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‘Support your Branch in order to safeguard the future of the Union’

The Union's General Secretary, Kenneth D Green CMD, has urged clubs to support their local Branch in order to safeguard the future of the CIU.

Speaking at the Union's 155th Annual Meeting, held at the Globe Theatre in Blackpool, Mr Green told delegates: "I wish to thank you all for attending today, as unity in numbers mean strength, and together we hope to stem the tide of club closures with the spirit of help and combined knowledge to leave a legacy for our successors in this great movement.

"The Union is also suffering through closure of Branches due to various circumstances, not least running out of funds. The only way to prevent these losses becoming an everyday occurrence is to support your local Branch.

"Through your Branch Secretary and Executive Members, and trade with the Branch for your club's requirements, we can help ourselves.

"Most Branches offer the facility to trade with them for items such as bingo tickets, raffle tickets, etcetera, which are usually priced at a reasonable amount.

"Couple this with the expert advice you will get, and you'll go some way to helping each other and keeping our Branch structure.

"We have a structure second to none in our Union, and hopefully we will be able to keep this in the future.

"You can rely on the best advice from your Branch Secretary who should be the first port of call in the event of questions on law and administration in your clubs, and, as I have said before, if he does not know the answer, he knows a man or a woman who does know the answer, such is the design of our great organisation."

Earlier in the Meeting, Union President George Dawson CMD had talked of his determination to 'fight for our clubs in the corridors of power' through the Union's



involvement with the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Members' Clubs at Westminster and railed against the 'apathy' within the club movement which has led to a relative lack of obvious successors in key leadership roles.

He said: "How many of you know of long-standing Secretaries of clubs dying, and because of the apathy of the membership, either nobody is prepared to take over or, worse still, an inappropriate individual takes over and, in both cases, the club shuts down?"

Mr Dawson also spoke of the Union's need to expand its membership after a period of contraction:

"We must start recruiting and our procedures at Head Office have been updated to help facilitate this. I ask you to support the NEC to recruit clubs to the Union and share the benefits of being part of an umbrella organisation."

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Union launches its new ACM diploma

The Union has unveiled a new qualification which is aimed at people who are going to be sitting on club committees and occupying positions of authority within clubs for the first time.

The Award in Club Management (ACM) comprises three units covering the key areas of licensing law and regulation, general law and financial management required to run a members' club.

Each unit will take one day of classroom-style study for candidates to complete and once all three units have been passed successfully, the participant will earn the ACM diploma.

● See page 5 for more information on the Award in Club Management

EDITOR'S LETTER

Welcome to the May edition of *Club Journal* as we reflect on Conference Weekend which saw our member clubs gather in Blackpool for the Annual Meeting and the Beer & Trades Exhibition.

The Beer & Trades Exhibition once again saw a big increase in attendees so a big thank you to all those who came along as well as to the many exhibitors who made it such an interesting and worthwhile event.

If you missed out on this year's show you can get a flavour of the day from the special supplement we have produced with this issue.

On the Saturday, the Annual Meeting was held at the Globe Theatre where the assembled delegates met for debate and addresses from both our President and our General Secretary.

You can read the official minutes of the Meeting on pages 8-15 or, if you'd rather listen to the transcript, you can download an audio file of the entire Meeting from the Union's website: www.wmciu.org.uk

On the website, you will also be able to

read a full, unedited transcript of the Annual Meeting plus view a picture gallery of images from the entire weekend taken by the Union's official Conference photographers.

During the weekend, the Union's Education Committee Working Group also unveiled details of the new Award in Club Management (ACM).

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

Unit 1A of the course covers Law & Regulation, Licensing. Unit 1B covers Other Law and Regulations and Unit 2 covers the topics of Management, Finance and Administration.

Once a candidate has completed the course and been examined in all three units, they will receive the ACM diploma. We'll be publishing details of the dates and venues for the day courses in future issues.

Finally, a word about the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which comes into force on May 25 and brings stricter obligations for employers to follow.



Some of the key points are:

- Workers have a legal right to access information an employer holds on them
- All staff have a responsibility to ensure that their activities comply with data protection
- Data protection applies when monitoring employee's phone calls, emails and CCTV

CIU Head Office is issuing guidance to all clubs but for more information on GDPR please visit:

www.acas.org.uk/data-protection-page

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DAVID FISH PRESENTED WITH LSA



Northern Social Club Secretary David Fish received his Long Service Award at a ceremony held in December 2017. Pictured, left to right: Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary), David Fish (Secretary, Northern Social Club) and Alan Hardy (President, Northumberland Branch)

PHILLIP YOUNG RECEIVES HIS COM



Phillip Young, Vice-President of Sturdee Social & Bowling Club in Kent (right), recently received his 10-year Certificate of Merit from Club President and Kent Branch Vice-President Colin Lewing

Service Award Application Reminder

Please remember to allow sufficient time when applying for your Service Award Certificates as all applications are approved initially by your local Branch Office then approved at the monthly NEC meeting at Head Office in London. All certificates take around a total of six to eight weeks to be approved, engraved and signed.

CLUB NOTICES

Expulsions

Mr Stephen Bunting, Morrision Workingmen's Club, Swansea (South Wales Branch)

Mr Philip Martin, Padiham Working Mens Club (Burnley & Pendle Branch)

Club name changes

From: St Clement's Working Men's Club to: St Clements Sports & Social Club Limited

From: Castle Ward Club Limited to: Castle Ward WMC & Institute Limited

NEWS IN BRIEF



Durham club holds fundraiser for 'Bent not Broken' charity

Bearpark & District Workmens Club in Durham held a Family Fun Day in April and raised over £1,000 towards the costs of a 12-year-old's travel to Germany for surgery to correct a curve in her spine.

Lauren Rennie (pictured above with mum Joanne), from Ushaw Moor, is due to travel to Germany this month for the operation, which is currently not available in the UK.

The 12-year-old has had scoliosis since she was a baby and has three curves in her back, including one of 55 degrees.

Her family is raising £32,000 to cover the cost of the operation being carried out by a specialist surgeon at a German hospital.

The Bent not Broken fundraiser took place at the club on Saturday, April 14 and included a fairground, zumbathon and stalls.

