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Countdown to the 2017 Dransfields CIU National Quiz Regional Heats begins



Keith Andrew, Eric Kilby, Kevin Ashman and Tim Wescott of Ashford Road Club, Swindon in action in last year's regional Heats

The first dates and venues for the much-anticipated 2017 Dransfields CIU National Quiz Regional Heats have been confirmed.

First up will be the North East Regional Heat which will take place at the North Biddick Club in Tyne and Wear on Tuesday, January 17.

Next, quiz teams from across the South East will be convening at Epsom Common WMC in Surrey on Wednesday, January 18.

The final confirmed Regional Heat will be the Midlands leg of the competition which is being staged at Kenilworth Sports & Social Club on Sunday, February 12.

There are three further Regional Heats which are in the process of being confirmed – Lancashire, Yorkshire and South Wales – and details will be announced in the next *Club Journal* and on the Union website.



The teams take part in last year's North East Regional Heat

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

The prize money for the Final will be £500 for the champions, £250 for the runners-up and £100 for the third-placed team.

Quiz specialists Redtooth will once again be running the Regional Heats and the Final with nationally renowned quizmaster Dave Bill setting the questions.

As in previous years, the Dransfields CIU National Quiz is certain to involve some of the country's top quiz brains, not least the reigning champions – Newbottle 'A' from Newbottle WMC in Tyne and Wear – who won the title in dramatic fashion last year.

Many other teams will attend the Regional Heats just for the fun of participating as well as the chance to win a number of spot prizes along the way.

Entry to the Dransfields CIU National Quiz is just £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.

To enter a team for the Regional Finals, please call Redtooth UK on 01246 813713.

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Last chance to attend CIU Charity Raceday

Places are still available for the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday which is taking place at Wetherby Racecourse on Saturday, November 12, the 11th consecutive year that the Yorkshire venue has hosted this event.

Tickets cost just £16 and includes entry to the CIU Marquee and food.

For further information on buying your ticket direct from Wetherby, see page 15.

EDITOR'S LETTER

Welcome to the November edition of *Club Journal*.

It certainly looks set to be a very busy month for the Union and its clubs with a number of events taking place in the coming weeks.

Foremost amongst those is the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday at Wetherby Racecourse on November 12. This is the biggest sporting event on the Union calendar and will see thousands of our members enjoying a great day out at a wonderful Yorkshire racecourse.

If you haven't bought a ticket already, I'd urge you to make the effort as it's a great Union occasion and one that raises money for our Education Programme – see page 15 for details on ordering tickets direct from the racecourse.

Union officials will also be making one of their regular visits to the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday, November 15 as the latest meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs takes place.

These quarterly meetings are a vital way of communicating our members' concerns directly to the men and women in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords who shape the legislation affecting our clubs.

If your club has any specific area of concern regarding current legislation, please get in touch with Head Office and we will raise the issue in upcoming APPG and CORCA meetings.

As you'll see from the front page, in this month's issue we've also included further details of the 2017 Dransfields CIU National Quiz competition with the first raft of venues and dates for the Regional Heats which will be taking place in January and February of next year as the teams compete for a place in the Final to be held in Blackpool during Conference Weekend in April.

In other developments at Head Office, you'll be pleased to hear that we'll be publishing an expanded electronic version of each month's Club Journal on the Union's official website:

www.wmciu.org.uk

It will have all the content of the paper



version of the magazine but with more features, on-trade news and business advice.

On page 14, we have our latest Q&A with a member of the NEC and gain an insight into the club life of Chris O'Neill who represents Kent and South East Metropolitan branches on the National Executive.

Hope you enjoy the issue.

Stephen Goulding, Editor

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AWARD FOR IAN LYALL OF ASHINGTON RAOB CLUB



Pictured, left to right: Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary), Ian Lyall (Club Chairman and recipient of LSA) and Keith Vout (Club Secretary)

Heol-y-Cyw raises £3,000 for Alzheimer's Society

Heol-y-Cyw Workingmen's Sports & Social Club in Bridgend, South Wales, recently hosted a musical benefit night to round off a year of fundraising for the Alzheimer's Society.

A grand total of £3,000 has been raised for the charity thanks to the efforts of club members and this achievement was marked with a concert given by the Ladies' Harmony Choir from Maesteg.

In addition to the musical evening, three club members – Alex Williams, Gareth Williams and Jeremy Young - running under the team name of 'Brenda's Boys' ran



Pictured: The 'Brenda's Boys' team hand over a cheque to the Alzheimer's Society

the Cardiff Half Marathon and the Edinburgh Half Marathon while the club gave all the funds raised from its 2015 annual go-kart race, to the cause.

PRESENTATION TO NORTH BIDDICK'S ALAN HALL



Alan Hall of North Biddick & District Club, Tyne & Wear, was recently presented with his 10-year certificate. Pictured, left to right: JW Todd (Club Chairman), Alan Hall and M Normile (Club Secretary)

OBITUARIES

Fay Dennis

The Committee of Grangemoor Working Men's Club are sad to report that their longest standing member, Fay Dennis, has passed away.



Fay joined the club in 1951 on her 18th birthday. She served many years on the committee and was still an active committee member when she passed away in September 2016.

Fay will be sadly missed by all the members of the club and everyone who knew her.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cask Report 2016 gives insight into UK beer drinking habits

Cask ale accreditation organisation Cask Marque released the tenth edition of its annual Cask Report at the end of September, a publication which aims to give an insight into the nation's beer drinking habits.

The report found that the number of UK bars serving cask ale has soared from 42% to 72% over the past 10 years, with the category worth £1.7 billion a year. It also revealed that only 36% of consumers feel that bar staff have an understanding of cask ale.

Some 90% of consumers say that beer quality is very important or essential when choosing where to drink, while 92% of consumers want to know more about the different styles of beer now available.

