

Clubs urged to support CIU's Sports and Games programme

Games and sports have long been an integral feature of Union clubs with many elite players in such sports as darts, snooker, pool and bowls, honing their skills in CIU venues before going on to achieve international success.

Indeed, the CIU is one of the biggest organisers of sporting competition in the UK with trophies being competed for at both National and Branch level.

Each year, the CIU runs National Championships in Team Darts, Team Pool, Team Snooker, Individual Snooker, Individual Darts, Individual Pool, Dominoes 5s and 3s, Dominoes Straights and Cribbage Pairs. As well as a trophy, the winner of each category also receives a cash prize.

However, since the COVID-19 shutdown, the number of entries to the National Championships has dropped significantly.

"Games and sport are the lifeblood of many of our clubs and an important part of traditional club life, whether that be teams competing in their local leagues or taking part in CIU events at National or Branch level," said Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM.

"I know many clubs have been working extremely hard to get their teams back up and running after the pandemic and as an organisation we are determined to build on their efforts and revitalise the CIU National Championships.

"We are actively asking more clubs to enter teams and individuals across the many categories of games and



Mid Rhondda WMC were crowned CIU National Team Darts Champions in 2019

sports events run by the CIU.

"Participating in the Union games offers a great opportunity to boost trade, particularly on occasions when the club is quiet. It is also a great opportunity to visit and meet fellow clubs in other areas.

"The NEC is currently looking at ways to make the competitions more attractive to clubs and we'd love to hear any suggestions for changing the formats of the championships to stimulate greater participation.

"Entry fees for the competitions are very modest and are all returned as prize money and are topped up with Union subsidies.

"Of course this is only possible if we get the support of Union clubs. I urge you to get behind the Recreation programme which has been a major part of the Union's history over many decades."

For more information on the competitions being run by the Union, visit: www.wmciu.org.uk

Clubs pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth II



Last month saw CIU members across the UK gathering at their clubs to pay their respects to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Many clubs opened on the day of the Queen's State Funeral in order to watch the historic event alongside friends and club colleagues.

Herne Bay Ex-Services Club in Kent (pictured above) was one such club with Committee Member Diane Morley saying:

"We had a large screen up in the club and set out a snack lunch.

"It was a very emotional day but being with others was lovely, particularly for the many ex-services personnel among our members."

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Welcome to the October issue of *Club Journal*.

It has certainly been a momentous month since our last issue with the nation saying farewell to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II after her 70 years of service to the nation and the Commonwealth.

I am sure that everyone involved with the CIU and its clubs will join me in sending their sympathy to the Royal Family, not least to our new King, Charles III.

Meanwhile, as temperatures across the country start to drop amid concerns over rising heating bills, we present an overview of the Government's new Energy Relief Bill and what it actually means for clubs. See our 'HQ' section on pages 18-19.

On a happier note, tickets are now available for the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday which takes place at Wetherby on Saturday, November 12.

The special Paddock admission entry for CIU members costs £15.50 per person (including a 50p booking fee per ticket, to a maximum of 24 tickets/£12) and includes a bespoke Paddock admission badge for entry to the racecourse and exclusive CIU Paddock Marquee; an Official Race Programme (worth £2.50) and Pie & Peas Voucher (worth £5.95).

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To book please visit www.wetherbyracing.co.uk, go to the November 12 fixture, find the CIU Package and enter the code PEAKCIU22 when prompted at checkout.

Please note that there is a minimum booking requirement of six tickets – see page 12 for the full details.

Meanwhile, our 'Club of the Month' for October is St. James Working Mens Club in Northampton.

The club is doing a brisk trade at the moment thanks to its great facilities and range of activities, including snooker, pool, darts, cribbage and skittles.

The club also stages regular live entertainment and special events, including fundraisers for local charities. You can read the full profile on pages 14-17.

Lastly, just a reminder that there is still time to get involved in the Dransfields CIU Greyhounds Racenight taking place at Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium on Tuesday, October 11, whether that be attending or sponsoring a dog which will give you the chance to win money for your club. For more information, see the details on page 6.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

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Anita celebrates 10 years as Club Secretary

Anita Robertson (pictured right) has marked 10 years as Secretary of Crosshills Social Club in Keighley.

Having been a longtime member of the club, Anita – who works as a Ward Clerk in the local hospital – joined the Committee in 2010 and became Secretary in 2012 and is delighted with how the club is faring after negotiating its way through the pandemic.

“I have seen many changes over the years and can happily say the last two have been the most rewarding,” she says.

“Although COVID-19 saw us having to close for a long period, since reopening we now have more members than ever and all the games teams are back up and running in snooker, pool, darts and dominoes.