Joanne Rennie, Lauren's mum, said: "We would like to say we are eternally grateful for the support everyone has given Lauren so far. We are absolutely overwhelmed."

To make a donation, visit:
justgiving.com/crowdfunding/joanne-rennie



FOR SERVICE

Distinguished Service Award

James William Lofthouse, Castle Ward Club, Doncaster
David Walsh, Bradley & Colne Bridge Club, Heavy Woollen

Long Service Award

Derek Allen, Colchester Belle Vue Social Club, North East Metropolitan
Brian Milliard, Colchester Belle Vue Social Club, North East Metropolitan
Roy Keep, Hoe Street Club, North East Metropolitan
John Stacey, East Stanley WMC, Durham
Leslie Gair, Greenside Social Club, Durham
Graham Groves, Adrian Social Club, Leeds
Alan Woodhead, Adrian Social Club, Leeds
Isabella Crichton, Carlton Social Club, Wakefield
David Crichton, Carlton Social Club, Wakefield

Certificate of Merit

Julie Lawson, Castle Ward Club, Doncaster
Ann Barns, Harworth Comrades & Social Club, Doncaster
Steven Barns, Harworth Comrades & Social Club, Doncaster
Edward Charlesworth, Harworth Comrades & Social Club, Doncaster
William Askim, Harworth Comrades & Social Club, Doncaster
Kenneth Tilley, Greenside Social Club, Durham
Robert Wilson, Greenside Social Club, Durham
Michelle Brett, Greenside Social Club, Durham
Peter Shaw, Greenside Social Club, Durham
Gordon Robinson, Greenside Social Club, Durham
Kelvin Gair, Greenside Social Club, Durham
Angie Ward, Sportsman's Club Ltd, Wessex
Fred Godfree, Leicester Railwaymens Club, Leicestershire
Thomas Goldbough, Blakelaw & District Social Club, Northumberland
James Williamson, Blakelaw & District Social Club, Northumberland
Alan Campbell, Blakelaw & District Social Club, Northumberland
John Cardwell, Blakelaw & District Social Club, Northumberland
James Ferry, Blakelaw & District Social Club, Northumberland
Charles Usher, Blakelaw & District Social Club, Northumberland
Matthew Wright, Kingsley Park WM Club, South East Midlands

ELIZABETH JOHNSTONE OF GUIDE POST SOCIAL CLUB PRESENTED WITH COM



Elizabeth Johnstone of Guide Post Social Club received her Certificate of Merit in December. Pictured, left to right: Bill Stoker (No.5 Division Executive), Elizabeth Johnstone (Committee Member, Guide Post Social Club) and Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary)

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Education Committee launches new Award in Club Management

Conference Weekend saw the launch of the Union's new Education Programme take place at the Bloomfield Club in Blackpool.

The new qualification, which has been developed by the CIU's Education Committee working in tandem with CPL Training, is called the Award in Club Management (ACM).

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"The course is aimed at people who are going to be sitting on club committees and occupying positions of authority within clubs," said Paul Chase, Director and Head of Compliance of CPL Training.

"Candidates will get an understanding of licensing law and regulation relating to members' clubs, as well as a whole host of other laws and regulations that govern the running of a club - entertainment, the various copyright permissions required, the rules and regulations surrounding gaming machines in clubs.

"Candidates will also get an understanding of the main issues of financial management and administration of clubs and how to ensure that you keep your club afloat financially."

The first day courses are set to be held in October/November at clubs across the branches (dates/venues TBC) and further information will be given shortly.



Paul Chase, Director and Head of Compliance at CPL Training, talks to Union members at the launch of the new Union Education Programme, held at the Bloomfield Club in Blackpool on April 13



Geoff Blakeley CMD (centre), Manchester Branch Secretary, NEC Member and Member of the Union's Education Committee, at the launch of the Award in Club Management

Cross Hills Social Club hosts major fundraiser for teen charity

Cross Hills Social Club in Keighley is throwing open its doors to help a local teenager's major fundraising effort for young people struggling with mental health problems and depression.

Brooke Robertson will carry out a sponsored skydive this month, and for that same weekend she has also arranged a programme of fundraising entertainments at Cross Hills Social Club from May 25 to 27.

Proceeds will go towards the charity Young Minds.

Brooke, 17, a senior pupil at South Craven School, said she had personally known someone who had been badly affected by mental health issues.

The weekend entertainment organised by Brooke for the social club begins at 8pm on Friday May 25 with a race night. On the Saturday there will be a 1980s-style disco, also beginning at 8pm, with friends of Brooke due to have their heads shaved. Tickets will cost £2.

OBITUARY

Mr John Bellamy

The Committee and members of Barnby Dun Social Club Limited & Institute, Doncaster, are sad to announce that their long serving President and Committee man, passed away in April 2018.

John was also the Secretary of the Childrens Outings section.

He served the club for over 50 years and was a holder of the 50-year Certificate.

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THE 155TH ANNUAL MEETING

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The 155th Annual Meeting of the Union, held in The Globe Theatre, Blackpool, began with **GEORGE DAWSON CMD, THE PRESIDENT** of the Union, asking the assembled delegates to observe a minute's silence in remembrance of those club members who had passed away in the past 12 months. After the silence, he announced that the keynote speaker would not be attending the meeting due to illness.

THE PRESIDENT then asked delegates to agree the minutes of the 2017 Council Meeting as per the May 2017 edition of *Club Journal*.

This was followed by a Civic Welcome from **THE WORSHIPFUL THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF BLACKPOOL, COUNCILLOR GARY COLEMAN**.

Following this address, the National Executive Member for Wales and Monmouthshire District, **KEN ROBERTS CMD**, Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee, introduced the other members of the Committee: Vice-Chairman Geoff Whewell of West Midlands Branch; John

Batchelor of Derbyshire Branch; Bob Russell CMD of Wessex Branch; Geoff Fisher of Warwickshire Branch; Colin Gillatt CMD of Wakefield Branch; Alan Goodwin of West Midlands Branch and John Wood CMD of Wessex Branch.

The function of the Standing Orders Committee was explained to delegates.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

"Good morning delegates, and welcome to the 155th conference. I would like to thank you for returning me as President for the fifth term.

