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CLUBS NEED TO DO MORE THAN JUST SERVE BEER



This year's CIU Conference was lit up by a speech from MP Pat Glass, who challenged committees to make their clubs the indispensable hearts of their communities rather than just places to have a drink.

Mrs Glass (left), the Labour MP for North West Durham, said successful clubs in her constituency were helping out local authorities by accommodating facilities such as libraries and youth clubs. "In those clubs that are turning themselves over to community facilities I see a reflection of the organisations that the CIU was initially formed to deliver. I think those clubs who are doing less well could learn much from these community clubs.

"When the Romans ruled they kept the masses under control with a diet of beer and circuses. Whilst there is a need for places for people to come together for a drink I believe that we need more than that. So my challenge to you today is about what the CIU can do to support our communities, at a time when they have never been under greater pressure."

Earlier the MP had talked about her upbringing in a Durham pit village where her uncle was Club Chairman and her father Peter Gannon – whose funeral was held the day before the conference – was Club Treasurer. She has also written a moving tribute for our obituaries page.

Union President George Dawson told delegates the Union was continuing to help clubs regain money from the Revenue and was working with MPs to build on the success of the ending of the beer escalator. A motion to reduce the price of the Pass Card by enforcing the rule that all club members should pay was overwhelmingly defeated.

To accommodate a full report on the conference many regular features including service presentations have had to be held over until the next issue.

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Founding father inspires a play

A Northamptonshire club has staged a play specially written to chart its 50-year history.

"If Bricks Could Talk" tells the story of Corby Trades & Labour Club, which was started when the local trades council wanted somewhere people could meet that was independent of the local steelworks. Hundreds of ordinary people paid a shilling a brick to build the club and the play then goes on to chart the club's progress over the next 50 years.

Writer Paula Boulton, who has also written a living history of Corby "Women of Steel", said: "I was thrilled to be asked to write a play to celebrate the club's 50th anniversary especially since my father Stan Boulton was a founder member.

"With so many working men's clubs closing, it is important to record the contribution they have made to weaving the fabric of life in the town. The play may be about the Labour Club but the characters could be from any club."

The play, performed by members of the Corby Women's Theatre Group with the assistance of friends from the trade union movement and other theatre groups, concludes with the narrator saying: "Now as we splinter into Facebook isolation we need a place where the weaving of lives that knits a community together will carry on as it always did – face to face."



Cast members celebrate the 2007 Conference vote that gave women the Pass Card.

"Use it or lose it."

• In 2009 Cullercoats Crescent Club on Tyneside staged Bingo! a play set in a club concert room and this month it marks the 40th anniversary of the village's independent Iron Press with a performance by Ian McMillan, known, particularly to listeners of Radio 3, as the Bard of Barnsley. **Full story – Page 17.**



PROFITING FROM A TASTE SUPREME



SPOT ON: John Johnstone, General Manager and Steward at Silverdale and District WMC & Institute says Heineken's investment in Kronenbourg 1664 is paying dividends at his club

A multi-million pound investment by HEINEKEN in the UK into its flagship premium lager brand Kronenbourg 1664 is being welcomed by clubs across the country.

The UK's No.2 premium lager now has a new glass, point of sale, promotional materials, the pourtal pouring system and high profile advertising - all of which are leading to increases in sales and people wanting to try 'The Taste Supreme'.

One such club is Silverdale and District WMC & Institute near Newcastle-under-Lyme. General Manager and Steward John Johnstone says: "The split between sales of our premium and standard lagers Kronenbourg 1664 and Foster's is roughly 50-50, and in the first three months of this year we saw Kronenbourg sales go up around 8 per cent - especially among our late-20s to 30-year-old members.

"The new Kronenbourg glass has gone down well, with lots of members commenting on how it helps maintain the lager's head and sparkle which the old one didn't really do as well. They also prefer the new shape and the fact it looks like a premium product.

"Although we do not have the pourtal system yet, I can definitely say that the striking new point of sale materials like bar and beer mats and posters which we have around the club are raising awareness of an already popular product and, having a lot of football fans as members, Eric Cantona in the humorous new TV advertising is certainly proving a hit!"

Another club appreciating the new technology is South Wigston WMC in Leicester. General Secretary John Hunt says: "About 50 per cent of our members are aged between 20 and 30 and are regular Kronenbourg drinkers. With an influx of new members of this age group

recently, our sales of Kronenbourg have increased almost 11 per cent in the past year and look like continuing upwards with the introduction of the new glasses which have proved so popular that we are already running short of them!"

"There is no doubt that the wider base and funnel shape of the glass create a better head which laces down to the last drop and, with all the POS you could need coming with the glasses including posters, bar mats and runners, our members' attention can't fail to be caught and lead them to this premium product.

"Having had the Foster's pourtal system for some time now and seen the difference it makes to the overall quality of the pint and the significantly reduced wastage, we are eagerly awaiting the installation of the same for



UPGRADE: John Hunt, General Secretary at South Wigston WMC is eagerly awaiting the installation of the pourtal system for Kronenbourg 1664

Kronenbourg which can only benefit the drinker's overall taste experience."

Peter Usher, Buying Group Director for Heineken in the UK says: "We set out to create a glass to complement the brand's premium quality and maximise the enjoyment of drinking Kronenbourg 1664.

"Branded glassware is an immensely important selling tool for our brands and our customers as it optimises in-outlet quality and adds genuine value to the club-going experience.

"The distinctive shape

is designed to maximise Kronenbourg 1664's revered taste by 'funnelling' its unique aroma towards the consumer. The brand's distinguished heritage and Alsace's famous Strisselspalt hops are also depicted on the glass to reinforce the beer's superior taste reputation.

"This, coupled with high profile TV advertising starring football legend Eric Cantona, new point of sale and outdoor advertising as well as the introduction of the pourtal pouring system for the brand will help club's raise awareness of a true top quality premium lager and thus increase sales and repeat purchase."



BENEFITS: John Hunt (left) and Heineken Regional Manager Craig Nevins discuss the benefits the new technology is having on sales of Kronenbourg 1664



CHEERS!: John Johnstone (left) and Heineken Business Development Manager Andy North toast the success of the new Kronenbourg 1664 glassware



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150TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 150th annual meeting of the Union took place at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool on Saturday, April 6 with the Union President GEORGE DAWSON presiding.

It began with delegates and the National Executive standing in remembrance of those club members who had died in the past year. The President showed delegates last May's issue of Club Journal and asked them to agree the Minutes of the 2012 Council Meeting. This was followed by a Civic Welcome from the Deputy Mayor of Blackpool COUN. JOHN BOUGHTON, who said he hoped the Union would be returning to Blackpool for its 300th Conference in 2163, though he doubted he would be around to receive an invitation.

He hoped delegates would have a chance to see what Blackpool had to offer including some fabulous new trams and the comedy carpet near the Tower Headland where jokes from some of the greats of British comedy are embedded in the concrete. "I guarantee that you will find something there that will make you laugh," he said.

He hoped the organisation went from strength to strength and that in the evening everyone went out to enjoy themselves.

GORDON WINN, the Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee, introduced the other members of the Committee starting with those on the stage, Vice-Chairman Ken Roberts from South Wales Branch, Colin Armstrong from the Durham Branch and Martin Smith from the Leeds Branch. He then asked the other four members in the front row of the auditorium to stand up: Norman Harrop from Manchester Branch, John Heggs from Leicestershire Branch, Peter Askin from the Leeds Branch and Malcolm Williams from the North Staffs Branch. "These are the people you can approach with any problems. We hope we will have a very good meeting."

President's Address

The President said:

"I am pleased to welcome all delegates to this, our 150th annual conference. No one here needs me to remind them that the last year has been difficult for us all and there appears to be no let-up in the difficulties in the near future.

With that in mind it is even more imperative we find other ways of helping ourselves with untapped income. Every Branch Secretary has been sent information obtained by the Executive and myself regarding possible refunds from the Revenue.

Ian Spencer has changed from gamekeeper as a Revenue employee to poacher, as he now specialises in reclaiming tax we should never have paid. You will all remember the Linneweber case and a considerable number of clubs benefited from reclaiming VAT on bandits and on Amusement Machine Licence Duty.

There is now a Linneweber 2, which takes VAT reclaims on bandits up to January 2013. There are also possibilities of reclaiming VAT on door charges and VAT wrongly collected on free drinks and discounted for those who were informed by the Revenue that this money was due. There may also be scope for a proportion of subscriptions revenue not liable to VAT. This is something the Union will continue to pursue, please ask your Branch Secretary for details. If there are enough clubs in a Branch interested then Ian Spencer will come and do a lecture.