A total of 60% said bars don't offer sufficient tasting notes on how beer looks, tastes and smells.

It also found that cask drinkers spend on average £967 a year in bars – nearly twice the amount other drinkers spend.

Cask Marque has developed a new CaskFinder 'app' which offers pump clip recognition, allowing bar staff to take a picture of a pump clip to access information from tasting notes to flavour descriptions and ingredients that they can then communicate to their customers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Caledonian Brewery launches new black lager 'Dark Light'

Heineken's Caledonian Brewery has launched Dark Light, a 4.7% ABV black lager.

It is the first black lager within Caledonian's range, and is unlike any beer within their current product offering.

Craig Steven, Caledonian's Beer Manager and Beer Academy Sommelier, said: "Dark Light is our fresh and modern take on the historic black beers of southern Germany.

"We're certain this fresh yet historic style will be a hit with punters looking for something a bit different."

Hofmeister lager makes a comeback to the on-trade

Hofmeister lager is making a return to the UK after a 13-year absence and is being positioned as an authentic German premium beer.

Spencer Chambers, Chief Executive of Hofmeister, said: "Now more than ever, we are experimenting and enjoying craft beer – with the craft beer scene in the UK continuing its explosive growth.

"Hofmeister is iconic so it feels right to bring back the brand, but with an authentic Helles lager which appeals to our more sophisticated palates."

New branding for Britvic's Mixers and Juices range

Britvic has relaunched its Mixers and Juices range. The range will be available in a new, bespoke zooml bottle with new branding.

Annabelle Cordelli, Brand Marketing Director at Britvic Soft Drinks, said: "The relaunch of our Britvic Mixers and Juices range marks a real commitment to both quality and community for us.

"We've listened to our customers and consumers to develop our great-tasting tonic to lift guests' spirits – in both senses of the word. It's a truly iconic tonic!"



Pictured, left to right: Bobby at the age of 18, the Legion of Honour medal and Bobby as he is now

Consett war hero honoured by French Government

Consett & District WMC stalwart Bobby Greggs received the Legion of Honour medal from the French Government this year for helping to liberate France during the Second World War.

Bobby landed on 'Gold' beach on D-Day in June 1944 with the Royal Artillery. He then went to Holland via Belgium to give artillery support at Nijmegen in the battle made

famous by the film *A Bridge Too Far*.

Bobby, 91, has been a member of the club for 60 years, 26 of them on the board of management.

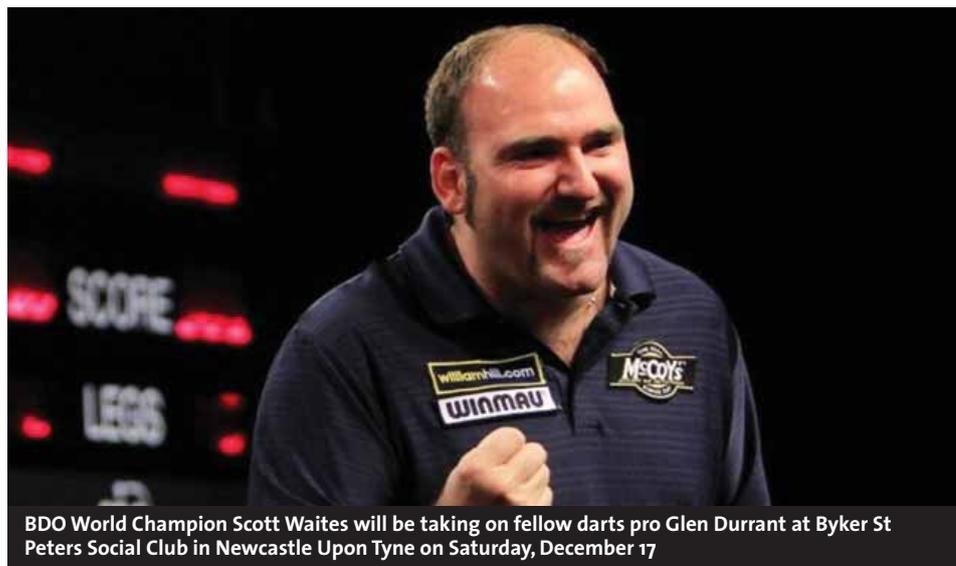
He has been awarded the 10-year and 25-year certificates for services to the CIU and still attends the club regularly.

The club is very proud to have such a remarkable man as one of their members.

Alan Bateman receives his 50-year Special Award

Alan Bateman of Spennymoor WMC, Durham, received his 50-year Special Award at a ceremony held at the club. Pictured, left to right: Lee McCormack (Committee Member, Spennymoor WMC), Gary Miller (Club Secretary), Brian Sugden (Committee Member), Alan Bateman (former Club Treasurer) and Kenneth D Green CMD (Union General Secretary)

Top darts players set for Byker St Peters Club date



BDO World Champion Scott Waites will be taking on fellow darts pro Glen Durrant at Byker St Peters Social Club in Newcastle Upon Tyne on Saturday, December 17

BDO World Champion Scott Waites and World Masters Champion Glen Durrant will be making an appearance at Byker St Peters Social club in Newcastle Upon Tyne in December.

Waites - who claimed his second BDO World title in January – will take on BDO World No.1 Durrant, in 'A Christmas Party Night' with the BDO World Champion' on Saturday, December 17.

The event, hosted by Lee Bellerby of North East Sporting Events, will also see fans get a chance to play against the professionals as all those who have booked a table of four will be given the opportunity to take on

Waites and Durrant in a best-of-one-leg match.

With the 2017 BDO World Championships taking place in January 2017, the pair will be using the exhibition as vital match practice as well as entertaining the Newcastle crowd.

Durrant and Waites met in the quarter-finals of the 2016 Lakeside World Championship with Waites winning by 5-4. Tickets for the event are on sale now and are available by calling 07908 221215.