“We have a good crowd of people who use our club regularly, thanks in part to the programme of great entertainment which we offer and our Bar Manager continues to do an excellent job.

“We have modernised our premises with smart air cooling systems and clean air filters, improved disabled access with a ramp outside so that everyone can enjoy our venue.

“Having a good Committee is essential and I am delighted that the current members of the Committee work so hard together to make the club a better place and ensure that the club has a bright future.”



News in brief



Clubs urged to 'Wear It Pink' on October 21 to raise awareness of Breast Cancer

The charity, Breast Cancer Now, is asking club members to 'Wear It Pink' on October 21 in order to raise awareness and funds for the battle against a disease which causes around 12,000 deaths a year in the UK.

If you register your interest in taking part, the charity will send out a free fundraising pack which is filled with lots of useful items that will help you make the most of Wear It Pink Day, including bunting, balloons and posters.

For more information, call the charity on 0333 20 70 300 or visit the website: <http://www.wearitpink.org>

Ann and Dan Gosling presented with the Certificate of Merit



On August 25, Wallsend Labour Club presented husband and wife Dan and Ann Gosling with their Certificates of Merit. Pictured, left to right: Paul Yellop (No.7 Division Executive), Dan Gosling (Committee Member and CoM recipient), Ann Gosling (Committee Member and CoM recipient), Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary) and Peter Taylor (Club Secretary)

CLUB NOTICES

Club withdrawn

Crookes Social Club
(South Yorkshire Branch)

Clubs admitted

Great Western Railway Tondu Club
(South Wales Branch)

Bishops Waltham Social Club
(Wessex Branch)

Salisbury Castle Street Social Club & Institute
(Western Counties Branch)

Suspensions

Neil Dickson – The Vocal Working Men’s Club, Northampton – 12-month suspension

Derek Leeson receives the Certificate of Merit



Pictured, left to right: Maidstone WMC Committee Member Derek Leeson receives his CoM from Club Secretary and Treasurer Brian EC Hickmott

Brian EC Hickmott, the Secretary and Treasurer of Maidstone Working Men’s Club in Kent, presented Committee Member Derek Leeson with his 10-Year Certificate of Merit at the club’s half-year General Meeting on August 25.

Derek has been an extremely loyal member of the club for 51 years and was also awarded his Life Membership in 2010.

He joined the Committee in August 2012 and completed his 10 years’ service in August of this year.

Remembrance Club presented with Centenary certificate



The Remembrance Club in Birmingham recently celebrated its Centenary with a special event attended by Union President George Smith and Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM. Pictured, left to right: West Midlands President Geoff Whewell, NEC Member and West Midlands Branch Secretary Jack Haughey CMD ACM, Union President George Smith, Club Vice-President Mick Showering, Club President John Ford, Club Secretary Emma Parkins, Club Treasurer June Bradley, Club Committee Member Martin Wooldridge, Union Vice-President Ken Roberts CMD ACM, Club Committee Member Liz Ford and Club Committee Member Tracy Lane

Distinguished Service Award for Roger Burns



Roger Burns, Secretary of Cheam Social Club in Surrey, received his 40-Year Distinguished Service Award from South East Metropolitan President Trevor Baker and South East Metropolitan Branch Secretary Sue Graham. Roger is also a member of the South East Metropolitan Executive. Pictured, left to right: Sue Graham (South East Metropolitan Branch Secretary), Roger Burns (DSA recipient and Secretary of Cheam Social Club) and Trevor Baker (South East Metropolitan President)

Stephen Gibson receives the Certificate of Merit



A presentation was held at Newburn Memorial Club in Gateshead on July 6 which saw Stephen Gibson receive his Certificate of Merit. Pictured, left to right: L. Cook (Committee Member), Gary Cook (Club Secretary), Karen Wilson (Club Treasurer), Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary), Stephen Gibson (Committee Member and Certificate of Merit recipient), Harry Chandler (No.10 Executive), Alan Hardy (Northumberland Branch President), M. Delaney (Committee Member) and J. Delaney (Committee Member)

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Charity Clairvoyance Night at Kibblesworth WMC raises over £500 for the BHF

Kibblesworth WMC in Gateshead recently held a Clairvoyance Night in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

Organiser Emma Knox (pictured above) reports that she raised a grand total of £507.50 for this excellent cause thanks to the generosity of club members and guests.



Ipswich California Club rocks to the sound of top Elvis Presley tribute artiste Andy Ottley

Ipswich's California Club welcomed Elvis Presley tribute act Andy Ottley for a memorable performance on September 4.

The singer (pictured above), who was a recent winner of the Kings Crown trophy, an international competition which recognises the world's best Elvis tribute acts from around the globe, performed to a packed-out audience in the club's Concert Hall.

