

A new year and a new set of challenges for clubs

Whatever challenges come the way of clubs in 2023, Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM believes that, by working together, the Union and its clubs are well poised to prevail over them

As we embark on another year together, we can be certain that 2023 will present many significant challenges for clubs and for the Union itself.

The energy crisis, combined with rising inflation and the general economic downturn, has affected every individual and business in the country and clubs are no exception.

But I have no doubt that our clubs – as they always have done – will adapt to any new circumstances and will continue to be there for their members and for their local communities.

Our volunteer army of committee members and club officials will continue to put in their usual countless hours of hard work behind the scenes to keep their clubs running smoothly, whatever obstacles are put in their way.

And if there are any hurdles which seem insurmountable, please get in touch with your local branch as soon as possible to utilise the collective resources and knowledge of the Union to tackle the problem.

Talking of collective knowledge, we are relaunching the Award in Club Management (ACM) day sessions this year (see pages 22-23 for details) and it encompasses all the key information needed by officials to run their clubs efficiently while keeping them informed of the latest regulations.

As a Union, we will continue to lobby the Government at local and national level on any legislation which



Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM speaking at the 2022 Annual Meeting in Blackpool

affects how we operate, such as that concerning the thorny issues of VAT, Alcohol Duty and Business Rates.

Individual clubs have a vital role to play here and I would urge you all to invite your local MP or Councillor to your club as this will give them an invaluable insight into the unique challenges which non-profit making members' clubs face, as well as alerting them to the positive influence we have on our neighbourhoods.

To my mind, we should be mightily proud of our clubs and the safe, friendly environments they provide for all walks of life and shout our many achievements from the rooftops.

As ever, we will gather in Blackpool in April for Conference Weekend so please be sure to send your club representatives along.

Ahead of the Union's Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 15, please

hold your own discussions regarding the future of the Union at your club meetings and AGMs and feed it back to the NEC so we can act upon your ideas and build an even stronger organisation which delivers for all of our members.

This is your Union, fighting for the interests of all our clubs, so please continue to support us as the CIU has supported clubs over the past 161 years.

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Welcome to the January issue of *Club Journal* and a Happy New Year to all our readers.

I certainly hope that your clubs enjoyed a busy festive period and are now geared up to welcome your existing members, as well as plenty of new ones, into your venues throughout 2023.

As the Vice-President writes in his article on the front page, all clubs are likely to be facing challenges this year but united as a Union we will continue to get over any obstacles in our path.

The CIU's Education Programme is certainly one of the tools which can help clubs to build a brighter future and this year we are relaunching the Award in Club Management (ACM) which gives club officials a thorough grounding in the skills needed to run a members' club well.

If you have a minimum of 10 participants, the ACM course will come to you and the three self-contained units will be delivered by Union lecturers over three Saturdays of your choice, at your club.

Please contact Senior Head Office Administrator Cath Fitzpatrick on 020 7226 0221 or email her at: Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmcui.org for further information.

Talking of email, Head Office is asking clubs to set up a standardised email address featuring the name of the club which can be used by the Union to communicate with its member clubs.

Welcome

To encourage this, those clubs which register their email address with Head Office over the next two months will be entered into a prize draw to win £500.

Please see full details of the draw on page 18 where we also give full instructions on how to set up a new email account via Gmail (although you are of course welcome to use the email provider of your choice).

On pages 20-21, the CIU's Solicitor, Allyn Walton has written an article on the subject of noise complaints against clubs. He recently successfully challenged a Local Council on behalf of a CIU club and gives a fantastic insight into the key legal issues.

Meanwhile, our 'Club of the Month' for January is Chell Social Club in Stoke-on-Trent. You can read all about the club on pages 14-17.

We also have further details of the 2023 Conference Weekend.

As well as the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 15 there is also the 31st Beer & Trades Exhibition on the afternoon of Friday, April 14.

Next month, we will also bring you more details of the CIU Showcase Event taking place during Conference Weekend.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

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LSA for Jean Harrison of Prudhoe USC



Jean Harrison, Committee Member of Prudhoe United Services Club, received her Long Service Award at a ceremony held at the club. Pictured, left to right: Harry Chandler (No.10 Division Executive), Jean Harrison (LSA recipient) and Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary)

News in brief

**NEW WEEKLY
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Sarisbury Green Social Club in Southampton to continue weekly indoor car boot sales

Sarisbury Green Social Club in Southampton is set to continue its weekly indoor car boot sales during 2023.

The initiative, launched in October last year, offers up to 50 spaces for sellers with the pitch costing just £7.

For more information on attending future sales as either a seller or visitor, ring 07724 501652 or 07715 808633.

Minster Working Mens Club passes police test with flying colours



Minster Working Mens Club in Kent prides itself on being a family-friendly venue

Minster WMC, which is situated on the Isle of Sheppey in Kent, recently invited a team of police sniffer dogs to prove that the club was a totally drug-free environment – and passed with flying colours.

Club Manager Ivan Webster said: “We invited the police to conduct a sweep of the club for any signs of drug usage to ensure it remains a family-friendly, drug-free environment where our members can sit, relax and enjoy a drink.”

He added: “This may have appeared as a bit of a shock to our members who were in the club at the time for which we apologise. But we are very pleased to announce that no evidence of drugs or their usage was found.”

The visit included a forensic check which could detect if any drugs had been present within the last 30 days and the police were happy to report that there were no traces of any illegal substances found on the premises.

Mr Webster said: “The police were very complimentary about the results of the sweep and the running of the club, so much so that they took some new membership forms with them when they left.”

He said the club’s Committee was delighted that its zero tolerance on drugs policy was working and added: “We’ve invited the police to drop in for a coffee and the use of our facilities whenever they are passing, so members should not be surprised if they see police officers in the club in the future.”

News in brief



Walthamstow Trades Hall opens up as a Community Living Room for local people
Walthamstow Trades Hall in East London has become a Community Living Room as part of a local scheme to help people deal with the rising costs of keeping warm during the winter as well as combatting loneliness.

The club is offering a 'warm, friendly and safe space that is welcome to all.'

The Community Living Room is funded as part of Waltham Forest Council's Winter Spaces Network.

Meanwhile, the club's entertainment programme continues to be extremely busy with events taking place virtually every day of the week in January.

On Thursday, January 26, the club will be hosting *The Word is Terry Christian*, a stand-up show from the former host of 1990's late-night show *The Word*.

The award-winning broadcaster will be celebrating - with the aid of on-screen clips and a Q&A with the audience - the 30th anniversary of the infamous Channel 4 show including tales of his encounters with such celebrities as Oliver Reed, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Whitney Houston.

To buy tickets to the event, visit:
www.eventbrite.com

CLUB NOTICES

Club name changes

From: Aldridge Social Club To: Aldridge Social Club Ltd (West Midlands Branch)

From: Aylesham and District Social Club and Institute To: Aylesham and District Social Club and Institute Ltd (Kent Branch)

From: Baddesley Ensor Social Club To: Baddesley Ensor Social Club Ltd (Warwickshire Branch)

'Boy George' on song at Richmond Place Club



Jasun Watkins brought his 'Voice of Boy George' tribute act to the Hereford Richmond Place Club in December

Members of the Richmond Place Club in Hereford thrilled to the strains of such hits at *Karma Chameleon* and *Do You Really Want To Hurt Me?* in December as singer Jasun Watkins brought his 'Voice of Boy George' act to the venue.

Watkins appeared on ITV's *Stars In Their Eyes* as the Culture Club singer and is now highly sought after as a tribute act.

