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The magazine for all CIU members

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Union President George Dawson and Linda Riordan MP get to grips with two key Heineken brands at a trade event in Halifax last year

Heineken UK appointed as Preferred Supplier to CIU

Heineken UK has extended its relationship with the CIU after being reappointed as joint Preferred Supplier of beers and ciders to the Union.

This new agreement with Heineken UK will run alongside the recently announced deal between the CIU and Carlsberg UK.

Union President George Dawson welcomed the new agreement: "We are delighted to have extended our relationship with Heineken UK as joint Preferred Supplier of beers and ciders to the Union and look forward to working with them to both parties' mutual business benefit," he said.

Andrew Turner, On-Trade Category & Trade Marketing Director at Heineken, said:

"We are proud to be putting John Smith's back at the heart of clubland and once again working with the CIU."

Union General Secretary Ken Green added: "The CIU and Heineken have built

up a long-standing relationship over a number of years and a great number of our clubs have benefited and will continue to benefit from the impressive business support offered to them by Heineken representatives, as well as from the company's knowledge of the club sector."

Heineken UK supplies some of the country's most high-profile drinks brands including John Smith's, Foster's, Kronenbourg 1664, Bulmers and Strongbow.

Many clubs have recently installed Heineken's new SmartDispense system which aims to save energy and reduce wastage while improving quality, margins and sales.

Heineken UK will be exhibiting the SmartDispense system as well as showcasing their range of brands at the 24th Beer & Trades Exhibition in Blackpool on Friday April 10 alongside many of the Union's other Preferred Suppliers.

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CIU Racing Club fixtures released

The initial list of CIU Racing Club fixtures for 2015 have been released with CIU member discounts available for raceday tickets at many of the country's leading racecourses including Doncaster, Kempton Park, Newcastle, Sandown Park and Thirsk.

The fixture list will be added to as the year progresses with special one-off offers also being made available at selected meetings.

• For more information see page 23

EDITOR'S LETTER

Welcome to the March edition of the *Club Journal* as we move headlong towards the highlight of the CIU year – our Conference in Blackpool on April 11.

As you will already know we have a new venue for 2015 – the Norbreck Castle Hotel – and there has been plenty of work going on behind the scenes during the past few months to ensure that the Annual Meeting provides even more stimulus than usual for the attending delegates, with extra activities and an expanded Beer & Trades Exhibition taking place on the eve of Conference – April 10 – at the same venue.

The Exhibition is certainly shaping up to be a rewarding experience for attendees, giving them an invaluable opportunity to meet up with the CIU's National Accounts and club suppliers – including Aon, BOC, Carlsberg UK, Co-op Bank, Dransfields, Heineken, Smart Energy and Sky – and discover how they can help improve the bottom line for clubs.

Then there is the Dransfields CIU National Quiz with the Final taking place in

Blackpool on April 11 following the conclusion of the Conference.

In a change to the previous format which we believe will add to the prestige of the event, all participating clubs will be fast-tracked into the final which will see some of the UK's top club quiz brains competing under one roof.

In a related change, entry to the event is now free to all so any cheques received for entry to the quiz have now been destroyed.

The Conference theme continues in the latest 'View from HQ' column in which Geoff Blakely, NEC Member for Manchester, looks ahead to the 2015 Annual Meeting in Blackpool in April as well as reflecting on his 30-plus years of attending the CIU Conference – see page 15.

Our latest 'Club of the Month' feature comes from the West Midlands as we hear from Weoley Castle WMC, another thriving Union club which is firmly at the heart of its local community and, as you will see in the article, has the growing membership figures to prove it.



This month's edition also brings you details of the discounts you can enjoy via the CIU Racing Club with special offers available from many of the UK's leading racecourses, including Doncaster, Kempton Park, Newcastle and Thirsk. See page 23 for the current list of discounted fixtures – more discounts will be in next month's issue.

I hope you enjoy this edition.

Stephen Goulding, Editor

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DOUBLE HONOURS AT BEDLINGTON SC



Thomas Logan of Bedlington Social Club receives his Certificate of Merit. Pictured, back row, left to right: Club Secretary Jimmy Bradley; Bill Stoker, No.4 Division Executive; Ken James, No.6 Divisional Executive. Pictured, front row, left to right: Rob Yeats, No.5 Division Executive; Dave Richardson, Branch Secretary; Sid Hicks, NEC Member; Thomas Logan, Club Chairman; Alan Hardy, Branch President; and Club Treasurer Graham Swarbrick.



Ian Wardle receives his Certificate of Merit at Bedlington Social Club. Pictured, left to right: Club Secretary Jimmy Bradley; Billy Stoker, No.4 Division Executive member; Ian Wardle Committee Member; and Northumberland Branch Secretary Dave Richardson.

... and another welcome double!



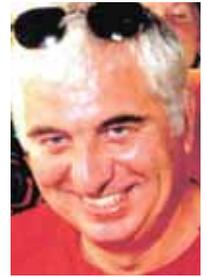
Congratulations to West Midlands Branch President Des Flood (pictured left) who recently became a grandad for the first time – to identical twin girls.