Andy delighted members with a journey through the back catalogue of the King, performing such Rock'n'Roll classics as Blue Suede Shoes, Suspicious Minds, Burning Love, Hound Dog and Jailhouse Rock, as well as heading to the dance floor to allow the audience to take some great photographs alongside 'The King'.

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EastEnders and Coronation Street actor poses for photo with NEC Member Nathan Clarke

Nathan Clarke, the NEC Member and Secretary of Groby Ex-Servicemen's Club in Leicester, recently bumped into former EastEnders and Coronation Street star Michelle Collins while in London for the monthly NEC meeting.

"Michelle was incredibly friendly and more than happy to stop for a chat and pose for a photograph," said Nathan.



Skegness Ex-Service Club to host Masters Darts Tournament on Sunday, November 20

Skegness Ex-Service Club in Lincolnshire will be hosting a Masters Darts tournament on Sunday, November 20.

The invite-only event will see 24 of the area's top players competing for the £150 first prize and runners-up prize of £50.

The event gets underway at 1pm.



Ida Slapster brings her International Cabaret show to Harworth Comrades & Social Club

Renowned drag act Ida Slapster will be bringing her International Cabaret show to the Harworth Comrades & Social Club on Friday, November 25.

Tickets for the event, which promises glamour, music and comedy in equal measures, are available to buy from the club for £5.

CIU Greyhound Racenight takes place on October 11

The CIU are inviting all clubs to participate in the 2022 Dransfields CIU Greyhounds Racenight at Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium.

The sponsored event, on Tuesday, October 11, will raise funds for the Union's education programme.

Sponsorship from clubs will be spread across six races with winning traps going forward to a seventh race (final).

Those clubs sponsoring the winning trap will receive a share of the prize money.

The cost to sponsor a dog is £40 but you can sponsor a leg at £10 per leg.

To take a sponsorship, please fill in the form which was sent out by Head Office.

If you would like to attend on the night, entry is free to club members who will receive Trio tickets which includes admission, a racecard and a drink.

The venue offers excellent facilities including a restaurant. If you would like to reserve a table in the restaurant, please call 0114 234 3074 and quote **BHNF3TD6** to book and claim 15% off.

Your support for this event will assist future funding for the education programme and training available to all CIU members.



Sue Graham retires as SE Met Branch Secretary



The South East Metropolitan Branch Executive Committee presented Sue Graham, Branch Secretary, with flowers and gifts on the occasion of her retirement after 11 years in the role. The new Branch Secretary – Chris O'Neill CMD ACM – will commence appointment on October 1, 2022. Pictured, left to right: David Legge, Dave Deluce, Robin Docherty, Frank Wilde, Andrew Way, Sue Graham, Trevor Baker (Branch President), Rogers Burns and Chris O'Neill CMD ACM

World Open Leek & Onion Championship staged



Pictured, left to right: John Waightman (Secretary, Blyth Sports & Social Club), Mick Wrightson (winner) and Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary)

The World Open Leek & Onion Championship was held at Blyth Sports & Social Club in September.

The winner of the overall title was Mick Wrightson while the Best Onion award was won by Steve Purvis with a weight of 16lb 0oz.

Meanwhile, the Northumberland CIU Leek Show recently took place at Cramlington WMC and was won by P Griffith with a total of 272.10 cubic inches.



The winner of the Northumberland CIU Leek Show, held at Cramlington WMC, was Mr P Griffith with a total of 272.10 cubic inches

News in brief



Heavitree Social Club facing licence review after handful of complaints from residents

A CIU club in Exeter has been hit by an application to review its premises licence.

Despite Heavitree Social Club being part of its community for 75 years, a handful of local residents have submitted applications to Exeter City Council for the review on the basis of "nuisance witnessed at the premises; loud music internally and externally and loud external activities."

The club, a family-friendly venue, is renowned for its fantastic facilities which include a bar, food menu and outdoor splash zone for kids (pictured, above).

The club attracts many local families who are drawn by the great-value menu and regular children's activities, including the annual 'Tea with Santa' event held each December.



Higham Ferrers WMC installs new defibrillator and bleed control kit for community use

Higham Ferrers Working Men's Club in Northamptonshire has installed a new defibrillator and bleed control kit in a external cabinet at the entrance door.

This has been registered on the National Defibrillator Network and any member of the public can access and use the equipment at any time by calling the emergency number displayed on the cabinet.

The equipment was very kindly donated by The Swivel Club (pictured above, members Mossy Waters and Walt Waterfield), a local charity which holds regular entertainment fundraising events within the club.

Meanwhile, the club has introduced Early Bird Discounts from 12 noon to 4pm, Monday-Thursday with pints of Doom Bar, Foster's lager and Inch's cider available for £3 a pint.

