

# Club Journal

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## Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday raises over £3,000 for Union's Education Programme



Pictured, left to right: Jonjo Sanderson, Chief Executive of Wetherby Racecourse, presents the cheque to Union President George Dawson CMD, Union Vice-President John Tobin and Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD

The 2016 Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday saw over 1,500 club members from all over the country enjoying a fantastic day out at Wetherby Racecourse in Yorkshire on Saturday, November 12.

With the racecourse and its caterers, CGC Events, each donating £1 to the CIU Education Programme for every Union member attending, the grand total raised reached a princely £3,080.

"We were once again delighted to welcome CIU members to their annual Raceday," said Wetherby Racecourse Chief Executive Jonjo Sanderson. "There was a fantastic atmosphere in the CIU marquee and I hope all those who attended enjoyed a quality afternoon of racing as well as top Yorkshire hospitality."

There were seven races on the card, including the Dransfields CIU Charity

Raceday Handicap Hurdle which was run over a distance of three miles and won by 11/2 shot Lough Salt.

Chris Haley, Managing Director of race sponsor and CIU Preferred Supplier of gaming machines, Dransfields, said: "It was a pleasure to support this annual CIU event and catch up with so many of our friends from Union clubs."

George Dawson CMD, Union President, added: "Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday is one of the highlights of the Union's calendar and it was great to see over 1,500 of our members supporting this annual event.

"In addition to an entertaining day's racing and the chance to meet old and new friends, this day helped to raise funds for the Union's Education Programme with over £3,000 raised this year.

"We are grateful to Wetherby Racecourse and their caterers CGC for making this generous donation, as well as for their time, effort and help in putting on such a great day.

"We'd also like to thank John Smith's for their generous beer offer and their continued support of this CIU event.

"In addition, we must express our gratitude to Dransfields for their continuing support of this event."



Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley (centre) hands over the trophy for the Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday Handicap Hurdle

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## CIU National Quiz Regional Heats dates

The venues and dates for all the Dransfields CIU National Quiz Regional Heats have now been finalised.

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- South East - Epsom Common WMC, Wednesday, January 18
- South Wales - Rogerstone & Bassaleg Social Club, Wednesday, January 25
- Lancashire - Lamberhead Green WMC, Thursday, January 26
- Yorkshire - Crigglestone Workmens Club, Tuesday, January 31
- Midlands - Kenilworth Sports & Social Club, Sunday, February 12

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# EDITOR'S LETTER

Welcome to the December edition of *Club Journal*.

As we approach the end of another year, Union clubs can look back over the last 12 months with no little pride as they reflect on how much they have contributed to their local communities throughout 2016.

Whether it's raising money for charities, allowing local community groups to use their facilities for meetings or providing leisure activities and entertainment for people of all ages, CIU clubs continue to be a positive influence in our society.

And none of this would be possible without the hard work that is undertaken week-in, week-out by the army of volunteers up and down the country who keep our clubs running – be sure to raise a glass or two to these unsung heroes this Christmas!

Looking ahead to the New Year, the 2017 Dransfields CIU National Quiz competition gets underway in January and February with Regional Heats taking place in the North East, South East, South Wales, Lancashire, Yorkshire and Midlands.

These events will be highly entertaining for the participating teams, whether you're a group of dedicated 'quizzers' with your eyes on the title or just want to get your mates together for a fun night out.

Entry costs £10 per team. Each team must have four members and all must be 18 years old and members of the club as well as holders of Associate Pass Cards.

For all the dates and venues of the Regional Heats, please, see page 4 of this issue.

If you'd like to enter a team, please call the organisers Redtooth on **01246 813713 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5am)** or email them at: **sue@redtooth.co.uk**

Elsewhere in this issue, we put the spotlight on Union Vice-President John Tobin (see page 14).

John recently received his 50-year Special Award and in the article gives *Club Journal* readers the benefit of his huge experience as a champion of both the Union and its clubs.

Meanwhile, December's 'Club of the Month' is Bishopthorpe Sports & Social Club in York.



The club recently celebrated its 70th anniversary and, as you'll see from the article on pages 10-11, is in fine fettle with a flourishing business model which is working extremely well for them.

Have a great festive period and I hope you enjoy the issue.

Stephen Goulding, Editor

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## JAMES ORD RECEIVES HIS LONG SERVICE AWARD



James Ord of Netherton Social Club (Northumberland Branch) received his Long Service Award at a ceremony held on November 5. Pictured (left to right): Billy Stoker (No.4 Division Executive), David Fish (No.3 Division Executive), Joe Lumsden (Club Chairman), Ann Ord (Jim's wife), James Ord (Vice-Chairman), Alan Hardy (Branch President), Dave Richardson (Branch Secretary), Ronnie Young (Club Treasurer) and David Clough (No.5 Division Executive)

## South Wales club raises £13,000 for charity in six years

Cwmaman Workmens Club in Aberdare, a member of the South Wales Branch, recently presented a cheque for £1,000 to Rowan Tree Cancer Care, a local cancer support centre based in the Cynon Valley.

Members of the Club Committee and club members decided some six years ago to include in their regular Saturday night entertainment sessions to run various draws, raffles, etc and dedicate the sums raised to a specific charity.

Once the target of £1,000 is reached, a special presentation is arranged and the cheque is presented to a representative of the respective charity. The process continues and a new charity is then selected.

Since 2010 the club has raised a staggering £13,000, helping various good causes including Help For Heroes, Cystic Fibrosis Society, children's hospitals, etc.