"It was a fantastic night and the crowd really enjoyed Jasun's act," said Club Secretary Les Walker. "Not only does he sound like Boy George but he's also the spitting image of him."

Seahouses Social Club installs defibrillator



Following a fundraising drive by members, Seahouses Social Club in Northumberland has installed a defibrillator on the outside of the venue which is available for community use should a medical emergency occur nearby

Sofrydd Social Club stages sellout charity event



The Big Show Charity Night was held at Sofrydd Social Club in November

Sofrydd Social Club in Gwent, South Wales held a major charity fundraiser in November in aid of the mental health charity MIND as well as to fund a memorial plaque for those members who lost their lives during the COVID pandemic.

The event, entitled The Big Show Charity Night, saw a host of entertainers, including a drag act, live music and comedy, perform at the club with a disco rounding off the evening.

There was also a raffle held featuring a number of donated prizes.

A sum of £604 was raised on the night which was topped up by the local council by £150 to a total of £754.



Part of the fundraising total will go towards a pandemic memorial plaque in the club

News in brief



Fixtures announced for new Super League season with games on Sky and Channel 4

The full fixture schedule for the 2023 Betfred Super League season has been released.

The regular season in 2023 will see each team play 27 fixtures – 13 home and 13 away, plus the Magic Weekend at St James' Park, Newcastle.

With 66 live games on Sky Sports in 2023, the new season kick-offs on Thursday, February 16 on Sky Sports, when Warrington Wolves take on 2022's beaten Grand Finalists, Leeds Rhinos.

The following night, live on Sky Sports, sees the promoted and newly re-named Leigh Leopards welcome former coach Paul Rowley and his Salford Red Devils team to Leigh Sports Village for the Leopards first game back in Super League.

The first weekend of broadcast games is rounded off on Saturday, February 18 with Hull KR against Wigan Warriors, live on Channel 4.

Channel 4 will again broadcast 10 games free-to-air in 2023 and their first five matches will be Hull KR v Wigan Warriors (Round 1, February 18), Castleford Tigers v St Helens (Round 2, Sunday, February 26), Leeds Rhinos v Catalans Dragons (Round 6, Saturday, March 25), Warrington Wolves v Hull FC (Round 7, Saturday, April 1) and St Helens v Salford Red Devils (Round 12, Saturday, May 13).

Easter Weekend is set for a bumper round of fixtures as Rivals Round takes over once again, where for the first ever time, all six games will be live on Sky Sports. The action starts with a West Yorkshire rivalry as Castleford Tigers host Wakefield Trinity on Thursday, April 6.

Magic Weekend returns to St James' Park on June 3 and 4 while, at the end of the regular season, the Play-Off series will see the top six ranked teams fight it out to reach Old Trafford.

The top two teams at the end of the regular season will be just 80 minutes from the Grand Final and receive a bye in week one before facing the winners from third versus sixth and fourth versus fifth.

The climax of the season, the Betfred Super League Grand Final, will once again take place at Old Trafford on Saturday, October 14 and will be broadcast live on Sky Sports.

News in brief



Chris Eubank Jr v Liam Smith set for Saturday, January 21, live on Sky Sports Box Office

Middleweight Chris Eubank Jr will box Liam Smith next at the AO Arena in Manchester on January 21, live on Sky Sports Box Office.

Smith (32-3-1, 19 KOs) heads into the clash in the form of his life following wins over Jesse Vargas, Anthony Fowler and Roberto Garcia.

Smith, 34, memorably went toe-to-toe with Saul 'Canelo' Alvarez in 2016 and comes from a proud, illustrious bloodline of champions including brothers Paul Smith Jr, Stephen Smith and Callum Smith.

Eubank Jr (32-2-0, 23 KOs) is a man whose family name needs no introduction at all.

The son of legendary former world champion Chris Eubank, the 33-year-old has successfully carved out his own reputation in the sport but in Smith, Eubank Jr faces one of the toughest tests of his stellar career.

The Brighton-based fighter was a former IBO world title holder and is entering his prime, intent on starting the new year in style.

Eager to step back inside the ropes after his proposed October bout with Conor Benn was postponed, Eubank Jr last fought in February when he comfortably outclassed Liam Williams in Cardiff with a unanimous decision points victory.

Speaking about his upcoming clash with Smith, Eubank Jr said: "Has he been in there with some good fighters? Yes. Are they on my level? No.

"Smith is a competent fighter but class beats competence every day of the week. It's a good opportunity for me to show I'm twice the fighter that he is as well as those he has faced.

"It'll be a great performance and the Eubank name will hopefully become a regular feature whenever the boxing history of Manchester is discussed."

For more information on the fight, visit:

<http://skyforbusiness.sky.com>

Mildmay Club stages panto for first time in 45 years

The Mildmay Club in Hackney, East London recently staged its first pantomime for 45 years and gave a significant number of free tickets to local people on lower incomes who otherwise would not have been able to attend.

The Mildmay Club's panto, Cinder-Laddin, took place from December 14-18 and was packed for every performance.



The cast of Cinder-Laddin who performed the panto at the Mildmay Club in December

Two of the six performances were attended by local community groups including Mildmay Community Centre, the Hackney Food Bank and the Factory Community Project, which were given free tickets.

Club President Tom Jones said: "Wherever we can we're trying to engage with local people in the community in a way that hasn't happened at the Mildmay for many years.

"But certainly there's a fantastic tradition of doing that going back generations."

Proceeds from ticket sales will be placed in a pantomime fund for next year's performance.

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Minister of Justice visits Groby Ex-Servicemens Club



Left to Right: Eddie Pagett (Club President), Tim Russell (Club Vice-President), Edward Argar MP and Nathan Clarke (Club Secretary & CIU NEC Member) outside Groby Ex-Servicemens Club in Leicester

Groby Ex-Servicemens Club in Leicester was recently honoured with a visit from Edward Argar MP, the Minister of Justice.

Mr Argar spoke to the President, Vice-President and Secretary about local club issues and the need for members' clubs to have more recognition in the House Of Commons. There was also a discussion about the importance of the club to the local community.

The Minister also met Club Stewardess Wendie and talked to her about her role as well as complimenting her on serving a fantastic pint of Guinness!

Club Secretary and NEC Member Nathan Clarke said: "We gave Edward a tour of the club and he was very impressed by the style of the club and commented on how well the club was managed.

"He was amazed at how busy the club was and how much our members support us.

"Another topic of conversation was the importance of the club being part of the CIU.

"Edward was fully conversant with the organisation through the Union's involvement with the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs which meets at Westminster."

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Chris Ritchie presents A Tribute to Matt Monro on Sunday, February 5 at the Coxlodge Club

On Sunday, February 5, Chris Ritchie will be appearing at the Coxlodge Club in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne to perform a set of classic Matt Monro songs including *Born Free*, *Walk Away*, *If I Never Sing Another Song*, *From Russia With Love*, *Softly* and many more.

He will also be singing songs made famous by the likes of Tom Jones, Neil Diamond, Bobby Darin and Elvis Presley.

Tickets are available from the club website: www.coxlodgeclub.com

Darlington's East End WMC opens its doors to those in need on Christmas Day

The East End Working Men's Club in Darlington opened its doors to disadvantaged people on Christmas Day.

The club invited homeless people and anyone in need of help to visit the club on December 25 between 9am and 11am where they received a hot drink, something to eat and a Christmas present.

Paul Gill, who co-ordinated the initiative, said: "It's just nice for our members to help anybody who is homeless, or who can't afford food.