Alternatively, tickets can be booked online via the website:

<http://www.nesportingevents.co.uk/>

NEWS IN BRIEF

Carlsberg UK launches drinks menu-building app for bars

Carlsberg UK has launched a menu-building app designed to enable bars to create impactful drinks lists helping to engage customers and prompt trade-ups.

The app enables Carlsberg UK to work with bars to create the right menu for their venue allowing them to select their favourite format, print finish and design.

Clubs will be able to insert their own logo and photography, and the menu can feature product images, tasting notes and food matching recommendations. Once an order is placed, the menu can be on display in the venue within 48 hours.

Paul Waller, director of third party brands at Carlsberg UK, said: "We're always looking for inventive ways to help our customers grow their businesses.

"Customers can benefit greatly from this innovation by working with us to maximise their venue's potential. For example, venues with a cocktail list should consider including product images to drive appeal, whilst those with a good beer offering should include tasting notes in the way wine lists do, as we know consumers today are hungry for information."

CLUB NOTICES

Expulsions

Mr Stephen Fawcett - Harehills Labour Club, Leeds

Suspensions

Mr M Wood - St James WMC, Northampton

Clubs Applying for Membership of the Union

Littleover Social Club, Derby (Derbyshire Branch)

Clubs Admitted into the Union

Charlton Liberal Club, Charlton, London (Kent Branch)

Widcombe Social Club, Bath (Western Counties Branch)

Benwell Sports & Social Club, Newcastle Upon Tyne (Northumberland Branch)

Clubs Withdrawn from the Union

Ansley Social Club & Institute Club, Warwickshire Branch

Bishop's Stortford Social Club (North West Metropolitan Branch)



FOR SERVICE

41-Year Branch Award

Ron Wells, Derbyshire

Len King, North East Metropolitan

21-Year Branch Award

Colin Lewing, Kent

Geoff Blakeley, Manchester

Peter Robinson, Manchester

John Vanderwolfe, Western Counties

10-Year Branch Award

Alan Priest, Western Counties

Long Service Award

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

Mary Potts, Annitsford Pioneer Club, Northumberland

Rosemary Hall, Annitsford Pioneer Club, Northumberland

Certificate of Merit

Sylvia Clough, Annitsford Pioneer Club, Northumberland

KEVIN RAINBOW WINS THE CIU POOL TITLE



Kevin Rainbow of Grove & Moorside Club (Durham Branch) won the Individual Pool Final held at the Brierfield WM Club in September. Pictured, left to right: NEC Member and Manchester Branch Secretary Geoff Blakeley CMD and CIU Individual Pool Champion Kevin Rainbow

NORTHUMBERLAND PRESENTATIONS

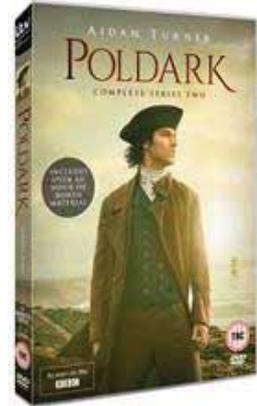


Vincent Donnelly of Bedlington Social Club received his Long Service Award at the end of September. Pictured, left to right: Dave Fish (No.3 Division Executive), William Stoker (No.4 Division Executive), Dave Richardson (Branch Executive), Jimmy Bradly (Club Secretary), Vincent Donnelly (Club Assistant Secretary), Thomas Logan (Club Chairman), Alan Hardy (Branch President) and Ken James (No.6 Division Executive)



Ken Herron of Chirton Social Club received his Long Service Award in September. Pictured, left to right: Ken Sayers (No.7 Division Executive), Ken Herron (Committee Member), David Richardson (Branch Executive) and John Patterson (Club Secretary)

Competition



BBC series Poldark has become a cultural phenomenon and Season 2 of the Cornwall-set drama is now out on DVD.

In this season, Ross Poldark, the character redefined by Aidan Turner, returns home following his arrest in the gripping finale of series one. It is 1790 and there is riot and revolution in the air. Ross must fight for his freedom when George Warleggan (Jack Farthing) tries to have him hanged as a revolutionary. While Francis (Kyle Soller) and Elizabeth (Heida Reed) watch on in horror, can Demelza (Eleanor Tomlinson) save Ross from himself?

To be in with a chance of winning the DVD (worth £24.99), simply answer the following question:

Where is Poldark set?

- a) Cornwall
- b) Scotland

Send your answer, name, club and address to: justin@clubjournal.co.uk with the subject line 'Poldark competition'.

You can post your entry on a postcard or envelope to: Poldark competition, *Club Journal*, ACP, 59/60 Thames Street, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1TX.
Closing date: October 20, 2016.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Latest competition winner

The winner of the competition in the October issue of *Club Journal* is Peter O'Loughlin of Willesden WMC in London.

He wins a copy of *Up Front: The Autobiography* by former Chelsea and England striker Kerry Dixon.

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WETHERBY	Saturday 12 November	£16	Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday
CHEPSTOW	Wednesday 16 November	£13	Autumn Afternoon Raceday
HAYDOCK PARK	Friday 18 November	£7.50	Betfair Chase Festival
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 19 November	£11	Betfair Chase Day
DONCASTER	Friday 25 November	£8.25	National Hunt Racing
DONCASTER	Saturday 26 November	£10.50	National Hunt Racing
CHEPSTOW	Saturday 3 December	£17	Christmas Party Raceday
DONCASTER	Friday 9 December	£8.25	Christmas Jumpers
DONCASTER	Saturday 10 December	£10.50	Christmas Jumpers
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 17 December	£11	Tommy Whittle Chase
HAYDOCK PARK	Friday 30 December	£7.50	The Last Fling
KEMPTON PARK	Friday 6 January	£5	Afternoon Flat Racing
CHEPSTOW	Sunday 8 January 2017	£17	Afternoon Jump Racing
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 21 January 2017	£11	Afternoon Jump Racing
DONCASTER	Sunday 29 December	£10.50	Christmas Jumpers
CHEPSTOW	Friday 3 February 2017	£13	National Hunt Racing
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 18 February 2017	£11	Betfred Grand National Trial
HAYDOCK PARK	Wednesday 22 March 2017	£11	1750 Day

