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# CLUB JOURNAL

THE PAPER FOR ALL C.I.U. MEMBERS

## COUNTDOWN BEGINS FOR VITAL ELECTION

### Back to my roots



Comedian Alan Carr visited a Tyneside social club to trace his family tree for the TV show "Who Do You Think You Are?". Among those he met were FA

Cup winner Ron Guthrie and (pictured) club members Doreen Isbister (left) and Mary James. Full story – Page 4.

**A**LL clubs have now received nomination papers for what promises to be the most interesting National Executive election for many years.

Delegates at last year's Conference in Blackpool voted to reduce the number of members of the National Executive by creating 12 electoral districts where there are currently 25. Where an electoral district has 200 clubs or more it elects two representatives so the NEC will reduce in number from 26 to 15.

This year each district will be shared between at least two Branches with some having voters from three or even four Branches.

The posts of President and Vice-President held by George Dawson and John Tobin will also be up for election. The winners will serve terms of two years.

The timetable for the election is as follows:

Nomination papers to clubs: 13th September.

Nominations papers to be returned: 12th October

Ballot papers to clubs: 9th November

Ballot papers to be returned: 13th December.

Count at Head Office to take place on 16th December

The full list of electoral districts is on Page 18.

### Your Club Journal

Your Club Journal is taking on a new more modern look.

This will be the last issue in its current tabloid shape. From next month it will take on a bolder, brighter appearance in a more manageable magazine format.

It will still be full of news, features and advice making it required for all club members. We regret, however, that to achieve this rising print costs will mean a small increase in the price to 75p.

### INSIDE . . .

#### Empire's victory

THIS year's Dransfields/CIU National Quiz was won by the Gosforth Empire Club from Newcastle full report will appear in our next issue.

Reports and pictures from the last two regional finals in Yorkshire and the North East are on Page 7.

#### It's coming home

A rare winners' medal from the Sir Thomas Lipton Trophy, sometimes regarded as football's first World Cup, will go on display at a club in Durham after being sold at auction last month. Full story – Page 3

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## World record at CIU show

NORTHUMBERLAND CIU has witnessed a new world record.

Gardener Alan Davison from Newsham Victory Club in Blyth set a new record of 375.31 cubic inches for his leeks at the Northumberland CIU Open Leek, Vegetable & Flower Show. The figure is arrived at by combining the volume in cubic inches of two leeks and beat the previous record of 365.

The show, which was held at Cramlington Village Club, was a triumph for organisers Peter Kerry, Dave Clough, Dave Austin and John Anderson who stepped in to take over the running of the annual event, which was due to fold. They would like to thank sponsors Shades of Green garden centre and the club.



Alan Davison is pictured with (left to right): Club Chairman Alan Austin, Branch Executive member Graham Swarbrick,

National Executive member Sid Hicks, Branch President Alan Hardy and Branch Executive member Rob Yeats.

# PROUD AND HONOURED



UNION President George Dawson presented a special certificate to Frederick King, the President of Tinshill & Cookridge Social Club in Leeds to mark 50 years of service to the club. Pictured with them is Leeds Branch President John Degan.



DURHAM Branch President Colin Armstrong and Vice-president Eric Campbell visited North Biddick Social Club in Washington and presented a Distinguished Service Award to Club Secretary Michael Normile and a Certificate of Merit to Alan

Craggs. Their wives also received bouquets from the club.

Pictured (back row, left to right): are Colin Armstrong, Club Chairman Jim Todd and Eric Campbell. Front row: Michael and Jean Normile; Cicely and Alan Craggs.



NORTHUMBERLAND Branch President Alan Hardy (left) and Branch Secretary Dave Richardson

presented a Long Service Award to Swarland WMC Committee member John Richardson.



DONCASTER Branch Secretary Dave Gravel (left) and Branch Executive member George Lawcock

visited Wheatley WMC and presented Certificates of Merit to Charles Smith, David Kaye and Stephen Kaszewski.

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# MUMS AND GIRLS HELP CHARITIES



DESPITE the economic situation CIU club members continue to prove how great they are at raising money for good causes.

Fleetwood WMC have raised £5,000 to help keep their local Air Ambulance flying. They raised the money with various ventures including football cards, raffles, donations and a President's night.

A special evening was also held when the cheque was presented to Captain Neil Airey from the North West Air Ambulance by Club President Bob Whittaker (second left) accompanied by cabaret artistes mother-and-daughter duo La Belle, who provided the entertainment.

Longbridge Social Club in Birmingham, have raised £4,000 for Help for Heroes.

The club has a proud history of fundraising and has adopted several good causes including the Acorns Children's Hospice. This year organiser Micky Ballard suggested Help for Heroes and gave his time free as DJ when the club started holding charity evenings. Fundraising started in January, with raffles from gifts donated by suppliers.

West Midland Branch Secretary

Geoff Whewell visited the club for the presentation, which was made to Colour Sergeant Connell Freeman in the presence of his proud dad, local councillor Eddie Freeman.

Club Secretary John Hope said: "We're very proud of our charity work and we try to do something for most requests we get from bona fide charities."

The club is also starting to run monthly blood donor sessions. Anyone interested can find more details on 0121 477 0064.

• Another mother-and-daughter team were on hand as the West Midland Branch held their annual variety show at Cheslyn Hay Community & Sports Club and raised more than £500 for the Branch Convalescent Fund.