In addition, House Doubles (Gin, Vodka, Whiskey, Rum) cost £2.80 during the discount period.



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Durham

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Jack Noone - Lemington Labour Club
Jean Harrison - Prudhoe Unite Services Club

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Steve Duhy - Tovil WMC
Chris Wood - Tovil WMC

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Carol Allen - Nelson Brass Band Club
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Jillian Henderson - Nelson Brass Band Club
Ann Kelly - Nelson Brass Band Club

Northumberland

Michael Brown - Terminus Social Club
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CIU pays tribute to HM Queen Elizabeth II

Everyone connected with the Club and Institute Union is saddened by the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

She was a constant presence in a changing world and devoted her life to our nation and the Commonwealth.

Our thoughts and condolences are with the Royal Family.

Rest In Peace Your Majesty and God Save The King.

A Royal Visit



In July 1977, during the Silver Jubilee, the Queen and Prince Philip visited Coventry WMC
In 1977, as part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations, the Queen and Prince Philip visited several sites in Coventry, including the CIU-affiliated Coventry Working Men's Club.

A huge crowd lined the streets as she arrived at the club which raised the Royal Standard on its flagpole.

The Royal couple toured the club and chatted to members before signing the visitors' book.

Maidstone WMC bids an emotional farewell to Her Majesty

Maidstone Working Men's Club & Institute in Kent stayed open all day on Monday, September 19 in order for the club's members to gather together to watch the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

A buffet was laid on for the members saying farewell to Her Majesty after 70 years of service to the people of the UK and the Commonwealth.

A raffle was also held with the proceeds being donated to the club's nominated charities.

As a mark of respect to Her Majesty, the bar was decorated by the club's Entertainments Secretary, Peter Harris, and he was able to display many beautiful pictures of the Queen, along with union flags, bunting and other decorations.

Heartfelt thanks were extended to the Queen for all of her dedication, strength and dignity that she showed throughout her life and several services veterans attended the club wearing their service medals.



Four former members of the Armed Services were among the many people who attended Maidstone Working Men's Club & Institute on Monday, September 19

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- Pie & Peas Voucher (Worth £5.95)

*includes a 50p booking fee per ticket, to a maximum of 24 tickets/£12.00.

This is an E-ticketed offer, available only on advance booking via wetherbyracing.co.uk. Your E-tickets will be emailed to you and must be printed out to bring with you on arrival and your badge/voucher/racecard will be provided to you at the racecourse

To book please visit www.wetherbyracing.co.uk, go to the November 12 fixture, find the CIU Package and enter the code **PEAKCIU22** when prompted at checkout.

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St. James Working Mens Club has been a focal point for its local community since the 19th Century



St. James Working Mens Club

St. James Working Mens Club has been part of the local community in Northampton for 150 years and continues to be a home-from-home for its 800-strong membership

Established in the 1870s, the St. James Working Mens Club in Northampton has been a vital part of the local community for well over a century and continues to offer a home-from-home to its 800-strong members.

As with the vast majority of CIU clubs, its continued success can be attributed to the dedication shown by its Committee members who have shown a willingness to go above and beyond their normal administrative duties to keep the club running smoothly and efficiently.

Indeed, even the minor matter of a global pandemic could not shake the Committee's commitment to their club as several members rolled their sleeves up and got to work on refurbishments and improvements during the Government-enforced



Members of the St. James WMC Committee

shutdown (all under the strict official guidelines).

As was documented in *Club Journal*, Club President John Hudson and wife Angela, also a Committee member, went into the club almost immediately during the first lockdown in 2020 to give the club a thorough refurbishment while the building was empty.

As well as laying a new carpet throughout the bar and a new dancefloor surface, the pair also painted the club throughout, with further help given by fellow volunteers once restrictions were relaxed.

And the work has continued with the latest refurbishments taking place in the Concert Room, including putting down a brand-new carpet.

“As a Committee we’ve basically just got together and carried out work ourselves as and when it needs doing,” explains John.

“There’s a hard core of Committee members who are happy to come in and do their bit help to keep the club looking good.

“If we didn’t have willing volunteers and had to pay outside contractors to do everything, we wouldn’t have been able to do as much.”

The work carried out in lockdown certainly seemed to help the club to hit the ground running when it reopened and trade has continued to grow ever since.

Sports and games have been extremely important to the club’s recovery with pool, snooker, Northamptonshire skittles and cribbage to the fore.

“It’s great that our various teams are back up and running after the pandemic,” says John.

“We’ve recently welcomed a new snooker team which used to be based at another local club which sadly closed down.

“All the teams compete in the various local leagues with home and away fixtures so obviously having more home fixtures with the new snooker team is a great boost to our bar takings throughout the week.