The Union is also making Parliamentarians



Gordon Winn, the Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee introduces members of the Committee including Vice-Chairman Ken Roberts (right). Behind them is the Union's Head of Rules, Maureen Ross.

aware of our plight and has made strong representations to Government regarding beer duty. I cannot tell if it was our influence that made the Chancellor do what he did with beer duty at the last Budget but I do like to think that we played our part.

To this end we are going to step up our campaign for a mandatory 60 per cent rate rebate for our clubs.

The policy on minimum pricing may not have the result of getting people back into clubs, however, it would mean that the revenue would have a significant increase in VAT take from supermarkets, which may take the heat away from collecting more revenue from us. I do not want to shine a beacon for



Pat Glass MP, the Deputy Mayor of Blackpool, Coun. John Boughton and Union President George Dawson are pictured outside the conference hall in the newly-refurbished Winter Gardens.

the Revenue but I will say that it is most important that clubs keep their status of mutuality in which a supply is made with no liability for Corporation Tax, as opposed to a sale by retail, which does have a liability for Corporation Tax. This is because clubs do not trade or carry on a business.

The Executive have also spent a considerable amount of time revising the Constitution and updating it after its 150-year history to get in line with current legislation and the separation of management and policymaking from employees. This is a fundamental change but quite necessary as we are a democracy and the policymakers are elected every two years, the staff are not.

Because it is such a big change the Executive has involved the FSA to advise on what can and can't be done. This has now gone to every Branch Secretary for comment. Once this process has been carried out and any changes made, if necessary, then it will be sent to clubs for a special meeting. This will be a very important decision that only the member clubs can make. As I have said we are a democracy and run the Union in the interests of all our clubs.

I must say that the Executive are not out to hoodwink people or do things without serious thought. The vast majority of us are Club Secretaries in our own right or have been but have now retired from those positions. We understand most definitely the problems faced by clubs because they are the problems faced by ourselves.

The unending march of red tape continues and the Government has recently implemented a new PAYE system, Real Time Information, on which even HMRC are not giving out coherent information. Individual clubs and their accountants or payroll administrators are being given different information every time HMRC are consulted.

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HMRC won't even give written confirmation on what they have told you and just refer everyone to their website. The employer orderline is still supplying the manual books for manual payroll as I have ordered mine and received them for the new tax year; and I have been told it is quite in order to do wages manually and nothing was said about the online return.

When last at the All-Party Parliamentary Group Committee meeting in Parliament we asked for clarification on these items and the impression was that the MPs are told when they ask individual questions on detail the response is always: 'Ministers have everything in hand.' A few more years down the line we will be having to collect pensions. The information on this is just as sketchy when asking about the detail.

In conclusion may I say that times are changing and unfortunately we have to change too. Please use the Union to assist you but don't leave it too late so we can't do anything to help - and when we've assisted take our advice instead of ignoring it. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen."

Turning to the presentation of the CMD diplomas THE PRESIDENT said Kevin Payne from Ramsgate Social Club in Kent, the winner of the first prize for Club Law and Administration was not able to be present. He then presented a diploma to the winner of the first prize for Club Finance and Accountancy, Sharon Peek from Sidcup WMC, also in Kent.

Announcing an extra item on the agenda THE PRESIDENT said this year saw an election for scrutineers. "The two-year term for those elected at the 2011 conference is coming to an end and we would like to thank them for their contribution over the last two years. They are Alan Robinson from Durham Branch, Brian Simmonite from South Yorkshire Branch, Peter Taylor from Northumberland Branch and Archie Laing from Leeds Branch. He then introduced the keynote speaker, PAT GLASS MP, who said: "It's a great pleasure to be here today as the first woman MP ever to address the CIU.

I'm the Member of Parliament for North West Durham, which is a very large constituency; it goes right from the edge of Durham



George Dawson delivers the traditional President's speech.

City to the border with Cumbria. For those of you who don't know it it's a fabulous, beautiful constituency, I've got two Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which I travelled through to get here today.

The main town is Consett, which you will remember as a major steel town. North West Durham is the kind of community that many of you represent here today and it means a great deal for someone from my background and with my family history to be standing here addressing you today and particularly at your 150th conference.

Because I understand the place of the CIU in working class communities up and down this country I was born in a small village called Esh Winning - Winning means colliery, as many of you will know. I'm told the Durham people are over here so I'm to look out for them.

In my village there were four affiliated clubs: The Big Club - I never understood why it was called the Big Club because it didn't seem that big but that's what it was always known as; the Dreadnought

Club, presumably called after a First World War battleship, and the Pineapple club. I am not sure if that was the official name, I doubt it, or where the name came from, but for a seven-year-old it conjured up all kinds of exotic fantasies. That was the club my parents went to on a Saturday night, all dressed up, my mother looking like Jackie Kennedy in the 60s. I dreamt at seven years old that that was the club I was going to go to but unfortunately by the time I was 18 and old enough to go to the Pineapple myself it was long gone and I was far away, I think it's now a housing estate.

Newhouse Club, and I've talked to a few people here who knew it, was the fourth club in the village and the club my family frequented. My uncle Billy Rutter was the chairman for many years and my father was Treasurer and that was a position of huge respect within the community. His funeral was yesterday, and we all went back to the club after the church.

Newhouse Club was at the centre of the community, along with the church and the Miners Hall. It was the place where hard working men and later women went after shifts down the mines or in the steel works, or in local shops and offices. There they knew they were amongst their own - people who shared similar work, histories, values and political aspirations.

Since being elected as the MP for North West Durham I have made a real effort to visit every club in my constituency. I haven't got round them all because it's only been three years and it's a very big constituency. What I do see is that some clubs are doing really well whilst others are floundering - a case of the prince and the pauper. I have sat through committee meetings on a Sunday morning, listened to complaints about the smoking ban, the cost of Sky TV and supermarket promotions of cheap alcohol.

We all know that some of this is not going to change - the smoking ban is not going to be repealed and there are not going to be any exceptions made for clubs - the ship has well and truly sailed on that. There are, however, possibilities of levelling the playing field on satellite sports and the All-Party Parliamentary Group is working hard on your behalf in Parliament to deliver some gains on this. On the issue of minimum pricing of alcohol I believe that not only is the Government completely in the wrong place on this in giving way to vested interests in the alcohol industry and supermarkets on this, I believe that it is a position that they absolutely cannot hold, not least in the face of the massively powerful health lobby. We need a minimum price on the sale of alcohol and an end to cheap promotions by supermarkets and I know that is a major piece of work that the All-Party Group is working on, on your behalf.



Sharon Peek from Sidcup WMC is presented with her Diploma for First Prize in Club Finance and Accountancy.

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As I visit clubs in my constituency I believe that the variable fortunes of clubs are dependent not just on these factors but also on how close and how much they are a part of the community.

I visit clubs where I would be very happy to go for a comfortable drink in the evening with my family. They are comfortable, welcoming places in the evening but they double up as playgroups and community centres during the day. There are zumba classes in the mornings and boxing clubs in the evenings, as well as badminton, football and baseball groups for young people. When I go in I see young people coming and going all the time. As the government cuts bite harder and local authorities are having to close down libraries and traditional community centres - that's what's happening in Durham and I'm sure it's happening in your communities as well. I see CIU clubs in my area accommodating the local library - some are operating community newspapers out of club premises, whilst others are organising themselves to provide credit union facilities for their local estates. Others provide facilities for young people's youth clubs and special needs youth clubs. In those clubs that are turning themselves over to community facilities I see a reflection of the organisations that the CIU was initially formed to deliver - places where people came together, a place at the centre of the community. I think those clubs who are doing less well could learn much from these community clubs.

My challenge to you in your conference is just that. Communities like the ones we in our different ways represent have never been under such pressure - living standards are falling. Despite government rhetoric unemployment is not going down in the community I represent and youth unemployment is reaching dangerously high levels. Changes to the social security system like the bedroom tax and universal credit will

do untold damage to communities like mine. The abolition of the Educational Maintenance Allowance and the tripling of tuition fees mean that the traditional ladders of achievement out of poverty that families like mine used in the past are simply not there for families in the future.

I spent most of my career working in education. I was an Assistant Director of Education in the North East, a Director of Education in the South East and immediately prior to being elected to Parliament in 2010 I was a senior Government adviser on education. People like me told our young people that if they worked hard, if they achieved the magic 5 A-Cs at GCSE, they could expect a future and now they are finding that is no longer true.