"I'll just go off the speech for a moment – this is the first time we've ever been in this room as a venue for the Conference, but it might be appropriate if Russia starts bombing us, because it looks like it's good enough to be a bomb shelter!

"I'll continue. I get the feeling that things have improved regarding clubs in dire trouble. The number of clubs lost to the Union is the smallest number for a considerable number of years and is, in fact,

returning to pre-smoking ban levels. The Union now needs to start recruiting instead of contracting.

"Our high was in the mid-70s with over 4,000 clubs. The Union has been contracting from that figure every year since 1976. No year since then has the Union had more clubs at the beginning of the year than at the end of the year. We must start recruiting, and our procedures at Head Office have been updated to help facilitate this. We may need to do more, and we've been discussing that this week. We also need to sell ourselves and show that we can offer help and assistance to other clubs as we do now to our member clubs.

"I would just like to take this moment to acknowledge that some members would like to see financial help for clubs. This has been discussed, and we asked the West Midlands Branch to investigate this. I would personally like to see us do something similar to the Association of Conservative Clubs instead of lining the pockets of the the City. This complete change of Union policy

Union President George Dawson CMD



needs to be fully investigated. If the NEC just throws money into no hope cases, we would quite rightly be criticised for not managing the assets of the Union prudently.

“One area the Union is helping clubs is with the PRS and PPL licences. The special JMC tariffs were fought for in the past, and we are determined to make sure we do not lose them.

“We won a significant battle at the copyright tribunal on 15th March, 1991, which has been adhered to ever since, which stated that there would be no change in legislation unless agreed by PRS, the CIU and CORCA Clubs. Some of you may have noticed a new combined licence called the

Music Licence. I received it at my own club just last week. We are now talking to PRS through my own club’s case to make sure that they are adhering to the judgement of 1991 and protecting our JMC tariff.

“By the looks of it, they are. Please let your Branch Secretary know if you have received the new assessment, so we may coordinate our action. You may receive a new assessment, but we won’t know if it’s like the old assessment unless we can see it.

“I’ll turn now to the apathy that we have in the whole of society, not least within the club movement. This apathy extends to Branches. We have unfortunately seen in recent years a loss of Branch Secretaries through illness or death, the most recent being Graham Holt from the Warwickshire Branch.

“The problem being the Branch falls into turmoil and there are a lack of successors, because a lot of Branches do not have a full executive, and clubs are not turning up to the council meetings. This apathy unfortunately extends to our clubs. How many of you know of long-standing secretaries of a club dying and, because of the apathy of the membership, either nobody is prepared to take over or, worse still, an inappropriate individual takes over and, in both cases, the club shuts down.

“We need to get people involved and I don’t have the answer for that because I’m having the same problem in my own club! We are now, after much work by some of the NEC, launching a new education system more suited to the modern-day teaching

methods. As I have said, this is not restricted to us alone, it is throughout society.

“Maybe we need a radical change to our politics and representatives, maybe we need a change in the way we are governed to feel that our voice is being heard. And if this change comes, maybe it will reinvigorate our society, and people once again can feel part of society and get involved.

“Unfortunately, the Brexit debacle just illustrates a complete disconnect our political classes have with the electorate and a large amount of people in this room. We will not give up on trying to educate them with our All-Party Parliamentary Group, and we’ll continue to fight for our clubs in the corridors of power.

“My final point is to ask you to support the NEC to recruit clubs to the Union and share the benefits you have in being part of an umbrella organisation. Help us to recruit new clubs and bring back into the fold those who have left. The NEC feels the start of this will be to get our trading account into the black, and be less reliant on the investments, which can then be used in different ways to support clubs.

“Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.”

THE PRESIDENT then asked the Meeting to consider the Annual Report and invited delegates to come to the rostrum if they had any questions.

ALLAN NISBET of Kenton & District Social Club said: “Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I’ve just heard the President there on about the help the CIU gives the clubs. Don’t think so. That’s why a lot of clubs are leaving the Union, they’re getting no help from the Union, when you’re trying to get out, they don’t want to know. Branches are struggling now.

“My own Branch, Northumberland, we’re screwed financially. We’ve only got a couple of more years left. What we need to do, and we might put the fees up, we need to get more money back to the Branches instead of them all going to London lining their pockets. We need to get it back to the Branches, to keep the Branches open. A lot of them are closing down.

“Northumberland will only have another three years I would say, at least, the way it’s going, but we need more money going into your own Branches instead of all going to London. So, when you’re voting today, the motion shouldn’t be on. They’re wanting a

The Worshipful the Deputy Mayor of Blackpool, Councillor Gary Coleman



Don Hitchin of Heavy Woollen/West Yorkshire Branch proposed the Annual Report



rise again. We've told them before don't put the money up – people don't want to pay more money to go into clubs. We're losing them left, right and centre.

"Ladies and gentlemen, if you don't stand up against these for putting money up and putting money back into the Head Office, I mean, they're wasting money just on wages alone. Salaries are £425,000 – how many staff have they got in London for that? Expenses £160,000? Hey, they've got a life and a half, haven't they? Ladies and gentlemen, please vote against these in support of these motions. We need to get more money into the Branches, not into the CIU Head Office. Please vote to take your money back to your Branches for your clubs to survive. Thank you."

DON HITCHIN of Heavy Woollen and West Yorkshire Branch then proposed the Annual Report. It was seconded by **LEN POPPLE** of Heavy Woollen Branch.

The Annual Report was accepted on a show of hands.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In presenting the Union's Annual Financial Statement, Union Accountant **STEVE CONNELL** said: "Mr President, delegates and guests. Once again, it gives me great pleasure to present to you the Financial Report on behalf of your National Executive.

"Each year, when I'm preparing to write this report, I always look back to see what I reported last year, with the intention of trying not to repeat myself too much, and hopefully not being too negative. I have to say that it is getting increasingly difficult

with each report that I present to you. When one looks at any set of financial statements, in my experience, many will go straight to the bottom of the revenue account to determine if they have resulted in a profit or loss.

"If there is a profit, an assumption could be made that the organisation is in a secure financial position. So, if we look at our financial statements and go straight to the bottom of the revenue account, we will see that the Union has made, as a whole, a profit this year of £213,336, compared to a profit of £543,694 in 2016.