"Everybody's having hard times at the moment. Unfortunately people haven't got the money now with the way life is."

Club members donated coats, blankets and clothes to help keep people warm while members also volunteered to come into the club on the day to make bacon rolls for those attending.

Mr Gill added: "We would just like to say a big thank you to anyone who donated or helped."



FOR SERVICE

Distinguished Service Award

Northumberland Branch

Ken Herron – Chirton Social Club

Manchester Branch

Graham Chadwick – Fitzroy Social Club

Certificate of Merit

Northumberland Branch

Kevin Downie – Chirton Social Club

West Yorkshire Branch

Alan Horner – Siddal Cricket Club

Anita Robertson – Crosshills Social Club

North West Metropolitan Branch

Michael Friel – Hayes Working Mens Club

Alan Evans – Hayes Working Mens Club

Roland Vince – Hayes Working Mens Club

Branch Executive 31-Year Award

Peter Robinson – Manchester Branch

Geoff Blakeley CMD ACM – Manchester Branch

Branch Executive 41-Year Award

Danny Jenkins – Manchester Branch

Long Service Award

Northumberland Branch

William Barber – Chirton Social Club

William Roberts – Newcastle Labour Club

West Yorkshire Branch

George Kane – Siddal Cricket Club

June Davies – Siddal Cricket Club

David Kaminski – Pellon Social Club & Institute

Glenn Roberts – Pellon Social Club & Institute

North West Metropolitan

Norman Sturgess – Hayes Working Mens Club

Manchester Branch

Anthony Ravenscroft – Fitzroy Social Club

Bill Simpson – Fitzroy Social Club

Award in Club Management

The following have earned the Award in Club Management (ACM)

Kathleen Kingdom ACM – Aberafan Club

Vernon Kingdom ACM – Aberafan Club

Kevin Edwards ACM – Briton Ferry WM Club

Simon Edwards ACM – Briton Ferry WM Club

Gary Jones ACM – Rhydyfelin Non Political Club

Wombwell WMC stages Karaoke Grand Final



David Gilmour (second from right) was crowned Wombwell WMC's Stars on Stage Champion on December 15

Wombwell Working Men's Club in Barnsley crowned their 2022 Karaoke Stars on Stage Champion in December after several months of heats and knockout events.

The Grand Final, featuring the club's 10 best Karaoke singers, was held on December 15 and drew a huge crowd as the performers each sang two songs, followed by an audience and judging panel vote.

After some powerful vocal performances, member David Gilmour won the vote and the £250 first prize.

The 2023 competition will get underway in February.

News in brief



1980s rock icons Big Country set to play New Parks Social Club on Saturday, February 4

New Parks Social Club will be hosting 1980s rock band Big Country on Saturday, February 4.

The gig is part of the band's celebrations marking 40 years since the release of the album *The Crossing*.

Big Country made a big impact on the charts during the 1980s with singles including *In A Big Country*, *Look Away* and *Fields of Fire*.

Tickets cost £20 and can be bought direct from the club or from <http://www.skiddle.com>

The club recently hosted another huge 1980s band with Birmingham ska favourites The Beat performing some of their greatest hits, including *Mirror In The Bathroom* and *Too Nice To Talk To* on December 2.



The Judging Panel at Wombwell WMC's Karaoke Stars on Stage Grand Final 2022 which was held on Thursday, December 15

Annual Meeting in Blackpool set for Saturday, April 15

The key event during Conference Weekend will be the Union's Annual Meeting which takes place on Saturday, April 15 in Blackpool and will be chaired by Union President George Smith

In just a few months time, the CIU's Conference Weekend 2023 will be staged in Blackpool.

The centrepiece of the weekend's activities will be the Annual Meeting which will take place in the Royal Suite of the Grand Hotel on the morning of Saturday, April 15.

Union President George Smith will chair the meeting which will see delegates consider the Annual Report and Financial Statement, as well as vote on a number of Motions put forward by the NEC.

There will be full details of the various Motions published in Club Journal in the run-up to the Annual Meeting.

During the proceedings, Union Accountant Uto Ekanem will present the Financial Report, while the meeting will conclude after a closing address by General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM.

Speaking about the 2023 Annual Meeting, President George Smith said:

"Conference Weekend is the major event in the CIU calendar so I would urge all clubs to send delegates to this year's event so that as many of our members as possible can have a say on the future of the Union.

"The Annual Meeting and associated events, including the Beer & Trades Exhibition on Friday, April 14, also offer a great opportunity to network with CIU members from across the country, as well as pick up expert advice from suppliers."



The 2023 Annual Meeting will take place at The Grand Hotel, Blackpool on April 15



General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD ACM at the 2022 Annual Meeting



Union President George Smith will chair the 2023 Annual Meeting



Members of the NEC on stage at the 2022 Annual Meeting



Members will have the chance to vote on a number of Motions

Mark the date in your diary for the 2023 CIU Beer & Trades Show

The 31st CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition, the UK's biggest trade show for private members' clubs, takes place on Friday, April 14 in the Norcalympia Suite at Blackpool's Norbreck Castle Hotel



The 2023 CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place on Friday, April 14

The Union's 31st CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place on Friday, April 14 as part of Conference Weekend.

The event is the UK's biggest trade show for private members' social clubs with an array of products and services on display which are all targeted at helping clubs to boost trade, save money and support clubs, while taking part in some fun activities and networking along the way.

All the key club suppliers will have a presence at the show, including Preferred Suppliers Dransfields, Higos Insurance, Bird & Howes and Pure Purchasing so make sure you come along for expert business advice.

The CIU will have its own stand at the show where you can find out about the various services and products available from the Union, including details of the ACM qualification.



The Norcalympia at the Norbreck Castle Hotel is the venue for the CIU's Beer & Trades Exhibition

WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED 160 TEST CASES AGAINST CLUBS FOR BUSINESS RATES NATIONALLY

This has a direct impact on the remaining clubs listed below!

The following clubs should make contact immediately before the deadline in **8 weeks time**