Special thanks go to Club President Colin Betts and the Committee and staff of the club.

Entertainment was provided by singer Amanda Stone and her mother Kathy, and by ventriloquist Paul Levant.

Pictured (left to right) are: Branch Secretary Geoff Whewell, compere Tony Maciejewski, Kathy Stone, Paul Levant, Amanda Stone and Colin Betts.



The front and back of the winners' medal from the Sir Thomas Lipton tournament in Turin in 1909. The inscription says: Torneo Internazionale Foot-ball Stampa Sportiva Torino Aprile 1909.

## World Cup medal is coming home

A WINNERS' medal from what is regarded as football's first World Cup will be going on display at a County Durham social club.

West Auckland Working Men's Club already houses a replica of the Thomas Lipton Trophy, which was won by a team of miners from the village in 1909.

No one is quite sure why amateur team West Auckland FC was chosen to represent England but the team, mostly made up of miners, travelled to Italy and beat professional teams from Germany, Switzerland and Italy.

### Juventus

Two years later they did it again beating Juventus 6-1 in the final and were awarded the trophy outright.

It is thought the players had the medals minted themselves to honour their achievement, but only three are thought to still exist. One owned by club captain Bob Jones belongs to the West Auckland club and one is in the National Football Museum.

The third medal was found in a box of football programmes bought at a car boot sale near Newcastle several years ago and was nearly thrown out several times. It was put up for auction last month and bought for £5,200 by three local businessmen, Robert Yorke, John Elliott and Rob Hill. They have decided to donate the medal to the football club, who in turn will lend it to West Auckland WMC.

### Tea Magnate

The trophy, named after tea magnate Sir Thomas Lipton, who started the competition, has also had a chequered history. The football club itself sold the trophy to the landlady of a local pub but in 1960 the village raised the money to have it returned to the club. It was stolen from West Auckland WMC in 1994 but fortunately the club was insured and a replica was made.

The story was told in the TV film "The World Cup: A Captain's Tale" with Dennis Waterman playing Bob Jones.

Plans are also in place for a sculpture celebrating the World Cup victory and the village's mining heritage to be constructed on the village green outside the club.



The original World Cup in place at West Auckland WMC and (below) its replacement.



# Social learn to love the micro

THE North East – and particularly North East clubland – has long had a poor reputation with real ale drinkers. The recent boom in microbreweries, helped in part by a cut in duty by then Chancellor Gordon Brown, has meant, however, that there have been sightings of hand pumps north of the Tees

at clubs in such places as Hamsterley, Haltwhistle, Tynemouth and, most notably perhaps, at Wallsend Social Club, known as the Social Club.

Here Treasurer GRAHAM “SMIG” SMITH tells how the Tyneside club learned to love hand-pulled beer from its local microbreweries.



Graham Smith (right) samples some of the Social Club's guest ale with Steward Joe Stewart and member Paul Close.

FOR years the club had always provided Tetley's Cask Ale, which was one of the reasons I used to frequent the establishment as it was one of the only outlets on Wallsend High Street to dispense real ale. In recent times, however, it did not appear to be of the quality of previous years and demand declined so that a nine-gallon cask was taking longer than normal to be consumed.

It was suggested in Committee that it be removed from the beer range but the Club Secretary, Terry Tunmore said it would be a shame to lose the hand pump altogether so we should look to see if we could retail real ale to sample demand. I being a CAMRA member was assigned to the case.

Within a couple of days, without contacting them, we had received lists from Molson Coors and Carlsberg which gave encouraging news if we wished to sell the product at a reasonable price. Letters were also initially sent to the Mordue and Hadrian & Border microbreweries on Tyneside.

We started off with Deuchars IPA from the national distributors with Tyneside Blonde from Hadrian, who were very interested in our venture. Sales went well with the following Timothy Taylor's Golden Best being all consumed on one Friday evening!

It was very encouraging bearing in mind that a lot of our members have drunk Stones and Worthington keg biters for a number of years but are now coming round to the variation and extra taste.

Since then Mordue Northumberland Blonde has proved very popular with everyone, with steward Joe Stewart going to the brewery in person, to pick up barrels when we have run short. In fact his past knowledge in the trade has proved very helpful. And we now have some barmaids with very well-developed biceps.

We were advised by “the nationals” that they would levy a weekly rent for use of the hand pump if we did not continue to sell their ranges of beers via it so we asked for it to be removed and installed two hand pumps instead.

The purpose of each pump has yet to be determined – whether it be one for a blonde and the other for a dark beer or one for a local brew and the other for a national. Basically we are just seeing what we can purchase within the cost range so we can retail it at a specific price and maintain our overall margin. We did have one beer that was an “acquired taste” to most but we have noted not to purchase further such brews in future.

We are looking particularly at the local breweries to peruse their seasonal ales as another source of variety. If members or guests visit the club we take on board their comments and suggestions and actively follow them up to see if we can provide what they have recommended.

Hopefully, now we have got it off the ground, we may be able to move to a further hand pump to satisfy further demand.

# Club shows Alan who he really is

COMEDIAN Alan Carr found out a lot more about who he really is when he visited a social club on Tyneside.