"Therefore, the assumption could be made that the Union is in a secure financial position. Job done! I don't need to report anything else, and we can all go home! That, I would suggest, would be totally irresponsible of me.

"Our financial statements as you know are only produced once every 12 months, and therefore only give a snapshot of our financial position on a particular day, that being the 30th September 2017. To determine the true health of our financial position going forward, we must examine these account in more detail.

"In every report that I present to you, I emphasise the importance of concentrating on the line in our revenue account titled Operating Profit or Loss. I looked back at previous annual reports to determine the last time that the revenue account had resulted in an operating profit, and it may surprise you to know that it was 11 years ago.

"That means that we have been making considerable operating losses ever since

2006. If these were the financial statements of your own club, it is quite likely that you would have closed well before now. A club's main source of revenue comes from its bar sales, gaming machine receipts, etcetera. If your members do not come to the club and contribute to your main sources of revenue, eventually the club will suffer – possibly resulting in closure.

"Our Union's main sources of revenue comes from the sale of Associate and Pass Cards, together with affiliation fees which, in these accounts, we call annual fees. The revenue derived from these three main sources of income which I often refer to as the lifeblood of the Union, have been declining year on year. This year alone, the revenue has fallen by £78,522 – or 6.9%. If our other forms of income were increasing, this wouldn't be as bad, but unfortunately that is not the case.

"Total income that is attributed to the operating loss, that is recorded within these accounts as turnover, and itemised in note 5, amounted this year to £1,722,649 – down by £158,428 in 2016 – or 8.4%. We continue through rigid budgetary control to curtail expenditure where possible, and it is at least pleasing to report that this year saw a reduction of £74,291, or 3.8%, to £1,883,901.

"With all this taken into account, the outside observer would be well within their rights to ask the question – How on earth has the Union managed to survive for so long? Well, to answer that question, we have to look at the results for those last 11 years since we made the last operating profit. And here comes the scary bit. Since 2011, the Union has made operating losses in total of £5,770,966. How on earth have we been able to absorb these huge losses?

"The answer is quite simple, and it is the huge success of the Union's investment policy over that same period. This is now the second year that our financial statements have needed to conform to the Reporting Standard 102, part of the UK Accounting Standards, where our investments are valued at their full market value as opposed to their original cost.

"The effect of this is that net investment gains this year has resulted in gains of £623,689 compared to gains of £994,374 in 2016. And a break down of these gains can be seen within Note 8 to these financial statements. In the same 11-year period from 2006 to 2017, the Union has benefited from the combination of net gains on the sale of

investments, interest received on investments, and the change in value of investments held by £4,364,978.

“It is worth pointing out that this period includes the stock market crash experienced in 2008. You can see that with the successful results from our investments, we still have not been able to fully overturn the total operating losses of over £5.7 million, however without these investment gains, the Union would be in a very dire financial position now. One area that would have suffered the most would have been the Union’s 25 Branches. You can see from these financial statements that collectively the Branches made losses this year of £119,893, compared to losses of £71,077 in 2016.

“Central funding of Branches has increased significantly over recent years, even to the extent of allowing extremely favourable interest to be earned on their investments held within the Central Investment Fund. None of that would have been possible without the success made from our investments.

“However, these successes should never be taken for granted. The global economy is, as you know, going through some very turbulent times. Suffice it to say, that if I produce a set of financial statements with a period end of today, it would certainly not

be as good as those before you. It would only take two to three years of continued operating losses coupled with negative investment returns to seriously damage the Union’s finances.

“If we look at the Union’s balance sheet, that observer that I referred to earlier, those who made the assumption that the Union’s finances were healthy due to a bottom line profit on our revenue account, would probably make the same assumption after reading that we now have net assets of £8,294,782 compared to £8,082,846 in 2016. But for reasons that I’ve explained, that would indeed be an irresponsible assumption.

“When I was looking back over the annual reports from previous years to see when we made the last operating profit, it was noticeable that once amended for today’s requirement to show investments at market value, we had net assets in total virtually identical to now. That tells us that in 11 years, the Union’s finances have resulted in zero capital growth, and once adjusted for inflation, negative capital growth.

“It shouldn’t be a surprise to anyone to learn that over that same 11-year period, we have lost just over 1,000 clubs. The disappointing part is that 1,081 clubs left or

closed, whilst only 75 clubs have joined the CIU. Apart from what can be done in the immediate future to improve income and reduce expenditure, for the long term future of the Union, I believe every effort must be made to attract more clubs to the Union.

“In this respect, the next 11-year period will be crucial to determining our future. Looking at the results of our 25 Branches’ financial statements, which as you know due to self-accounting, sees them currently being independently audited, it should be reported that this year we experienced various problems, least not the poor health of one of the main Branch auditors in getting their accounts finalised prior to their inclusion in these consolidated accounts.

“In fact, prior to going to press for the production of this Annual Report, we had still not received the accounts on behalf of our Kent Branch, and were therefore unable to complete the financial information on their behalf, which is seen on page 74 of the Report.

“I can report that those accounts, and therefore all Branch accounts have now been submitted. And I can also report that your National Executive will shortly be discussing these issues to ensure that this doesn’t occur again.

“In conclusion, Mr President, I would like once again to take this opportunity of thanking Brian Howarth, our auditor, for his expert advice given throughout the year. And, finally, I wish you every success in the future management of your clubs. Thank you, Mr President.”

HOWARD SHARPE of Thornhill Briggs Working Mens Club moved to accept the Financial Statement.

DAN CAPEWELL of Pittshill Victory Club, seconded the Motion to accept the Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement was accepted on a show of hands.

THE PRESIDENT called on **BRIAN HOWARTH** of BH Accountancy, the Union’s statutory auditors, to make an address.

Mr Howarth spoke about the Union’s Financial Statements over a period of time and argued that the Union’s dependence on the annual performance of the stock markets was inadvisable against a backdrop of uncertainty in the wider world.

He said: “You can see therefore how your NEC are now urgently looking to protect themselves against events which they simply cannot influence. They have no power to



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prevent a potential second credit crunch, no power to influence the outcome of Brexit, no power to rein in Mr Trump, and so on. And yet all of these events and others like them indirectly affect the Union greatly through the stock markets.