I have five secondary schools in my constituency - every single one of them judged by Ofsted to be good or outstanding. The kids are getting the GCSEs, many of them have got themselves into debt going to university only to find there are no jobs for them at the end.

When the Romans ruled - and they ruled in places like where I come from - they kept the masses under control with a diet of beer and circuses and whilst there is a need for places for people to come together for a drink I believe that we need more than that. So my challenge to you today is about what the CIU can do to support our communities, at a time when they have never been under greater pressure. At the lowest level that can be having a petition against the bedroom tax on the bar for people to sign, at a higher level I am seeing clubs using their considerable organisational skills to organise a credit

union to provide something for local people to keep at bay the legal and illegal loan sharks that are circling our estates.

I have started to hold community meetings in local clubs to challenge planning applications or adverse community developments and I regularly hold community surgeries in local clubs with the Police Commissioner, the housing companies, the Citizens Advice Bureau, the credit union and organisations like Help the Aged.

In the run up to winter I held 'getting ready for winter' advice surgeries. Recently I have held advice surgeries in clubs across Durham to raise the profile of the bedroom tax, which is going to hit up to 25 per cent of tenants in parts of my constituency. Events like this help put the clubs right back where they started at the heart of community action.

That is my challenge to you as your conference gets under way today. So what's it going to be, guys? Is it beer and circuses, or we able to offer more to make sure that the CIU takes a stronger role, right at the heart of our communities at a time when our communities have never needed that strength and organisation more?

Thank you, and I hope you have a great conference."

She added: "And I'm sorry I got a bit emotional in the middle but my father as a clubman would have been so proud of me today."

Thanking her THE PRESIDENT said "This shows that some Parliamentarians do hold the Union in high esteem and do want us to succeed. Thank you very much for that, Pat, particularly under such difficult circumstances."



Pat Glass MP delivers her keynote speech.



Pat Glass posted this picture on Twitter with the comment: "Travelling home across north Pennines. Snow, sun and truly outstanding beauty." Earlier she had tweeted: "Driving over north Pennines in early morning light on way to give keynote speech to CIU conference in Blackpool. Remote Britain is beautiful."

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Proposing acceptance of the Annual Report the former Union President DEREK DORMER OBE said: "It gives me great pleasure on behalf of you all to move the adoption of the Union's Annual Report for the year ended September 2012. In my view this booklet contains one of the best and most informative documents we have ever produced.

"There is no doubt that many changes are occurring at Government level these days which affect our clubs and these changes happen quickly due, of course, to the way we live today with computers and modern methods of communication. Regrettably some of the rules which affect us are not as accurate or clearly described as some of us would prefer. Nevertheless the Union has produced a first class document which I am very proud to ask you to approve and accept. "I have considerable experience; the first time I was present at this meeting was to adopt the Annual Report for 1949 and I have been to every Annual Conference for 64 years, I've never missed one. I am very proud of our Union and I am just as keen and interested as I was then when I was a young man of 23.

"I wish the Union and every club in it success in the future and promise that anything I can still do to assist at any level I am at your service just as the Union has been at our service for all these years.

"I really have had great pleasure in listening to this lady from Parliament because I helped create the Parliamentary Group and to hear a speech like that it did me the power of good. I am sorry I am a bit shaky and a bit nervous these days but that's because I will be 87 in a couple of weeks' time."

MARK BREWER from the Western Counties Branch said there was little else to say because Derek had said it all. It gave him great pleasure to second the report Presenting the Annual Financial Statement, the Union Accountant STEVE CONNELL (below) said: "Looking at the financial



Former Union President Derek Dormer, now 87, proposed accepting the Annual Report.

statements for 2012, the full effect of your decisions to increase revenue can now be seen within note 3 to the revenue account. Annual fee income increased from £417,663 in 2011 to £658,551 in 2012, with revenue derived from the sales of Pass Cards increasing, during the same period, from £868,511 to £950,101. These improvements together with positive increases to both trade and insurance commissions had the result of increasing total turnover from £2,593,441 in 2011 to £2,820,945 in 2012, up by nearly 9%.

Also on a positive note, operating expenses incurred at both Head Office and the Branches decreased from £3,061,604 in 2011 to £2,834,084 in 2012, a reduction of 7.4%. These were excellent results, but you can see when comparing the figures that it was not enough to fully overturn the massive operating losses of 2011, albeit that they were reduced from £829,923 to £343,604.

An extremely positive outcome can be seen in 2012, with excellent results being achieved from our investments, in particular the net investment gains of £225,323 compared to losses of £90,168 in 2011.

Therefore after taking account of these gains, and income derived from our investments and rental income, the Union managed to make a profit after tax of £155,073 compared to the massive loss of £644,310 in 2011.

Unfortunately the large pension scheme actuarial gain made in 2011 of £436,000 had to be revised down to a loss in 2012 of £311,000, however still making a net gain for the two-year period of £125,000.

These results are extremely impressive but once again our operating activities have had to be, in effect, bailed out by our investments. This obviously means that if we had suffered a poor result from our investments, and that has happened in some previous years, then all the benefits that were achieved from the increases to income and reductions to expenditure would have been wiped out.

All of this, of course, your National Executive is well aware of and they have been, and are continuing to examine all services provided by the Union to see where further savings can be made.

Some radical decisions have had to be made, not least to the Union's provision of convalescent homes. As you know our last home at Saltburn was closed at the beginning of this year due to the continued high costs incurred, especially in recent years, which could no longer be justified against the poor occupancy levels and the fact it was utilised by a very small percentage of our membership. This will result in net savings well in excess of £100,000 per annum.

Over the last few years some very difficult decisions have had to be taken to ensure that we can survive not only the problems that everyone has had to face with the deteriorating global economy but, more importantly to us, the recognition that our Union has been in decline for many years and that we have had to and continue to cut our cloth accordingly.

These decisions have resulted in a large reduction in the number of staff employed at Head Office and, as you know, a significant reduction to the number of the National Executive themselves. These actions taken were crucial to enable us to adequately service a Union, now of just over 1,800 clubs. It is all too easy for accountants to recognise when good budgetary control tells us of the need to cut expenditure to help make our balance sheets healthier.

Sometimes, however, we need to remember that our strengths lie in the quality of the services that we provide. After all we are a service industry.

A lot of hard work is currently being undertaken to enable improvements to be made to our educational programmes; yet there is another area that is easily identifiable from further examination of the financial statements as needing extra funding. I'm referring to your Branches.

Even with the extra income derived from the various affiliation fees having to be increased, the 28 Branches, who historically are individually self-accounting, made collective losses on their activities in excess of £120,000 in 2012. Over a ten-year period, Branch losses have amounted to some £777,000.

Your National Executive are currently looking at all the various levels of funding that the Branches receive from central funds with a view to making some positive improvements. This is not an easy task to get right due to the varying sizes and therefore different activities undertaken at each Branch and will almost certainly need to be continually examined.

Gone are the days when a Branch, especially larger ones that represent many clubs, could depend on producing healthy profits from trading alone.



Union Accountant Steve Connell presented the Annual Financial Statement.

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This is where you and your clubs can further support your Branches and therefore the Union as a whole – by supporting all of our National Accounts. I said earlier that trade and insurance commission had risen this year, yet there is plenty of potential to improve this further.

When comparing our organisation with others of an even remotely similar nature, whether here in the UK or abroad, it seems to me that there are two major differences that stand out above the others.

Firstly, the provision of a national Associate and Pass Card and the benefits that its holders enjoy by supporting their Union. And secondly, the structure of our Union, with its now 28 Branches, which allows clubs in their areas to benefit from local assistance on local issues.

For one reason or another, historically we have allowed the ownership of the affiliation cards to be eroded away with time. We could argue the whys and hows for a lifetime. And we will continue to do so later today. Let us not do the same to our Branch structure and let that erode away also.

At our 150th conference we may be smaller in number and if we were just a business, we almost certainly wouldn't be here today. Yet here we all are, still here today protecting our assets and not just those before you on the balance sheet."



Des Flood proposes accepting the Annual Financial Statement.

Proposing acceptance of the Annual Financial Statement DES FLOOD, President of the West Midland Branch, said: "As we've heard from Steve it's a positive move with regard to our financial position but we must not forget that our turnover less costs and operating expenses still saw the Union make a loss of £343,000. That's a third of a million, that doesn't sit comfortably with me even in this positive report we've heard from Steve. There's more work still to be done to reduce these losses. Regrettably we will have to make some cost cuttings as we have done this year, possibly particularly in London at Head Office. But I've no doubt Mr President that with your leadership and that of the National Executive best value will prevail in terms not only of how we operate but also the quality and the qualifications of the staff



Ron Ayling proposed enforcing the rule that everyone should buy Associate and Pass Cards.

responsible for operating on behalf of our members and member clubs.