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Club Address: _____

Postcode: _____

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CIU 'TRADITIONAL CLUB OF THE YEAR' SHORTLIST

Union clubs are once again to the fore at this year's prestigious Club Awards, which take place on Thursday, November 24, at Manchester's Palace Hotel. Here we publish the 16 Union clubs whose all-round excellence sees them shortlisted in the CIU-sponsored 'Traditional Club of the Year' category

ARUNDEL EX-SERVICEMENS CLUB AND INSTITUTE
780 City Rd, Sheffield, S2 1GN

"We've continued to work really hard to give our members as much of an incentive as possible to come through the doors so we offer a full programme of live entertainment which we stage five times a week," says Secretary Brian Simmonite. "We also run regular bingo sessions as well as an indoor games league with darts, dominoes, whist, crib and snooker."

BLAKELAW & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB
6 Cragston Way, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE5 3SW

"It has been a very successful year as is illustrated by the fact that our membership has increased by 15 per cent," says Secretary Alan Campbell. "We also carried out a substantial refurbishment this year – concert room, lounge, car park and new toilets at a cost of £90k. We continue to be in a very strong financial position which is a major turnaround from a dire situation seven years ago."

CHEYLESMORE SOCIAL CLUB
Quinton Park, Coventry, CV3 5PZ

"We're a very community-based club and our membership has remained steady with a good flow of younger members joining up," says Secretary Matthew Oughton. "Live entertainment is a mainstay of the club and this year we've tried to put the emphasis on local bands and singers, acting as a showcase for up-and-coming talent."

DUNSTABLE UNITED SERVICES CLUB
160 High Street South, Dunstable, Beds, LU6 3HS

"In the last couple of years, we've gradually been making a bigger profit," says Secretary Louise Lithgo. "For about ten years we were struggling with a loss and in the last three years we've had a big turnaround and members are coming in more frequently. We've also become much more efficient in terms of keeping costs down. That has been helped by a big refurbishment we completed."

GRANGEMOOR WMC
112 Canock Road, Burntwood, Staffordshire, WS7 0BG

"We have just spent around £35,000 last year having a complete refurbishment of the front bar and it now looks really smart and has attracted plenty of new members," says Trustee David Crowe. "In fact, membership numbers have increased by a third and that has pushed up our profits which we've been able to reinvest in the club. We've also installed two major outside signs."

GRIMETHORPE CLUB & INSTITUTE
4 Brierley Rd, Grimethorpe, S72 7EQ

"The club has concentrated on doing the basics very well and our membership base has remained steady over the past year," says Steward Simon Taylor. "We exist for the community and we pride ourselves on our well-kept beer and our fantastic atmosphere. We are a club which welcomes members of all ages and that promotes a family-friendly atmosphere."

KINGSLEY PARK WMC
Kingsley Park Terrace, Northampton,
Northamptonshire, NN2 7HJ

"A major achievement during the past year has been the refurbishment of our Members' Bar," says Steward Keith Pollitt. "We've made it lighter and more airy with modern fabrics and fittings. We've got a light-blue neon back bar as well as screens behind the bar which tell the members the events coming up. The members have told us they love the look and feel of the place even more now."

LOWER HOPTON WMC
Lower Hopton WMC, 53 North St, Mirfield,
West Yorkshire, WF14 8PN

"There has been an upswing in profitability and with money in the bank we've taken the opportunity to make some improvements to the club," says Secretary Colin Avery. "We've added 30 members to our membership tally to take it up to 550. We work very hard to keep the prices down in the bar and we also have a good cask ale offering with beers from a local Yorkshire brewery."

MAINLINE SOCIAL CLUB

Pudsey Road, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS13 4LS

“It’s been a fantastic year for Mainline with membership up by five per cent and the club celebrating its 50th anniversary over three days in July,” says Secretary Keith Baxter. “We’ve also completed a £98k refurbishment – we’ve completely renovated the concert room with a new stage, new doors at the front, new blinds, new furniture – it was a total makeover.”

NEW ELTHAM SOCIAL CLUB

32 Avery Hill Road, New Eltham, London, SE9 2BD

“The major news at the club this year is the completion of our £80k refurbishment which we paid for out of club funds in the bank,” says Secretary Paul Carroll. “It was a major job but we managed to keep the club open all the way through the work by using the upstairs bar and the members were happy to bear with us in the knowledge that the club would be much improved once complete.”

OLD HENDON EX SERVICEMENS CLUB

10-12 Heriot Road, London, NW4 2DG

”We are a traditional London Working Mens Club and are doing well against a lot of competition from pubs and other clubs in the area,” says Secretary David Brown. “We’re worked hard to ensure our membership has stayed steady and we’ve recently launched a Facebook page and a website to let everyone know about all the things we have going on.”

SHIREBOOK CARTER LANE WMC

90 Carter Lane, Shirebrook, Notts, NG20 8PF

”The club is in a good position in that we’ve totally refurbished the club with money we had in the bank,” says Secretary Patricia Key. “We’ve replaced the ceiling tiles and lighting throughout the club, as well as the seating and carpets and put in a new electrical system. It means the club looks absolutely great and the feedback from our members has been very positive.”

MONKS PARK WMC

259 Wellingborough Road, Northampton, NN1 4EN

“Our membership has gone up as has turnover,” says Secretary Don Harris. “Part of the reason for that is that we’ve worked extremely hard to keep the bar prices the same for the past three years which means we’re one of the cheapest places to drink in the area. We have a good range of well-kept drinks and always have two cask ales on tap at any one time.”