“I am sure that with the continued efforts of everybody in this room today, you could all assist in ensuring the continued survival of the Union to the benefit of all.”

THE MOTIONS

THE PRESIDENT then moved on to Item 9 in the Agenda, the motions for consideration and explained the voting process to delegates, saying: “Motion 1 requires only a simple majority because the reference to the membership has a minimum figure in it and a maximum figure in it, and 70p doesn’t go over the maximum figure. Therefore, that’s only a simple majority because it’s not actually changing the rule. Motion 2 requires a two-thirds majority because it’s mentioned in the rule that it’s £75 and that’s the figure we’re wanting to change.

“Later on in the Rule Book, it does say about VAT at the current rate. So, if VAT were lower at the £75 less 15% VAT or £75 plus 25% VAT. Motion 3, the VAT rule doesn’t apply to this one because the rule states it’s £3.50 inclusive of VAT, so an Associate Card is £2.92 plus 58p VAT, and it includes it in the £4.00. So, that’s why that requires that two-thirds majority.”

MOTION 1

LES HEPWORTH CMD, NEC Member and Branch Secretary for Heavy Woollen and Huddersfield, proposed Motion 1 which referred to a club’s representative membership fee to be increased from a fee of 50p per member to 70p per member (Rule 10).

He said: “The reason we’re asking for this increase is, as the gentlemen said earlier, Branches are struggling. All Branches are struggling. We’ve already had four Branches that closed due to lack of funds. If you look at the back of your report, you can see there’s another three or four Branches that have got very little funds and will close shortly unless they get an increase. This increase from 50p to 70p will enable local Branches to get extra funding and stay open.

“As you know, your first port of call is always your local Branch, whether it be for



NEC Member Les Hepworth CMD

information or for CIU goods or anything on that line. People in my Branch know I’m available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

“So, please vote to increase your membership to 70p from 50p, as this will definitely keep your Branches going, and I vote yes to this amendment please. Thank you very much.”

The Motion was then seconded by **BOB RUSSELL CMD** of Solent Social Club, NEC member for the Wessex and Western Counties Branches and President of Wessex Branch.

Opposing the Motion, **DAVID COLES**, Secretary of Wickersley Social Club, South Yorkshire, said: “We’ve just heard that clubs are closing, clubs are struggling to survive. I can’t believe the audacity of the Executive in putting a motion of this nature to insult you people who are delegates of these clubs.

“They don’t want a 5% increase, they don’t want a 10% increase – they want a 40% increase. My own club pays around £700 already on this, and they’re asking us for another £300. It’s another nail in the coffin of clubs who are borderline. It’s not on. Do they care about the clubs or do they care about themselves? Well, I urge you to reject this proposal – kick it out, don’t vote for it, and look after your clubs.”

Also opposing the motion, **DES FLOOD** of Weoley Castle Working Men’s Club, West Midlands Branch, said: “Delegates, good

morning. I think I’ve heard it all today here – Brexit, the President of the USA as the big problem for our problems. The problem for us are the people sitting on the stage. Not Donald Trump!

“You couldn’t make it up, to be honest. I haven’t spoken in two years here since I was elected as a City Councillor on the biggest local authority in Europe, and I have to say, my views don’t represent that local authority.

“Where was Donald Trump and Brexit five years ago when I stood on the platform here at Conference, and asked this National Executive to consider support, the smallest financial support to keep clubs going? Very similar to what credit unions might provide. Five years has gone past and they’re asking the West Midlands to look at this issue. It’s an absolute disgrace, Conference. We need support for clubs financially. We don’t need to be risking our finances on the stock market.

“You know, what are we about? We’re sometimes as bad as these bankers who we blame. We’re no different. There’s no enthusiasm from the people sitting on this rostrum behind me to, in a meaningful way, support clubs by helping them financially to keep the bogeymen, which are the bankers and the breweries, from getting the deeds to these clubs.

“The deeds to these clubs should stay with

the clubs, should stay with the family of the CIU, should have financial support. I have no thirst to support this National Executive and these proposals, and I would urge you to do the same.”

Speaking in support of the Motion, **DAN CAPEWELL** of Pittshill Victory Club, West Midlands Branch, said: “Mr Chairman, I hadn’t intended to vote for this Motion because I thought it would go through automatically to be honest. When I saw that it was a simple majority, I thought that was odd because I remember when it went up to 50p and that was the maximum, so I looked it up on the website and back in 2014, you passed a Motion to increase that range, and it said in that Motion that it will be necessary to increase these fees, so will you vote for this Motion – and you all voted for it.

“So, presumably even then, you accepted that these fees would increase. I think there’s no doubt that the Union does need more money, and the question is where should it come from? In my own view, I could never understand why the Union relied on your members to pay for the increases, rather than its own members.

“Now, its own members are the clubs! We are the members of the Union. So, if the Union needs an increase in income, it should come from the clubs, which is why my own club and myself fully support this motion. And I would point out, when we talked about increase, if, I think, we probably are like your clubs, where our membership’s gone down year on year. So, when we talk about an increase, we’re paying less now than we did five years ago. So, this 20p increase, it won’t be an increase of what we used to pay, it’ll probably take us back to what we used to pay. So, let’s put it into perspective what the increase is. So, Mr Chairman, I fully support this motion.”

The Motion failed to achieve the majority required (67 For, 271 Against)

MOTION 2

Union Vice-President **JOHN TOBIN** proposed Motion 2, the reference to a minimum annual fee payable by clubs to the Union, to be increased from £75 per club to £100 per club (Rule 10). He said: “This is a very small amendment. I can see how the reaction has been already, and I think this one is pretty fair. It’s a very minority of clubs who pay the £75, and this would see an increase to £100.

“I mean, that’s a pretty reasonable rate to be a member of the Union today, because they will get that £100 back on their PRS and the agreements that we’ve made with them, and the reduction of the tax on the Performing Rights Society. So, I do feel that this is fairly straightforward. It’s not going to bring in an enormous amount of money, and listening to the two accountants like the prophets of doom, that monies are not there.