“Skittles is very popular in the club and we run two teams which do very

well in the local leagues.

“We also have some very strong cribbage players at the club who have won the CIU National Championship in recent years.”

Another major incentive to visit the club is the live entertainment offering.

“We’ve recently switched over to a new entertainment agency and the acts they’ve booked for us have been absolutely brilliant,” says John.

“We generally have a solo singer on a Saturday night in the Members Bar; a Rock ‘n’ Roll Night with a live band once a month on a Saturday night; regular solo singers on a Sunday plus our Wednesday Beat Scene on the second Wednesday of every month featuring a local Rock ‘n’ Roll band.

“Sundays are a really busy day for the club with plenty of activities including Killer Pool, a meat raffle, Open the Box, a quiz and bingo, plus a live singer once a month.

“There’s another bingo session on a Thursday night and that always has a really good turnout and provides a nice boost to trade on a weekday night.



Games are an integral part of life at the club with snooker, pool, darts, skittles and cribbage played regularly

CLUB OF THE MONTH

“Alongside the other activities, such as the games teams, it means the club is busy throughout the week and everything is put up on our Facebook page so that members are aware of everything that is coming up.

“Community is so important to us as a club and we want to make sure that everyone is welcome and is looked after when they come through our doors.

“That’s particularly important when it comes to the older generation who perhaps don’t have that many places where they can go and socialise in a safe, comfortable environment.

“You can see how much it means to our members to be part of this club and to be able to come in and play bingo or enjoy a drink or two with great live entertainment laid on.”

Weekend trade is further boosted by the club’s proximity to a major rugby stadium.

“We’re very fortunate that the club is just a few hundred yards from Franklin’s Gardens, the home of the Northampton Saints rugby team who play in the Premiership,” says John.

“On matchdays during the rugby season we offer car parking and welcome rugby fans into our Concert Room before and after games and it’s always really busy.

“In fact, quite a few of the rugby supporters have become members of the club having come in here on their way to games and enjoyed the atmosphere and our facilities.



“Our bar prices are also very good value – around a pound cheaper than the nearest pub – and our top sellers include John Smith’s Extra Smooth, Stella Artois, Foster’s and Carling. We also have cask ale available.”

Private functions are another valuable source of income for the club with wedding receptions, birthday parties and other celebrations taking place at the club regularly.

“We stage a number charity fundraisers throughout the year,” says John.

“One recent event raised funds for the Cynthia Spencer Hospice and we have a special entertainment night in aid of Help For Heroes coming up in November.

“Other annual events include our Members’ Dinner in December which features a meal and live entertainment.

“In September we had a boxing event with a ring set up in the middle of the Concert Room.

“That turned out to be an immense day over the bar as the boxing event coincided with a Northampton Saints game which was rearranged from the Friday night to Saturday after the announcement that the Queen had passed away.

“Our bar staff were working extremely hard throughout the day and did a fantastic job.”

“As with all our private hire functions, we’re happy to give them





Club President
John Hudson

the room free of charge and then make our money from the increased bar takings.”

Talking of busy days at the bar, John is also hopeful that the upcoming World Cup in Qatar will provide some extra revenue for the club when it kicks off in November.

“We’ve just installed a projector and big screen in time for start of the World Cup,” he says.

“We’ll be promoting all the England games well in advance and hopefully members will want to come down to the club to have a drink and

watch the action with their friends and enjoy a bit of atmosphere.

“Once the World Cup is over you’re straight into the Christmas period and we have special events to look forward to, including the aforementioned Members’ Dinner.

“We also have a top Elvis tribute act coming to the club.

“We’ve done a deal with the singer whereby we are giving him the Concert Room for free and he’ll promote and sell the tickets himself and we’ll take all the increased profits over the bar.

“It means there’s no financial risk for us and that’s an arrangement we’ve done with other acts. We’ve found it works out really well for us.”

The club is very proud of its affiliation with the CIU and John is the President of the South East Midlands Branch, while his wife Angela is the Branch Secretary.

“It’s invaluable for clubs to be part of the CIU,” he says.

“Particularly in the past few years where clubs have faced so many obstacles such as the pandemic and the energy crisis.

“Having the support behind you and advice from the wider organisation is a real help.

“These days you really do have to control your outgoings. The well-documented rises in energy costs are a major concern for us given that we’re a large club.

“Our Concert Room costs a lot to heat so we’re planning ahead and trying to minimise our energy costs wherever we can.

“As a result, during the winter period we’re moving the bingo out of the Concert Room and into the Members’ Bar in order to save some money on heating.

“We’re pleased with how things are going and we’re working hard to ensure that whenever our members come through the doors they have a great time and can’t wait to return.”