Pictured: Receiving the cheque for £1,000 is the Rowan Tree Cancer Care Centre manager Rhian Dash flanked by Cwmaman Workmens Club Committee Members (from left to right) Gary Edwards, Dennis Thomas, Glynn Evans, Malcolm Williams and Mark Lloyd.

Fundraising has begun again and the next chosen charity is the organisation which trains Guide Dogs.

The Secretary of the club is National Executive Member for South Wales and Monmouthshire Ken Roberts CMD.

## Huntington WMC hosts prestigious darts competition

Huntington WMC in York welcomed a number of big-name darts players last month as it staged the 2016 Huckleberry's YDP Darts Masters.

BDO star Glen Durrant was one of the key attractions and did not disappoint, producing some magnificent darts to win the £1,000 top prize and claim the title in this inaugural event.

In the final, Durrant threw four 180s on his way to a 7-2 victory.

"It was a well organised event and I never had an easy game all day!" said Durrant.

Also competing in the tournament were former World Champion Scott Waites, former Premier League Darts player Wes Newton, rising PDC star Chris Quantock and a number of top-rated darts players from across Yorkshire.

The trio were part of the 124-strong field which was divided into eight groups for the one-day competition organised by York

## OBITUARY

### John Watts

NEC member and former CIU Parliamentary Liaison Officer Carol Goddard

writes: It is with sadness I write to inform you of the death at the age of 69 of John Watts.

John was the Conservative Member of Parliament for Slough between 1983 and 1997. He joined the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Non-Profit Making Members Clubs in May 1985, introduced by Greg Knight MP (now Sir Greg Knight).

John became joint Vice-Chairman of the APPG in 1989 and in 1990 became the joint Chairman alongside Labour MP Lawrence Cunliffe.

John was subsequently appointed Minister of State for Transport and due to this ministerial position found he needed to resign his joint Chairmanship. Sadly, not long afterwards John suffered a brain haemorrhage.

He was instrumental in numerous ways for bringing about advantageous changes for all CORCA clubs.

I kept in contact with John and his family over the years at Christmas time with a card and news of the CIU, receiving a note or card in return.

Consequently John's wife Sophie recently sent me a card with the sad news of his death and "thanking me for being part of his life".

Notes over the years kept John informed somewhat about the CIU and I hope we never forget the work and help these former (and current) Members of Parliament undertake on our behalf.

John leaves a wife Sophie and children, Sue, Chris, Alison and Laura.



Darts Promotions. The entertaining group format of the contest enabled low-ranked club players to test themselves against full internationals and was a mixed event which saw several women taking their place on the oche.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Union President appears before Lords Committee**

Union President George Dawson CMD recently gave evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee which is examining the Licensing Act 2003.

Mr Dawson answered a series of questions from peers on Tuesday, November 22 about how the licensing system is working for clubs.

The Select Committee is chaired by Baroness McIntosh of Pickering and also includes among its number Lord Smith of Hindhead CBE, who is the Chairman of CORCA and the Chief Executive of the Association of Conservative Clubs (ACC).

We will publish a transcript of Mr Dawson's evidence in the next issue of *Club Journal* while archived audio from all of the evidence sessions can be listened to at:

[www.parliamentlive.tv](http://www.parliamentlive.tv)

**Heineken UK hails a 'summer of success' for its customers**

Heineken UK has hailed 2016 as a 'summer of success' for the company and its on-trade customers thanks to revenues from its top performing beers and ciders.

Heineken pointed to strong performances from cider brand Strongbow, the Official Partner of Team GB, World Beers and Ciders such as Old Mout and Birra Moretti, as well as tequila flavoured beer, Desperados which launched on draught earlier in 2016 and has proven popular with drinkers in clubs.

Andrew Turner, On Trade Category & Trade Marketing Director at Heineken, said: "There's no doubt it's been a great summer with some fantastic sporting events and good weather helping to drive consumers through the doors of pubs across the country.

"We've closely worked with our customers to help them make the most of the summer trading period and with the football and rugby season now under way, we're looking forward to supporting our customers grow their businesses throughout the autumn and into 2017."

**Robert McCreath receives his Certificate of Merit**

Haughton-Le-Skerne WMC, Durham Branch, held a presentation for Robert McCreath (left) as he received his Certificate of Merit Award from Club Secretary Alan Griffiths (right)

**Dransfield CIU National Quiz dates announced**

The reigning Dransfield CIU National Quiz champions Newbottle 'A' from Newbottle WMC in Tyne & Wear receive their prize from Union President George Dawson CMD (far left) and Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley (far right)

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January 31, while the Midlands Regional Heat is being staged at Kenilworth Sports & Social Club on Sunday, February 12.

The top three placed teams from each Regional Heat will go through to the Final to be held in Blackpool in April 2017 and the first-placed team from each Heat will receive £100 prize money.

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## Presentation Ceremony held at Kenton Social Club



A presentation ceremony was held at Kenton Social Club in November as four members – Robert McTaggart, Peter Connell, Martin Nixon and Maureen Danskin received Certificates of Merit. Pictured, left to right: Robert McTaggart (Committee Member), David Clough (No.5 Division Executive), Peter Scorer (No.9 Division Executive), Billy Stoker (No.4 Executive), Peter Connell (Vice-Chairman), Martin Nixon (Committee Member), Maureen Danskin (Committee Member), Dave Richardson (Branch Secretary), Alan Hardy (Branch President), Ken James (No.6 Division Executive), Alan Nisbett (Club Chairman)

## SE Midlands Presentation for Walter Greenaway

The South East Midlands Branch held their half-yearly Council Meeting at Kettering Midland Band Club on Saturday, October 22.