The star caused quite a commotion when he visited Camperdown Social Club to trace his family tree for the TV show “Who Do You Think You Are?” and met up with many relations, some of whom he'd never met before. He also discovered more about his mining heritage as two of his direct ancestors died in the same accident at the nearby Burradon Colliery in 1860.

“He was here for nearly four hours,” said Club Secretary Tony Isbister. “And he was a really smashing guy. He was really approachable and friendly.”

Alan's father, Graham, was a professional footballer, who went on to manage Northampton Town and is now Chief Scout for Newcastle United. Among those Alan met at the club was former Newcastle player Ron Guthrie (above), who went on to win the FA Cup with Sunderland in 1973.

During his researches Alan also discovered his great-grandfather was a



Alan Carr with former Newcastle and Sunderland footballer Ron Guthrie.

World War One deserter and because the programme concentrated on this the eventual TV programme did not show his visit to the club. The BBC have, however, promised to send Tony the footage that was taken at the club.

# A club with no beer

THE Union's smallest and, arguably, most unusual club is Padstow Institute in Cornwall, which has 30 members and no bar.

The club was built in 1883 by its Victorian founders, backed by the local squire as a place for the working men of the town to better themselves by education.

From the beginning, there was a library, a reading room and also a games room, which is still offering billiards and snooker to the members. The original billiard room is a real feature and is virtually unchanged in over 125 years. There are traditional long wooden benches with long boxes, (cue stores) as foot rests at each end of the room. The table is in

good order but retains the original Victorian narrow billiards pockets, not always welcome by outsiders when playing league matches.

A Listed Building it was highly prized because it was built in red brick from ship's ballasts rather than the usual stone.

The club, sometimes incorrectly known as the Men's Club, used to house the local library but still houses the Padstow Museum and on May Day is one of the two starting points for the 'Obby 'Oss Festival, which features two hobby horses who tour the town.

Membership is open to both men and women and most members

join either to play snooker or because they have a sense of heritage. With no bar the club derives its income from renting out its room for special events such as art exhibitions.



# BRANCH'S THANKS

GWEN Armstrong, who has worked in the Northumberland Branch office for 28 years, is presented with a bouquet on her retirement.

# Heineken UK



## Teamwork creates a sporting chance



**INFORMATION:** Heineken UK Regional Manager Ian Dray (left) runs through some market trends and keeps club Steward Ray Seager up to date with promotions and new brands available from the company

With more than 900 members of all ages to entertain, Minster WMC near Sheerness in Kent has pulled out all the stops to ensure there is something for the whole community to enjoy.

Sport plays a major role in the club's activities and one of its three bars is dedicated entirely to it. With 10 widescreen TVs and an eight-foot projection screen in the function room, members are able to watch whichever sporting event they want at any time.

The club's 12 darts teams and two pool teams compete in local leagues and Sheppey's Super League Darts is played at the club every Wednesday. They even have their own petanque court outside!

The function room is used for weddings, private parties, Champions Poker League, meetings of the local Round Table and Rotary Club as well as live entertainment which includes tribute nights and gigs by a number of stars of the Sixties and Seventies.

According to Club Steward Ray Seager, the club's diary can get quite full.

"On Mondays our resident folk club provides the entertainment and over the years we have welcomed stars of yesteryear like The Strawbs, Showaddywaddy and Alvin Stardust. As we only charge a nominal sum, the function room is usually packed on these kinds of nights.

"While we do have quite a number of younger members, we are



**SPORTING:** Steward Ray Seager and Heineken UK Regional Manager Ian Dray toast the future in the club's modern Sports Bar which is full of memorabilia

always looking to attract more and, on the advice of our Heineken UK Regional Manager Ian Dray, we now stock the full Bulmers cider range including the newly-launched No.17 as well as Jacques - all of which seem popular with the younger drinker.

"In addition to this kind of business support, Heineken UK gets behind the club and local community by sponsoring our annual charity beer festival - providing cask ale and organising the John Smith's Music Tent which always appeals to the younger generation. Ian also organised for a group to go to the Unofficial Darts Championships where members had the chance to meet three-times World Champion Martin Adams.

"At the moment, we are working with Ian to fine-tune our product range as we currently have too many beer pumps, at the same time as restructuring the bar for maximum efficiency and visual impact, which we hope will increase trade and profitability at the same time as reducing wastage.

"We have a great working relationship with Ian and Heineken UK. Nothing is too much trouble for



**TEAMWORK:** Steward Ray Seager (centre) and his wife Caroline are aiming in the right direction - and that's not just at petanque!

him and he does everything in his power to provide us with business-building promotional activities and any other initiatives he feels will benefit the club.

"I would have no hesitation in recommending Heineken UK for its professionalism, knowledge and expertise of the club sector and overall commitment to helping keep all clubs afloat and trading successfully."

Heineken UK Regional Manager Ian Dray says: "One of the company's Club Specialists Mark Hammond carried out a thorough assessment of the business and recommended that the club looked closely at areas such as costs and expenditure, stock control, opening hours and supplier

costs among other things to ensure they remain in profit in the long-term.

"I am pleased to say that the Committee has already implemented many of the changes highlighted by the assessment and this will have a positive effect on their operational costs and therefore profit margins.

"This is a great club with plenty of enthusiasm and initiative and we are sure that by working with us in partnership, listening to our management advice and taking advantage of the promotional activities we can provide that they will go from strength to strength in the future."