“I appreciate our friend who spoke earlier that it is difficult today. The clubs are suffering, we’re not getting enough bums on seats of course, and that affects the Branches and the National Executive as a whole. So, we’ve really got to do something for the future for our survival as a whole. I mean, 1,400 clubs now against 4,200 some 25 years ago. That’s a massive drop, and we can see that happening all over the country, but for £100 it’s a great organisation to be part of. As I said the other night, we’re unique in this country, we’re unique in Europe, and I’d go as far as saying we’re unique as far as the world is concerned. So, I’m asking you to agree to this increase from £75 to £100. Thank you very much.”

The Motion was seconded by **BOB RUSSELL CMD** of Solent Social Club, NEC member for the Wessex and Western Counties Branches and President of Wessex Branch.

The Motion failed to achieve the required two-thirds majority (For 150, Against 223)

MOTION 3

GEOFF WHEWELL, President of West

Midlands Branch, proposed Motion 3, the reference to the cost of the Associate Card and Pass Card to be increased from £3.50 to £4.00 for each card (Rule 16). He said:

“Good morning fellow delegates. You will have heard from the Union’s Accountant, and read in the Annual Report, of the operating loss over the period October 2016 to September 2017 was some £635,279, of which the Branches losses were some £192,025 of that total.

“However, due to our investment strategy, the gains from them more than compensated for the operating losses, although as you are aware, investments can be volatile. This year, as in the past, this volatility hasn’t caused any undue concerns in this regard.

“We’ve had a long and detailed discussion on how we could improve our income, and came to the decision as a stop-gap measure that, at this AGM, we would submit a motion for your approval. We are aware that if this motion gets the required majority, it would not come into force until January 2019, and would not in any way solve the problem, but may ease it. It is therefore my pleasure as a National Executive Member, to propose the motion to increase the Associate Card and yearly Pass Card each from £3.50 including VAT to £4.00 including VAT, and I look forward to your support for this motion.”

The Motion was then seconded by **JACK HAUGHEY**, West Midlands Branch Secretary.

Speaking against the Motion, **ALLAN NISBET** of Kenton & District



Allan Nisbet of Kenton & District Social Club

Social Club said: "Sorry, ladies and gentlemen, I'm like a bad penny! You've heard all the waffle going on this morning – I'd like to thank the Accountants and the Auditor – but they haven't touched on what I've been saying for years.

"They come to Blackpool probably Tuesday and Wednesday, wine and dine everybody, wasting money, probably £50,000 it's cost for the weekend. It's money out of our money that they're losing. Now, if you look in your book, their figures not mine, wages and salaries, can you tell us how many staff we've got down in London, please? Because £425,000 for wages and salaries? There's something sadly wrong. Wasting money! Executive Committee fees - £160,000!

"Don't vote for this. Vote against it. What I want for the next time is I'm going to get a letter sent out that we need more money to the Branches and not to them. Just send 10% to them of whatever we collect in our own Branches, send 10% to London. They should be cutting down their costs, not putting the monies up. We're paying enough as it is, we're losing clubs left, right and centre.

"Our club alone, the Treasurer wants to pull away because we're getting no help out of them. We were nearly bust in 2003, we had £95 in the bank, owed £38,000. Since then, we've turned around a new committee, we've got over £1 million turnover, and now we've got the club back. No help off these – these wouldn't help us, down London.



Brenda McMahon of Brafield on the Green Working Men's Club



Members voted on three Motions during the Annual Meeting

"You may as well talk to a brick wall! So, I don't know why we're paying money into them. Please vote against it, ladies and gentlemen. Keep it to your Branches."

THE PRESIDENT said: "Thank you, Allan. I would just like to correct you on a couple of points, because one of the points you brought up was a £50,000 cost for the Conference, and that it's all us on expenses, having a free do and everything. £24,000 of it is for Branch Executive delegates to attend this Conference – not the National Executive. You were told that at a Northumberland Council meeting.

"And also, the expenses at the National Executive alone, I remember when I first started on and most of us started on the NEC, there was 29 National Executive members, and the expenses were over £300,000. It's now gone down to I think £160,000 because there's only 15 of us.

"So, we've cut down ourselves, and we've increased funding to the Branches – a lot of us on the National Executive are also Branch Secretaries. And up to about three years/four years ago, Branches only got 25% of the annual fee, and you'll see in the book now we've put that up to 50% because we do believe in the Branches, because the Branches are the area that the member clubs go to.

"They have strict instructions at Head Office not to give advice out. It's for the Branch to give the advice. So, we do support Branches, and there's reason that a few of them are in difficulties. It is the simple fact we have less clubs and less people buying the funding, which is annual fees and Pass Cards for the Branch. So, I'd just like to

correct people on that assumption."

Speaking against the Motion, **BRENDA MCMAHON** of Brafield on the Green Working Men's Club, Northampton. She said: "I have voted as my Committee wanted on the increase to £100, and so too the increase that was in Motion 1. However, this increase on the Associate Cards is going to kill us. The thing is, we have a terrible job now to get people to buy Associate Cards, and we're selling them at £3.50.

"It got to the point where we changed our rules and made it compulsory for anyone who joined our club to become an Associate member. I think this is more the way forward in a year or two's time, rather than raising the money now, and I think it would be far too expensive and I think you'd get a lot of people just not bothering to join.

"Why do it when you can perhaps have friends in the area, go in as a guest or whatever? You've got all these other ways you can get into clubs without buying these Associate Cards. And the members aren't daft – they know this! But please don't vote for this motion. Thank you."

The Motion failed to achieve the required two-thirds majority (50 For, 280 Against)

KENNETH D GREEN CMD, THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S ADDRESS

"Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I hope you all attended and enjoyed the trade show yesterday and gained a little information which will go some way to helping your club.

"Due to circumstances beyond our control, we had to move the trade show at short notice, but I'm sure you will agree that

the venue is quite spacious and suits our needs and those of the exhibitors.

“I wish to thank you all for attending today, as unity in numbers mean strength, and together we hope to stem the tide of club closures with the spirit of help and combined knowledge to leave a legacy for our successors in this great movement.

“Let me inform you that our Office Manager Stephen Gouling is, at the moment, extremely ill and unable to attend Conference, but remains in London working on our behalf.

“We have developed an intensive and hopefully informative education programme, which will go a long way to provide a platform or learning which will teach both new and experienced club men and women the basics of club management without it being too complicated.