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The club's Concert Room has been refurbished by a team of dedicated volunteers

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

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- Contract of Employment – Bar Manager
- Club Staff Handbook
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- 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 2022

The remaining dates for the monthly NEC meetings at Head Office in 2022 are: October 5/6; November 2/3 and December 7/8.

Annual Meeting 2023 dates confirmed

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 (Blackpool)

Saturday, April 15 – AGM (Blackpool)

Government announces plan to help cut energy bills for clubs with Energy Relief Bill



The Government unveiled the Energy Bill Relief Scheme for businesses on September 21 and promised to review the scheme within three months

New support for households, businesses and public sector organisations facing rising energy bills was unveiled by the Government on September 21.

Through the Energy Bill Relief Scheme, the Government will provide a discount on wholesale gas and electricity prices for all non-domestic customers (including all UK businesses, the voluntary sector like charities and the public sector) whose current gas and electricity prices have been significantly inflated in light of global energy prices. This support will be equivalent to the Energy Price Guarantee put in place for households.

It will apply to fixed contracts agreed on or after April 1, 2022, as well as to deemed, variable and flexible tariffs and contracts.

It will apply to energy usage from October 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, running for an initial six-month period for all non-domestic energy users. The savings will be first seen in October bills, which are typically received in November.

As with the Energy Price Guarantee for households, customers do not need to take action or apply to the scheme to access the support. Support (in the form of a p/kWh discount) will automatically be applied to bills.

To administer support, the Government has set a Supported Wholesale Price – expected to be £211 per MWh for electricity and £75 per MWh for gas, less than half the wholesale prices anticipated this winter – which is a discounted price per unit of gas and electricity. This is equivalent to the wholesale element of the Energy Price Guarantee for households. It includes the removal of green levies paid by non-domestic customers who receive support under the scheme.

The level of price reduction for each business will vary depending on their contract type and circumstances:

- Non-domestic customers on existing fixed price contracts will be eligible for support as long as the contract was agreed on or after April 1, 2022.

Provided that the wholesale element of the price the customer is paying is above the Government Supported Price, their per unit energy costs will automatically be reduced by the relevant p/kWh for the duration of the Scheme.

Customers entering new fixed price contracts after October 1 will receive support on the same basis.

- Those on default, deemed or variable tariffs will receive a per-unit discount on energy costs, up to a maximum of the difference between the Supported Price and the average expected wholesale price over the period of the Scheme.

The amount of this Maximum Discount is likely to be around £405/MWh for electricity and £115/MWh for gas, subject to wholesale market developments.

Non-domestic customers on default or variable tariffs will therefore pay reduced bills, but these will still change over time and may still be subject to price increases.

The Government says it will work with suppliers to ensure all their customers in England, Scotland and Wales are given the opportunity to switch to a fixed contract/tariff for the duration of the scheme if they wish, underpinned by the Energy Bill Relief Scheme support.



Prime Minister Liz Truss announced the scheme in September

- For businesses on flexible purchase contracts, typically some of the largest energy-using businesses, the level of reduction offered will be calculated by suppliers according to the specifics of that company’s contract and will also be subject to the Maximum Discount.

The Government will publish a review into the operation of the scheme in three months to inform decisions on future support after March 2023.

The review will focus in particular on identifying the most vulnerable non-domestic customers and how the Government will continue assisting them with energy costs.

“I understand the huge pressure businesses, charities and public sector organisations are facing with their energy bills, which is why we are taking immediate action to support them over the winter and protect jobs and livelihoods,” said Prime Minister Liz Truss.

“As we are doing for consumers, our new scheme will keep their energy bills down from October, providing certainty and peace of mind.”

She added: “At the same time, we are boosting Britain’s homegrown energy supply so we fix the root cause of the issues we are facing and ensure greater energy security for us all.”

Case Study: How the scheme will work for clubs

This case study is based on a club using 4 MWh of electricity and 16 MWh of gas a month.

They signed a fixed contract in August 2022, giving them a current monthly energy bill of about £7,000.

At the time they signed their contract, wholesale prices for the next six months were expected to be higher than the Government Supported Price of £211/MWh for electricity, and £75/MWh for gas, meaning they can receive support under this scheme.

The difference between expected wholesale prices when they signed their contract and the Government Supported Price is worth £380/MWh for electricity and £100/MWh for gas.

This means the club will receive a discount of £3,100 per month, reducing their bill by over 40%.



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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

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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.

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Long Service Awards will also be presented, and for clubs who've reached their 100th year milestone, you will be recognised as members of the 100 Club, with certificates presented on stage.