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Assistant Secretaries and Treasurers but also for any club member wanting to know more about how to run a club. As well as being full of good advice it's usually a lively weekend with trips to neighbouring clubs on the north Yorkshire coast. You can obtain an application form from your Club Secretary, from Head Office or by downloading one from the Union's website: www.wmciu.org.uk. Thank you also to Heineken UK for sponsoring the new signs at Saltburn House.



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# THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

TWO lively regional finals produced the last six teams to qualify for this year's Dransfields/CIU National Quiz Final.

## CIU NATIONAL QUIZ

The final, which took place at Alvaston & Crewton Men's Social Club in Derby on September 18 will be covered in full in next month's issue. It will have done well to match the North East regional final at Lemington Social Club in Newcastle, which proved not only the best attended, with 15 teams making for

answer to draw level and then win on the tiebreak question: "Counting golds in team sports as one gold medal, how many gold medals were awarded during the Beijing Olympics?"

Relative newcomers Innisfree Social B from Newcastle were only three points behind the big two and came third with 56 points to qualify for the national final for the first time while Lemington Labour won the £40 sports round and



The Gosforth Empire team of Peter Robson, Keith Marshall, Barry Howbridge and Mike Foden are congratulated by Jim Pearson from national sponsors Dransfields watched by

Dave Richardson (left) and Cathrine Moore from co-sponsors Bissett Kenning & Newiss. Below: a packed Lemington Social Club enjoys the questions set by Quizman Dave Cornish.



a great atmosphere, and the most closely fought.

Newbottle WMC from Sunderland left Countdown octo-champ Dave Taylor on the bench and led Newcastle's Gosforth Empire Club by one point going into the final two rounds. What was arguably the best question of the night proved critical, however.

Teams were asked: About which maker of motor vehicles did billionaire investor Warren Buffett say "I like a business where people tattoo your name on their chests"? Only Gosforth came up with the correct

Innisfree A won the TV & Films round prize, and Bedlington Station C won the £20 consolation prize for finishing second last.



Smawthorne Lane WMC from Castleford were this year's Yorkshire champions, pipping Lindley WMC from Huddersfield and former national champions Soothill WMC from Batley in the last regional heat, which was held at Hopetown Liberal Club in Normanton.

Newcomers Oaks WMC didn't qualify for the national final but had a successful evening, winning both the sport and TV & films round while Ron Morrow won two of the spot prizes. He was spot on with the answer when asked how many years the Maigret writer Georges Simenon claimed it had taken him to sleep with 10,000 women (64, from the age of 13 to 77). One (female) contestant reckoned he managed it in five years, giving a new meaning to the phrase five a day!

Both finals were co-sponsored by the Union's recommended ratings specialists Bissett Kenning & Newiss.

The top three from each of the six regional finals – at Blackpool (North West), Leatherhead (South East), Northampton (Midlands), Newport (South Wales & West of England), Normanton and Newcastle – qualified for the final where the top prize was £500, courtesy of national sponsors gaming machine suppliers Dransfields. The final was also being co-sponsored by The Co-operative Bank and Coors.

• There were 302 gold medal events at the Beijing Olympics and the vehicle company whose name people tattoo on their chest – well it's not Volkswagen or Volvo, but Harley Davidson!



Wakefield Branch Secretary Gordon Winn and Jack Bethel from Dransfields congratulate Peter Askins, Andrew Lyman, David Woodward and Stuart Topps from Smawthorne Lane WMC.

Although they finished last on the night the Barrow WMC women's team qualified for the £20 consolation prize by beating their men's team – who didn't show up.



Ron Morrow from Oaks WMC with his two spot prizes.



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The New Parks Club is one of the biggest in the Midlands and one of the most prominent buildings on the New Parks estate.

Below: the bar staff (left to right): Stacey Jones, Becky Peers, Jean O'Gorman, Dan Sellars, Samantha Barratt and Sue Amalou.



# A CLUB AT THE

THE Committee at New Parks Social Club have literally had a fight on their hands to keep their head above water in these difficult times.

That's because the club's most successful evenings are their twice-yearly charity boxing shows, organised by promoter Elvis Hopkins, when their 500-seater concert room is filled to capacity. "They involve a lot of hard work," says Club Secretary Derek Berry. "But they are tremendously successful. The charities often make as much as £10,000 between them and the club can turn over £13,000 at the bar."

Such a big room brings big overheads and the club do their best to keep it filled. Along with bingo on Tuesdays and Thursdays they stage live acts on a Saturday night and every Wednesday night the room is filled with a disco for the Leicester Disabled Society, organised by club member Darryl Dowling. The room fills up from 6.0 and by 8.0 there's no room. "It's a great thing," says Derek. "They absolutely love it."

On Fridays the concert room is usually hired out for members' functions and the club hosts individual singers in the intimate surrounding of its lounge, which is smartly decorated in the style of a pub snug.

The club also has a smaller upstairs

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function room and this has a place in club history; it was in this very room that local MP Patricia Hewitt, then the Health Secretary in the Labour Government, promised a meeting of Leicester's clubs that the smoking ban would not be applied to clubs and pubs that did not supply food, or there would be a separate smoking room. She soon reneged on this promise and perhaps, not coincidentally, is no longer the MP for Leicester.