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Aberavon Seaside Social Club	Castle Vale Residents Assn	Footscray Social Club Ltd.	Leigh Park Trade Union W.m.c.	Pelsall Social Club	Stormont Main W.m.club
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Abertysswg Working Mens Club	Castleford Roundhill W.m.r.c.	Forest Row Social Club	Leominster Sports & Social Club	Penlan Social Club	Sturdee Avenue Social & Bowling Club
Acomb W.m.club	Chadwell St.mary Social Club	Forest Row Social Club	Lindford And District Working Men's Club Ltd	Pennewell Comrades Social Club	Sundon Park Social Club
Acragate Lane Labour Club	Chandlers Ford Central Club	Gainsborough Lab & Soc Club	Little Lever W.m.club	Pentrebach & Abercanaid Working Men's Club	Sutton United Services Club
Acton Vale Club	Chillington Sports & Soc Club	Garforth W.m.club	Littlehampton Trades And Labour Club	Penywaun Club & Institute	Swaithe Main Ath W.m.club
Adderley Green W.m.club	Chislet Colliery Welfare Club	Glascote Social Club	Llantrisant Rugby Football Clb	Plumstead Common W.m.c.	Swarcliffe W.m.c Ltd.
Albany Social Club	Chobham Club	Gorseinon Working Mens Club	Longbridge Social W.m.club	Plumstead Radical Club	Swillington Miners Welf. Club
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Alverthorpe Working Mens Club	Chorley Wood W.m.c.& Reading R	Greenhith & Swanscombe Legion Social Club	Maidstone Working Men's Club & Institute Ltd	Ponders End W.m.social Club	The Royal British Legion
Andover Central Club	Cliffe Mens Social Club	Grimethorpe W.m.club	Main Line Social Club (Leeds)	Pontnewydd Working Men's Club	The Terenfer Club
Arden Road Social Club	Cliffe Mens Social Club	Guide Post Social Club	Mansfield Woodhouse Ex-Service Marlborough Club	Pontyngwaith Non Political Wmc	Thomastown Social Club And Institute
Armley Liberal Club	Cliffe Mens Social Club	Ham Hill W M Club	Merrow Village W.m.club	Poynton W.m.club	Throckley Union Jack Club
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Aylesbury Railway Club	Cockerton Band Inst.club	Hammersmith Club Society Ltd.	Minster Working Mens Club	Radstock W. Club	Tindale Cres.w.m.club
Baddeley Green W.m.c. & Inst.ltd.	Coed Ely Constitutional Club	Harborne Village Social Club	Monks Park Club	Rainham (Kent) Social Club	Tinshill & Cookridge Club
Badshot Lea Working Men's Club	Colley W.m.club	Harshills Wm Club	Moortown Social Club	Rainham Social Club	Toddington Soc & Serv. Club
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Barry West End Club	Cramlington Wm Social Club & Institute Ltd.	Haywards Heath Social Club (Formerly Usc)	New Eltham Social Club & Institute Ltd	Rossington Labour & Soc Club	United Serv & S.c (Hunstanton)
Bartley Green Social Club	Cricklewood Trades Hall Club	Heavitree Social Centre	New Haw Club	Rushall Labour Club	Usworth & Washington Gard Club
Beckenham Social Club	Crookes Social Club Ltd	Hednesford Ex-Service Mens Clb	New Lodge Estate W.m.c.	Rushden Athletic Club	Vange & Pitsea W.m.social Club
Bedford Russell Park W.m.club	Cwm Riverside Social Club	Hen Lane Social Club	Newport Pagnell W.m.social Clb	Ryton Social Club	Walderslade W.m.c.
Beechdale Social Club	Gwmban Working Mens Band Club	Hereford Welsh Social Club	Newport Social Club	Salthash Social Club Ltd.	Walker Social Club (Scrogg Road Social Club)
Beechwood (Leeds) Wm Club Ltd	Dartford Social Club	Herne Bay Ex-Service Mens Club	Newton Aycliffe W.m.c.	Sarisbury Green Social Club	Wallsend Coronation Club
Beeston Exservice Victory Club	Daventry W.m.club	Hill Park Memorial W.m.club	Newton Heath W.m.club	Severn Bridge Social Club	Wallsend R.a.o.b.club
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Bellingham Ex-Serv & Soc Club	Denton West End W.m. Soc. Club	Hinckley W M Club & Institute	North Chadderton Soc & Bowling	Shotton Comrades Soc Club	West Auckland W.m.c.
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Boro Of Bethnal Green Club	East Dene Soc.club(Rotherham)	Innisfree Social Club Ltd	Oatlands Mount Club	South Benfleet Social Club	Willesden Legionaire Club
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Canton Liberal Workmens Club	Could Be Top Club				Yiewsley & W.drayton Ivy Leaf
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If you're heading to Conference Weekend, why not enjoy a great evening of live entertainment on Friday, April 14 at the CIU Blackpool Showcase which is being held at the famous Viva venue



The 2023 CIU Entertainment Showcase will be staged at Viva on the evening of Friday, April 14

The Union will be staging an Entertainment Showcase at Viva in the heart of Blackpool on the evening of Friday, April 14 organised by Barrie Lucas from Showcase Productions.

The event, taking place on the same day as the CIU's 31st Beer & Trades show, will feature a host of top-class entertainers from across the UK and tickets (entry only) for CIU members are £10 and £15 for non-CIU members.

Viva, situated right next to the Blackpool Tower, models itself on the cabaret bars of Las Vegas and offers a year-round programme of live performances.

We will have full payment details of tickets as well as the line-up for the event in upcoming issues.

To initially reserve your tickets please email Sean Ferris: on sean@clubjournal.co.uk



Viva is one of the most popular cabaret bars in Blackpool



The Lounge of Chell Social Club

Chell Social Club, Stoke-on-Trent

Chell Social Club in Stoke-on-Trent started life in 1919 as Pittshill Victory Working Men's Club but its new name is a more accurate reflection of its actual location and membership

Founded in 1919 as Pittshill Victory Working Men's Club, the venue relaunched itself in June 2022 as Chell Social Club as part of an initiative to attract more people through its doors after the pandemic ended.

“When we reopened in July 2020 after the initial pandemic lockdown, our numbers were way down despite the fact that everyone had been saying that they were so eager to come back in,” says Club Secretary Dan Capewell CMD.

“Part of that was probably down to the restrictions which were in place when we reopened with chairs two metres apart, limits on the number of members, the ‘no dancing’ rules, table service, one-way systems and 10pm closing.



Club Secretary Dan Capewell CMD

“Having unfurloughed our staff to cope with the table service regulations, we lost around £27,000 during the four months we were open until the next enforced shutdown.

“In hindsight, we would have been financially better off if we hadn’t reopened and had stayed shut throughout the pandemic.

“After the second shutdown ended and we reopened for the second time, business was extremely slow again with our members very reluctant to visit initially.

“As a Committee, we were looking for a way to relaunch and give the club a new lease of life and that’s where the idea for the name change came.

“The club was actually founded in 1919 at Pittshill which is about a mile away from where we are now.

“Within a couple of years we were able to fund the purchase of Chell House which is our current site, but retained the name of Pittshill & District Victory Working Men’s Club & Institute, the ‘Victory’ part of the title referring to the First World War.

“Subsequently we altered the name slightly to Pittshill Victory Working Men’s Club Ltd but the connotations of the name were wrong.

“It didn’t say where the club was situated and also the ‘Working Men’s Club’ part of the title became outdated in 2005 when we voted to give women full members’ rights.

“So, we brought it up at an AGM and asked the members if they would be in favour of a possible name change to reflect the club as it is in 2022 and they were all behind it.

“We followed the correct process and called a special meeting and received a 95 per cent vote in favour of the new club name – Chell Social Club.

“In fact, some of the members said ‘but I’ve always called it Chell Club!’ despite the actual official name having Pittshill in the title.

“We put all the paperwork through as normal rule changes take around four to five months in our experience but the Union Head Office let us know that we could go onto the Financial Conduct Authority’s portal

to change our name.

“Within two weeks of submitting our paperwork we had confirmation back of the official name change.

“It was incredibly quick, so swift in fact that we hadn’t even ordered any new signage by that point!”

That has since been rectified with brand-new signs now proclaiming the club’s new identity and clearing up any potential geographical confusion on the part of visitors to the venue.

“Everyone has got on board with the new name although there were some issues with certain suppliers,” says Dan.

“One of them even told me ‘we can’t supply you as you don’t have a credit score’.

“That was eventually sorted out when we pointed out that they had in fact been supplying us for 30 years.

“But, all in all, it has been a very positive move and has helped to ‘modernise’ the club and ensure that everyone realises where the club is actually situated and that they’re welcome to come in and become members.



The club has two pool tables and a snooker table

CLUB OF THE MONTH

“We had a big special celebratory night in August to mark the name change, with live entertainment and bingo and enjoyed a great turnout from our members.”

Despite changing the name above the door, the club is certainly not turning its back on its proud 104-year traditions and retains a sense of its history.