I would ask that an audit of staff qualifications is undertaken with regard to the management of our assets. It doesn't sit well with me that we are involved in dealings with stocks and shares because it feels to me as if we are gambling with the Union's assets.

The heart of this Union is the welfare and interests of our member and the clubs. This is the Union's 150th year and we are all very proud to be here but for me the question is what are we going to do as a Union to ensure that we are still here in the next 15 years?

How do we ensure that the welfare and interest of all our members doesn't become a bigger concern in this tough economic climate? To ensure we don't mortgage the future of our clubs, the assets and buildings, for future Committees to pick up?

It is incumbent upon the National Executive to ensure that the Union survives and actively supports the welfare and interests of our members by considering financial support in terms of possible loans to our Branches and to our clubs who may be struggling. Banks are not giving out loans. Wouldn't it be better if we as an umbrella organisation hold the deeds to a club if appropriate rather than a national bank. Is there a hidden trend that clubs are leaving this Union because some local business person can write off their debt and take hold of the deeds with of course a different licence, different scrutiny? I've no doubt some committees have reluctantly and with a heavy heart undertaken that act just to survive.

We need to reverse that trend and I'm very pleased to hear that the NEC are looking at how we support that essential conduit of support and services to our clubs in terms of finance and support to local Branches. It gives me great pleasure to propose the annual accounts."

The motion was overwhelmingly adopted. THE PRESIDENT said 779 members had applied for credentials but only 579 had attended.

Proposing the motion for an amendment to

Union Rules RON AYLING from Sarisbury Green Social Club in the Wessex Branch said: "For many years as President, I sat for six weeks each year collecting subscriptions, insisting that each member pays the affiliation fee levied by the National Executive as per the membership of the Union in all club rule books.

Only once did a member refuse, there were a few who grumbled, then my attention was drawn by a member to an advert by clubs in and around Southampton that were inviting people to join their club stating CIU fees were voluntary. Three such clubs were stating this on their website. This unfair and illegal action was drawn to the attention of the National Executive via our Branch Secretary. Here I must say that I wrote direct to London with a copy sent to the Wessex Branch Secretary stating that in my opinion Head Office should insist that every member be charged the appropriate CIU fee. Regrettably no acknowledgement of my letter was sent to me and no action taken. The next year at conference the National Executive proposed that the per capita rate be increased to 50p and pass cards to £3.50 stating the extra money was needed to maintain current standards.

Why should a proportion of loyal members be expected to subsidise a large section of the membership who share the benefits? For this reason I offered our membership voluntary affiliation resulting in a drop of some £800 to the Branch. This, ladies and gentlemen, is a brief resume of why I wish to propose that the associate cards remain at £3.50 but that yearly pass cards be reduced to £2.50 and be issued to every member on their club register thereby stopping this large section of club members not supporting the CIU.

The funds from pass cards to be split 60% to central funds and 40% to Branch funds. Currently Branch gets only 25% the other 75% going to London and the white elephant, Saltburn. How many of you have used or know of anyone who has used this facility? Let it be self-financing or sold. In short, ladies and gentlemen, get rid of the waste that we don't use, maintain our Branch Secretaries to full not part time or we will lose all our clubs in double quick time.

I therefore propose that the Associate Cards remain at £3.50 inclusive of VAT, the cost of yearly Pass Cards reduced to £2.50 including VAT. 60% to central funds 40% to Branch funds and that Rule 6 in the CIU rulebook be fully sanctioned i.e. every member be issued with a yearly Pass Card.

This, ladies and gentlemen, is how I presented my proposal at my club where it received 100 per cent and later at a quarterly Branch meeting in November 2012 where only two voted against. The National Executive has pre-empted my proposal by closing Saltburn down, sadly with the loss of a number of jobs. I sincerely trust you will forgive me but I did start this 18 months ago.

150TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

My real concern is the total neglect to the rule stating every member must pay the fee levied by the National Executive for Pass Cards which was increased by 50p at Conference in 2011, an extra burden on the faithful CIU members. Give me one good reason why the few should subsidise so many? Let us all pay £1 less give 40% not 25% to our Branch, which would enable the Secretary to remain full time not part time as is being hinted. I feel sure that all who are involved collecting subs will be bombarded with the same old tale: 'But we only use this club, we don't go anywhere else.' That is not the sole reason for purchasing a Pass Card.

What other Union allows their members the choice to pay or not to pay subs? Some say our Union is different; yes it is, we look after the social side of life not employment; being self-employed all my life I know full well if you pay peanuts you only get monkeys. Branch Secretaries in the main are intelligent, knowledgeable and dedicated people in club life as are our National Executive members. Don't rise losing them for the sake of 5p per week per member.

We must all realise that being a member of a club that belongs to the CIU means all club members must pay the affiliation fees. The Union can only survive provided we all support it to the full. Failing this support means nobody will have the privilege of going to other clubs, whether it be local or far away when on holiday or just travelling around.

Don't let these selfish non-payers carry on in this fashion. Remember unity is strength. I therefore commend the following proposal to this conference.

Rule 16(a) to be amended to read:

Associate Cards at the price of £3.50 each (inclusive of VAT at the prevailing rate) and Pass Cards at a price of £2.50 per year (inclusive of VAT at the prevailing rate) shall be supplied to clubs and be issued to every member on the club's register upon condition that holders of such cards (in these rules called associates) conforming to the regulations relating thereto shall be



Keith Robertson seconded the motion.

admitted by such clubs' premises. The split of the Pass Card income is to be 60% to central funds and 40% to Branch funds."

Seconding the motion, Keith Robertson, also of Sarisbury Green Social Club, said:

"This proposition seeks to implement our existing rule, one which over the years has been allowed to lapse and one which could have generated considerable income for the Union. It has been said on several occasions that times change and we must change with them. We need to ensure our Union continues for many more years and is maintained and strengthened to support its member clubs.

Our Union has experienced difficult times in recent years resulting in a reduction of member clubs from 4,000 to just over 1,900 clubs. Obviously the intention is that this should not be allowed to continue. Some clubs are having problems and some are in crisis. In these circumstances we need to pay more attention and not less to the situation. A strong Union can provide support and expertise both directly and through our Branch Secretaries. Such support could be critical to the survival of many member clubs. I am sure this proposition is in the immediate and long term interest of both the Union and the clubs.

DAVID COLES Secretary of Wickersley WMC, South Yorkshire, spoke against. He said: "The President mentioned the word 'democracy' in his address; he mentioned it three times if you recall. This movement

should be and is the epitome of democracy and in a democracy there is no room for diktat or compulsion. This motion has been brought to conference before in a slightly different guise; I spoke against it then and was ridiculed in this month's Club Journal for saying that an old man in our club walked up and said 'I only come here.' – that wasn't true – and it rightly failed then.

We are living in an austere environment at this moment in time. Everyone is feeling the pinch, Government cuts, benefit cuts. Clubs are no different, they are struggling to survive. If you allow this motion to be passed all you are doing is passing more financial hardship on to your club. Whilst it may bring some income to the CIU it ain't going to bring any income to your club. It's going to take some off you. All this motion is saying is that we couldn't get the members to pay in the past so we'll pass that on to the clubs and bill you 100 per cent.

If this motion is passed it will lose you members and it will close more clubs and



David Coles said there was no room for compulsion in a democracy.

that's the last thing we want. Those clubs that are struggling in today's environment will not survive. It's divisive, it's unworkable and it will do more harm than good.

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Don't let this diktat and compulsion put your club in jeopardy. That's what it will do. I urge you to use your common sense. Think about your own club and vote against this motion and kick it out."



Barry Slasberg saw the Union being transformed if it received £5m a year in Pass Card income.

Supporting the motion BARRY SLASBERG, President of the South East Midlands Branch, said: "This motion, I believe, provides us with a defining moment in our movement, because it does require all of us to join together in support of our movement. Although the cards referred to in the motion will be supplied to the clubs they will be sold on to members for £2.50. If every member



John Vanderwolfe suggested the Executive examine the issue again.

of every club contributed £2.50 that will mean about £5m coming into the coffers from our two million members. HRMC will take £830,000 out of that but £2.5m will go to Head Office every year and £1.67m to Branches. That would be an improvement of £1.75m to Head Office and almost £1.5m to Branches.