In contrast her predecessor Greville Janner remains highly thought of in the city as does his father Barnett, who was the much-respected MP before him; Barnett Janner officially opened the club, a fact celebrated by a plaque at the club's front doors.

Some clubs in Leicester have suffered because of the influx of Asians in the 1960s – many of whom do not drink alcohol -- but the New Parks Estate was built in



The club has three mixed and two ladies' skittle teams.

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# THE HEART OF ITS COMMUNITY



This flower motif is a pun on the club's name.

the immediate postwar boom and the club itself opened in 1953. One of Leicester's largest postwar estates it has only two pubs for competition, one of which is about to close. And, of course, the club has the advantage over its rival pubs of being able to police who comes in.

The club is committed to playing its part in the community and the Committee work closely with local schools, helping out with prizes when necessary. They involve the police in the boxing nights and are always keen to have good relationships with them. As Derek puts it: "You never know when you are going to need them."

The club has also helped many local charities, including the LOROS hospice and The Leicester Ex-servicemen's Association also uses the club for two functions a year, one in the spring and one on Remembrance Sunday in November after they have laid a wreath at the city's War Memorial.

As with a lot of clubs games are vital to keeping them used during the week. The local variant of skittles is a nine-pin board which players toss "cheeses" at from behind a 10ft oche. The club plays host to



three mixed skittle teams and two ladies' skittle teams as well as a pool team and four darts teams, meaning that the games room is in use every night of the week. It also has a small golf society with 20 members playing at different courses.

The games room and bar also includes a tribute to former Secretary Craig Fletcher, who tragically died from septicaemia in 2003 ten years after becoming one of the country's youngest secretaries at 32. To mark his contribution to the club the Committee contacted local company Star Listings International and a star has now been named after Craig in the constellation Pegasus. The certificate and a picture of Craig hang in the bar. "We'll never forget Craig," says Derek, "He did a tremendous job at this club."

He also proved a hard act to follow but Derek was grateful to call on the advice of former Treasurer Ron Newrick, who had also worked as a Steward, and these days the team includes President Mick Keating and Treasurer Tony Cooper.

"There's no doubt that things are tougher now," says Derek. At one time coming to the club was the only socialising you could do. Now there are so many other forms of entertainment that you need to work hard as a team to stay afloat."



Members of the Committee are pictured (left to right): Kenny Mann, Andrew Etchells, Michael Davis, President Mick Keating, Lynda Hundley, Kevin Davis, Secretary Derek Berry, Martin Lambert and Jim Neat. Above left: the club's tribute to former Secretary Craig Fletcher who is "always a star."

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# club MANAGEMENT

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## FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE OR PAY THE PENALTY

IN August we looked at dismissals, this month we are looking at the related issue of the club's disciplinary procedure. As well as being used in cases of misconduct the disciplinary system may be needed in relation to an employee's ability to carry out their job.

Some cases of misconduct may seem indefensible but the club must always follow the procedure recommended in the ACAS Code, as even if the case against an employee seems proven, they can still be deemed to have been treated unfairly if the correct procedures are not followed.

Disciplinary action should have three main stages:

- letter
- meeting
- appeal

In some cases a second meeting stage may be appropriate.

There must always be a full and fair investigation to determine the facts and to decide if further action is necessary. All records should be kept meticulously; it is important to lay a paper trail as this will be vital should a case be taken to an employment tribunal. Minutes of meetings, emails, attendance notes, notes of telephone calls, copies of correspondence must all be kept and filed.

### Disciplinary meetings

All appropriate officials, especially club secretaries, should be trained and supported so that they are able to carry out disciplinary meetings with their team. The Union's employment law consultants and the club insurers should be contacted before starting any action to ensure cover in case of a tribunal if it is available. Both should be able to assist by providing advice on legislation and procedure.

### You should:

- Ensure all the facts are investigated in advance (including consulting the individual's personal file for relevant information) and plan how the meeting is to be approached.
- Make sure the employee knows from the letter inviting them to the meeting why they have been asked to attend and that they have a right to have a companion present. An individual is entitled to be accompanied by a work colleague or trade union official at formal disciplinary and grievance



By  
**Andrew  
Dane**

interviews. It would be good practice for a club also to offer this at any purely investigatory meeting. Clubs do not usually have to allow other companions (for example family members or lawyers) but may do so if they wish.

- Make sure the individual has reasonable notice, ideally more than 72 hours.
- Provide appropriate statements from people involved in advance of the meeting, together with any key information you intend to rely on.
- Make sure another member of management can be there to take detailed notes and help conduct the interview.
- Give the employee ample opportunity to put forward their side of the story and call any supporting witnesses. The club can also call witnesses, but they can only be in the room for the relevant part of the interview – not the whole meeting.
- Make use of adjournments: always take a break to consider and obtain any extra information you need before reaching your decision. Adjournments can be useful if things become heated

or people are upset during the interview.

- Keep an open mind and never pre-judge the outcome of the interview before hearing the employee's perspective.
- Deliver the decision (and give reasons, taking into account any mitigating circumstances), confirm review periods and ensure you give details of how to appeal.
- Confirm the decision in writing.

The question of an employee's ability to do the job may arise because they do not have adequate training, or are unable to do the work to a satisfactory standard for another reason. The procedure is the same but before invoking it the club must try to identify the reason and give appropriate support.