A presentation was made by Union Vice-President John Tobin to Mr Walter Greenaway, the Branch representative covering the Milton Keynes/Bedford Division who has served 21 years on the Branch Executive Committee.



Pictured, left to right: Margaret Greenaway, Walter Greenaway, John Tobin and Yvonne Solesbury (daughter of Margaret and Walter)

## OBITUARY

### Mr Leslie (Les) Battison

The Secretary, Management Committee and members of Brafield-on-the-Green Working Men's Club in Northamptonshire are very saddened to report the passing of Mr Leslie (Les) Battison.

He became a member here in 1942 and worked very hard for the members as Committee-man, bingo-caller – you name it, Les did it! He was a Trustee for many years until he became too ill.

He enjoyed crib, nap and other club games and was always ready to join in.

Our heartfelt thanks to Les from us all. He was a true Clubman to the end.



## CLUB NOTICES

### Expulsions

Mr Stephen Fawcett, Harehills Labour Club, Leeds Branch

Mr Michael Price - Blackheath Newbridge Social Club, London SE3

### Suspensions

Mr Alan Norman (3 months suspension from 26.10.16) - Sidcup Working Men's Social Club, Sidcup, Kent

### Clubs Withdrawn from the Union

Bowes & District Working Men's Club - Durham Branch

### Clubs Closed

Brunswick Club (Bristol) - Western Counties Branch



# FOR SERVICE

### 10-Year Branch Award

Michael Barry, Burnley & Pendle  
Allan Harwood, Burnley & Pendle

### Distinguished Service Award

Kenneth Gascoigne, Ryton Social Club, Durham

### Long Service Award

**John Harley**, Broomhill Albion WM Club, West Midlands  
**Alan Taylor**, South Kirby Coronation Club, Wakefield  
**Robert Eeles**, Cudworth West End Club, South Yorkshire

**Vincent Horner**, Cudworth West End Club, South Yorkshire

**Peter Vernon**, Eastleigh Loco.Engineers Club, Wessex

**Paul Smith**, Eastleigh Loco.Engineers Club, Wessex

**David Tatham**, Nelson Carters & Motormens WMC, Burnley & Pendle

**Mary Potts**, Annitsford Pioneer Club, Northumberland

**Rosemary Hall**, Annitsford Pioneer Club, Northumberland

### Certificate of Merit

**Damien Bannon**, Broomhill Albion WM Club, West Midlands

**Karl Hale**, South Kirby Coronation Club, Wakefield

**Colin Bull**, Chandlers Ford Central, Wessex

**Sheila Haly**, Chandlers Ford Central, Wessex

**Gail Berry**, Chandlers Ford Central, Wessex

**David Cocks**, Chandlers Ford Central, Wessex

**Colin Savoy**, Eastleigh Locomotive.Engineers Club, Wessex

**David Lewis**, Eastleigh Locomotive.Engineers Club, Wessex

**Jennifer Smith**, Eastleigh Locomotive.Engineers Club, Wessex

## UNION SEEKS EXEMPTION FOR CLUBS FROM GOVERNMENT 'MAKING TAX DIGITAL' INITIATIVE

The CIU has given its official response to the six consultation documents issued by HM Revenue and Customs regarding the 'Making Tax Digital' (MTD) initiative.

In the response, Union President George Dawson CMD, states: "The purpose of this letter is to ask that due consideration is given to ourselves, our members and to similar club organisations to be explicitly exempted from the proposals for Making Tax Digital."

He continues: "We believe that MTD will not work for the CIU or for Working Men's Clubs and for similar organisations.

"It is our view that very few WMC's currently operate their book-keeping records by computer and they traditionally prepare their primary and secondary records through the use of hand written books of account, all of which are individually recognisable and are reasonably well understood. The hand written records are considered relatively easy when there is a requirement to show someone else how to take over the recording of book-keeping information.

"Many clubs currently pay fees and get help from their accountants in the completion of the above returns. For corporation tax purposes, many clubs do not incur a liability because of mutuality and therefore do not routinely file a return.

"Most of those who do need to file returns for corporation tax because of investment income or gains use their

accountants to prepare and electronically file returns annually, shortly after the annual accounts are prepared and approved. In most cases, any tax due is for very modest sums.

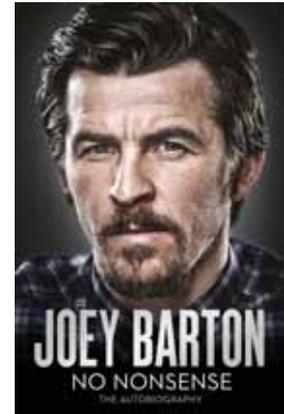
"With regard to the other returns, many WMCs have developed systems to file returns electronically through their own manual book-keeping records which are summarised by the accountants and recorded onto their accountants' computers for submission as agents.

"Many clubs do not, therefore, have their own computers (or tablets or smartphones) and also do not have any accounting software. As a result they are digitally excluded and would need to incur significant costs for hardware, software and training with no direct benefit to the management or success of the business."

The letter also explains the committee structure of clubs and points out that: "Many of the individual members of the committee do not have the knowledge, expertise or skills to use computers or the internet. Indeed, many will not understand the proposed MTD system and it is likely that the requirement to validate the tax account on a quarterly interval will not be carried out properly.

"This will make MTD unsuitable and unworkable or perhaps will place greater responsibility onto the club's financial officers who may also not have the required skills."