NORTH BIDDICK CLUB

Bonemill Lane, Washington, Tyne and Wear, NE38 8AJ

“The club’s philosophy is never to stand still, to keep on moving with the times and improving our offering in order to maintain and grow membership and keep our prices reasonable,” says Treasurer Eric Wilkinson. “One of the big successes of the recent year has been the growth of U3A (a movement which brings enhancing’ and ‘life changing’ opportunities).”

PITSHILL VICTORY CLUB WMC

232 St Michaels Road, Stoke on Trent, ST6 6JS

”The biggest achievement of the year for us is that after experiencing a loss of £39,000 for the year before – our fourth consecutive loss - this year the club turned in a profit of £4,000,” says Secretary Daniel Capewell. “Membership has also bounced back from 1,100 to 1433 and we’ve started offering more to our members to get them to come in more often.”

WEST BYFLEET SOCIAL CLUB

41 Station Approach, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6NE

”Our slogan is ‘Bringing the Community Closer’ and we’ve put into place a series of initiatives which have succeeded in raising the profile of the club in the area,” says Treasurer Tim Wright. “We strive to get involved in the community any way we can as we feel that we should be part of the community and not just a social club for members: we try to be as inclusive as we can.”



YOUR LETTERS

*Here we publish two letters which we have received in the Club Journal postbag which cover the subjects of entertainment agents, the treatment of clubs by HMRC and minimum alcohol unit pricing. If you would like to send in your letter, please email: justin@clubjournal.co.uk**

I read with interest the letter from Eddie Murphy. Yes, I agree the clubs are having a tough time, but I can't agree that paying agents is the sole cause.

Over the years our small club has, like most of the others, seen a downturn in trade. We currently have about 700 members and of these probably 150 use the club on a regular basis.

I agree with Mr Murphy about self-contained acts as we have realised our members don't want to come and listen to any old singer with a laptop a microphone and an amplifier, they are looking for a name they recognise and live music, and they are prepared to pay.

If we could guarantee a full house we could afford not to charge for entertainment but again those days have gone.

I'm not sure about the organist and drummer mentioned by Mr Murphy but in this day and age I would imagine it would be a complete turn off for our members.

The concert secretaries used to find their acts through showcases put on by the agents. Sadly these are now few and far between and most demonstrations are via the internet.

When booking through an agent a club has the insurance of an act on the night if the one they book is unable to perform. With a privately booked act there is no insurance which could leave the club with no entertainment.

We are about to begin a refurbishment of our club and hope our new look along with our plan to promote bigger and better acts and invite more younger people onto our committee will bode well for the future.

Rosemary Birkett, The Social Committee, Windermere Social Club

In March 2011 HMRC repaid my not-for-profit club £29,754.00 over-claimed VAT plus £4,927.34 interest in accordance with High Court and First Tier VAT Tribunal

judgements. As is their right HMRC appealed to the Court of Appeal and issued the club with a defensive assessment to claim back this money should their appeal prove successful.

The specific wording of that assessment is: "If the Court of Appeal overturns the earlier decisions we will expect you to pay the amounts of £2,9754 and £4,927.34 charged by the assessment together with interest."

In 2014 HMRC activated the assessment saying both the Court of Appeal and Upper Tribunal had overturned the High Court decision.

The facts, however, are as follows:

1. The VAT Upper Tribunal ruled that the case be sent back to the First Tier Tribunal on the basis of further guidance from the EU. This case is yet to be heard.
2. The Court of Appeal did not even consider our claim, which was one strand of a many stranded case with Rank Group plc as the lead case: for whatever reason.
3. As the specific terms laid down by HMRC themselves had not arisen they had no right to activate the assessment.
4. The Parliamentary Ombudsman stated in his report that "the Club is not directly affected by the Court of Appeal's decision." HMRC give that as the only reason for activating the assessment.
5. As the Court of Appeal has not overturned the High Court's judgement in our favour that ruling of the High Court stands.

HMRC have told many lies to defraud my club and about 3,000 other mainly small businesses of substantial funds. They have lied and bullied and neither of the independent bodies overseeing HMRC have been able to stand up to them.

Worst of all, none of the HMRC personnel responsible will make themselves available to talk as advised by HMRC's own

national complaints department.

HMRC's policy is to collect all monies due to them. What a shame they have to defraud British business to make up the shortfall on multinationals.

On another topic, I read with dismay that the CIU called for Minimum Unit Pricing in their submission to the House of Lords review of the Licensing Act 2003.

The main difference this will make is for the supermarkets to be crying all the way to the bank as they are forced to put up their prices that will still not be anywhere near what our clubs are able to charge.

The 2003 Act would be perfectly adequate to promote responsible drinking if there were the will and the resources at all levels to enforce it.

For instance, under the 2003 Act Local Authorities should have made every supermarket dry through, not only their pricing policy, but also the way they spread alcohol throughout their stores. Their TV advertising is also an open invite to binge, even with the small wording about drinking responsibly on the screen. All these are clear contraventions of the Act.

Central Government needs to invite responsible drinking by actually promoting the idea of social drinking in the safe, secure and generally well managed conditions found in the vast majority of Working Men's Clubs and indeed most pubs. It should give more resources to Licensing Authorities and the Police to further the good work many do in supporting the on-trade and stamp out the bigotry and lawlessness of the minority of those Authorities that have openly declared war on the on-trade business that today is an invaluable asset in society.

Barry Slasberg, Kingsley Park WMC, Northampton

(N.B. These are personal views and not necessarily meant to represent the view of my Branch.)

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The National Living Wage

The Government's National Living Wage was introduced on April 1, 2016 for all working people aged 25 and over, and is set at £7.20 per hour. The current National Minimum Wage for those under the age of 25 still applies

Rates of pay

It is important to note that these rates, which came into force on October 1, 2015, apply to pay reference periods beginning on or after that date.