Where an individual is unable to do their job because of ill-health they should be dealt with sympathetically and offered support. However, unacceptable levels of absence could still result in disciplinary proceedings.

### Possible outcomes

The club may decide to take no action, may dismiss the employee or

at the meetings in disciplinary and grievance procedures?

Q3 What happens if the ACAS code of practice on disciplinary and grievance procedures is not followed?

Q1 When contemplating disciplinary action how far can a club take into account misconduct that takes place when an employee is off duty?

Q2 What is the role of the companion

decide to give the employee a warning. The club's policy should outline exactly what warnings will be given, but normal practice is to have three warnings before dismissal:

- oral warning (ACAS no longer recommends this stage as part of a formal procedure) but, for cases of minor misconduct, this will often be a reasonable method to prevent a problem escalating.)
- first written warning/improvement notice
- final written warning.

You should specify a time limit after which warnings are disregarded. ACAS suggests six months for a first written warning and one year for a final warning. A warning may continue to be regarded for a longer period – provided you specify the timescale from the outset and it is reasonable.

### Dismissal

There are officially five potentially fair reasons for dismissal.

- Capability or qualifications
- Conduct
- Illegality or contradiction of a statutory duty
- Redundancy
- "Some other substantial reason"

### Grievance policy

Clubs need to be sure that any decision to dismiss an employee will be seen as "reasonable" by an employment tribunal. The club must follow the ACAS Code prior to any dismissal and also have been fair overall, for example by complying with internal procedures, treating employees consistently and carrying out a proper investigation.

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# CLUB MANAGEMENT

## PUBWATCH: OUR CODES COME FIRST

THE UNION is aware of certain local Pubwatch schemes where cases of alleged misconduct are being dealt with in a way that overrides the disciplinary codes enshrined in the CIU model club rules.

The disciplinary process within a club is stated in the Licensing Act 2003, Section 182 of the guidance to police and local authorities which makes clear that "(clubs) operate under their codes of discipline and rules which are rigorously enforced" and when a club applies for its CPC it is legally required to submit a copy of its rules as part of the application package.

When the CPC is granted the licensing authority effectively accepts the validity of the club rules. A club's rulebook constitutes a binding contract between the club and a person admitted to membership. These binding rules include provision for due process if a member is accused of misconduct.

A Pubwatch panel can adjudicate on the alleged behaviour of a club member brought before it but that is a separate action.

## Stick to your rules

CLUBS are reminded that they should only be serving alcohol to those who are members of the club or who are legally signed in.

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## LAW QUIZ ANSWERS

**Q1: Conduct that occurs outside the workplace can justify a dismissal. However, the conduct must be of particular relevance to the job in question.**

In relation to criminal charges a club will still be required to conduct a full and thorough investigation which may include suspension of the employee. It is not necessary to refrain from any such action until the outcome of the criminal proceedings is known; indeed such a delay could render a potentially fair dismissal unfair. However, it is extremely important that a club carries out their own investigation. Some of the issues committees need to consider when contemplating dismissal in such circumstances are:

- Is there an express term in the contract or the disciplinary policy governing offences outside the workplace?
- What is the nature of the misconduct and does this have a bearing on the role performed by the employee?
- Will there be an effect on the reputation of the club?
- Does the incident involve or affect other employees?

An example of these points was the case of *The Post Office v Liddiard* [2001] EWCA Civ 940 (7 June 2001). The tribunal had found that the employer had unfairly dismissed a convicted football hooligan. However, the Court of Appeal

decided the tribunal had not considered the issue central to the case, namely whether the employee's conduct – which led The Post Office to believe that they had been brought into disrepute – was a sufficient reason for the dismissal.

**Q2 An employee is entitled to take a companion to meetings in disciplinary and grievance procedures. The companion can sum up but cannot answer questions on their behalf. Their role is to provide support and to act as a witness to proceedings.**

The right to a companion does not apply to informal discussions or investigatory meetings, although a club may choose to grant an employee's request to be accompanied at any meeting.

If the companion is a colleague, the club must give that person time off work to attend the hearing.

**Q3: If an employment tribunal considers the club has not followed the Acas code of practice on disciplinary and grievance procedures they may adjust any awards made by up to 25 per cent for unreasonable failure to comply with any provision of the code.**

*\* While every care has been taken in compiling these notes, the writer, Andrew Dane, cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions; the notes are not intended to be a substitute for specific legal advice, which you should obtain from your Branch Office.*

# More success on VAT claim

THE Union through its advisers Ian Spencer & Associates has had another success with claiming back VAT on automated lottery machines from the Revenue & Customs (HMRC) in what have become known as Linnewebber claims.

HMRC have until recently issued a blanket rejection of all "protective Linneweber claims" submitted in 2006 and 2007 where the claims were not quantified at the time the "protective claim" was submitted. Following representation from Ian Spencer & Associates this position appears to be shifting in that HMRC have now confirmed repayment of previously non-quantified claims.

The arguments used are complicated and often protracted but in essence revolve around HMRC's internal guid-

ance detailing that non-quantified claims should only be rejected after an agreed timescale for production of the quantified claim has expired. When added to the fact HMRC failed to mention the lack of quantification and to reject it on that basis, together with evidence that HMRC have allowed certain VAT-registered persons to quantify their claim several years after the initial submission it would seem that HMRC are taking a pragmatic approach and reconsidering (and repaying) such claims.