## Competition



*No Nonsense* is the autobiography of one of football's most outspoken characters – Joey Barton.

A hugely talented midfielder who played for Manchester City, Newcastle United, Queens Park Rangers, Marseille, Burnley and Rangers, as well as winning one cap for England, Barton's career was dogged by controversy.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Latest competition winner

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HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 21 January 2017	£11	Afternoon Jump Racing
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CHEPSTOW	Friday 28 April 2017	£13	Spring Evening Jumps Racing
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# BISHOPTHORPE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Bishopthorpe Sports & Social Club in York City Branch is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year and continues to be the hub of the local community with an array of activities for its 400-plus members

Bishopthorpe Sports & Social Club is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year



**T**his year has seen Bishopthorpe Sports & Social Club celebrating a major milestone as the club – situated on the outskirts of York – marked its 70th anniversary.

And the thriving club, which opened its doors in 1946 when a group of like-minded people purchased the property known as 'The Poplars' and became a member of the CIU a year later, recently threw a Saturday night party which took in the club's rich history as well as providing a fantastic fun night out for members and invited guests, including several York City Branch Officials.

Part of the celebratory night saw an amazing archive display of the history of 'The Poplars' from the 1800s through to the modern day featuring documents, photos, old books and records about the building, the club and its members through the years.

Later on in the evening saw a performance by one of the UK's top Elvis tribute acts 'Kidd Galahad' as well as a raffle, bingo and a buffet.

The evening was organised by Club Treasurer Dawn Paylor whose long association with the club stretches back to her childhood in the 1960s when she and her family lived in the rented flat above the club.

"We're really proud of the club and the 70th birthday party was a chance to pay tribute to the founder members who put in the hard work all those years ago to provide the village with such a fantastic community asset," says Dawn. "It was fascinating to look back not only at the club's history but the history of the actual building itself."

The records show that the founders purchased the property, situated on the

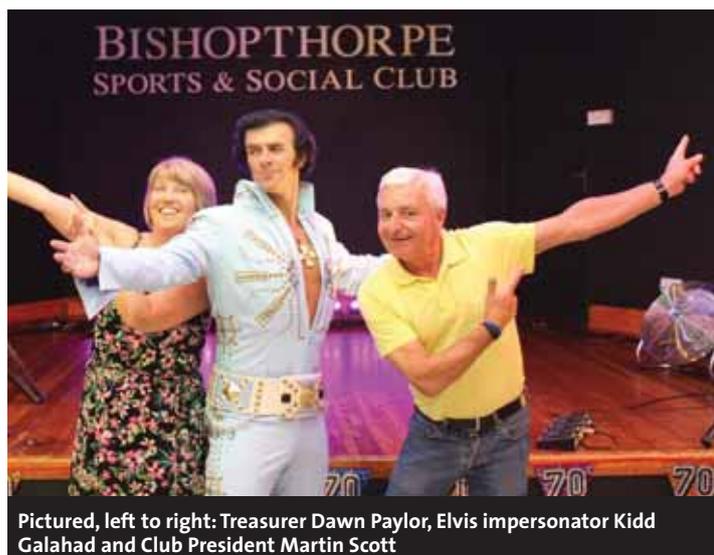
main road in the village, at auction for £3,200 in 1946 and the club has been part of the fabric of the village ever since.

Nearly 20 years after the opening, local historian, Mr CEW Brayley, wrote about the club: "It soon proved popular as a friendly meeting place for both sexes where, for a nominal annual subscription, members could enjoy a game of cards, billiards, darts, etc. It holds a licence and in 1963 is still as popular as ever."

From 1948 to 1966 the York & District Society of Model Engineers rented part of the extensive gardens to run their locomotives on a circular raised track.

Society exhibitions and track open days were a regular feature and very popular until the club sold off the gardens in the 1980s.

In 1979, the Ladies Section formed a concert party called 'The Poplars' and



Pictured, left to right: Treasurer Dawn Paylor, Elvis impersonator Kidd Galahad and Club President Martin Scott



Above: Steward and Stewardess Roger and Anna Bacon behind the well-stocked bar at Bishopthorpe Sports & Social Club

performed many musical shows as well as creating floats for carnivals in Copmanthorpe and Tadcaster over the years. The shows provided great enjoyment for members and guests in the 1980s and 90s.

Scroll forward to the modern day and the club is still providing entertainment and a range of activities for members of all ages.

In May 2007 the name was changed to Bishopthorpe Sports and Social Club from Bishopthorpe Social Club and Institute and Dawn believes that this has helped to boost membership numbers.

Sport is certainly very important to the club and it currently sponsors several sports teams locally including Bishopthorpe United FC, York Corinthians FC and Bishopthorpe Over 35s FC and also has a pool team and 5s and 3s dominoes teams.

For sports fans, the club boasts Sky Sports and BT Sport on several TVs and a big screen as well as a pool table and a full size snooker table.

“Having the live sport has been massive for us,” says Dawn. “We get a good crowd in for the Premier League and Champions League matches and it’s something which

helps to draw in a lot of younger members.

“We have the ability to show two games simultaneously if there’s a fixture clash and we also have a 96-inch projector screen for the really popular games.

“We put on a variety of live music events throughout the year which we hope will appeal to a wide variety of people, including an annual fundraising event for Help for Heroes.

“While we’re very proud of our traditions, we don’t want to be seen as old-fashioned and that means we’re very keen to put on bands regularly which will attract young people.

“We even had a night earlier this year where we showed the season premier of TV drama *Game of Thrones* on the big screen which was something a bit different.”