That is a fantastic thought to hold on to because when that happens we can stop being a contracting movement and start expanding. We will have authority in Government where people like ASH with all their money and their false science have damned our clubs to a large extent. We would be able to fight for smoking rooms, staff our Branches, give more support to our games, make them more interesting and market our

movement to clubs who are not in the CIU and get clubs in and not losing them year on year. It would make us an attractive proposal to the world at large. We are an attractive proposal but we don't have the money to sell ourselves. This gives us the whole thing, then we can

start looking at building instead of saving – though we must spend it wisely. We can start looking forward with confidence and all it costs is £2.50 for every member of every club. I can see absolutely no reason why we should all not give the cost of one pint of beer a year to support our movement and make it once again the great thing it was 30-40 years ago. Let's get our finances back, let's get our clubs back and let's take the individual responsibility to make it happen." Speaking against the motion, JOHN VANDERWOLFE from Axminster Conservative Club in Western Counties Branch said: "Regrettably I must speak against this motion. Although the last speaker said it would only cost £2.50 a member the problem is, of course, that those who are not already Associate Card holders would have to buy the Associate Card because otherwise the Pass Card is no good to them.

I would like to suggest that the NEC re-look at this. Why do we need an Associate and a Pass Card? If we are going to have a compulsory card, why not have a £2.50 Pass Card and do away with the Associate Card. I think if I took it back to the members they would be a bit happier. Regrettably for that reason I must ask you to vote against the motion."

The motion was lost by a large majority on a show of hands. Declaring the meeting closed THE PRESIDENT declared that next year's meeting would be on April 5, 2014.



Delegates voted overwhelmingly against the motion.

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A DAMN CLOS

This year's Conference weekend in Blackpool again began with promotions by Heineken UK at both the first heat of the CIU Quiz at



Stanley Road Club on the evening of Thursday, April 4 and the 22nd Beer & Trades Festival on the afternoon of Friday, April 5. Heineken offered Foster's Lager and Bulmers Cider at a special rate at Stanley Road and gave delegates a chance to sample both products along with John Smith's ale at the Exhibition. The quiz turned out to be, in the often-misquoted words of the Duke of Wellington, "a damn close run thing" as only half a point separated winners Sydney St WMC, Accrington from runners-up Hampton Road SC, Blackpool, and Hampton Road from third-placed Reddish WMC, Stockport, who had led going into the final round. All three teams qualified for the National Final at Alvaston & Crewton Social Club in Derby on Sunday, September 8. The quiz again offered a variety of prizes to be won by players at all levels including the audience. Gaming machine and quiz machine suppliers Dransfields, who are the national sponsors, have held prizes at the same generous level as last year – the top prize in each of our regional heats is £160 with a £500 top prize in the National Final and there's even a £20 prize for the club coming second last. As well as the prizes of £80 for second and £60 for third, there are separate prizes not available to the top three for the sports round and TV & films round and both of these were won by newcomers Bloomfield Club, Blackpool.

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Heineken Buying Group Director Peter Usher (right) and Union Vice-President John Tobin pour the first pint at the Beer & Trades Exhibition.

The next heat was due to be held in the South East at Leatherhead & District Social Club on Wednesday, May 1 and a full report will follow in next month's issue. This will be followed by the North East heat at Lemington Social Club in Newcastle on Thursday, June 20. Other heats are arranged for Ansty WMC, near Coventry, at 1pm on Sunday, June 30 and at Bettws Social near Newport on Monday, July 1. A date is yet to be arranged for the Yorkshire heat. Entries have now officially closed but there may be space left in some heats. For more information contact organiser Chris Brewis on (0191) 2650040.

The 22nd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition was staged once again at Blackpool Pleasure Beach. Delegates were able to broaden their taste buds by sampling Foster's lager from Heineken UK, John Smith's ale on the Dransfields stand, Bulmers cider on the CIU Insurance Services stand, and Theakston's Bitter and Lightfoot on the CAMRA stand.

Union Vice-President John Tobin again performed the official opening and poured the first pint along with Heineken Buying Group Director Peter Usher.

The Exhibition as always proved an excellent opportunity for club officials to meet firms providing services for our clubs. Phil Towndrow, Managing Director of recommended suppliers Envtec said: "We had an excellent exhibition with many kind words from our customers. We were delighted to meet many of the Union's National Executive members and meet our clients alike. "We were totally overwhelmed by all the kind words from our customers and I thank the CIU and its executive for providing such an excellent platform to showcase our company."



Allan Presho from Rishton Free Gardeners Club near Blackburn is presented with his spot prize by Paul Davies from The Co-operative Bank.

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claim made against it in the Employment Tribunal (which is a public hearing) can be considerable. Some clubs now presume that declaring redundancies will bring a claim for unfair dismissal or discrimination. Clubs are therefore extremely vulnerable to frivolous and vexatious claims that rely on a "breach" of the employment legislation where the burden of maintaining HR compliance is too high.

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THE ANSWER:

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However, if your club does not have any of the documents and assistance described above then you are definitely at risk of having a successful claim made against you at the Employment Tribunal.

Employment Tribunals are not actually "won" by the Respondent (the club) but actually only prove that the club had robust well written and up-to-date employment documentation and had followed both statutory and contractual obligations. It is highly unlikely that the club would have a claim to the Employment Tribunal made against it if the sort of information required was in place.

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A warm and friendly welcome awaits you. Large rear garden and roof terrace with fantastic views overlooking the seafront and estuary. Live entertainment Saturday nights and Wednesday afternoons. Hot and Cold Food available every day of the week. Local Real Ale Club of the Year. Coach parties welcome but must contact the Secretary/Chairman prior to the visit.

On the beautiful North Norfolk coast

SHERINGHAM TYNESIDE CLUB

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

Walton-on-Naze RBL Club

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

HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT

Leigh Park and District TUWMC

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

Lindford & District Working Men's Club

Liphook Road, Lindford, Bordon, Hampshire GU35 0PN. Telephone: (01420) 472 228
A warm welcome is extended to all Associate Members. Only stipulation is children under five years old must leave the club by 9pm. Just off the A325 road between Farnham and Petersfield. So why not call in on your way to and from the south coast. Please give the Secretary 14 days' notice of party visits.

Newport (I.W.) Social Club

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

COWES COMBINED SERVICES & SOCIAL CLUB

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

HEREFORD & WORCESTERSHIRE

Hereford Welsh Social Club

1 Hinton Road, Hereford, HR2 6BL.
Tel: (01432) 269038/285974.
Email: herefordwelshclub@hotmail.co.uk

A friendly welcome is extended to all Associate Members. Live Entertainment every Saturday evening.
Hot and cold food available. Coaches welcome (please contact Secretary prior to your visit).
Please visit our website:
www.herefordwelshsocialclub.co.uk
"Hereford's most popular social club"

(HEREFORD) RICHMOND PLACE CLUB

69/71 EDGAR STREET, HEREFORD HR4 9JP
A warm and friendly welcome to all associates, whether you are visiting for the races, football or just passing through. Live entertainment every Saturday. Sunday-Country & Western/Swing and Jive. Restaurant with hot and cold food available/Sunday lunches (Book in advance) Disabled facilities, Real Ales.
Coach parties very welcome.
Contact Secretary, Les Walker on (01432) 356 529.

KENT

BEXLEYHEATH WMC

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

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.

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 HX5 0HT
For your breakfast on the outward journey. And for an evening's splendid entertainment on your way home. We are only 2 miles from Junction 24, M62 on the A629. A warm welcome extended to all Associate Members. Live entertainment on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Dancing on Thursdays to our resident organist. Fully modernised Concert Room and Lounge. Excellent Games Room. 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) 873 023.
www.ellandwmc.co.uk
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.

CLUB OUTINGS . . . CLUB OUTINGS

SWARCLIFFE WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Swarcliffe Avenue, Leeds LS14 5DE
A warm and friendly welcome always assured in the comfortable surroundings of our recently refurbished club. Live entertainment every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening. Relax in the quiet of the lounge or try a game of snooker on one of our three superb tables.

Big screen Sky Sports TV.

Planning a day at the races?

York, Wetherby, Ripon.

We are 2 minutes from the A64 and 5 minutes from the M1. Breakfast and evening meals for large parties available by appointment.

Contact: Glen Doyle (Secretary)

(0113) 2959100

LEICESTER & EAST MIDLANDS

Nottingham Oddfellows Club

89 Humberstone GATE, Leicester.
TELEPHONE: (0116) 262 0181
262 5404 (Evenings) - CIU Affiliated

- ★ City Centre Club
- ★ Coach park right outside premises
- ★ 2 minutes from centre of Leicester

Coach parties and parties always welcome. Food supplied hot or cold - 7 days' notice or please phone prior to visit. Children welcome. Dances Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Entertainment available.