Dealing with HMRC is not straightforward and if the circumstances described above affect your organisation you might want to take further advice. If so contact Ian Spencer, whose details can be found in the advert on this page.

## Will HMRC ever change?

### Letters

IN a recent Club Journal I highlighted the case of my club being asked for £18,000 HMRC knew was not enforceable almost from day one. They harried and threatened us for 18 months and only dropped the case when our representatives discovered what HMRC already knew. The response of HMRC was to apologise for any inconvenience caused. They did not say they would review all cases, if any, of a similar nature where they had demanded and received money under false pretences possibly from other clubs.

I also highlighted the fact that HMRC had not signed up to the banks' fast payment system for payment to be received by them on the same day we paid them. This meant that even though extra days were allowed for electronic payment, the money had to leave our bank account earlier than when paying by cheque. HMRC apologised for any inconvenience caused. Are they going to show the genuineness of the apology by signing up?

The HMRC statement said they only come down hard on the minority that deliberately flout the rules. My club pays PAYE/NHI regularly. We did not know HMRC had not registered for fast payments. Our payment landed two days late. We had a letter telling us we would be charged interest on all future late payments as a result of two days' lateness of one payment. We must have become one of the minority that deliberately flouted the law in their opinion!

Our clubs and our club members are at the mercy of HMRC that admits to wrongdoing but will not address putting things right.

I feel left with no option but to challenge a senior representative of HMRC to a public debate on whether HMRC is fit for purpose. They can name the time and the place and then maybe; just maybe; we will move to a position of mutual trust and respect from a position of big brother and the voiceless downtrodden.

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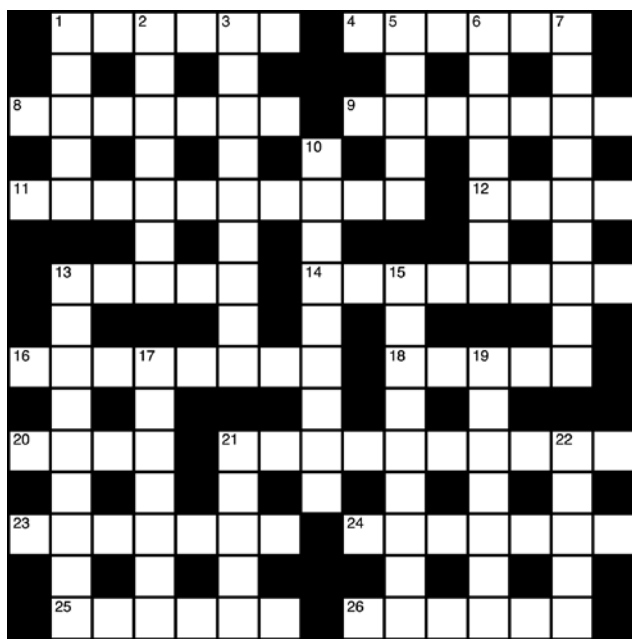
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- Dumb hat swapped for soothing treatment. (3-4)
- Intend to remove the sin of awful oppression. (7)
- Odd therapy has leg as communication method (10)
- Proceeding, in which is a contingency. (4)
- Reason said to be left over from apples. (5)
- Definitely not cloudy. (8)
- Sort of colt that's not in pieces? (8)
- Anguish of confidante aunt. (5)
- Behold! In the South-West it is not speedy. (4)
- Beach protector - surely can't do what it claims? (10)
- Leaves of agile locomotion. (7)
- Car I bought up-front for the deer. (7)
- Pact, said to give the fifth a good time. (6)
- Drop steeply - quiet fencing move. (6)

### DOWN

- Utterly soak - in pig noise. (5)
- Lamentable audition, but it produces picturesque presentation. (7)
- That part of the ship where they chase ant's partner? (9)
- A lyre, once returned, is in



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- good time. (5)
- Optical illusion that's current. (7)
- Analysis of one's sty, caused consternation. (4,5)
- Extremely unsealed, so many answers possible. (4-5)
- Lab coat, an accident, and a narrow one to float. (5-4)
- Exclude one, for seven in pocket. (9)
- Untanned - is it what you get from being saddle sore? (7)
- On air, to struggle with speech. (7)
- Bright, but not right for the bay. (5)
- Wear away - with zero decrease! (5)

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## OBITUARIES

### DES ROWE

THE Western Counties Branch and the Lawrence Weston Social Club in Bristol regret to announce the death of former Branch Executive member Des Rowe at the age of 85. Des had been a member of the club for 31 years and had served on the Committee for 20 years, including eight years as Chairman and six years as Secretary. He also served on the Branch Executive for 15 years. A stalwart of the club and an avid supporter of Bristol City, he was very popular and well respected and will be sadly missed.

His funeral was extremely well attended and because his family had specified that they did not want people to wear black, many came in Bristol City shirts. Condolences go to his family and to his many friends at the club and throughout the Branch.

### GEORGIE ABREHART

IT IS with deep regret and sorrow that Belle Vue Social Club, Colchester. announce the death at the age of 70 of Georgie Abrehart, a valued member of the Managing Committee. Georgie was a very active darts player for the club and was captain of the ladies darts team from 2006, as well as being very involved with the crib team.