The club is also renowned for its cask ale offering and has won several awards from the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA).

“We run an annual St Patrick’s Beer Festival weekend over three days in March and we were voted CAMRA York Club of the Year in 2013, 2014 and 2015 so cask ale is a really good way of attracting new members,” says Dawn.

“We have two cask ales on permanently – Golden Sheep from the Black Sheep Brewery and John Smith’s – and a number of rotating guest ales.”

Membership currently stands at around the 420 mark with 100 new members joining over the past 12 months.

“We work really hard to get the message out to the local community about what we have to offer by generating publicity in the local press,” says Dawn.

“You’ll often meet people who’ve lived in

the village or surrounding villages for a number of years and they’ve never set foot inside the club, thinking that because it’s a members’ club it’s not for them,” says Dawn.

“But when they do finally get the chance to come through the doors most of them can’t believe how welcoming it is and more often than not they’ll want to become a member.

“We are very happy to let the function room out for charity events for nothing and we’re also pushing it as a venue for private parties which is a great way of bringing money into the club and showcasing the facilities to potential members.

“Several local groups use our facilities, including Bishopthorpe First Responders, Lower Wharfe Canoe Club, New York Dance Band, Rayner Rock n Roll, York Radio Club and Bishopthorpe Community Choir.”

With membership continuing to grow and the club in a very healthy financial position with money in the bank and no debts, the committee continues to invest in the club and the next major project it is undertaking will be the complete refurbishment of the Concert Room.

It’s clear that 70 years after it was founded, Bishopthorpe Sports & Social Club is looking to the future with justified confidence.



Pictured: The founder members of Bishopthorpe Sports and Social Club

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# ANY QUESTIONS?



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**Q What is the latest on auto-enrolment pensions as we want to ensure our club has met all the requirements regarding the new legislation and do not inadvertently incur any fines?**

*Kenneth D. Green CMD, General Secretary of the Union, responds:*

As you will no doubt be aware, the government has introduced legislation affecting all Employers, whether large, or small, with a new regulation, called Auto-Enrolment.

If an Employer only has one Employee, or 1,000, a Workplace Pension Scheme has to be offered to all workers. (There are three types of worker, that have to be categorised on every payroll)

This new legislation will affect thousands of businesses over the next two and a half years, and will mean a huge strain will be placed on the providers of Auto-Enrolment to accommodate everyone within a set time limit, known as the Employer's Staging Date.

If ignored, or delayed, there are strict penalties and fines imposed on all

Employers who disregard this legislation.

These penalties start at £400 initially and £50 to £500 per day until put right, depending on the number of employees at the place of employment.

The majority of fines that have been imposed have been levied not because employers are ignoring their duties, but because they assume their obligations have been completed, when in fact, they have not.

Many employers decide to arrange their own scheme which can turn out to be a false economy as they may not have the knowledge or experience to complete all of their duties, set out by the Pensions Regulator.

To ensure that you do not fall foul of the rules, a potential solution could be to use a company specialising in assisting an employer with their duties.

However, the main problem identified by the Pensions Regulator with using an outside source is who actually does what?

Of a proportion of the excuses used to appeal the 6,779 cases of a fixed penalty notice being served to September 2016, none of the following were deemed to be a 'reasonable' excuse for not complying with the rules:

- You relied on someone and they let you down
- You found the online system too difficult to use
- You didn't get a reminder
- You made a mistake
- You or a member of staff were ill

You may remember the case, highlighted in June's *Journal*, of the CIU member who missed their Staging Date by three months and could face fines of up to £45,000, jeopardizing the entire business.

You may also know of the member who decided to arrange a scheme via NEST, and, when they contacted them for assistance, instead of receiving help, resulted in them being reported to The Pensions Regulator, as per the legislation, for a breach in the rules.

All of this could have been avoided by using a professional contact, available to CIU members, with exclusive low payment options.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Contracts and Handbook still available from Branch Offices

The CIU Contracts and Handbook which we produced last year have now been reprinted due to demand and are available to buy from your local Branch. The documents available are:

- Club Staff Handbook
- Club Steward Contract
- Bar Manager Contract
- Bar/Cleaning Staff Contract
- Bar/Cleaning Staff Terms and Conditions of Employment
- Bar/Cleaning Temporary Staff Terms and Conditions of Employment
- Club Staff Accommodation Contract

The club documents are priced as follows: £5 for each Handbook; £2.50 for each Contract (except the Club Staff Accommodation Contract which is priced at £1.30 as a special limited edition) and £1.50 for each Terms and Conditions document.

These documents – available from your branch – take in all the current legislative requirements and have been produced to a high, professional standard.

### Reminder about Service Award Certificate Applications

Please allow sufficient time when applying for your Service Award Certificates. All applications are approved initially by your local Branch Office then approved at the monthly NEC meeting in London. All certificates take around six to eight weeks to complete.

### New expanded online version of *Club Journal* available

As part of the Union's commitment to offer more to its members, each month we will be publishing an online expanded version of the *Club Journal* which will be available to download from the CIU's official website: [www.wmciu.org.uk](http://www.wmciu.org.uk)

## SPOTLIGHT ON... JOHN TOBIN

**Union Vice-President John Tobin, who recently received his 50-year Special Award, reflects on his five decades as a club man and his continuing passion to help CIU clubs flourish**

Like so many of us, it was my Dad, an engineer, who first introduced me to clubs. The minute I hit 21 he signed me up as a member of his club, the Crownhill Sports & Social Club in London. That was in 1963.