Phone or write to Secretary Eric Johnson

SAFFRON LANE ESTATE WMC

429 SAFFRON LANE, LEICESTER, LE2 6UF
Welcomes all CIU members to our friendly club here in Leicester. Only 5 minutes from the M1 junction 21 and close to the racecourse and the football, rugby and cricket stadiums.

Clean, comfortable and fully air-conditioned. Please visit our website where you will find details of all our facilities and activities.
www.saffronlanewmc.co.uk

SKEGNESS EX-SERVICE CLUB

2 Grand Parade, Skegness, PE25 2UN.
Telephone: (01754) 762113

Located on the seaford 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 11.30-11.30 most days. Pre-booked coaches welcome - come to a completely refurbished 21st century club.

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.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION TWICKENHAM

95 Popes Grove, Twickenham TW1 4JT
Coming to Twickenham then why not visit the RBL Twickenham?

For opening times and food offerings visit our website. All are welcome at our friendly popular club. For coaches and large groups please telephone or email in advance.

Tel: (020) 8892 6728 Email: rbltwickenham@hotmail.co.uk
www.rbltwickenham.com

Wealdstone Social Club

Railway Approach, Harrow, HA3 5BX.

Tel: (020) 8427 3334

www.wealdstonesocialclub.t83.net

email: secretarywsc@btconnect.com
For 15 min connection to WEMBLEY STADIUM.

Coach parties welcome.

Free parking evenings/weekends. Please arrange with Secretary for bookings. Function Hall available for private parties.

MANCHESTER & CHESHIRE

Sale Excelsior WMC

2 Symons Road, Sale M33 7FJ

Friendly club handy for Old Trafford and Etihad Stadiums. Sky Television Live entertainments at weekends

Mini-coaches welcome

Snacks can be arranged

0161 973 4920

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE & CAMBRIDGESHIRE

St James Working Mens Club

Weedon Road, St James, Northampton.

A warm welcome awaits all club members.

Lounge, Games Room and large Concert Room.

Parties welcome, catering if required by prior arrangement. 5 minutes M1, Junction 15A.

Please contact Secretary Mrs P. Webster.

Tel: (01604) 456 602 www.stjameswmc.co.uk

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) 535 995
Easily accessible for the Racecourse.

Big screen Sky TV.

Artistes on Saturdays.

INTAKE SOCIAL CLUB

Craithie Road, Doncaster DN2 5EG.

We are the closest club (5 minutes' walk) to Doncaster Racecourse. (See Page 19 for offers). Bar snacks available. Tremendous value-for-money bar prices.

Contact Secretary Tom Forester in advance on (01302) 320 036 or email intakesocialclub@yahoo.co.uk

SURREY

EGHAM UNITED SERVICES CLUB

111 Spring Rise, Egham, Surrey TW20 9PE.

"North Surrey CAMRA Club of the Year 2008 & 2009"

"Finalist for CAMRA Club of the Year 2009"

Located 5 minutes from J13 M25, handy for Windsor Castle and races, Kempton, Ascot, Epsom and Sandown. 5 mins from Egham Station on the Waterloo to Reading line. Three real ale and cider festivals a year. www.eusc.co.uk
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

THE ASHTON CLUB

24A SHEEP STREET, BICESTER, OXON

A friendly welcome is extended to all.

Snooker, pool, darts, dms, live entertainment, Sky TV, functions etc. Coach parties welcome, 40 mins from Newbury, Towcester racecourses, 5 mins from Bicester village shopping centre, and 5 mins from J9 M40. Open all day. For more information please call the manager on (01869) 252160

Banbury Trades & Labour Club

32 West Bar Street, Banbury, Oxon OX16 9RR.

Tel: (01295) 215 7119 (H); (01295) 254 168 (Club).

A warm welcome is extended to all Associates. Coach parties welcome with 14 days prior notice to Secretary Joan Conley. Live entertainment on Saturday night. Food available. Please contact Secretary with your booking.

WALES

CARDIFF WEST END SOCIAL CLUB

COWBRIDGE ROAD WEST, ELY,

CARDIFF CF5 5BY.

A very friendly welcome to CIU Associates and their families from CARDIFF'S PREMIER SOCIAL CLUB.

10 minutes from M4.

15 minutes to city centre.

Millennium Stadium, Cardiff International Arena, St. David's Hall/ Centre, Cardiff Bay.

Live entertainment every Saturday Night

with Bingo/Raffle/Tote/Disco

FULL SKY SPORTS/RACING UK

Hot and cold food available.

COACH PARTIES MOST WELCOME.

Telephone: (029) 2059 4004

Bettws Social Club

Lambourne Way, Bettws, Newport, Gwent.

A warm friendly welcome assured to all CIU affiliated members and guests.

Less than 10 minutes from junction 26 of the

M4. Coach parties welcome by prior

appointment. Live entertainment every

Saturday evening. Catering can be provided by

arrangement. Tel: (01633) 858 780.

Going to Premiership Swansea City

or racing at Ffos Las? Visit

MORRISTON WMC

11 Slate Street, Swansea SA6 8AA.

A friendly club which makes visitors welcome.

Liberty Stadium 15 minutes, Ffos Las 45 minutes, Ospreys 15

minutes. 10 minutes from M4 Junction 45.

Coach parties welcome with advance notice.

Ring (01792) 771580

Rogerstone and Bassaleg Social Club

1 Tregwilym Road, Rogerstone, Newport NP10 9DW.

A warm friendly welcome assured to all CIU

affiliates and guests, less than 10 minutes from

junction 27 of the M4. Coach parties welcome by

prior appointment, live entertainment every

Saturday evening.

Telephone: (01633) 893 508.

WARWICKSHIRE & COVENTRY

BEDWORTH EX-SERVICEMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB & INSTITUTE

Rye Piece, Bedworth, Nr. Nuneaton,

Warwickshire. Tel: (024) 7631 3236

Extends a warm welcome to all associates.

Restaurant facilities Monday to Saturday - Bar

snacks also available. 6 minutes from junction 3 of

M6. Approx. 5 miles to Coventry City. Saturday/

Sunday night entertainment, live music, bingo, bar

and lounge. Contact Secretary for bookings.

Willenhall Social Club

Robin Hood Road, Coventry CV3 3BB. Secretary:

(024) 7630 1222 or 7630 3278.

Welcome to all Associate Members.

Entertainment every Saturday and

Sunday night in concert room

(seats 600). Bar, games room and

luxury lounge facilities. Large car

park. Hot and cold snacks available.

10 minutes from City Centre.

No Children Allowed.

Coach parties apply to Secretary.

CLUB OUTINGS . . . CLUB OUTINGS

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

WEST COUNTRY

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

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

WEYMOUTH WMC
MITCHELL STREET, WEYMOUTH,
(Harbour End Off Town)
Less than 5 minutes from the beach!
We welcome all CIU affiliated members. Music Friday & Saturday evenings, with Bingo fliers on these nights. Plus the usual club activities.
Restaurant now open.
Tel: (01305) 786 392 or (01305) 78254
www.weymouthworkies.co.uk

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.yardleywoodsocialclub.com/
Two large TV screens, 6 snooker tables, bingo and weekly entertainment, bowling green. Function rooms available for hire and catering. Large car park at rear of the club.
Associate members welcome.

YORKS (N & E) & NORTH EAST

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

Going to watch Sunderland or Newcastle United?
Visit
BELMONT CLUB & INSTITUTE
Grange Road, Carrville, Durham DH1 1AJ
Friendly club. Football and other sports supporters welcome. Large screen TVs.
Coach parties by arrangement.
Tel: (0191) 386 1487

BLAKELAW & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB
6 Cragston Way, Newcastle NE5 3SW.
Friendly club on northern edge of Newcastle. Handy for A1, Racecourse and St James' Park. Coach parties welcome.
Food can also be arranged.
Contact Secretary Alan Campbell on
(07986) 706354 or blakelawsc@goolemail.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 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.