The winner of last month's competition was Mike Falla of Darlington Central WMC who correctly answered that Harry Redknapp played for West Ham between 1965 and 1972. He receives a signed copy of Redknapp's book 'A Man Walks onto a Pitch'.

OBITUARIES

David Gill

We the members and committee of Byers Green Club are very saddened to announce the sudden death of Davy 'Gunner' Gill on New Year's Eve 2014, aged just 63. Davy was a member of our club for over 40 years. He was a long time committee member. He was Concert Chairman for a number of years and lately was Club Chairman. His total involvement in the club was legendary. He was a one-man band who played many musical instruments and his tastes covered the whole spectrum of music. A very much respected and admired man, he is already sadly missed by all who knew him.



Jim Turkington

Eltham Hill Working Mens Club deeply regret to inform you of the passing of Jim due to cancer. He worked continuously for all charities in the Borough, raising thousands of pounds. In October the Council presented him with the Freedom of the Royal Borough of Greenwich. Jim is greatly missed by the committee and members of the club, as is his playing of the bagpipes. We pass on our condolences to his wife Cathy and all the family.



Richard Knox

Richard Knox died suddenly on November 9, 2014. Richard served on the Northumberland Executive from 1987 until 2003 and was a NEC member for a number of years. He was also a scrutineer for the Northumberland Branch. He will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and club members.



TRADE NEWS**Elland 1872 Porter named 'Champion Winter Beer'**

Elland 1872 Porter has been crowned as the Supreme Champion Winter Beer of Britain 2015 by a panel of judges at the National Winter Ales Festival in Derby, run by the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

The winning 6.5 per cent ABV beer is described in CAMRA's 2015 Good Beer Guide as a "creamy, full-flavoured porter with rich liquorice flavours and a hint of chocolate from the roasted malt. A soft but satisfying after taste of bittersweet roast and malt".

Carlsberg UK extends cask ale offering via Tapsters range

Carlsberg UK – joint Preferred Supplier of beers and ciders to the Union – has increased the number of cask ales available through its Tapsters Range.

New beers for 2015 include ales from the Derby Brewing Company, the Felinfoel Brewery, the Gower Brewery, the Jarrow Brewing Company and the Thornbridge Brewery.

More than 150 ales are available in the range with 55 permanent and a monthly rotation of around 100 more. Breweries that feature include Adnams, Camerons, Fuller's, Greene King, Hook Norton, Marston's, Robinsons, St Austell and Thwaites.

Magners launches new spirit cider with added whiskey

Irish cider maker Magners has combined its premium apple cider with Irish whiskey in a new spirit cider product.

The new 5.5 per cent ABV drink contains 25ml of real Irish whiskey in each 500ml bottle.

Ed Shoebridge, head of customer marketing at brand owner C&C Group, said: "Magners has been at the forefront of cider innovations and we are introducing another game changer, Magners with Irish Whiskey."

GEOFF WHEWELL RETIRES AS WEST MIDS BRANCH SECRETARY

West Midlands Branch President Des Flood presents Geoff and Doreen Whewell with a thank you gift from the West Midlands Branch Executive as appreciation of the support which Geoff has given to the clubs in the West Midlands region throughout his 16 years service as Branch Secretary.

Honours for West Denton SC pair

At a presentation on January 29, West Denton Social Club Treasurer Peter Busseo received his Certificate of Merit while Club Chairman James Orange received his Long Service Award. Pictured, back row, left to right: Ken James, No.6 Division Executive Member; Club Secretary Gary Chisolm; Nora Tinnion, No.10 Division Executive Member; Sid Hicks, NEC Member. Front row, left to right: Dave Richardson, Northumberland Branch Secretary; Peter Busseo, Club Treasurer; James Orange, Club Chairman; and Alan Hardy, Northumberland Branch President.

Sunniside Social Club celebrates its centenary

Sunniside Social Club on Tyneside is celebrating its centenary year having been formed in a country cottage back in 1915.

The original building which housed the club, Rose Cottage, was demolished in the 1950s and replaced with a larger premises which were updated and expanded in the 1980s to become the thriving club that exists today.

Local MP Dave Anderson is a life member of the club and paid warm tribute to Sunniside to mark this major milestone.

“The centenary of an institution as vital to the community as Sunniside Club is a celebration well worth commemorating,” he said.

“A place that has brought happiness in times of joy, a refuge in times of sorrow, or just a place to have a jar with your marras is indeed something to raise a glass to.”



Members of Sunniside Social Club raise their glasses to celebrate the club's centenary.

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Which former Premier League star and all-time leading Arsenal goalscorer has recently joined Sky Sports as a pundit?

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justin@clubjournal.co.uk with the subject line ‘Sky Sports competition.’