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How to enter & the Categories

There are two ways you can enter. You can:

- Complete the online self-entry form – visit **clubmirror.com** using the 'Awards Entry Form' tab
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Club Awards FAQs

Q. Is there a cost to enter?

A: No, the Club Awards are – and have always been – free to enter.

Q. What is the deadline for entries?

A. The deadline for CIU club entries is October 10, 2022.

Q. What are the categories?

A. The categories can all be found at clubmirror.com, using the 'Awards Entry Form' tab.

Q. What about tickets for finalists?

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The Award in Club Management (ACM)

The Award in Club Management (ACM) day sessions will be making a return soon and aim to give club officials the basic knowledge required to run their clubs. *Club Journal* gives an overview of the three-stage ACM qualification which covers key areas such as Club Law, Finance and Administration

Since the earliest days of the CIU, education has been an important part of what the Union can offer to its member clubs.

The Award in Club Management (ACM) course is specifically designed for CIU clubs and aims to give 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.

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

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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 and explore real-life scenarios and problems.

Head Office will be rearranging new dates for the ACM day courses at various clubs across the country for the second half of 2022 and 2023, so look out for further information in upcoming issues of *Club Journal*.



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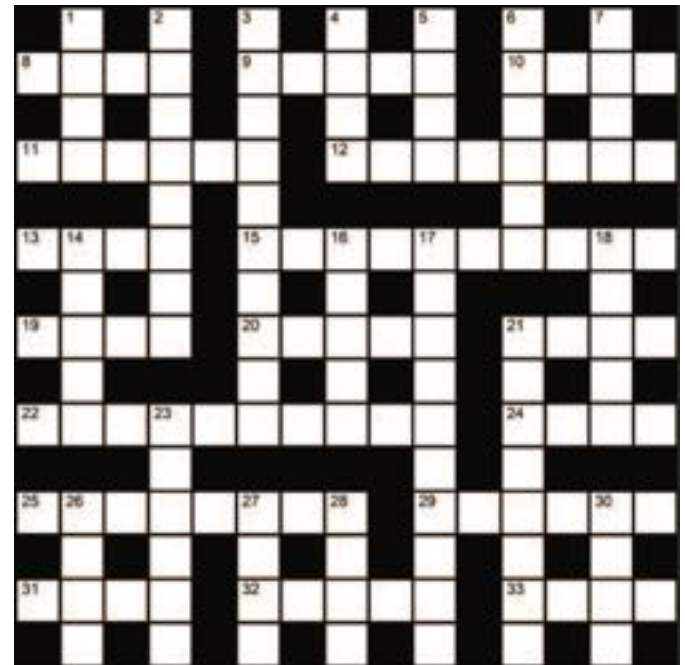
- 8 Grid to be found in game shop (4)
- 9 Walsh's pattern of a shoulder cloak (5)
- 10 Want to veer away from venerated pieces? (4)
- 11 Porticos, so removed as to become a hotline! (6)
- 12 Before the night, an event I detested at first (8)
- 13 Irish dish that's the West all over? (4)
- 15 Router lies broken and weak-kneed (10)
- 19 Follow orders, having honour at the end of the day (4)
- 20 Regulator, with a remit to take up (5)
- 21 Tedious one, but does the drill (4)

- 22 Davy made it with, "Redeploy me a flypast!" (6,4)
- 24 Flamboyance much reduced, little sheepish one! (4)
- 25 Flower saw tepee demolished (8)
- 29 Confetti not to be spread around or contaminate! (6)
- 31 Little land mass, said to be in a supermarket (4)
- 32 Mogul chaffs at going round the ravine (5)
- 33 Rebecca, keen to get stuck into the gateau (4)

- 4 Fashion a way to lose colour (4)
- 5 Take flight and feel bad? (4)
- 6 Put in, in list format (6)
- 7 Late to hide address from! (4)
- 14 Peculiar diatribe, without the red bone (5)
- 16 Conundrum, backing out of the dance (5)
- 17 Fluorescent tube developed out of a right split! (5,5)
- 18 Thread for sound strings? (5)
- 21 Fat print of cabled design (4,4)
- 23 Acetylene cannot be made into a drawstring hole (6)
- 26 Sagacious, and said to belong to 'Y' (4)
- 27 Sheet to contact with? (4)
- 28 Competently added a bishop the the layabout (4)
- 30 Fuel to drink? (4)

DOWN

- 1 Bring up the one that's cooked rare (4)
- 2 Why I have a cap, strangely, to reduce gradually (4,4)
- 3 Stay chirpy somehow with medicine that's mental! (10)



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Sunday, October 9, 4.30pm – Sky Sports PL

Premier League Football: Arsenal v Liverpool

Arsenal have tightened up their defence this season while maintaining their highly effective attack and will have plenty of confidence that they can give Liverpool an uncomfortable trip to the Emirates. For their part, Liverpool have failed to live up to their usual high standards this season with the squad looking somewhat unbalanced in recent outings.