With more than 35 years on the Club’s Committee, Dan is only the fourth person to hold the post of Secretary with the three previous secretaries all undertaking 25-year shifts in the role.

“We haven’t turned our back on tradition and want to remain an environment which offers something for everyone, young and old.

“We’re a very family friendly venue and above all we offer a comfortable, safe environment for people to come in and enjoy themselves without worrying about anti-social behaviour.”

The club is also a proud member of the CIU with Dan serving a 12-year stint on the NEC as well as a period as Branch Secretary and he currently sits on the West Midlands Branch Executive.

Away from the CIU, Dan is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Credit Managers and a former Chairman of the Institute so brings a huge amount of business experience to the club, not least on the financial side of things which is showing significant improvements since those quiet days immediately following the pandemic.

“Of course, it’s not just the name change, we are actively trying new things to gain new members and bring people through the doors,” says Dan.

“As part of that, we’ve just launched a new website (chellsocialclub.com) which gives a great overview of everything that the club offers and has contact details on

there if someone wants to join.

“It also has details of upcoming events taking place at the club and details of all the activities which can be undertaken at the club such as bowling on our own green, darts, snooker, pool and fishing.

“Pool, in particular, is proving very popular with younger people as it’s obviously a faster game than snooker and we have two pool tables.

“We also have bingo sessions several times a week and there is an Over-60s Club every Monday afternoon which is very popular.

“We’ve also installed free Wi-Fi throughout the club which has gone down very well with members.

“In terms of live entertainment, we tend only to have acts perform on a Saturday night and that’s something which many people look forward to although it is always a balancing act in terms of getting a return on the money you are paying out to performers.



The club's impressive Concert Room has seating for 300 people

“On top of that we have special events around the key celebrations, such as an Over-60s Christmas Party in December and a Children’s Party on Boxing Day, plus a big fancy dress party on New Year’s Eve.”

The club has also seen an upsurge in interest locally after being featured in a major article in the *Stoke Sentinel* newspaper and website.

“We were delighted with the article which really seems to have hit a chord with local people who have actively sought us out after reading about us in the paper,” says Dan.

“There’s perhaps still a perception amongst some people who have no prior knowledge of clubland that members’ clubs won’t be very welcoming to new visitors and they might be a bit reluctant to step through the doors for the first time.

“So if they then read about the reality of club life – the fact that we have all these great activities going on, superb facilities and friendly staff and members – they will be more likely to come and check out the club.

“Once they come in, their prior preconceptions melt away and they

realise what they’ve been missing.

“That certainly seems to be the case with us and we’ve also seen a massive amount of people getting in touch through the contact form on our website.”

Dan is also keen to welcome fellow CIU club members through the doors and points out that the location just off the motorway makes the venue an excellent stop-off point for coach parties.

“We are always delighted to see members from other clubs paying a visit to the club and with the name change, it’ll be much easier for them to locate us,” he says.

“We also have a large car park so people can be easily dropped off at the club.”

The club’s facilities are certainly very impressive and the club spent over £100,000 on refurbishments while shut during the pandemic with plenty of space across the Bar, Lounge, Concert Room and Games Room featuring the aforementioned two pool tables, snooker table and darts board.

In terms of the club’s big sellers at

the bars, Coors and Carling are the main lagers while John Smith’s Extra Smooth and Worthington’s are the members’ favourite ales with the bar operation run very efficiently by the Stewarding team of Mark and Samantha Rowland.

“We are very positive about the future of the club,” says Dan.

“We have a very hardworking Committee headed up by our President Neil Hollinshead and our ‘modernising’ approach is really paying dividends with trade and member numbers going in the right direction as we get further and further away from that dreadful period under the shadow of COVID-19.”

It certainly seems that this much-loved venue is enjoying a new lease of life under its regeneration as Chell Social Club.

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Branch: West Midlands

Steward Mark Rowland (pictured, left) stands under the club’s new sign



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News in brief

Updated CIU Contracts and Club Secretary's Handbook now available from branches

Updated versions of the CIU contracts are now available to buy from your Branch.

- Club Staff Accommodation Contract
- Contract of Employment – Bar Manager
- Club Staff Handbook
- Contract of Employment – Bar/Cleaning Staff
- Contract of Employment – Club Steward
- Club Secretary's Handbook
- Zero Hours Contract

They are each priced as follows - £5 per Handbook; £3 per contract.

Due to increased production and postage costs the price list will be reviewed over the coming months.

National Executive Committee dates for 2023

The dates for the monthly NEC meetings at Head Office in 2023 are: January 10 (1pm), 11 & 12; February 1&2; March 3&4; April 13 (Blackpool); May 3&4; June 7&8; July 5&6; August 2&3; September 6&7; October 4&5; November 1&2; December 6&7.

Annual Meeting 2023 dates

The dates for the 2023 Conference Weekend in Blackpool have been confirmed and are as follows:

Thursday, April 13 – NEC Meeting (Blackpool)

Friday, April 14 – 31st CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition/CIU Blackpool Showcase (Blackpool)

Saturday, April 15 – AGM (Blackpool)

Set up a new club email address, register it with Head Office and you could win £500

The Union is asking clubs to communicate with their branches and Head Office via email for obvious reasons of efficiency and speed via an email address which includes the name of the club.

To encourage this new initiative, one club will receive a prize of £500 if they register their standard club address with us.

One of the easiest ways to set up a new club email address in the format of your choice (for example, 'anytownwmc@gmail.com') is via Google's GMail.

If you'd like to do this, simply follow our step-by-step guide and you will be able access your club email account from any computer, tablet or smartphone by logging into your account securely.

1. Create your new account

To create a new Gmail account, go to google.com/gmail and click the blue Create an account button at the top right of the page, and fill in your first name and surname, and then your preferred username such as 'anytownwmc', and then create a secure password.

For the password, avoid using your own surname, your date of birth, the word 'password' or simple number combinations such as '12345' or '0000'. All of these are easy to hack.



On the next screen, fill in your mobile phone number.

You'll be sent a code by SMS to your mobile phone that you fill in on the next screen.

Click the blue Verify button, and on the next screen you'll be asked to fill in an email address that can be used as a backup if you lose access to the address you're creating now - this is optional, but it's a good idea if you have access to another email - and your date of birth and gender.

You'll be asked if you want to add your phone number for additional services, such as receiving video calls and messages, and making ads more relevant, but you can click 'Skip' at the bottom left of that screen.

2. Personalisation

On the next screen, you'll be offered the choice of Express personalisation or Manual personalisation.

The latter is longer, but it is recommended as it allows you to decide how much data you want to share with Google.

Once you've worked through those steps, you'll be asked to agree to Google's Privacy and Terms.

Once you've done that, you'll be taken to your new inbox. You'll be asked if you want to turn on smart features.

Again, it is suggested that you turn those on as they're useful, and you can always turn them off if you don't like them.

On the next screen you'll be asked if you want to turn on Personalise other Google products - again, these features are useful so you might want to turn them on and see how you get on with them.

3. Customise your preferences

Your next step is to customise your preferences: click on the cogwheel icon in the top right-hand corner and you'll see some options appear on the right of the screen.

You can experiment with those until you find the way you prefer your inbox.

4. Turn on two-factor authentication

Although you will have chosen a strong password, your email account should always have the extra protection of two-factor authentication.

To turn that on, click your initial in the circle in the top right-hand corner and then click 'Manage your Google Account'.

In the next window, click 'Security' in the bar above your name, and then scroll down to Signing in to Google.