CLUB NOTICES

Expulsion

Mr Martin Pescod, Mill Hill Services Club, London

Suspension

Mr Glyn Mortimer, Ipswich Labour Club & Institute (12 months suspension)

CLUBS CEASING MEMBERSHIP

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Gosforth Combined Ex-Servicemen's Club (Northumberland)

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Leith Dockers Club (Northumberland)
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Colin Curtis, Islip WMC, South East Midlands

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George Liddle, Wallsend Coronation Club, Northumberland

TRADITIONAL CLUB OF THE YEAR 2015

Does your club have what it takes to follow in the footsteps of Main Line Social Club in Leeds and be crowned 'Traditional Club of the Year' at this year's Club Awards in Manchester?

The CIU is a proud supporter of the 'Traditional Club of the Year' category at the Club Awards which recognise the commitment of clubs, committees and individuals who work to ensure a healthy future for their clubs.

IT COULD BE YOU

Do you think you could be a finalist? Do you have what it takes to beat the best and stand out from the rest?

Does your club have/do THREE OR MORE of the following?

- A turnover of £100,000 or more?
- Provide regular entertainment?
- Provide a good range of beers and spirits?
- Have a popular food menu?
- Have a thriving junior section?
- Encourage new members?
- Keep up-to-date with the latest drinks on the market?
- Have a sports team(s)?
- Play an important role at the heart of the community?

If you agreed with three or more of these statements then you could be a finalist and the Awards team wants to hear from you. Simply fill in the form below and the judges will be in touch!



Main Line Social Club, Leeds was the winner of the 'Traditional Club of the Year' category in 2014 and were presented with their trophy by CIU President George Dawson.

WHY ENTER?

Clubs who make it through to the finals use their success to:

- Raise the club's profile
- Gain coverage in the local press and media
- Encourage new members
- Thank members for their support
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- Award for category winners
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THE CLUB AWARDS

THREE QUESTIONS AND YOU COULD BE ON YOUR WAY TO THE CLUB AWARDS 2015

1. Number of members: _____

2. Year founded: _____

3. Club Turnover (if known / approximate): _____

WHICH CATEGORIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR?

(Please tick as many/few boxes as you wish).

- Bar Manager/Bar Steward of the Year
- Best Business Initiative of the Year
- Best Turnaround Club of the Year
- CAMRA Real Ale Club of the Year*
- Catering Club of the Year

- Charity Club of the Year
- Committee of the Year
- Community Club of the Year
- Darts Club of the Year
- Entertainment Club of the Year
- Green Club of the Year
- Manager/Secretary of the Year
- Marketing Club of the Year
- Membership Club of the Year
- Most Innovative Club of the Year
- Poker Club of the Year
- Refurbishment Club of the Year
- TRADITIONAL CLUB OF THE YEAR**
- Website of the Year
- King of Clubs

*Different deadlines apply



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West Midlands Branch President Des Flood (centre) with Weoley Castle WMC Vice-President David Jones (left) and Club Secretary Tony Bartram (right)



WEOLEY CASTLE WMC IS KING

Formed in 1952, Weoley Castle WMC has been an integral part of the local community ever since and boasts a flourishing membership attracted to its top-class facilities and friendly atmosphere

Weoley Castle Working Mens Club in Birmingham has come a long way since it was formed in 1952 in a prefabricated clubhouse with just 100 members. Scroll forward some 60 years and the current crop of 1,700 members (and growing) enjoys some of the finest facilities in the region.

The club – which joined the CIU in 1954 – quickly became an integral part of the local community and members began to flock through its doors to play snooker, darts and dominoes, while a football team was established at the club in 1956. The club grew from strength to strength resulting in major investment in the building with a new concert room being built in 1960, followed in 1965 by a Bowling Green and Pavilion.

Club Secretary Tony Bartram is quick to pay tribute to the tremendous spirit that has been a hallmark of Weoley Castle since the beginning. “The success of our club is down to the loyalty of our members,” he says.

“Membership has been passed from generation to generation from 1952 to the current date and we are very proud of our achievement in terms of membership numbers which are constantly going up.”

And no wonder given the range of activities and top-class facilities that the club offers. Particularly impressive is the Snooker Room with six full-size tables. This is adjacent to a Games Room equipped with flat screen TVs where members can enjoy live Sky Sports as they have a drink.

But the ‘hub’ of the club according to Tony is the Members’ Lounge. “This is where our members can relax, chat and socialise in pleasant surroundings. Customers are mainly known on first-name terms, as all regulars are. Real community spirit exists in this room as it is the hub of the club. And of course to complement these surroundings there is a very well-stocked bar managed by our dedicated bar manager and friendly bar staff.”

Our other facilities include a large concert room with capacity for 250 guests, large dance floor, stage, and balcony area, and separate bar area – all with full disabled access. There are a further two smaller rooms available for hire, decorated to a high standard with fully stocked bars.

The club’s determination to attract the next generation of member is reflected in the holding of regular ‘family discos’ in the

concert room. “It’s important to engage with all ages and give them a chance to have a family night out,” says Tony. “We also hold regular Bank Holiday showcases, family Bank Holiday fun days, BBQs and charity events that really help to bring people into the club to see what we have to offer.

“Our charity events are incredibly well supported as members of the club are very passionate, loyal, and incredibly generous. Their generosity resulted in us recently raising over £3,000 for Fisher House, a charity which provides accommodation and support for military families and their loved ones while they recover from major surgery. This event was such an incredible success that we are in the process of arranging another event for later this year.”