From the off I was keen to get more involved with the club's fortunes, and in 1966 I joined the committee, becoming Assistant Club Secretary in 1967 and then Club Secretary in 1970 – a post I was proud to hold for over 40 years.

I'm truly passionate about the role that clubs have in their communities and it's been a mission of mine to keep them firmly at the centre of the action. I knew very quickly that the CIU was the vehicle to help and that it shared these ambitions for its members.

I was therefore very proud to be elected as a Branch Secretary of the North West Met Branch in 1978 and then onto the National Executive in 1980 to represent my area.

I've sat on nearly every committee there is and worked in almost every part of the CIU – sitting on the Finance team, *The Club Journal* Board and Education as well as lecturing at CIU 'schools' and branches.

One of the most fascinating insights I remember was when I sat on a community clubs committee which travelled to Germany to see how their clubs are run over there. They excelled at running community clubs. Where they differed from the CIU – which is self-funding – was that they received council funding if they had a sports link. A great help and a great incentive.

In addition I'm involved with the APPG (the All-Party Parliamentary Group) meetings in the House of Commons and on CORCA (the Committee of Registered Clubs Associations).

Education and training has been a particular focus of my CIU role (I've been Chairman of the Education Group for the past 14 years). For me, this is one of the most important reasons clubs should join the CIU – and that goes for all clubs across the board of all shapes, sizes and types.

We all know from experience just how much work it takes to run a successful club, and it's our duty as an association to give whatever help and advice we can to help make that happen. We also know how time-poor many club officials are, and we've seen a fall in the number of people taking the Club Management Diploma (CMD) as a result.

John Tobin



Needless to say this has worried us a great deal – club officials really do need to be equipped with the skills to make their clubs run profitably.

If you asked me what my top three tips are for running a successful and motivated club it would be to have a good and honest committee, to be family-orientated (so that the next generation of club members come to fruition) and to undertake training in all parts of the club to secure the club's future.

As well as running the clubs, though, we all need to shout about them and make sure our voice is heard collectively which is a big part of our remit. We represent our members – as well as the club sector as a whole – at the APPG meetings in the House of Commons and with CORCA.

The CIU Annual Meeting is now in its 154th year – another thing we should really shout about. And alongside that we run the Beer & Trades Exhibition, now in its 26th year.

As Vice-President, I'm lucky enough to be in charge of inviting our National Executive and special guests to the pre-conference dinner. I also really enjoy getting to open the trade show where we welcome all of our Preferred Suppliers and club members.

There are plenty of positives being witnessed at the moment, with committees changing how they work and think, all building towards a more inclusive and more dynamic future.

Many clubs are becoming more family orientated, securing the next generation of members, and as we've seen from successful pubs, food is a key for going forward.

Looking at the many unsuccessful pubs who continue to close their doors, it's clear that clubs have been picking up their dropped baton and welcoming their bereft customers as new members. It's another changing dynamic and forward-looking clubs are delighted to welcome this.

## UPDATE FROM THE RULES DEPARTMENT AT CIU HEAD OFFICE

The Rules Department at Head Office deals with all rules amendments on behalf of your club.

This includes preparing documentation for registration with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and arranging printing of new rules. Set out below is the procedure for each club to follow.

A Club Secretary should contact their Branch Secretary in the first instance with any questions in respect of the proposed rule change.

The Branch Secretary will contact the Rules Department if they are unable to assist.

A Club Secretary should initially discuss any proposed changes to a club's rule book at a Managing Committee meeting. The club members also need to be made aware of any proposed rule changes and the Club

Secretary should call a special meeting of those club members following all decisions made by the Managing Committee.

Once agreed, the Club Secretary should send the proposed changes, together with the club's latest rule book, to the Rules Department at Head Office.

This should be set out clearly as the Rules Department will not be in a position to accept a printed version of a club's proposed rules unless there is clear indication as to the changes the club wishes to make.

The Rules Department will then prepare a draft set of Rules for the Managing Committee's approval, having taken into account all proposed changes requested by a club, and if acceptable to the CIU and FCA. The draft will highlight all changes required by a club by underlining all

deletions and putting any insertions in bold italics.

Once approved by the Managing Committee, the Club Secretary must arrange for a special meeting to enable the final version of rules and documentation to be adopted and passed by the club membership.

Please remember that the Rules Department will prepare all rules amendments at no cost to the club. Only the printing costs must be met by each club.

No club should approach a solicitor to assist in any of the procedures relating to rules. The only time a solicitor requires to be approached would be at the time of signing an application form prior to the registration stage. This would involve a very minimal cost to a club.

## CIU OFFICIALS TAKE PART IN LATEST APPG AT WESTMINSTER

The latest meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs took place on Tuesday, November 15 at the Houses of Parliament.

Attending on behalf of the CIU were Union President George Dawson CMD, General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD, NEC Members Geoff Blakeley CMD, John Batchelor and Head Office Manager Stephen Goulding.

Also in attendance were representatives of the Association of Conservative Clubs (ACC), the Alliance of British Clubs (ABC), the National Union of Labour and Socialist Clubs and the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation Clubs (CISWO).

One of the first items on the agenda was the election of a new joint Vice-Chairman with Mike Wood MP, the Conservative Member for Dudley South, duly voted into the position.

Other topics which were addressed included the appearance of the CIU President in front of the House of Lords Committee examining the Licensing Act; the CIU response to the Government 'Making Tax Digital' (MTD) consultation; Small Business Rate Relief and the proposed merger between the Performing Right Society (PPS) and Phonographic Performance Limited (PPL).