In that pane, click 2-Step Verification and then click the blue 'Get Started' button.

5. Set up on your smartphone

On the next screen you'll be asked to enter your password again, and then on the next window you'll see 'Let's set up your phone'.

You can use your phone: if you choose this, you'll always be sent a code via SMS to your mobile phone when you sign in to confirm that it's you.

Make sure that the phone number is right and that Text message is selected, and click 'Next'. You'll be sent a code to your phone: type that in and when that's confirmed, you're all set.

To go back to your inbox, click the box of nine dots next to your initial in the top right-hand corner and click Gmail.

To be in with a chance of winning the £500 prize, simply email Head Office at info@wmcui.org with the subject line 'Email Address Draw'. Please include a contact name and the full name and address of your club.

Extra Bank Holiday is announced for Monday, May 8, 2023

The Government has announced an additional Bank Holiday to mark the Coronation of King Charles III in 2023.

The UK-wide holiday will take place on Monday, May 8, two days after the Coronation at Westminster Abbey on Saturday, May 6

This extra day is sure to be a busy trading period for clubs, many of which will be organising special events across the three-day weekend in order to mark this national celebration.

Announcing the Bank Holiday in Parliament, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said:

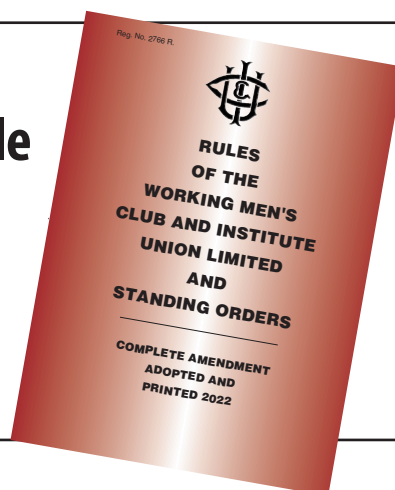
"I look forward to seeing people come together to celebrate and pay tribute to King Charles III by taking part in local and national events across the country in his honour."



Updated and reprinted CIU Rules and Standing Orders booklet now available

The Rules of the Working Men's Club and Institute Union Limited and Standing Orders was updated and reprinted at the end of 2022.

As well as being available to download on the Union's website (www.wmcui.org.uk), the printed booklets are available from your local branch.



Beating the Council in a noise dispute

Since the pandemic there has been a rise in residential noise complaints against clubs with local councils often making life difficult for long-established clubs. Here, CIU Solicitor **Allyn Walton** explains how clubs can defend themselves against such claims, citing as an example his recent victory on behalf of a CIU club against their Local Council



No-one thought we might be able to beat a Local Council that was hell-bent on upholding the rights of a noise complainant against a club – **BUT** we did – that is to say the Managing Committee of a CIU club and myself working together.

I recently represented the club (which can't be named for legal reasons) in a long-running dispute with their local council.

The club has been in existence for over 140 years, opening in 1880, and has been at its current site for over 100 years.

Never during its whole existence has there been any problem with the community, local residents, the Police or the Council.

The club rightfully regards itself as a pillar of the local community providing facilities for its members and guests, 80 per cent of whom are based in the same area.

Activities at the club include: Bingo (every day), Zumba (five days p/w), Competitions (every week), Concerts in their function room, DJ's, Bonza Bingo, Charity fundraising events including raffles, plus funerals, wedding receptions, birthdays etc - the list goes on and on.

But for the last three years, ever since a 'certain resident' moved into the property next door to the club, there has been nothing but complaint after complaint concerning noise and so-called licensing infringements.

This despite the fact that the spacing of her home to not just **ONE** but **TWO** hospitality venues, including a pub that has regular bands featured, can literally be measured in **INCHES**.

PERHAPS no-one counted on the fact that she was an ex-Council employee?

The club's facilities might not have

meant much to the people deciding the outcome of the recent Review which was announced by notices suddenly appearing on lamp posts around the club in August 2022 – **OR SO WE THOUGHT!**

But the saddest thing was that this review was completely unnecessary. The 14 conditions that the Review had been set out to achieve had already been **AGREED** by the club.

This was also after spending upwards of £14,000 on noise abatement measures.

The club lowered the ceiling of its Function Room and installed noise proof insulation and replaced its emergency exits doors, all paid for during recent difficult trading conditions.

So why did it take over six weeks, with no less than two working days before the Review was due to start, for the Council to come back to state that they wanted something far **MORE** than what the club was offering?

The Council has accused the club of failing to cooperate with its requirements ever since the Abatement Notice was served in December 2021 but that is simply not true.

The Club went to the trouble and expense of hiring an acoustic expert who was actually **RECOMMENDED** by the Council itself.

Unfortunately, he wasn't able to take any measurements **BUT** more importantly he said that in the absence of a club sound system, nothing could be done.

The **TRUTH** is that installing such a sound system wasn't just expensive (to the tune of over £10,000 which the club just couldn't afford) it was also completely unnecessary. All DJs and Bands use their **OWN** sound

systems these days.

The permitted noise level using A-weighted decibels (the unit environmental noise is usually measured in) is:

- 4 dBA (decibels adjusted) if the underlying level of noise is no more than 24 dBA
- 10 dBA above the underlying level of noise if this is more than 24 dBA

As part of the Review, for the very first time we actually received the Council's measurements.

Lo and behold, by the time of the review, the club **ALREADY** satisfied the permitted noise levels due to £14,000 it had already spent.

Measures from inside the complainant's property showed the noise levels increased the underlying level of noise by **3dBA ONLY** – well within the permitted 10 dBA.

In other words, after the roof was lowered and the exit doors were installed the club was already operating **WITHIN** permissible noise levels – and this information had never been made public before only becoming known as a result of the Review.

So the Review was successful in turning up some useful information. **BUT** importantly it hasn't been successful in turning up other **COMPLAINANTS**.

Despite all the Notices put up by the Council **NOT ONE** additional complainant came forward.

The Club Secretary personally took it upon himself to knock on every door of residents properties that surround the club.

Not **ONE** resident has expressed any concerns to him whatsoever, no complaints and no expression of any



CIU clubs are renowned for being considerate towards their neighbours when it comes to putting on events but noise complaints against them have increased since the end of the COVID lockdowns

criticism of the club, its noise emission or its noise management.

So, just to summarise the behaviour of this particular Council:

- The club was the subject of a criminal prosecution undertaken by the Council in July 2022 for failing to ‘sign in’ a Council operative who had actually admitted going into the club illegally – so that didn’t go any further
- The club was made to send a 70+ year old pensioner to get a Door Security badge so that the club could get a Premises Licence
- The Council refused to accept the measures taken, costing £14,000, which by their own later admissions meant that the club fell within permitted noise levels
- The ‘legions’ of other

complainants failed to turn up at the very same time as the **ORIGINAL** complainant sold up and **MOVED** on to pastures new.

Following **COVID**, noise complaints have become more common as people became used to total quiet during the various lockdowns.

BUT, if your club is the subject of a noise complaint or complaints and the Council get involved please **DON’T** just give up.

There are always steps that can be taken. **AND** let’s not forget, the actions of this particular Council were **STOPPED** by their very own internal **REVIEW** procedures.

As ever, if you need any help with a legal issue, please contact Head Office in the first instance and they will put you in touch with the appropriate people.

Future topics

If you have any specific legal topics which you would like to see discussed in future issues of *Club Journal*, please get in touch with your suggestions and we will endeavour to address them.

In previous columns CIU Solicitor Allyn Walton has written about such issues as: CCTV in clubs; avoiding defamation; General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and fighting back against rogue energy companies.