Weoley Castle WMC looks to be in fine fettle but the club’s committee is continually looking at ways to improve even further.

“We believe that meeting customer expectations is important and therefore actively engage with them to obtain feedback to see where improvements can be made and implemented,” says Tony. “This is something our committee discuss and work towards to ensure our members are happy.”

DRANSFIELDS CIU NATIONAL QUIZ 2015

Following discussions, it was felt that as Conference and the associated trade show are the highlight of the CIU year, we should all put even more effort into making the Blackpool event action-packed. As a result, we are delighted to announce that the CIU's Dransfields Quiz final will be held on the afternoon of the Conference – April 11.

This means that all clubs will be fast-tracked straight to the final (i.e.: no regional heats needed). It's a great way to get many clubs all under one roof at the same time for a thoroughly enjoyable – and hard-fought! – quiz event.



TIME: 1PM
DATE: APRIL 11
VENUE: NORBRECK CASTLE HOTEL

We want to make entry free to all now, so any cheques received for entry to the quiz have been destroyed and all club teams already entered have earned their place at the finals.

Want to join in? Will your club be sending a team to the exciting finals on April 11th?

Just call the *Club Journal* team on 01753 272022 to register for this FREE, fun event.

We very much look forward to seeing you there!



THE 24TH BEER & TRADES EXHIBITION

24th Beer & Trades Exhibition

When? April 10, 2015

Timings? 1-5pm

Where? Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool

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ANY QUESTIONS?



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Q In his answer about the casting vote in the last issue, Nick Walton did not take into account that there were abstentions in the vote. Say at a vote on a disciplinary sentence there is a vote of 4 for and 4 against with 4 abstentions. The result of the vote is 4 for and 8 against as all abstentions are counted as against. In other words there is no tie. If the results are taken as advised in the *Journal* any ensuing arbitration would automatically go against the club. Would you be able to clarify the position?

Nick Walton, LL.M., Senior Solicitor at law firm Poppleston Allen, responds:

I am asked to clarify the position with respect to abstentions when committees vote on motions/proposals. There is a suggestion that an abstention is effectively a negative vote and should be counted as such in the event of a tie.

Leo Gross in his Essay on International Law and Organisation argues that an abstention is not to be regarded as a negative vote and consequently should not be considered to be incompatible with the principle of unanimity.

The reasoning is based upon the theory that members have the opportunity to vote in the negative but choose not to do so. In choosing to refrain from exercising the right to vote in the negative the member should not be obliged to have their abstention counted as a negative vote in any circumstances to suit the prevailing situation.

Where, for example, agreement of all the members represented at the meeting is a requirement, abstention should not be regarded as a negative vote and is therefore not incompatible with the principle of unanimity. This should be the case and abstentions should be disregarded unless expressly provided for within the rules of the club.

The platform for decision making within the club should be a democratic one. If members exercise their right to refrain from voting either for the motion or against it, the proposition that an abstention will be counted as negative vote in the event of a tie where abstentions equal negative votes is surely undemocratic and against the wishes of those who plainly abstained because they did not wish to vote either for or against the motion/proposal.

In matters of arbitration the automatic presumption that an abstention is equal to, or should be reclassified as, a negative vote should in my opinion go against the club as a presumption not supported by the [rule] which allows for an abstention to a motion/proposal. I can find no support for the reclassification of an abstention to a negative vote even in the event of a tie, particularly in matters of disciplinary procedures but in general where democratic decisions are the cornerstone of the operation of private members clubs.

Q We're looking at increasing the food that we offer at the club so just thought we'd write in for some general advice on where to start. It's basic bar snacks at the moment.

Booker Wholesale offers the following advice:

There are a number of factors and questions which will help you decide the type of food that best suits your club.

These include the following:

- How big is your kitchen?
- What equipment do you have?
- What storage do you have?
- Is take-away an option?
- Do you have any kitchen staff?
- What would your members like? This is the most important factor – find out from them what choices would they like to see, what do they consider acceptable prices, what serving

times would best suit them?

- Keep the menu simple to start, 4-6 starters, 8-10 main courses and 4-6 desserts (which can, of course, be bought as finished products).
- Ensure the menu contains healthy and vegetarian options.
- You will also need a mixture of red meat, white meat and fish.
- Keep your menu descriptions simple, but make the dishes sound as mouth watering as possible, with words such as prime, succulent, tender and fresh.
- Think of your 'margin mix'. There are some dishes that will make you a high percentage gross margin (such as soup), and others (such as a baked camembert) where that gross margin will be lower, but the cash margins higher.

So what else should you be doing in 2015?

• Meal Deals

Meal deals can be a great value offering for members, such as 'buy a main course, get a discounted side order or dessert'.

Also two meals for a set price works well. Use offers to bring members in on quiet nights; offer your meal deals on a Monday to Thursday.