From October 2016 the new rates are as follows:

- £7.20 per hour – 25 yrs old and over
- £6.95 per hour – 21-24 yrs old
- £5.55 per hour – 18-20 yrs old
- £4 per hour – 16-17 yrs old
- £3.40 for apprentices under 19 or 19 or over who are in the first year of apprenticeship.

The rate will then change every April starting April 2017.

For more information on the Minimum Wage or National Living Wage, visit the following page:

www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates

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.

SPOTLIGHT ON... CHRIS O'NEILL CMD

We talk to Chris O'Neill CMD, the representative of South East Metropolitan and Kent on the NEC, who first became involved with the CIU when he joined Epsom Common WMC

Q: How did you become involved with clubs and the CIU?

I've been involved with the CIU for 30 years. One of my best mates from school, Alan Horden, was Secretary of Epsom Common WMC and got me down there one night and that was it.

I remember buying a ticket for the club's Christmas raffle and winning first prize so it was a great start to my association with Union clubs! I became Club Secretary not long after as Alan was heading to the USA to take a new job. I thought it would be a temporary stint for a few months, but 29 years later I'm still in the role.

I joined the South East Metropolitan Branch Committee in 1997 and I am currently serving my third term on the NEC as the representative of South East Metropolitan and Kent areas.

Q: How are clubs in your area generally faring at the moment?

There are many excellent clubs across both South East Met and Kent which are being run really well and appear financially secure.

From my visits to clubs in the region it's clear that many of them are really determined to remain as focal points for the local communities and are working hard to entice people down the club by offering them a wealth of activities and events.

Thankfully we've had fewer club closures over the past couple of years and even a few clubs joining the Union. That probably comes from better management on the part of club officials who have realised that they have to change things around to ensure that they survive. As a club you can't sail along as you did 30 or even 10 years ago, you have to keep moving with the times.

Q: If the Government offered you a wish on behalf of clubs, what would it be?

I'd like to see the Government giving a bit more leniency to Members' Clubs in certain matters. For example, if a club is struggling to pay its VAT and gets hit with a fine of 15 per cent, it can be a huge hit for a club which is doing all it can to pay the bill but just needs a bit of time to sort out the situation. The authorities don't seem to get the fact that we are run by volunteers and are not-for-profit concerns which benefit the local communities.

Chris O'Neill
CMD



Q: What are the most positive signs you've seen in the club sector in the past few years?

I would say it is the increasing number of women who have taken on positions of responsibility in clubs. When women were given full rights as CIU members some years ago and began joining their club committees it was a really positive step for the Union and has helped save many clubs.

It's also great to see clubs moving forward by setting up their own websites (which can be linked for free to the WMCIU website) and also using social media to publicise themselves to their members and the local community.

Q: If you could award an OCE (Order of the Club Empire) who would it be to and why?

To the members – that's what it's all about. We all talk about clubs as places but it's not the buildings. Whether it's a small club, old club or brand-new club, it's the people who make clubs what they are.

Q: What is your favourite UK club?

I wouldn't want to single one out because clubs exist for their members and do many different things which are right for their own communities – whether it's sport, games, bingo, live music, pigeons or even jigsaws.

As you find out whenever you walk into a club, every CIU club is remarkable in its own way. That's why the Union is so important in terms of getting clubs to share their solutions to problems that are common right across our sector and help each other.

Q: Who has been your biggest influence in your club life?

Former General Secretary Kevin Smyth, who always offered me masses of help. In addition, Bernard Guess, the former Secretary of South East Metropolitan Branch. He was a huge help to me in my early days as a Club Secretary and worked hard for clubs behind the scenes for many years.

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.

Published a few weeks after the paper version of the magazine, the online version will have an expanded features section with more content.

To visit the Union's official website: www.wmciu.org.uk



Last chance to buy tickets for the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday at Wetherby Racecourse on November 12



Tickets are still available to order for Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday at Wetherby Racecourse in Yorkshire on Saturday November 12.

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CIU Contracts

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.



FINANCIAL CONDUCT AUTHORITY

The CIU has been informed that the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) will no longer send Annual Return forms to societies. Reminders will also cease to be issued as the FCA seek to reduce costs.

Forms can be downloaded from the FCA website at: <http://www.FCA.org.uk/firms/mutual-societies-forms>

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MORRISTON WMC

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Tel: (024) 7672 4830; Office: (024) 7672 4832.

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(01803) 832661
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MEMBERS' CORNER

Informative articles which affect our life
by Dione Mobley

In the year 1881 English gentleman Thomas Agnew from Liverpool went on a trip to New York where he visited an organization called The Society of Cruelty to Children.

Agnew was so impressed with the society's work he decided upon his return to England he would look into providing similar help for the often neglected and much abused poorer children back home. And so he established the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (SPCC).

Over time the organisation grew and Queen Victoria became the first Royal Patron when the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children - or NSPCC - as we know it today, was granted the Royal Charter in 1895.

The Prevention of Cruelty Act passed in 1904 gave the NSPCC the statutory right to intervene in child protection. Today the core values of the NSPCC are based on the United Nations Convention rights of all children. It is still the only UK charity

with legislative powers allowing it to apply for the care and the supervision of children considered at risk.

With the Christmas holiday season soon to be with us all next month, The NSPCC is hoping to raise much-needed awareness and financial help with a great fundraising opportunity.

For a very minimal donation you can choose to name and dedicate a special lighted star for someone you know on London's famous Oxford Street Christmas lights display.

This year the NSPCC fundraising campaign is called 'Little Stars' and is the perfect charitable gift to give to a child, friend, or to remember a loved one at this time. You can even share your lighted star on social media so everyone can see your lighted donation, sparkling in the honor of the person it is named after.