If you would like to learn more about the key aspects of Club Law, the CIU’s Award in Club Management (ACM) has been relaunched this year.

Please see pages 22-23 for more information on the ACM day courses.

Why not study for the Award in Club Management at your club?

If your club has a minimum of 10 officials and members who are interested in obtaining the CIU's Award in Club Management (ACM) covering the key areas of Club Law, Finance and Administration, the Union's lecturers will come to your club and hold the three day sessions across three Saturdays of your choice

Following a hiatus due to the pandemic, the Award in Club Management (ACM) course is back for 2023.

Specifically designed for CIU clubs, the qualification gives club officials a thorough grounding in the key aspects of running a modern and efficient club.

The qualification consists of three self-contained units, each taking one day of classroom-based study to complete.

Unit 1 of the course covers Law & Regulations, Licensing, Unit 2 covers Law and Regulations (Part 2) and Unit 3 covers Management, Finance and Administration.

Once a candidate has completed the course and been examined in all three units through a multiple choice examination, they receive the ACM.

In a new initiative, if you have a minimum of 10 participants, the ACM course will come to you.

The three self-contained units will be delivered by Union lecturers over three Saturdays of your choice at your club.

The course is aimed at people who are going to be sitting on club committees and occupying positions of authority within clubs.

It has been developed to ensure that candidates gain a thorough understanding of licensing laws and regulations relating to members' clubs, as well as a whole host of other laws and regulations that govern the running of a club, including entertainment and the rules and regulations surrounding gaming machines in clubs.

The lectures are carried out by highly experienced lecturers from within the CIU who lead the day sessions and can draw from their knowledge of the club scene to illustrate the key points.

So, get in touch now and the ACM will come to your club.



Each unit of the ACM is completed in a one-day session held on a Saturday of your choice



The lecturers on the course include Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM



Candidates are given a workbook for each unit which they can take back to their clubs with them to act as a reference

Unit 1

Law & Regulations

Includes:

- Laws and regulations under which social clubs run by volunteers operate
- Main official bodies and categories involved in the licensing process
- The licensing objectives

Unit 2

Law & Regulations (Part 2)

Includes:

- Resolving club disputes
- Procedures for conducting meetings
- Suspensions and expulsions
- Betting, gaming and lotteries

Unit 3

Management, Finance & Administration

Includes:

- Financial control
- Club banking
- Brewery loans and discounts
- Stock taking

Contact

Please contact Cath Fitzpatrick on 020 7226 0221 or email Catherine.Fitzpatrick@wmciu.org for further information on the 2023 courses

Showcase your venue in the Club Outings pages of *Club Journal*

Your club could be hosting groups and individuals from other CIU-affiliated clubs by advertising in Club Outings. Get in touch and your club's facilities will be showcased in the magazine and online

One of the great benefits of being a member of a CIU club is undoubtedly the opportunity to visit the Union's network of affiliated clubs spread across the UK.

Whichever town, city or region you happen to be in, there's a good chance that a Union-affiliated club will be close by and ready to welcome you in for a reasonably priced drink.

Whether you're on holiday, enjoying a trip to the races, attending a football match or organising a club coach trip, knowing where the local Union club is situated is always extremely handy and ensures that you won't have to take your chances in an anonymous pub.

That is why *Club Journal* is reintroducing our popular Club Outings section which gives CIU clubs the chance to let our readers know they have a friendly oasis to visit when on their travels in a different part of the country.

Club Outings took an enforced break during the COVID-19 pandemic when clubs were forced to shut their doors for long periods and travel was not an option for most people.

Now it is set to return so please fill in the form on the opposite page if you would like to advertise your club's facilities to the *Club Journal* readership and ensure that they



don't have to miss out on the club experience just because they're not able to attend their 'home' club.

As well as the printed version in the magazine, we'll also be launching an online version of Club Outings on the Union's official website to ensure that listed clubs can include the latest live entertainment and events taking place at their club.

How to ensure your club is featured in Club Outings

OPTION 1

Free listing on the CIU website to include club name, address and contact details. Your club's listing on the CIU website will be flagged up with a 'Club Outings' logo

Price: Free (per month)

OPTION 2

All elements of Option 1, plus:

Club name and address plus up to 60 words (supplied by club) to appear in print within the *Club Journal* Club Outings pages.

Price: £79.20 inc VAT (for 3 months) or £285.12 inc VAT (for 12 months)

OPTION 3

All elements of Option 1 & Option 2, plus:

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Club Outings set for return to the pages of Club Journal

CIU Club Members travel the country watching football, going to the races or just visiting other member clubs. With a range of advertising opportunities, why not get in front of CIU affiliated members?

For more details please turn to page 24 in this issue. Alternatively contact the Club Journal team on 01753 272022, or email sean@clubjournal.co.uk

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This position will provide a two-bedroom flat. It is a live in position with a small contribution charge towards the accommodation expenses, this to be discussed at the interview stage. A bond will also be required which will again be discussed at the interview stage.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Managing all bar areas • Opening and closing of the club
- 30 hours minimum worked per week (5 days working)
- Liaising with the Secretary, managing stock, staff rotas, bar, and cleaning staff
- Organising beer deliveries and ensuring that a record of all goods received is kept and entered into a goods received book • Stock checks
- Daily takings to be calculated and given to the club Secretary.
- Any other duties determined by the committee

The Steward/ Stewardess has charge and control of the bar and cellar stock, and the timing of stock takes. A stock take must be done at the start and end of the contract.

All employees are under the full control of the committee. It is the committee that are ultimately responsible for the club employees and have sole authority of appointment and dismissal. All employees work under the supervision of the Steward/ Stewardess but are employed by the committee on behalf of the club.

Additional

- Holidays are 28 days per annum • Flat is unfurnished • Food hygiene certificate is desirable

Send CV to: ewmc180@outlook.com

Every month we give £10 prizes to five lucky correct entrants.

ACROSS

- Hop about, only to snap (5)
- Frantically spearheading the spin-off, to cap it all (8)
- Ready for fun, with full pay allocated (7)
- In a relaxed way, approximately? (7)
- State free of press redaction (7)
- Order it to be acted out (7)
- Filing types that could be feeling introvertedly sorry (4-7)
- Clean level of mouse talk? (7)
- Set straight again in large format (2-5)
- Explicit gap in rich scandal (7)
- Decorative, and a tad less

difficult to freeze (3,4)

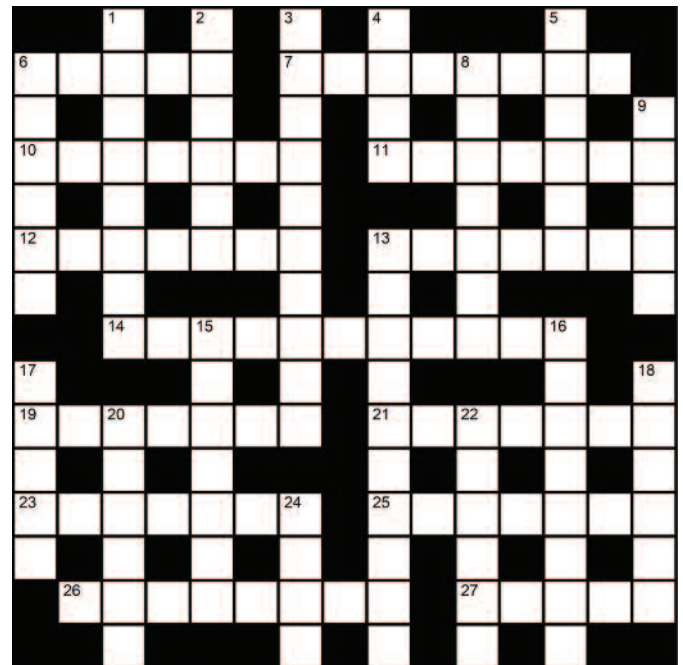
- Corn to feel rough in r. Arno city (8)
- 40 - 40: stagger, cede and turn in (5)