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

North Biddick Social Club
Bonemill Lane, Fattfield, 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

FOR SERVICE

50 Year Special Award
Alan Austin, Cramlington Social Club, Northumberland

Distinguished Service Award
George Green, East Stanley WMC, Durham - POSTHUMOUS
George Lindsay Walker, Killingworth Township SC, Northumberland
James Green, Cramlington Social Club, Northumberland

Long Service Awards
Derek Ward, Walton WMC, South East Met
Trevor Henderson, Main Line Social Club, Leeds
John Lofthouse, Harehills Labour Club, Leeds
Andrew Wilson, Main Line Social Club, Leeds
John Johnson, Allotment Social Club, Northumberland
Thomas Rowland, Wallsend Engineers Trade SC, Northumberland

CLUB NOTICES
Clubs Withdrawn
Highcliffe Sports and Social Club, (Wessex Branch)
Worsley Mesnes Club (Manchester Branch)
SCRUTINEERS - 2013/15
An election for scrutineers to serve for the next two years was held at Conference. The four successful candidates were: **Mr Archie Laing (Leeds Branch)** **Mr Brian Simmonite (South Yorkshire Branch)** **Mr Peter Taylor (Northumberland Branch)** **Mr Kenneth J Tidbury (South East Midlands Branch)**

Expulsions
Not now members of the following clubs. These should not be admitted as Union associates.
Mr M Gibben (No 74) Sturdee Social & Bowling Club, Kent
Mr Eugene Austin, The Ansty (Warks) Club
Mr Barrie Herbert, Pontllanfraith Ex-Servicemen's, Monmouthshire

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.

City of York Tramways Employees' - Club and Institute -
1 Mill Street (off Piccadilly), York YO1 1PY.
5 minutes from town centre
Entertainments Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Prize games. Concert room (seating 275). Games Room, Bar and live Sky Sports TV. Visiting Associates are welcome. Parties by arrangement.
Telephone: (01904) 623 953.

Certificate of Merit
David O'Brien, Leam Lane WMC, Durham
Allan Nisbet, Kenton & District SC, Northumberland
William France, Kenton & District SC, Northumberland
Robert Tait, Kenton & District SC, Northumberland
Thomas Murray, Kenton & District SC, Northumberland
John Little, Ovington Social Club, Northumberland
Anthony Devine, Thurnscoe Social & Ex-service Club, South Yorkshire
Derek Pattison, Hemsworth West End Club, Wakefield
Tony Radford, Hemsworth West End Club, Wakefield
John Kent, Walton WMC, South East Met
Victor Wood, Slack Side WMC, West Yorkshire
Gary Appleby, Leadgate Social Club, Durham
Steven Hughes, New Hesledon Social Club, Durham
Michael Dinsdale, Bilton WMC, Leeds
John Wrightson, Bilton WMC, Leeds
Farish Frazer, Allotment Social Club, Northumberland
Keith Brown, South Gosforth Social Club, Northumberland
Robert Charles Yeats, Cramlington SC, Northumberland
Brian Smith, Wallsend Engineers Trade SC, Northumberland
Alexander Campbell, Barry Dock Liberal Club, South Wales

You're Bard!

A regular from Radio 3 will be appearing at a seaside club on Tyneside this month to mark a special anniversary. Humorous poet Ian McMillan, (right) the presenter of "The Verb", who is known to listeners as the Bard of Barnsley, will appear at Cullercoats Crescent Club on Friday, May 18 as part of the Iron Age Festival, marking the 40th anniversary of local publisher Iron Press, where he once worked as an assistant editor.



The show will be hosted by Iron Press's founder, club member Peter Mortimer, who last featured in the pages of *Club Journal* playing a drag act in a play at the Crescent Club called "Bingo!", which was itself set in a social club.

Others appearing at the Festival include writers Melvyn Bragg and David Almond and Emmerdale actress Charlie Hardwick. The sea view from outside the club inspired a group of 19th Century artists including the American Winslow Homer, whose name has been immortalised by Winslow Court, a block of flats next to the club.

Democracy does have its diktats

I have always been livid about people and businesses who earn millions a year and pay hardly any tax. The same feeling goes for benefit cheats.

So I thank David Coles for removing this anger with one sentence at Blackpool: "There is no room for diktat or compulsion in a democracy." I hadn't realised that democracy was a system of everyone for themselves and you only paid what you wanted. I can see how David justifies that only those who want to support financially the CIU they believe in do pay, and it is just bad luck they have to subsidise the majority of freeloaders who scream merry hell if they do not get their full share of benefits from the CIU.

Wait a minute. What David Coles has so simply described is not democracy, but anarchy!

In a democracy members are elected to govern – by a fair form of diktat and compulsion – and pass rules that citizens are compelled to abide by. The notice of motion that came from a club was rejected democratically (although the mover of the motion was not given the chance to reply as laid down in standing orders.) Had it been passed it would have compelled every management body of club and Branch to implement it in full.

Every club member gets a handsome return on their card fees every year. Does David Coles really believe it is right that a small minority should pay excessive fees, in effect paying for the majority who refuse to support the movement which provides huge direct benefits to all clubs and their members.

It does not take a rule change for every club member to renounce anarchy and start doing the right thing by their Union. All they have to do is ask their club secretary for a Pass Card. If enough people paid the Union would even be in a position to suggest a reduction in the price.

Barry Slasberg
Kingsley Park WMC



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ACROSS

- 1 Academic field where we pitched? (6)
- 5 Slander birches which have grown round motorway. (8)
- 9 Writing partner - or a touch unusual. (2-6)
- 10 Serviette is pink - an unusual design. (6)
- 11 Request, while kickstarting. (3)
- 13 Turner with Los Angeles article? Definitely! (5)
- 15 Sorbet will not set as a sphere. (3)
- 16 Some other hit out up to now. (8)
- 19 Look forward to, except for minor changes. (6)
- 21 Cell is lazy? Go tear it out! (6)
- 23 Speaks clearly about toluene explosion in the Queen's Head (8)

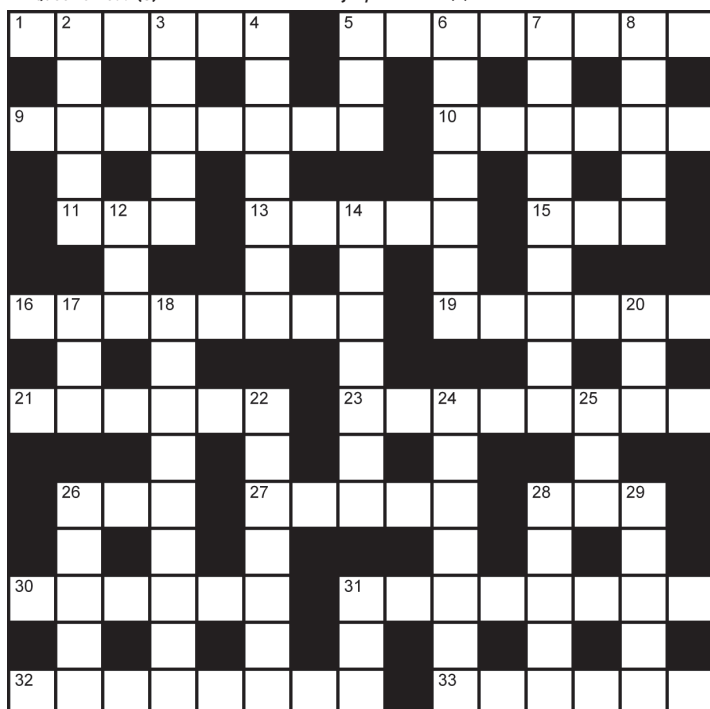
- 26 Manage the series. (3)
- 27 Cut back plum - that's dry! (5)
- 28 Spider's work in www. (3)
- 30 Spot the saying on the playground. (6)
- 31 Jail exodus from Korea? (but unlikely). (5-3)
- 32 French policeman finds me, after terrible danger. (8)
- 33 Notified? - do not make it limited. (6)

DOWN

- 2 Single wanderer said to leave a scent. (5)
- 3 Pull out sharply - have courage! (5)
- 4 Bachelors! - be not upset by this academic. (7)
- 5 Rub up a rough edge. (3)
- 6 Genuine, because of Religious Education. (7)
- 7 I'm on time at the youth centre in an off-the-cuff way. (9)
- 8 Ascent - it's all about a member. (5)
- 12 What the jelly did for TV. (3)

- 14 United states writer - or haute cuisine? (7)
- 17 Said to be Latin for creeper. (3)
- 18 Nook he'd so designed as to be aquiline. (4-5)
- 20 Able to be Billy. (3)
- 22 Wee romp could be taken to give ability to. (7)
- 24 Feels, on reflection, to be you. (7)
- 25 Scratch out a living either way. (3)
- 26 Thread of free verse. (5)
- 28 Knew a change would stop slumber. (5)
- 29 Double agent Anthony was not very sharp! (5)
- 31 Insect is a bit of a has-been. (3)

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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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Mrs C Thomas of Shafton Village, Barnsley;
Bob West of Moseley All Services, Birmingham;
and Mr D Baker of Grosvenor House Club (Ealing), West London.