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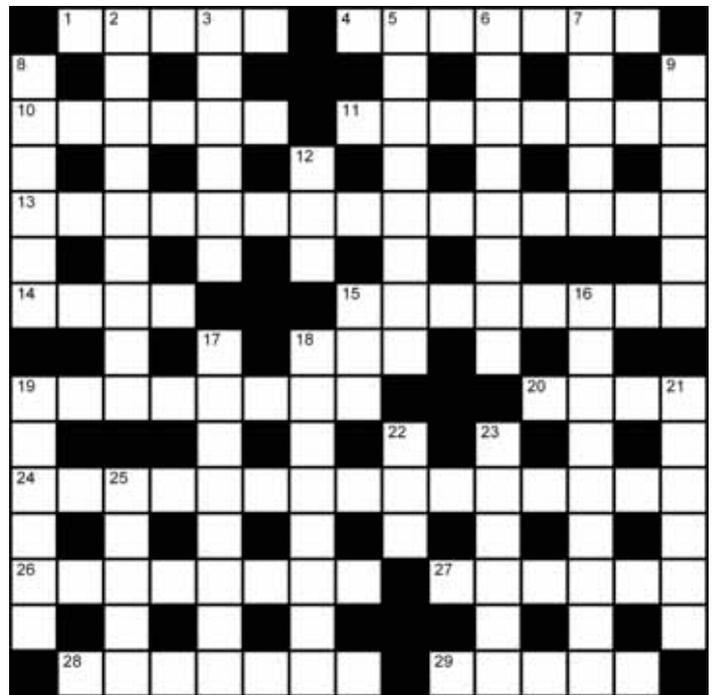
ACROSS

- Following a fret can be confusing... (5)
- Meaty type you don't want on the internet? (7)
- Any cop can make this covering... (6)
- Threshold for Mother Kelly? (8)
- Tie to allergenic oddities between universities. (15)
- Also left is the implement. (4)
- Awnings collapse around political leader, showing how wide the bird can go. (8)
- River could take school head for a con-trick. (3)
- Adonis? He could be sticking to it! (8)
- Fancy another bit of colour? (4)
- MP discovered at PanA air terminal. (15)

DOWN

- There's no thief to discover this comb type! (4-5)
- Send abroad, being formerly left at sea. (6)
- Announce - in a professional statement? (8)
- Got Marge to agree to help buy the house? (8)
- Text 'Rap artists' for a bit more... (5)
- Dodgy trips, about to include handwriting. (6)
- Can it help you have immunity from spite? (6)
- Burns, named initially as 5p. (3)
- Swanned off, looking a bit pale. (3)
- Any chips I could have, doctor? (9)
- Terribly partisan for a hopeful one! (8)
- OfCom men certainly show a start. (8)
- A clap changed with a special wool. (6)
- Intensify - no ifs or buts - to get to a great age. (6)
- Auctioneer is somewhat individual. (3)
- Wood that's perfect for a shoe? (6)
- Forerunner of the repeat... (5)

Send your entry to Crossword, Club Journal, 59/60 Thames St, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1TX
Deadline November 25



Name _____

Club _____

Address _____

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- Christine Deighton of Meadowfield & District WMC
- Peter J Freeman of Bilton WMC
- G. Swarbrick of Bedlington Social
- Mr Kevin Paul Crockwell of Bedworth Ex-Servicemens
- William McShane of Cheylesmore Social Club





Friday November 11, 7.45pm – ITV
World Cup Qualifier: England v Scotland
 After the brief regime of Sam Allardyce came to a sudden end, England continue their World Cup qualifying campaign with a tie against Scotland at Wembley. This is sure to be a full-blooded encounter given the rivalry between these two sides and the form book could mean nothing in such a passionate atmosphere.



Saturday November 19, 12.30pm – Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Manchester United v Arsenal
 Both sides have enjoyed some very bright performances this season but have failed to convince the doubters that they are genuine title contenders. A win here for either side would be a major confidence booster ahead of the second half of the season and a feather in the cap of the victorious manager.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Club Journal looks ahead to some of the key sporting fixtures taking place in November, including the **World Cup 2018 Qualifier between England and Scotland at Wembley** and the **Grand Slam of Darts**

Sunday November 6
 12noon
 BT Sport 1 HD
**Barclays Premier League:
 Arsenal v Tottenham
 Hotspur**

Sunday November 6
 2.15pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
**Barclays Premier League:
 Liverpool v Watford**

Sunday November 6
 4.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
**Barclays Premier League:
 Leicester City v West
 Bromwich Albion**

Friday November 11
 7.45pm
 ITV1
**World Cup 2018 Qualifier:
 England v Scotland**

Saturday November 12
 12.30pm
 Channel 4
**Channel 4 Racing:
 Cheltenham and
 Wetherby**

Saturday November 12
 2pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
**Rugby Union: England v
 South Africa**

Saturday November 12
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
**World Cup 2018 Qualifier:
 Wales v Serbia**

Sunday November 13
 4pm
 Sky Sports F1 HD
**Formula 1: Brazilian
 Grand Prix**

Tuesday November 15
 8pm
 ITV
**International Friendly:
 England v Spain**

Friday November 18
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
**Championship: Brighton &
 Hove Albion v Aston Villa**

Saturday November 19
 12.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD



**Borussia Mönchengladbach v
 Manchester City, Wednesday,
 November 23, 7.45pm, BT Sport**

**Barclays Premier League:
 Manchester United v
 Arsenal**

Saturday November 19
 5.30pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
**Barclays Premier League:
 Tottenham Hotspur v
 West Ham**

Saturday November 19
 5.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
**Championship:
 Ipswich Town v
 Nottingham Forest**

Saturday November 19
 8pm
 Sky Sports 2 HD
Darts: Grand Slam of Darts

Sunday November 20
 1.15pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
**Championship Football:
 Leeds United v Newcastle
 United**

Sunday November 20
 5pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
**Barclays Premier League:
 Middlesbrough v Chelsea**



Pictured: The Islip WMC team which won the South East Midlands Knockout Skittles Championship. Left to right, back row: M. Mayes, J. Webb, G. Voss, D. Walker, D. Grant, B. Mellows. Front Row: D. Mallett, T. Gunn (Captain), R. Mackness

CIU Sport/Games

South East Midlands Branch Knockout Championships

The South East Midlands Branch Knockout Championships 2016 were held on September 10.