DOWN

- Love apples, but billowing steam too good for them (8)
- Various offences, without top or bottom, for a hot drink (6)
- Holy, Popish type to produce a school of thought (10)
- Peer, because you see him a little less clearly? (4)
- Picture-taker would be in secret (6)
- Screen menus used in 3-D books? (3-3)
- It's a cinch to go bust with

dumplings (7)

- Too much therapy? Not at all, I suspect (5)
- The cincher, when I'm tenderer (sort of) (10)
- At speed, Hell is a substitute, say (7)
- Seriously bad to give out sour bananas! (8)
- Employment of sausages the donkey's trotted away from (5)
- Tuner to turn out to be false (6)
- Turn fur so it can be employed (6)
- Age and confusion make up the order of business (6)
- Stick said to have an able sibling (4)



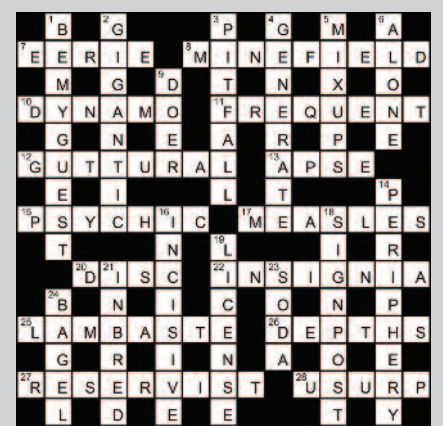
Name _____
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Address _____

Send your entry to Club Journal Crossword, Alchemy Contract Publishing, 59/60 Thames St, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1TX. Deadline January 25.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Congratulations to the five winners of our £10 Prize Crossword for December.

- Liz Hempstead of Monks Park WMC
Simon Hinchcliffe of Brighton Street WMC
Mr Anthony Burnside of Tudhoe Victory Club
John McDermott of The Langham Club
John Paul Oates of Bramley WM Social Club





Saturday, January 14, 12.30pm – BT Sport
Premier League: Manchester United v Manchester City

The second Manchester derby of the season features in the Saturday lunchtime slot on BT Sport and will see the home side out for revenge after the 6-3 hammering they received at the Etihad with Erling Haaland and Phil Foden both helping themselves to stunning hat-tricks.



Friday, January 27, 11am – Sky Sports Cricket
International ODI Cricket: South Africa v England

Action from the Mangaung Oval in Bloemfontein as South Africa take on England in the first of a three-match one-day series. This will be a huge test for the home side given England's status as one-day and Twenty20 world champions with a host of top-class players in their ranks.



Saturday, January 28, 12 midday – ITV
Horse Racing: Festival Trials Day, Cheltenham

With excitement already building ahead of the four-day Festival in March, this raceday gives racing fans the opportunity to see some of the main contenders in action on the famous course. One of the undoubted highlights of this meeting in 2022 was the return of World Hurdle hero Paisley Park who overcame a poor start to storm to victory.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

There are some huge derbies in the Premier League this month, not least the clashes between Manchester United and Manchester City and Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal, plus rugby and racing action

Friday, January 13, 7.45pm
 BT Sport

**Champions Cup Rugby Union:
 Clermont Auvergne v Leicester
 Tigers**

Friday, January 13, 8pm
 Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Aston Villa v
 Leeds United**

Saturday, January 14
 12.30pm

Sky Sports Football
**Championship: Rotherham
 United v Blackburn Rovers**

Saturday, January 14, 12.30pm
 BT Sport

**Premier League: Manchester
 United v Manchester City**

Saturday, January 14, 1pm
 BT Sport

**Champions Cup Rugby Union:
 Sale Shark v Toulouse**

Saturday, January 14, 5.30pm
 Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Brentford v AFC
 Bournemouth**

Sunday, January 15, 2pm
 Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Newcastle
 United v Fulham**

Monday, January 16, 8pm
 Sky Sports Football

**League One: Port Vale v
 Peterborough United**

Sunday, January 15, 4.30pm
 Sky Sports Premier League

**Premier League: Tottenham
 Hotspur v Arsenal**

Wednesday, January 18, 8pm
 Sky Sports

**Scottish Premiership: Kilmarnock
 v Rangers**

Thursday, January 19, 4.30pm
 Sky Sports Golf

**Golf: American Express
 Tournament**

Friday, January 20, 4.30pm
 Sky Sports Golf

**Golf: American Express
 Tournament**

Friday, January 20, 8pm
 Sky Sports Football

**Championship: Burnley v West
 Bromwich**

Friday, January 20, 8pm
 BT Sport

**Champions Cup Rugby Union:
 Leicester Tigers v Ospreys**

Saturday, January 21, 12 midday
 ITV

**Horse Racing: Clarence House
 Chase Day, Ascot**

Saturday, January 21, 12.30pm
 Sky Sports Football

**Championship: Coventry City v
 Norwich City**

Saturday, January 21, 12.30pm
 BT Sport

**Premier League: Liverpool v
 Chelsea**

Saturday, January 21, 4.30pm
 Sky Sports Golf

**Golf: American Express
 Tournament**

Saturday, January 21, 5.20pm
 BT Sport

**National League Football:
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Boxing: Eubank v Smith –
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Saturday, January 21, 5.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Crystal v
Newcastle United**

Saturday, January 21, 7pm
Sky Sports Box Office
**Boxing: Chris Eubank Jr v Liam
Smith**

Saturday, January 21, 8pm
BT Sport
**Champions Cup Rugby Union:
Ulster v Sale Sharks**

Sunday January 22, 12 noon
Sky Sports Football
**Championship: Sunderland v
Middlesbrough**

Sunday January 22, 2pm
Sky Sports
**Premier League: Leeds United v
Brentford**

Sunday, January 22, 4.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Arsenal v
Manchester United**

Sunday, January 22, 4.30pm
Sky Sports Golf
**Golf: American Express
Tournament**

Monday, January 23, 8pm
Sky Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Fulham v
Tottenham Hotspur**

Wednesday, January 25, 7.30pm
BT Sport
**National League Football: Halifax
Town v Scunthorpe United**

Friday, January 27, 11am
Sky Sports Cricket
**International ODI Cricket: South
Africa v England**

Friday, January 27, 7.45pm
BT Sport
**Premiership Rugby Union: Sale
Sharks v Bath**

Saturday, January 28, 12 midday
ITV
**Horse Racing: Festival Trials Day,
Cheltenham**

Saturday, January 28, 2pm
BT Sport
**Premiership Rugby Union:
Leicester Tigers v Northampton
Saints**

Sunday, January 29, 11am
Sky Sports Cricket
**International ODI Cricket:
South Africa v England**

Sunday, January 29, 4pm
Sky Sports Football
**Scottish Premiership: Dundee
United v Celtic**

Friday, February 3, 8pm
Sky Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Chelsea v
Fulham**

Saturday, February 4, 12.30pm
BT Sport
**Premier League: Everton v
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Saturday, February 4, 5.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League
**Premier League: Newcastle
United v West Ham United**



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