OBITUARIES

Peter Gannon

Peter Gannon, the former Treasurer of Newhouse Club in Esh Winning near Durham has died at the age of 79.

A miner and a trade union officer, he was a member of the Labour Party for more than 50 years and one of the proudest days of his life was when his daughter Pat Glass was elected as the MP for North West Durham.

Pat Glass writes:

Home, family, church, Newhouse Club and Esh Winning meant everything to Dad.

For a man who left school at 15 and had no further formal education, he understood the importance and power of education and he was determined that his children would have the opportunity to climb the ladders of achievement that had been denied to him. He supported my studies and those of my brothers and was determined that we would go as far as our intellect rather than our family fortunes would take us.

He was adventurous as well as being a family man. As soon as he could afford it he bought a second-hand van and some camping gear and took us kids to all corners of the UK and Europe - an adventure that was to last throughout our childhood.

He had a strong and binding faith that served him right to the end of his life but perhaps most importantly he was a man of his community. He spent his working life and much of his non-working life supporting others who were less able to stand up for themselves and he really understood the importance of the CIU and its role in communities like ours.

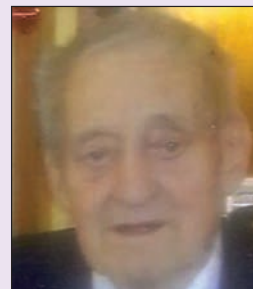
He could be unbelievably obstinate. Mam would say that if being stubborn was an Olympic sport Great Britain was always guaranteed at least one gold medal; but his strength of will and determination was to hold him in good stead later when he was hit by a stroke in 2002.

This once-eloquent man could no longer speak with fluency and had difficulty walking but that did not stop him. He was a regular sight on his scooter travelling the roads and by-ways around Esh Winning and he was a regular at Newhouse Club right up to the end.

Fred King

Tinshill & Cookridge Club in Leeds regret to announce the death of their much-loved President Mr Fred King.

Fred served the club in various positions from its opening in 1967 and was the club's longest serving President. Fred was also a very strong CIU member, who rarely missed a local Branch meeting. Condolences go to all of Fred's family.



Ron Mason

It is with deep regret that Northampton WMC report the death of Mr Ron Mason. He was 90 years old and a life member of the club.

Ron joined the club in 1941 and was a fully paid up member for 72 years during which he represented the club at football, cricket and bowls. He worked in the boot-and-shoe trade all his life, apart from service in the RAF.

A widower, Ron had been married to his wife Rose for 65 years. Condolences go to his sons Spud and Alan and his twin daughters Carol and Janice in America.



Club Journal's obituary column is a free service. It is normally confined to those who have served on club committees. Please send words and a good quality picture to: Club Journal, Unit 17, St Peter's Wharf, Newcastle NE6 1TZ or email cj@powdene.com

Race Discounts

NEWCASTLE:..... Saturday, 1st June (eve)	£10 (normally £15)
HAYDOCK: Friday, 7th June (eve)	£11 (normally £20)
BEVERLEY:..... Saturday, 8th June	£11 (normally £13)
HAYDOCK: Saturday, 8th June	£11 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK: Thursday, 13th June (eve)	£7.50 (normally £13)
BATH:..... Saturday, 15th June	£10 (normally £15)
YORK: Saturday, 15th June	
..... Macmillan charity day.....	£16 (normally £20)
ROYAL ASCOT:..... Tuesday, 18th June and Wednesday, 19th June	
..... Grandstand	£44 (normally £62);
..... Silver Ring	£16 (normally £20)
LEICESTER:..... Thursday, 20th June (eve)	£7 (normally £12)
ROYAL ASCOT:..... Friday 21st June	
..... Grandstand	£51 (normally £73);
..... Silver Ring	£20 (normally £30)
ROYAL ASCOT:..... Saturday, 22nd June	
..... Grandstand	£63 (normally £75);
..... Silver Ring	£28 (normally £35)
THIRSK:..... Monday, 24th June (eve)	£10 (normally £14)
NEWBURY:..... Tuesday, 25th June (eve)	£12 (normally £16)
BATH:..... Wednesday, 26th June (eve)	£10 (normally £15)
LEICESTER:..... Thursday, 27th June (eve)	£7 (normally £12)
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..... Tuesday, 30th July-Friday, 2nd August	
..... Gordon Enclosure	£31 (normally £39);
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..... Saturday, 3rd August	
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THIRSK:..... Saturday, 3rd August	£10 (normally £15)
NEWBURY: Sunday, 4th August	£12 (normally £16)
CHEPSTOW: Thursday, 8th August (eve)	£10 (normally £15)
ASCOT: Saturday, 10th August	£18 (normally £27)
HAYDOCK: Saturday, 10th August	£12 (normally £22)
REDCAR: Saturday, 10th August	£11 (normally £15)
THIRSK:..... Monday, 12th August (eve)	£10 (normally £14)

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the CIU Racing Club ring **Jean Garrett** on **(0191) 2650040**.

As well as receiving regular updates and the full list of offers you will receive a free copy of *Club Journal*.

A selection of offers are printed here. Northern Racing has been taken over by Arena Leisure so their courses are offering deals individually.

Remember that even if a meeting is not listed here you can obtain a party discount direct from the course. Satellite racing channel RACING UK is offering all CIU clubs a 30 per cent discount. For further information ring 0870 351 8834.

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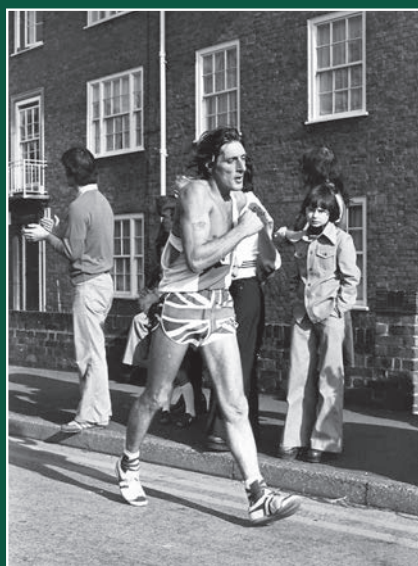
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They won't forget Ernie



Clubs in York have been mourning the death of legendary sportsman and drinker Ernie Cambridge.

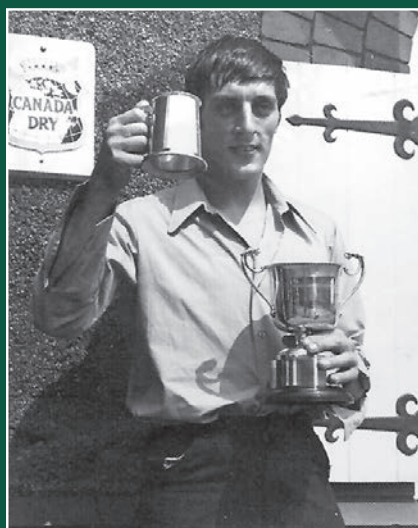
Ernie (left), who was 72, won more than 50 walking trophies, many of them in the competitions staged by the York City Branch, which has its own race-walking section.

His first big sporting achievement was in 1970, when he won a coal-carrying contest, followed soon after by winning a road-walking race in Acomb. He then teamed up with friends to form the Thunderbirds team representing the Clarence Club, which won many road-walking competitions.

Ernie worked as a bricklayer's labourer for most of his life where his speed at carrying a full hod of bricks up the scaffold earned him the nickname "Ernie, the fastest hodman in the West." He also worked during the winter months for York Glassworks and the city's sugar beet factory. In later years he entered the London Marathon, and also took part in the New York Marathon, raising thousands of pounds for charity.

During his retirement Ernie played dominoes for Acomb WMC and snooker for New York WMC and also entered local fishing competitions. He died after a long battle with cancer and is survived by his widow Judy, daughter Linda, sons Graham and Philip and his four grandchildren.

Graham, who is also well known in Yorkshire as Elvis impersonator Eddie Vee, said he had never seen so many people at a funeral. "Mention any club in York and they will know my dad," he said. "He was a proper drinker, he used to drink 12 to 15 pints a night but never seemed to get drunk."



Pool semi-finals

Abergavenny Labour Club beat Hammersmith Club 5-4 and Alvaston & Crewton Club, Derby beat Grove & Moorside Club, Co. Durham 5-2 in the semi-finals of our National Team Pool Championship on April 20. The final will be held on June 15. More details next month.

"The day all-day drinking came in he drank 60 pints, walked home and was ready for a session the next morning."

"He wasn't an alcoholic though and he never caused any trouble; he just worked hard, he raced hard and he drank hard."

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