The Skittles match between Kettering Midland Band "C" & Islip WMC was played at Rushden Town Band Club. The supervisor of the Skittles match was Branch Executive Member Trevor Parker of Rushden Town Band Club.

The Dominoes match between Little Harrowden WMC & Higham Ferrers WMC was played at Finedon Old Band Club and supervised by Branch Executive Member Wally Greenaway of Kempston Liberal Club.

The Cribbage match between Far Cotton WMC & Kingsley Park 'B' team was played at Rushden Athletic Club and was supervised by Branch Executive member Norman Trinder of Rushden Town Band Club.

The Darts match between Wingfield Club & Irthlingborough Town Band Club was played at Newport Pagnell WMC and was supervised by Branch Executive Member Steve McGrane of the same club.

The Pool match between Woodford WMC 'B' and Vocal & Instrumental Club was played at Islip Club and supervised by Gary Francis.

Skittles

Winner: Islip WMC. Runner-up: Kettering Midland Band 'C'

Dominoes

Winner: Higham Ferrers WMC. Runner-up: Little Harrowden WMC

Cribbage

Winner: Kingsley Park 'B'. Runner-up: Far Cotton WMC

Darts

Winner: Wingfield Club. Runner-up: Irthlingborough Town Band Club

Pool

Winner: Vocal & Instrumental Club. Runner-up: Woodford WMC 'B'

Sunday November 20
6pm
Sky Sports 3 HD
Tennis: Barclays ATP World Tour Finals

Monday November 21
8pm
Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: West Bromwich Albion v Burnley

Tuesday November 22
7pm
Sky Sports 2 HD
Greyhound Racing: Betfred Eclipse

Tuesday November 22
7.45pm
BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: Leicester City v Club Brugge

Wednesday November 23
7.45pm
BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: Borussia Monchengladbach v Manchester City

Saturday November 26
12.30pm
Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Burnley v Manchester City

Saturday November 26
2.30pm

Sky Sports 1 HD
Rugby Union: England v Argentina

Saturday November 26
5.30pm
BT Sport 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Chelsea v Tottenham Hotspur

Saturday November 26
5.30pm
BBC
Rugby Union: Wales v South Africa

Sunday November 27
12 midday
Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Watford v Stoke City

Sunday November 27
2pm
Sky Sports F1 HD
Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix

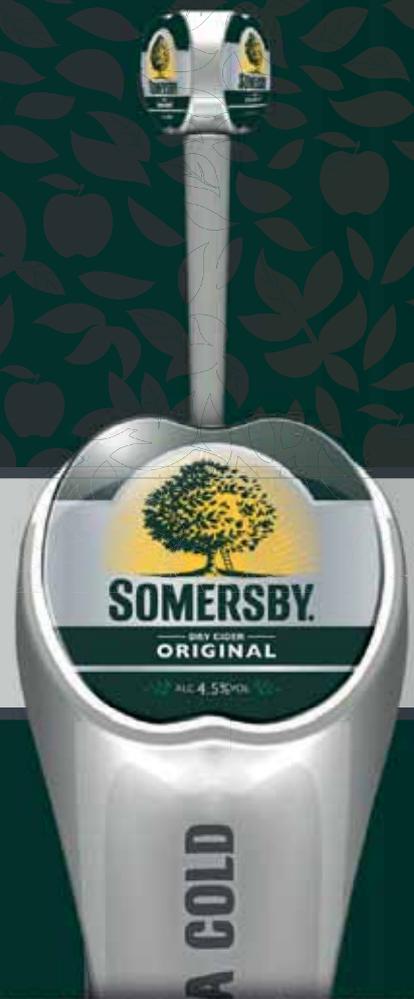
Sunday November 27
2.15pm
Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Arsenal v Bournemouth

Sunday November 27
4.30pm
Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Southampton v Everton



Pictured: The Winners Cup is presented by Supervisor Trevor Parker to Team Captain T. Gunn and D. Walker

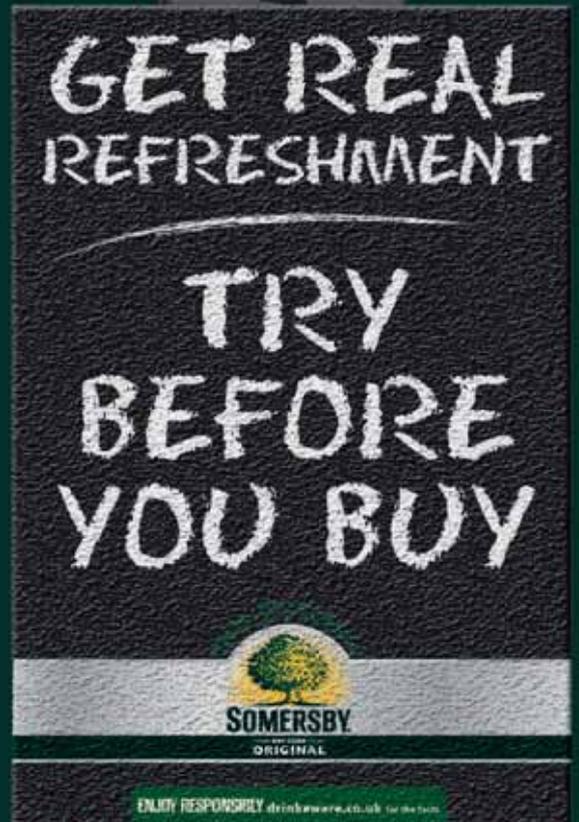
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