Tuesday, October 25, 8pm – BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: Borussia Dortmund v Manchester City

City continue their quest to win the fabled Champions League trophy after several failed attempts. They will be helped in the task by new signing Erling Haaland who scored 12 goals in his first seven outings for City in all competitions. The likes of Bernardo Silva and Ilkay Gundogan have also enjoyed superb starts to the campaign.



Sunday, October 30, 8pm – Sky Sports F1

Formula 1: Mexico City Grand Prix

Live coverage of the race held at Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez in the Mexican capital. Last year's event was won by Max Verstappen followed by Lewis Hamilton and Sergio Pérez. At the time of writing, Verstappen has taken 10 wins from 15 races this term and looks increasingly likely to win the Drivers' Championship for 2022.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

October is a huge month for football with some unmissable fixtures in both the UEFA Champions League and Premier League as well as the American and Mexican legs of the Formula 1 season

Saturday, October 8, 5.30pm

Sky Sports

Premier League Football: Brighton & Hove Albion v Tottenham Hotspur

Sunday, October 9, 2pm

Sky Sports

Premier League Football: Crystal Palace v Leeds United

Sunday, October 9, 4.30pm

Sky Sports

Premier League Football: Arsenal v Liverpool

Sunday, October 9, 7pm

BT Sport

Premier League Football: Everton v Manchester United

Monday, October 10, 7.45pm

Sky Sports

Premier League Football: Nottingham Forest v Aston Villa

Tuesday, October 11, 5.45pm

BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: FC Copenhagen v Manchester City

Tuesday, October 11, 8pm

BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: AC Milan v Chelsea

Wednesday, October 12, 8pm

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UEFA Champions League: Rangers v Liverpool

Wednesday, October 12, 8pm

BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: Tottenham Hotspur v Eintracht Frankfurt

Thursday, October 13, 8pm

BT Sport

UEFA Europa League: Manchester United v Omonia Nicosia

Friday, October 14, 7.45pm

Sky Sports

Premier League Football: Brentford v Brighton & Hove Albion

Saturday, October 15, 12.30pm

BT Sport

Premier League Football: Leicester City v Crystal Palace

Saturday, October 15, 1pm

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Horse Racing: QIPCO British Champions Day, Ascot

Saturday, October 15, 5.30pm

Sky Sports

Premier League Football: Tottenham Hotspur v Everton

Sunday, October 16, 2pm

Sky Sports

Premier League Football: Aston Villa v Chelsea

Sunday, October 16, 4.30pm

BT Sport

Premier League Football: Liverpool v Manchester City

Tuesday, October 18, 7.30pm

Prime Video

Premier League Football: Brighton & Hove Albion v Nottingham Forest

Tuesday, October 18, 8.15pm

Prime Video

Premier League Football: Crystal Palace v Wolves



Wednesday, October 19, 7.30pm
Prime Video

Premier League Football: AFC Bournemouth v Southampton

Wednesday, October 19, 7.30pm
Prime Video

Premier League Football: Arsenal v Manchester City

Wednesday, October 19, 7.30pm
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Premier League Football: Liverpool v West Ham United

Wednesday, October 19, 7.30pm
Prime Video

Premier League Football: Newcastle United v Everton

Wednesday, October 19, 8.15pm
Prime Video

Premier League Football: Manchester United v Tottenham Hotspur

Thursday, October 20, 7.30pm
Prime Video

Premier League Football: Leicester City v Leeds United

Saturday, October 22, 12.30pm
BT Sport 1

Premier League Football: Nottingham Forest v Liverpool

Saturday, October 22, 5.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League Football: Tottenham Hotspur v Newcastle United

Sunday, October 23, 2pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League Football: Southampton v Arsenal

Sunday, October 23, 8pm
Sky Sports F1

Formula 1: USA Grand Prix

Monday, October 24, 8pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League Football: West Ham United v Bournemouth

Tuesday, October 25, 5.45pm
BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: RB Salzburg v Chelsea

Tuesday, October 25, 8pm
BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: Borussia Dortmund v Manchester City

Wednesday, October 26, 8pm
BT Sport

UEFA Champions League: Ajax v Liverpool

Thursday, October 27, 5.45pm
BT Sport

UEFA Europa League: PSV Eindhoven v Arsenal

Saturday, October 29, 12.30pm
BT Sport 1

Premier League Football: Leicester City v Manchester City

Sunday, October 30, 4.30pm
Sky Sports Premier League

Premier League Football: Manchester United v West Ham United

Sunday, October 30, 8pm
Sky Sports F1

Formula 1: Mexico City Grand Prix



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