“We are all subject to the law of the land and this dictates the need to pay dues and demands to HMRC and other bodies. There are plenty of accountants out there – no offence, Brian – that do it for you, but of course this involves cost, sometimes at rather ridiculous amounts when it is still relatively an easy task for a layman to perform at minimal cost.

“That said, the government seem hell bent on making things more difficult with their plans to introduce what is called ‘Making Tax Digital’.

We have heard there may be exemptions from this for private members’ clubs, as this has already been postponed once, we will continue to lobby Parliament to ensure all our clubs are exempt from the scheme in at least part, or all, of the legislation as, in our opinion, this will be another huge cost placed on clubs, which we would have to bear in an already costly area of our business.

“Going back to education, when the new programme is available, which will be very shortly, I hope at least one person from every club in the Union will make the effort to attend at least one of the courses with a view to making our clubs the envy of the 16,000 clubs in this country.

“As you will no doubt be aware, the PRS and PPL are merging, with a plan to reduce the back-office costs of the two bodies – allegedly – which we will ensure does not lead to ridiculous cost increases for our clubs. Rest assured, we will have representation at all levels once the merger has been implemented, and we will



Union General Secretary
Kenneth D Green CMD

scrutinise all tariffs and plans for the future company.

“The Union is also suffering through closure of Branches due to various circumstances, not least running out of funds. The only way to prevent these losses becoming an everyday occurrence is to support your local Branch. Through your Branch Secretary and Executive Members, and trade with the Branch for your club’s requirements, we can help ourselves.

“Most Branches offer the facility to trade with them for items such as bingo tickets, raffle tickets, etcetera, which are usually priced at a reasonable amount. Couple this with the expert advice you will get, and you’ll go some way to helping each other and keeping our Branch structure.

“How many suppliers are capable, or even interested, in giving you valuable advice when needed? We have a structure second to none in our Union, and hopefully we will be able to keep this in the future.

“I feel I must once again remind all committees to consult the club’s rule book when dealing with its members. I, of course, refer to our valuable arbitration service which is in place to keep clubs and its members from the clutches of the legal profession and their associated costs.

“As the officer in charge of arbitrations, I feel it is my duty to point out the pitfalls of getting the initial disciplinary case incorrect. When a member feels he or she has been unjustly dealt with by their committee, they

have a right – subject to your club’s rule book – to make a claim to arbitration. I bring this to your attention because when things go wrong, the Union usually is blamed, when in a lot of cases it is either because the club is not following procedure or not being fair and reasonable in their deliberations.

“Please remember, the Union provides lectures on suspensions and expulsions with a view to your committee getting it right on all occasions, and not getting the feeling that the Union’s let you down, when an arbitration decision is made for the Appellant. An arbitration decision made correctly will stand in a court of law if challenged.

“Thank you for listening and rest assured whichever way the decisions made earlier went, you can rely on the best advice from your Branch Secretary who should be the first port of call in the event of questions on law and administration in your clubs, and, as I have said before, if he does not know the answer, he knows a man or a woman who does know the answer, such is the design of our great organisation. Thank you.”

THE PRESIDENT announced that the next Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 and declared the 2018 Annual Meeting closed.

The total number of delegates at the 2018 Annual Meeting was 363.



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MEMBERS' CORNER

Informative articles which affect our life
 by Dione Mobley

Deaf Awareness Week takes place May 14-20 and aims to raise awareness about the challenges of deafness and hearing loss - a problem faced by one in six people in the UK.

That translates to a total of 11 million people. Of these, 6.5 million are aged 60 and over, although hearing loss can affect people of all ages.

The theme for the week is 'Connect and Communicate' which aims to highlight the positive outcomes of being deaf aware and how involvement can improve the understanding of all types of deafness together with the communications methods that can be used.

Here are some key facts about deafness in the UK:

- Around two million people use hearing aids and about 800,000 are severely or profoundly deaf

- Around one in every 10 UK adults has tinnitus (this is a ringing, buzzing or humming in the ears)
- British Sign Language is the preferred language of around 145,000 people within the UK
- On average it takes ten years for people to address their hearing loss.

In some cases, hearing loss can be sudden, but often it's gradual and may not be noticed at first.

Some signs of hearing loss can include; asking people to repeat themselves, having the volume on the TV or radio turned up higher than other people need, regularly feeling tired or stressed from having to concentrate while listening.

If your club would like to get involved in Deaf Awareness Week, perhaps by holding a collection for an associated charity or by simply raising awareness of deafness, you can get more information and download posters from the Deaf Council's website:

<http://deafcouncil.org.uk/deaf-awareness-week/>

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ACROSS

- 1 'Little one' sympathiser, as yet not developed. (6)
- 4 Image built up round pole - now there's a puzzle! (6)
- 9 Hit the ocean, it's said, like a candle. (4)
- 10 Gen. Sec. to yawn over press association. (4,6)
- 11 Well-known coin, about to be re-issued. (6)
- 12 Shrub's six? Incinerate them, say! (8)
- 13 Fancy foodstore that lit up old pictures? (9)
- 17 Filled out 'poorly' form. (3)
- 19 Fired in anger... (3)
- 20 Go for al dente recipe that's lengthened. (9)

- 25 Non-military? Such a polite fellow! (8)
- 26 Force Big Leo to comply. (6)
- 28 Instrument that's both loud and quiet? (5-5)
- 29 Separate... just a bit. (4)
- 30 Ripoff sheepskin? (6)
- 31 Local rule we ably take on. (6)

- 8 Wives left out of turn. (6)
- 14 Napkin found on Everest. (It could be...!) (9)
- 15 Exploit some famous engineer... (3)
- 16 Rambo - obviously giving a bit of disapproval! (3)
- 18 Hospital has borderline at country boundary. (8)
- 21 Open carriage turns up in Highland auction. (6)
- 22 Go on ley-lines for inventing words. (7)
- 23 Inside information about broken pen? (3-3)
- 24 Life film transmitted through fibre optic? Fret not! (6)
- 27 Damaged solar panel (not by arson) at buttonhole site. (5)

DOWN

- 1 Alec's about to cry? Hardly! (8)
- 2 New (or any synthetic) material. (5)
- 3 Little bus' cabin I'm redesigning. (7)
- 5 Close to an awful barney... (6)
- 6 Fighter has a rill, you could argue. (9)
- 7 Grow by addition, in acre mined for copper. (6)