• Theme Nights

Use special events such as this month's St Patrick's Day to drive interest and create a fantastic atmosphere. You can also hold your own events around local events or those that are important to your members and guests. Fundraising events are perennially popular in clubs.

• Maximise Your Offer

Members are increasingly time precious, so offer a meal deal to take away. And if you do lunches, have a look at local businesses close by. Either get them to join and come in for lunch, or offer a delivery service if possible.



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NEWS IN BRIEF



Annual Report 2014

The Annual Report 2014 was sent to all Union clubs on February 9. The Report includes everything a club member needs to know about the Union including information on legislation affecting clubs, the Union’s Long Service Awards and its numerous sports competitions.

Latest APPG Meeting held at House of Commons

The most recent All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Members’ Clubs took place on December 2, 2014 at the House of Commons with several CIU personnel in attendance including George Dawson (President), John Tobin (Vice-President), Ken Green (General Secretary), John Baker (NEC Member), Geoff Whewell (NEC Member), Stephen Goulding (Office Manager) and Norman Pritchard-Woollett (Administrative Consultant, CIU).

Also present were David Crausby MP, David Watts MP and David Ward MP, together with representatives of the Association of Conservative Clubs (ACC), the Royal Air Force Association (RAFA) and the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation (CISWO).

Among the topics discussed in the forum were the impact of the new licensing regulations, the impact of the EU Food Regulations and Lord Naseby’s Mutual’s Redeemable and Deferred Shares Bill and the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

UNION PRESIDENT URGES CLUBS TO SCRUTINISE PRS FEE STRUCTURE

Union President George Dawson CMD has urged clubs to ensure that they are paying the correct charges to the Performing Right Society (PRS) which collects and distributes licence fees for the use of music on behalf of songwriters, composers and performers.

The PRS licence covers music played through radios, CDs, streaming on the internet, music on TVs and also live music performances.

Mr Dawson said: “Clubs should always keep a detailed record of previous licence charges made to PRS as the tariff for non-profit making members’ clubs can be very complicated.

“It is well worth scrutinising the tariff to ensure your club is not paying over the odds for music and checking for exemptions.

“If you receive a phone call from the PRS requesting a payment and want to make sure that you’re being charged the correct amount, I would advise you to ask them for a hard copy of the charges to be sent to you by post so that you can examine them in detail and seek advice if required.”

He added: “There is a myriad of factors



which determine how much clubs pay – indeed, there are eight pages of notes covering the various scenarios in the members’ club tariff supplied by PRS – and it is advisable for club officials to arm themselves with as much knowledge of the system and scenarios as possible when working out the fee.”

For full details of the tariff for members’ clubs, visit the Union website at:

www.wmciu.org.uk

Club Law & Club Finance Weekend taking place March 19-22

Apply now for the Union’s Club Law & Club Finance Weekend, which will be held at the Royal Court Hotel, Coventry later this month and costs £75

The deadline (March 9) to apply for the Union’s Club Law & Club Finance Weekend is quickly approaching so members need to act now if they want to take part in what is sure to be a highly informative and useful experience for those running clubs.

Taking place at the Royal Court Hotel in Coventry from Thursday March 19 to Sunday March 22, the course will be excellent preparation for those who are taking the CMD Exams in May.

A charge of £75 (VAT inclusive) will be made for the course but applicants will need to meet the costs of travel to the venue.

The course cost covers full board, lectures on Club Law and Club Finance and includes students folder, pad and literature.

Applicants must be a financial member of their club and hold the Union Associate and Pass Cards.



An application form can be obtained from your Club Secretary or downloaded from www.wmciu.org.uk

For further information on the course, contact Cath Fitzpatrick in the Leisure Department at Head Office – Tel: (020) 7226 0221; Fax: (020) 7354 1847; email: cfitzpatrick@wmciu.org

Remember, the closing date for applications is **MONDAY MARCH 9**.

THE VIEW FROM HQ

Geoff Blakely CMD, NEC Member for Manchester, looks ahead to the Union's Annual Meeting and Beer & Trades Exhibition at the Norbreck Castle Hotel & Conference Centre in Blackpool

I'm really looking forward to next month's Annual Meeting in Blackpool – and not just because it's taking place within my home branch territory!

This year, we are moving over to a fantastic new venue and having visited the Norbreck Castle Hotel & Conference Centre in order to prepare the initial report for the NEC on its potential as a venue for our Conference, I think that the delegates who attend this year – even those who have fond memories of our time at the Winter Gardens – will be highly impressed by what it has to offer.

The actual Conference space is far better suited to the event than the previous venue, with its own entrance and a massive car park on site.

Public transport-wise, the trams and buses run right in front of the hotel so it will be far easier for delegates to get to and from the Conference and, of course, there's full disabled access throughout the venue.

Immediately following the Conference, there will be a 'breakout' area with a subsidised bar so that the delegates can have a chat and catch up with old friends and meet some new ones.

I have been attending Conference for 30 years now and I'm sure that the 2015 edition will feature the usual high level of debate that we've come to expect.

There are always some superbly eloquent speakers from the floor – club people talking about their clubs from an extremely knowledgeable standpoint – which always demonstrates just how much passion the debates can generate.

