, but through the rebates they have won for clubs by challenging the tax authorities.

Wetherby Racecourse and their caterers CGC Events are both giving £1 from each booking to the Union's Education Fund. Last year a total of 1,584 CIU club members – including an amazing 237 from Farsley WMC in Leeds – took up the course's offer meaning that Wetherby's Chief Executive Jonjo Sanderson was able to hand over a cheque for £3,168 to Union President George Dawson.

We are also grateful to John Smith's, part of Heineken UK, the Union's sole recommended supplier of beer and cider, who have included five 50p discount beer coupons with each booking.

The course is again offering a package for £14 that includes entry to the exclusive CIU marquee, an Official Race Programme, a pie-and-pea lunch and five John Smith's 50p discount beer coupons voucher – a saving of nearly £11.

All clubs registered with the CIU Racing Club have received a letter with a coupon but all clubs can also use the booking form on this page. Forms and cheques, made payable to the Wetherby Steeplechase Committee, need to reach Jean Garrett at the CIU Racing Club by Friday, October 25.

# CIU RACING CLUB

THE CIU Racing Club uses the bulk buying power of our 2,000 clubs to obtain special discounts from racecourses. You can make a booking by filling in the form on this page along with a cheque made out to the appropriate racecourse.

To obtain the discount we send all the forms to the racecourse together as one block booking and they will post the tickets on the Monday of the week leading up to the meeting. If you have not received an acknowledgment letter or if tickets have not arrived after the post is delivered three days before the meeting ring **Jean Garrett on (0191) 2650040**. Tickets are sent to the club otherwise anyone could buy them.

We need to receive your booking **THREE WEEKS** before the meeting otherwise we cannot guarantee you will receive the discount because late bookings do not save the courses any work.

You do not need to register your club as a member of the CIU Racing Club to make a booking but can be registered when you book. Members of the Racing Club receive their own free copy of *Club Journal* addressed to the race trips organiser as well as regular updates and the full list of offers. Remember also that even if a meeting is not listed here you can usually obtain a party discount direct from the course.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Post code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# WORLD RECORDS BROKEN AT CIU SHOW



Two new world records have been set at a CIU vegetable show, which saw the biggest leek ever shown. The Northumberland CIU Open Leek, Vegetable and Flower show was staged at Cramlington Village Social Club and was won by Geoff Moscrop from North Broomhill.

He broke the record for one single pot leek, as well as for two pot leeks, using CIU rules. His single pot leek came in at 274.22 cubic inches, while his pair of leeks together measured 457.72 cubic inches.

This was the third year the club has hosted the show and was, says Branch Secretary Dave Richardson, who presented the winners' trophies the most successful yet. "Everybody was asking if we were going to do it again next year. We've had a great response and it's the most people we've ever had through the door. "It helped that we were able to sell off much of the produce at the end of the show. People were going home with some great bargains." Dave also presented the trophies at the Heineken World Leek & Onion Show at Blyth Sports & Social Club, which was again organised by club member Dave Clough.

*Geoff Moscrop is pictured (left) with his prize leeks. As well as the cup he received a glass trophy of a man holding two leeks sculpted by Sunderland glass maker Norman Veitch. Below: John McMullen with his prize winners, and Peter Glazebrook's winning onion.*



The show was won by John McMullen from Shankhouse Central Club with three leeks totalling 497.53 cu. in. The onions section was again won by last year's winner Peter Glazebrook from Nottinghamshire, with an onion weighing 16 lb 3.75oz.

# Clubs welcome lords of the ring

Richmond Place Club in Hereford successfully stage three wrestling nights a year and look forward to their next wrestling evening on October 26.

Their last show was so successful that people were queuing round the car park.

More details can be found from the club itself, which advertises in our Club Outings section.

Another of our advertisers Hayes WMC in West London are staging a dinner and boxing show night on November 22 in aid of Help for Heroes and the Headley Court Rehabilitation Centre. More details can be found on Page 2.