On the subject of the 'MTD' initiative, George Dawson CMD told the meeting that the CIU is seeking an exemption from maintaining digital tax records on the basis that HM Revenue & Customs has signalled that Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) and charities – organisations with which the CIU is aligned – will be exempt from any of the new requirements.

It was agreed that the APPG would draft a letter taking in the CIU's concerns and send to the Minister concerned.

(For more on the CIU response to the MTD consultation, see page 6).



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**MEMBERS' CORNER**

**Informative articles which affect our life by Dione Mobley**

December and the Christmas season with all its traditions and festivities is upon us once more.

Looking back over recent months, we can perhaps reflect upon some of the truly memorable events which have taken place over recent months and made the past year 2016 historically different and very unexpected, both in the UK and abroad.

At home here in the UK, there were enough votes cast by the heavily debated Referendum for Great Britain to announce the decision to leave the European Union. This led to a change in our UK Government with the departure of our former Prime Minister.

In November the stage was set again for the entire world to watch one of the ugliest political scenes ever played out by two highly sensational candidates both hoping to win the

ultimate prize - the Presidency and the White House in the United States - and what a battle this turned out to be.

With a New Year before us, the inauguration in January and the transition over the pond will proceed without interruption and unite a seemingly very troubled country.

In the meantime, with a bit of luck the United Kingdom will be able to negotiate and navigate the many difficult, intricate laws and idiosyncracies surrounding our departure from the rest of Europe.

This was also a year when we said goodbye to many great showbusiness entertainers and actors.

Among them were our own beloved British comedian Ronnie Corbett sadly followed by music legends David Bowie, Prince and singer/songwriter Leonard Cohen, who was probably best known for his 1984 track Hallelujah.

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**ACROSS**

- 1 No bird's wing could have this view! (7)
- 5 Pup, in pose as glamour pic. (3-2)
- 11 Remote town, hosting a choral piece. (5)
- 12 Tag fooled one into thinking it was a sluice. (9)
- 13 Shocking crooks are over the top for plant base. (9)
- 14 Tape event, in part, to annoy. (5)
- 15 This task to go wrong as well! (6)
- 16 Final elections like rain water channels? (3-4)
- 19 Aim giro towards paper-folding. (7)
- 21 Envelope in a sort of papery way. (6)
- 23 To score is everything... (5)
- 25 Hid carpet accident - not at all expensive. (4-5)

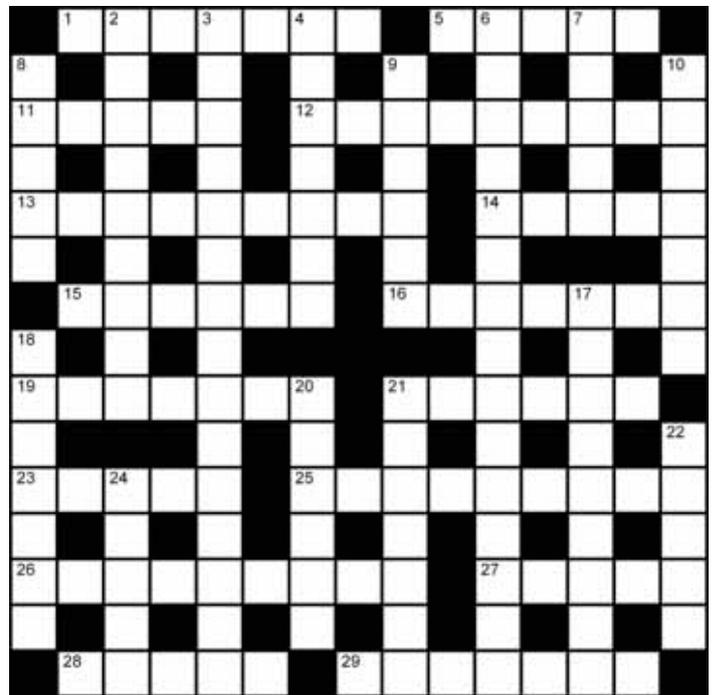
- 26 Italian number man - had a series, but not on TV. (9)
- 27 Garden's equally a bit thick... (5)
- 28 Little sibling to possess a colour. (5)
- 29 About the pushbike - use it again. (7)

- 10 Let go of dire leasehold. (7)
- 17 Arrant elf must be made to be brotherly. (9)
- 18 Offprint is right off about the Pope... (7)
- 20 Bring on when said to be at tennis draw. (6)
- 21 No price should be paid for this 'piggy'! (7)
- 22 Higher - punch if cut. (5)
- 24 T-bar includes no sort of drum. (5)

**DOWN**

- 2 Smelly medley? (It takes all sorts...) (3-6)
- 3 One is unaware of Afrikaans town so laid out. (3,2,3,2,1,4)
- 4 Unburden a cargo that's gone bad? (3-4)
- 6 Cayenne dip ended - cooked for US holiday. (12,3)
- 7 Employment of sausage (in the end!) (5)
- 8 Smug smile at skirmish - his loss, unfortunately. (5)
- 9 9 - 5 sort of ant? (6)

Send your entry to Crossword, Club Journal, 59/60 Thames St, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1TX  
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Wednesday December 7, 7.45pm – BT Sport HD  
**UEFA Champions League: FC Porto v Leicester City**  
 Leicester City have enjoyed their European adventure so far and look odds-on to secure a place in the knockout stages if they can maintain their form. The home leg of this fixture gave City a 1-0 win but the Portuguese side will be a far more fearsome prospect on their home turf and will be intent on gaining revenge.