Delegates come along from the length and



breadth of the country prepared to stand up and let the NEC know exactly what they feel about certain issues, which is how it should be.

We've already sent out the preliminary Conference Agenda and as we get nearer to Conference, clubs will add items they want to put up for rigorous and open debate.

When it comes to the Constitution, the NEC can't change anything – only our members can vote for change – and this is what makes us a unique organisation. The NEC is there to be told what to do by our members which is why we encourage as many clubs as possible to send delegates each year so they can have their say in the future of the Union.

And, of course, the Conference is preceded the day before by the Beer & Trades Exhibition and again, the Norbreck Castle Hotel is really well suited to what looks to be a very exciting and informative event with some really interesting exhibitors in place – including Sky, Carlsberg and Heineken – as well as the chance to take part in several activities.

It will be a great forum for clubs to meet directly with suppliers, ask them questions, as well as network with people from clubs that range from right across the country.

So, all that remains is for me to say that I hope to see you in Blackpool next month!

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Our customers identified a number of new ethical concerns. We have therefore strengthened the Policy and will no longer finance companies involved in irresponsible gambling and pay day loans and, we will not finance organisations which do not responsibly pay tax in the UK.

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An independently audited, Values and Ethics Report will be published annually to demonstrate progress.

CORCA meeting set for March

The next Committee of Registered Clubs Associations (CORCA) meeting will take place on Tuesday March 31 in London.

Attending on behalf of the CIU will be: George Dawson (President), John Tobin (Vice-President), Ken Green (General Secretary), Stephen Foster (NEC Member), Dave Gravel (NEC Member), Stephen Goulding (Office

Manager and CORCA Secretary) and Norman Pritchard-Woollett (Administrative Consultant, CIU).

CORCA comprises of 11 private member club governing organisations, including the CIU, the Association of Conservative Clubs, the National Union of Labour & Socialist Clubs and the Royal British Legion Clubs.

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John Murrie, Secretary of Greasborough WMC in Rotherham contacted Smart Energy from our editorial within the *Club Journal* back in October last year as both he and the Committee realised that there were smarter ways to cool their beer and reduce the club's high electric spend of £1,000 per month.

John stated: "After having read that so many local surrounding clubs in the area are no longer having to cool their beer for five months of the year we were very intrigued to find out more as we have two old cellar coolers which are costly to run and they are on

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John Hardwick, Secretary of Hoyland Nether Club in Barnsley also contacted Smart Energy from reading up on the work we had done in helping other clubs dramatically reduce their heating bills. As is the case with many clubs, John and his committee had a big problem trying to heat their Concert Room whilst using their old gas boiler. Members were complaining it wasn't warm enough and sat in their coats. As the Concert Room was used four times a week Hoyland Nether had to put their boiler on four hours before their entertainment was due to start each time to try and get the room warm. They were just wasting thousands on gas when still the room struggled to reach optimum temperature for comfort.

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MEMBERS' CORNER

Informative articles which affect our life

by Dione Mobley

With access to all the latest technology now becoming so much a part of our daily life. It is really not so surprising thieves have invented many elaborate ways to exploit the Internet and to find various routes into our hearts and into our homes.

Recently a scam was aired on the TV programme *Crimewatch* and it was a disturbing crime which exposed several prolific scammers responsible for defrauding at least 19 British women out of hundreds of thousands of pounds through various very sophisticated and elaborate romance web sites, set up purely intended to defraud.

Operating from a base in Ghana, Maurice Asola-Fadola used stolen identity and pictures of American Military personal. He fraudulently stole and used this information to attract, stalk and then to groom his innocent victims. Convincing them to believe he was the person shown on his online profile.

After months of the grooming process the fraudster then tricked his victims into transferring funds saying he needed money for urgent medical treatment. Some online

scammers have even asked for money to buy their way out of the army.

It was estimated this evil thief conned more than £800,000.00 from his British victims, with one losing more than a quarter of million pounds from her life savings leaving her homeless.

The sad reality is many victims especially woman are left feeling very ashamed, helpless and humiliated for believing and trusting the scammer. The victims will not always immediately report these crimes to the police and this can make it harder for the fraud squad to shut them down.

The people who are behind these crimes usually belong to highly organised gangs and they pray on vulnerable people's emotions. Research indicates there may be as many as 200,000 victims of "Romance Fraud" every year in the UK and it can target men as well as woman and young people.

When using the internet and chatting to strangers, remember do not share personal information. If you are asked for money even the smallest amount, this should raise the alarm. Very often a criminal will only ask for a small cash advance to test the vulnerability of their potential victim, before they request a larger amount.

Mr.Fadola was eventually caught and prosecuted. But there are still many more criminals disguising their true identity on-line.

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 Closing date for applications 22.03.15.
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Every month we give five £10 prizes to a lucky five correct entrants.