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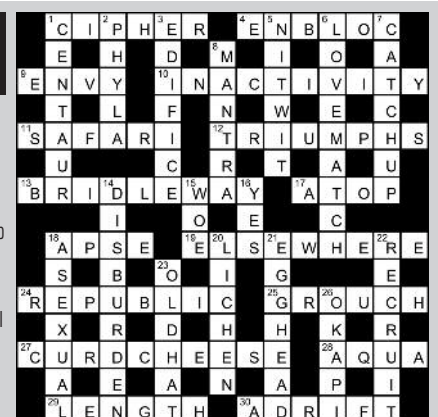
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Sunday, May 13, 2.10pm – Sky Sports F1 HD

F1: Spanish Grand Prix

The Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya Montmelo is the venue for the 2018 Spanish Grand Prix. Lewis Hamilton won here last year, comfortably seeing off the challenge of Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel and Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo to gain six points. Reigning champion Hamilton will be looking for a podium finish once again this year.

Saturday, May 19, 5pm – BBC/BT Sport

The FA Cup Final: Chelsea v Manchester United

Action from Wembley Stadium as the last two teams standing battle it out on the famous turf in the world's oldest football cup competition. Chelsea reached the Final courtesy of their 2-0 victory over Southampton in the semis while Manchester United beat Tottenham Hotspur 2-1 in their last-four clash.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

The UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, Premier League and FA Cup all reach their respective climaxes in May and there are plenty of other big events taking place in cricket, rugby and horse racing

Sunday May 6

1.30pm

Sky Sports PL HD

Premier League: Manchester City v Huddersfield Town

Sunday May 6

4.30pm

Sky Sports PL HD

Premier League: Chelsea v Liverpool

Thursday May 10

7.45pm

Sky Sports PL HD

Premier League: West Ham United v Manchester United

Saturday May 12

1pm

ITV4

Horse Racing: Ascot, Lingfield Park and Haydock Park

Sunday May 13

12.30pm

BT Sport HD

Scottish Premiership: Hibernian v Rangers



West Ham United v Manchester United, Thursday, May 10, 7.45pm, Sky Sports PL HD

Sunday May 13

12.30pm

Sky Sports Football HD

Celtic v Aberdeen

Sunday May 13

2.10pm

Sky Sports F1 HD

F1: Spanish Grand Prix

Sunday May 13

xxpm

BBC

Rugby League Challenge Cup - Sixth Round

Wednesday May 16

1pm

ITV4

Horse Racing: York - Dante Festival

Wednesday May 16

8.05pm

BT Sport HD

UEFA Europa League - Final

Thursday May 17

1pm

ITV4

Horse Racing: York - Dante Festival



Saturday, May 19, 7pm – BT Sport HD
Boxing: Lee Selby v Josh Warrington
 Lee Selby makes the fifth defence of his IBF World Featherweight Championship title against mandatory challenger Josh Warrington at Elland Road. Welshman Selby claimed the IBF crown against Russia's Evgeny Gradovich in 2015 but will have to overcome a largely hostile crowd in Warrington's home city.



Sunday, May 26, 7.45pm – BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: The Final
 Kiev hosts the Champions League Final, one of the sporting highlights of the year. Real Madrid romped to the title in last year's final in Cardiff, putting on a real masterclass to beat Juventus by 4-1. It was Cristiano Ronaldo who was once again the star of the show, scoring a goal in each half to set up the victory.

Saturday May 19
 1pm
 ITV
Horse Racing: Newbury and Newmarket

Saturday May 19
 3pm
 Sky Sports Arena HD
Super League: Magic Weekend - Widnes Vikings v St Helens

Saturday May 19
 5pm
 BT Sport HD/BBC
FA Cup Final: Chelsea v Manchester United

Saturday May 19
 6pm
 Sky Sports Football HD
Major League Soccer: New York City FC v Colorado Rapids

Saturday May 19
 7pm
 BT Sport
Boxing: World Featherweight Championship - Lee Selby v Josh Warrington

Sunday May 20
 5.30pm
 Sky Sports Arena HD
Super League: Magic Weekend - Hull Kingston Rovers v Hull FC

Monday May 21
 8pm
 Sky Sports Football HD
Major League Soccer: Montreal Impact v LA Galaxy

Thursday May 24
 10am
 Sky Sports Cricket HD
Test Cricket: England v Pakistan, 1st Test - Day 1

Friday May 25
 10am
 Sky Sports Cricket HD
Test Cricket: England v Pakistan, 1st Test - Day 2

Saturday May 26
 10am
 Sky Sports Cricket HD
Test Cricket: England v Pakistan, 1st Test - Day 3

Saturday May 26
 1pm
 ITV4
Horse Racing: Haydock Park, Goodwood and York

Saturday May 26
 3pm
 BT Sport HD
Aviva Premiership: The Final

Saturday May 26
 3pm
 Sky Sports Arena HD
Rugby League: Barrow v Sheffield Eagles

Saturday May 26
 5.15pm
 Sky Sports Arena HD
Rugby League: Halifax RLFC v Featherstone Rovers

Saturday May 26
 7.30pm
 Sky Sports Arena HD
Rugby League: Toronto Wolfpack v Leigh Centurions

Saturday May 26
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
UEFA Champions League: The Final

Sunday May 27
 10am
 Sky Sports Cricket HD
Test Cricket: England v Pakistan, 1st Test - Day 4

Sunday May 27
 2.10pm
 Sky Sports F1 HD
F1: Monaco Grand Prix

Sunday May 27
 1pm
 Sky Sports Arena HD
Rugby League: Toulouse v London Broncos

Sunday May 27
 3.15pm
 Sky Sports Arena HD
Rugby League: Rochdale Hornets v Swinton

Sunday May 27
 5.30pm
 Sky Sports Arena HD
Rugby League: Batley Bulldogs v Dewsbury Rams

Monday May 28
 10am
 Sky Sports Cricket HD
Test Cricket: England v Pakistan, 1st Test - Day 5

Monday May 28
 2.10pm
 ITV4
Tennis: French Open - Day 1

Tuesday May 29
 2.10pm
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Tennis: French Open - Day 2

Wednesday May 30
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