Sunday December 11, 2.15pm – Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Manchester United v Tottenham**  
 United's topsy turvy season continues and they need to achieve some level of consistency if they are to silence the many doubters. Spurs, on the other hand, have performed beyond expectations and will be hoping that Harry Kane can have a good run of games following his injury lay-off in the earlier part of the season.

# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

**Club Journal** looks ahead to some of the key sporting fixtures taking place in December, including some top festive Barclays Premier League fixtures and the start of the PDC World Darts Championship

Monday December 5  
 8pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League:**  
**Middlesbrough v Hull City**

Tuesday December 6  
 6.30pm  
 Sky Sports 2 HD  
**Pool: Mosconi Cup**

Tuesday December 6  
 7.45pm  
 BT Sport HD  
**UEFA Champions League:**  
**Manchester City v Celtic**

Wednesday December 7  
 7.45pm  
 BT Sport HD  
**UEFA Champions League: FC Porto v Leicester City**

Wednesday December 7  
 7.45pm  
 BT Sport HD  
**UEFA Champions League:**  
**Tottenham Hotspur v CSKA Moscow**

Thursday December 8  
 4am  
 Sky Sports 2 HD

**Test Cricket: India v England**

Thursday December 8  
 6pm  
 BT Sport HD  
**UEFA Europa League:**  
**FC Zorya Luhansk v Manchester United**

Saturday December 10  
 12 noon  
 Channel 4  
**Horse Racing: Cheltenham**

Saturday December 10  
 12.30pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League:**  
**Watford v Everton**

Saturday December 10  
 5pm  
 Sky Box Office  
**Boxing: Anthony Joshua v Eric Molina – IBF Heavyweight Title**

Saturday December 10  
 5.30pm  
 BT Sport 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League:**  
**Leicester City v Manchester City**



Liverpool v Manchester City, Saturday, December 31, 5.30pm, BT Sport 1 HD

Saturday December 10  
 5.30pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Championship Football:**  
**Preston North End v Blackburn Rovers**

Sunday December 11  
 12 noon  
 BT Sport 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League:**  
**Chelsea v West Bromwich Albion**

Sunday December 11  
 2.15pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League:**

**Manchester United v Tottenham Hotspur**

Sunday December 11  
 4.30pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League:**  
**Liverpool v West Ham**

Monday December 12  
 8pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**League One Football: Bolton Wanderers v Gillingham**

Tuesday December 13  
 7.45pm  
 BT Sport 1 HD



Tuesday December 15, 7pm – Sky Sports 3 HD  
**Darts: World Championship**  
 The epic annual World Championship begins at Alexandra Palace and will see the best players on the planet doing battle for the most prestigious title in the sport. Gary Anderson is aiming to secure his third successive title following wins in 2015 and 2016. Last year he beat Adrian Lewis in the final by 7-5.



Saturday December 31, 5.30pm – BT Sport 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Liverpool v Manchester City**  
 A big game for both sides who each have their eye on the title following some good results in the first half of the season. Liverpool were recently dealt a major blow when striker Danny Ings was ruled out for the rest of the season with a knee injury. Jurgen Klopp will hope that he has enough depth in his squad to cover this loss.

**Barclays Premier League: Everton v Arsenal**

Tuesday December 13  
 7.45pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Championship Football: Norwich City v Aston Villa**

Wednesday December 14  
 7pm  
 Sky Sports 2 HD  
**Greyhound Racing: The Oaks**

Wednesday December 14  
 7.45pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Championship Football: Wigan Athletic v Newcastle United**

Wednesday December 14  
 8pm  
 BT Sport 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Crystal Palace v Manchester United**

Tuesday December 15  
 7pm  
 Sky Sports 3 HD  
**Darts: World Championship**

Tuesday December 15  
 7.45pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**League One Football: Coventry City v Sheffield United**

Saturday December 17  
 12.30pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Crystal Palace v Chelsea**

Saturday December 17  
 5.30pm  
 BT Sport 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: West Bromwich Albion v Manchester United**

Sunday December 18  
 1.30pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Bournemouth v Southampton**

Sunday December 18  
 4pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Manchester City v Arsenal**

Sunday December 18  
 7pm  
 Sky Sports 3 HD  
**Darts: World Championship**

Monday December 19  
 8pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Everton v Liverpool**

Friday December 23  
 1pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Darts: World Championship**

Monday December 26  
 12 noon  
 Channel 4  
**Horse Racing: Kempton Park**

Monday December 26  
 12.30pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Watford v Crystal Palace**

Monday December 26  
 5.15pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Hull City v Manchester City**

Monday December 26  
 7.45pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Newcastle United v Sheffield Wednesday**

Tuesday December 27  
 12.30pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Championship Football: Brighton & Hove Albion v Queens Park Rangers**

Tuesday December 27  
 3pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Championship Football: Derby County v Birmingham City**

Tuesday December 27  
 5.15pm

Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Liverpool v Stoke City**

Wednesday December 28  
 7.45pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Southampton v Tottenham Hotspur**

Wednesday December 28  
 7.45pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Southampton v Tottenham Hotspur**

Thursday December 29  
 7.45pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Championship Football: Aston Villa v Leeds United**

Saturday December 31  
 12 noon  
 Channel 4  
**Horse Racing: Newbury**

Saturday December 31  
 12.15pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Scottish Premiership Football: Rangers v Celtic**

Saturday December 31  
 5.30pm  
 BT Sport 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Liverpool v Manchester City**



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