ACROSS

- 1 Gas reading all wrong - make it bigger. (10)
- 7 Beat it either way! (3)
- 10 Call a man about a little woolly camel... (5)
- 11 Rather ropey pulls? (4-2-3) (5-4)
- 12 Landing that scores (on pitch). (5-4)
- 13 Frequently said about 'X'. (5)
- 14 Forecast a mental attitude. (7)
- 16 Little picture reveals a long story. (4)
- 19 Can be worshipped, but said to be lazy. (4)
- 21 Bitty action? I'm 'it' see! (Mad.) (7)
- 24 Point out the spike. (5)
- 25 Big turtle ends up as rubbish

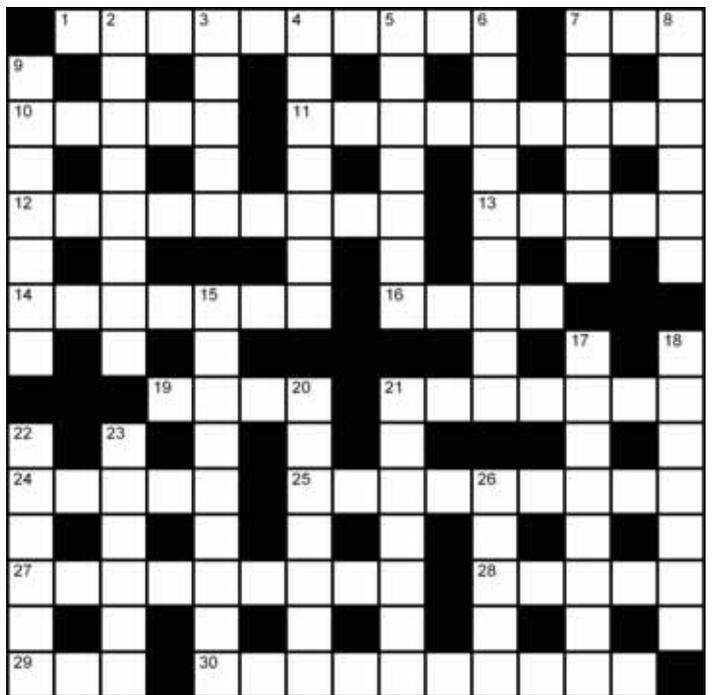
- dumper. (6-3)
- 27 Piece of wood to get you playing on pitch? (6-3)
- 28 Use clutter to hide brilliance. (5)
- 29 No way is it said to be a hoarse voice..... (3)
- 30 Prudent Doc. diagnosed as final result. (3-7)

DOWN

- 2 Calibrate the student? (8)
- 3 Encroached a bit on fish. (5)
- 4 Mesh tower collapsed after Northern weekend finally. (7)
- 5 Unusually genuine, she's innocent. (7)
- 6 Strange noise to come around and save money! (9)
- 7 Tips we took to be little gulls. (6)
- 8 Subversively entrap father, say. (6)

- 9 Military unit dumped onto lap. (7)
- 15 Decree founded on a cinder circuit. (9)
- 17 Boil acid till it becomes devilish... (8)
- 18 Western number becomes very ponderous. (7)
- 20 Idly lap around the floating leaf. (4,3)
- 21 Greet, in a dubious way, whole number. (7)
- 22 Just the job - but bad for teenage face! (4-2)
- 23 Lastingly, all out! (That's mean.) (6)
- 26 Ameliorate a virtual repair? (5)

Send your entry to Crossword, Club Journal, 59/60 Thames St, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1TX. Deadline March 23



Name _____
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 Address _____

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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- Mr Burnside of Tudhoe Victory Club
- Mr Marlow of Newfoundpool WMC
- Mr McQuirk of Kirkby Stephen Sports & Social
- S Burns of Harworth Comrades WMC





Sunday March 22, 1.30pm – Sky Sports 1 HD
Football: Liverpool v Manchester United

A historic rivalry that may have lost some of its lustre in recent seasons but will still attract a massive amount of interest given the number of talented players involved in this fixture. Liverpool will be hoping the Anfield factor works in their favour.



Friday March 27, 7.45pm – ITV1
Football: England v Lithuania

Roy Hodgson's men resume their Euro 2016 campaign as they take on Lithuania at Wembley. Given that their opponents are rated 91st in the FIFA World Rankings, England – ranked at 13 – will be looking for a comfortable win in front of their home crowd.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Club Journal looks ahead to some of the top sporting events in March, including England's Euro 2016 Qualifier against Lithuania and the finale of rugby's Six Nations Championship

Wednesday March 4

7.45pm

BT Sport 1 HD

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

Sunday March 15

1.30pm

Sky Sports 1 HD

**Barclays Premier League:
Chelsea v Southampton**

Saturday March 21

12.45pm

BT Sport 1 HD

**Barclays Premier League:
Manchester City v West
Bromwich Albion**

Friday March 27

7.45pm

ITV

**International Football: Euro
2016 Qualifier - England v
Lithuania**

Friday March 13

8pm

Sky Sports 1 HD

**Super League: Warrington
Wolves v Leeds Rhinos**

Sunday March 15

4pm

Sky Sports 1 HD

**Barclays Premier League:
Manchester United v
Tottenham Hotspur**

Saturday March 21

5pm

BBC1

**Six Nations Rugby: England
v France**

Saturday March 28

5pm

Sky Sports 1 HD

**Super League: Catalan
Dragons v Leeds Rhino**

Saturday March 14

5pm

BBC1

**Six Nations Rugby:
England
v Scotland**

Monday March 16

8pm

Sky Sports 1 HD

**Barclays Premier League:
Swansea City v
Liverpool**

Sunday March 22

1.30pm

Sky Sports 1 HD

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

Tuesday March 31

7.45pm

ITV

**International Football
Friendly: Italy v
England**

CIU Snooker

The semi-finals of the CIU National Team Snooker Championship, supported by John Smith's, will be played on Saturday March 21 at 1pm at the Mansfield Woodhouse Ex-Servicemen's Club, Nottinghamshire.

This match between Kenilworth Sports Club (Warwickshire Branch) and The Poplar Social Club (Manchester) will be played best of seven frames.

CIU Racing Club

THE CIU Racing Club uses the bulk buying power of our 2,000 clubs to obtain special discounts from many of the top racecourses in the UK, including Doncaster, Kempton Park, Newcastle, Sandown Park and Thirsk.

To the right is the current list of discounted fixtures available to CIU members throughout 2015, although more may become available in the future. To make a booking for the race meetings of your choice, simply send your ticket request – along with a cheque made out to the appropriate racecourse – to *Club Journal*, ACP, 59/60 Thames Street, Windsor, SL4 1TX.

To obtain the discount we will send your booking to the racecourse together as one block booking and they will then post the tickets on the Monday of the week leading up to the meeting.

For more information on the CIU Racing Club, contact Sean Ferris on 01753 272 022 or email: sean@clubjournal.co.uk



CIU Dominoes

The Dominoes 5s and 3s semi-final and final were held on February 7 at the Latimer Ward Conservative Club between S Smith and C Stainsby (Darlington Club); G Selby and T Medhurst (Christchurch NADS Club); D Berryman and M Hallett (Hayes WM Club); and C Edwards and A Porter Smallthorne Victory Club

The final was between S Smith and C Stainsby and C Edwards and A Porter.

S Smith and C Stainsby of beat C Edwards and A Porter 3-2.

RACE DISCOUNTS

NEWCASTLE	Tuesday 4 March	£12 including free drink
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NEWCASTLE	Saturday 14 March	£12 including free drink
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NEWCASTLE	Friday 27 March	£12 including free drink
DONCASTER	Saturday 28 March	£25*
KEMPTON PARK	Saturday 4 April	£10
NEWCASTLE	Saturday 11 April	£12 including free drink
THIRSK	Saturday 18 April	£11
SANDOWN PARK	Friday 24 April	1/3 off to CIU members
NEWCASTLE	Tuesday 28 April	£12 including free drink
KEMPTON PARK	Saturday 4 May	£10
THIRSK	Saturday 9 May	£11
NEWCASTLE	Wednesday 13 May	£12 including free drink
THIRSK	Saturday 18 May	£11
NEWCASTLE	Tuesday 19 May	£12 including free drink
SANDOWN PARK	Thursday 21 May	1/3 off to CIU members
SANDOWN PARK	Thursday 28 May	1/3 off to CIU members
NEWCASTLE	Friday 29 May	£12 including free drink
THIRSK	Monday 8 June	£11
SANDOWN PARK	Saturday 13 June	1/3 off to CIU members
NEWCASTLE	Thursday 25 June	£12 including free drink
SANDOWN PARK	Friday 3rd July	1/3 off to CIU members
KEMPTON PARK	Wednesday 8 July	£10
SANDOWN PARK	Wednesday 15 July	1/3 off to CIU members
SANDOWN PARK	Wednesday 22 July	1/3 off to CIU members
SANDOWN PARK	Thursday 23 July	1/3 off to CIU members
SANDOWN PARK	Wednesday 29 July	1/3 off to CIU members
NEWCASTLE	Thursday 6 August	£12 including free drink
NEWCASTLE	Friday 14 August	£12 including free drink
NEWCASTLE	Monday 31 August	£12 including free drink
NEWCASTLE	Friday 4 September	£12 including free drink
KEMPTON PARK	Saturday 5 September	£10
NEWCASTLE	Thursday 1 October	£12 including free drink
NEWCASTLE	Tuesday 13 October	£12 including free drink
KEMPTON PARK	Sunday 18 October	£10
NEWCASTLE	Friday 13 November	£12 including free drink

*Betway Lincoln Day - package includes Grandstand admission, hot food from the food court, pint of Beer/Lager and Racecard.

CIU Cribbage

The Cribbage pairs semi-finals and final were held on January 24 at the Leicester Railwaymens Club between B McMahon and D Chester (Brafield on the Green WM Club); S Canham and J Kane (Kingsley Park WM Club); T Russell and C Burrows (Sheffield Lane Club).

D Lewis and L Fitzpatrick (Knaphill WM Club) did not take part.

The final was between S Canham and J Kane, and T Russell and C Burrows. S Canham and J Kane won 4-3.

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