Georgie could be relied on to be around to offer a helping hand whenever it was needed. She got involved wholeheartedly and fully enjoyed the whole aspect of the club, and even worked behind the bar during the 80s. Georgie will be very sadly missed, especially for the hard work and commitment she gave over these last 25 years. Condolences go out to all of her family and especially to her close partner Derek Allen, the club's Vice-President.



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Coach parties welcome, also parking available.  
Entertainment 7 nights, comedians at weekends  
throughout the summer season. 2 large TV  
screens, cold food available. All branded doubles  
on offer. Smoking area at rear in beer garden.  
Wheelchair friendly. No beer increases for  
visitors. Contact Billy Hill, Club Secretary.

### KNOTT END WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Offers a great welcome to CIU members and parties.  
Why not try  
● a visit to the seaside ● a ferry ride to Fleetwood  
● a bowling green competition  
or just our good food and entertainment.  
SALISBURY AVENUE,  
KNOTT END-ON-SEA, LANCS.  
Office telephone (01253) 810362  
Tel: Secretary Mr R Cummins for dates and details  
(01253) 812 226

### The famous LAYTON INSTITUTE

Westcliffe Drive, Blackpool FY3 7HG.  
Entertainment every weekend.  
Summer show Tues-Sat, August 19-October 25.  
Parties welcome. Ring in advance.  
Bowling green for hire Saturdays.  
Contact Secretary on  
(01253) 391 774 / 393 801  
website: www.layton-institute.co.uk/

### ROSEGROVE UNITY Working Men's Club

Holme Lodge, Rossendale Road, Burnley,  
Lancs, BB11 5DL.  
Situating 2 minutes from Junction 9 on M65.  
Large car parking space available.  
Entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday.  
Bookings must give 14 days' notice.  
Contact Secretary on (01282) 453 203 or  
e-mail info@rosegroveunity.co.uk

## BRIGHTON & SUSSEX

### BRIGHTON TRADES LABOUR CLUB

Lewes Road and Elm Grove  
www.btlc.ciu.org.uk

Live entertainment Saturday evenings.  
Brighton Races, city and beach nearby.  
Main bus route right outside the door.  
Coaches welcome (please call first).  
Tel/fax: Secretary (01273) 601 101  
Email: admin@btlc.ciu.org.uk

### Eastbourne & District Trade Union Club & Institute Ltd.

Clapham House, 48 Seaside, Eastbourne,  
East Sussex BN22 7QL.  
A warm welcome is guaranteed to all CIU associates  
and guests. A good selection of reasonably priced  
beers and spirits available. Temporary membership can  
be arranged at the door for all holiday makers. Large  
groups or coach parties are welcome with prior  
arrangements. Situated 5 minutes walk from the beach.  
Please contact secretary on (01323) 727703.

### EASTBOURNE WORKING MEN'S CLUB

102/104 Firle Road, Eastbourne BN22 8ET.

Tel: (01323) 723322  
Email: eastbournewmc@googlemail.com  
Visit the one and only workers' club in our  
lovely South Coast town. We have live music,  
raffles, bingo, darts, snooker and pool. See  
our Facebook page for coming events. A warm  
welcome to CIU members all year round.

### LANCING & SOMPTING RBL CLUB

6 Colver Road, Lancing, West Sussex  
BN15 9AX. Tel: (01903) 764 815

A warm welcome awaits all visitors. Facilities include  
Snooker, Pool, Darts, Crib and Sky TV. Catering for  
private parties can be arranged (14 days' notice  
please). Live entertainment every Saturday. Coach  
parties welcome for prior notice please contact the  
Secretary. Tel: Lancing & Dist. (01903) 753 127.

### LITTLEHAMPTON TRADES & LABOUR CLUB

Wick Street, Wick, Littlehampton  
BN17 7JH. Telephone (01903) 714 054  
A warm welcome awaits all visitors. Facilities  
include darts, crib and Sky TV. Catering for private  
parties can be arranged (14 days' notice  
please). Live entertainment every Saturday.  
Coach parties welcome with prior notice, please  
contact the Secretary.

## ESSEX & EAST ANGLIA

### HUNSTANTON (NORFOLK) UNITED SERVICES SOCIAL CLUB

A warm welcome to all visitors. Large enclosed garden  
and car park with sea views. Three snooker  
tables, also pool table and darts. Bingo Mondays  
and Thursdays and one game Saturday evening.  
Live weekend entertainment. Catering arranged on  
request. Disabled friendly. Close to Sandringham  
Royal Estate, Coaches welcome midweek.  
Contact Club Steward on 01485 533360.

### Naval & Military Club (Southend-on-Sea)

20 Royal Terrace, Southend SS1 1DU.  
Tel: 01702 347169  
A warm and friendly welcome awaits you. Large rear garden  
and roof terrace with fantastic views overlooking the seaford  
and estuary. Live entertainment Saturday nights and  
Wednesday afternoons. Hot and Cold Food available every  
day of the week. Local Real Ale Club of the Year. Coach  
parties welcome but must contact the Steward, Kevin Arkin prior  
to the visit.

### WALTON-ON-NAZE RBL CLUB

Vicarage Lane (off High Street). 01255 674 153  
Visiting the seaside? A warm welcome and friendly  
atmosphere – two minutes from beach front.  
Live entertainment at weekends – sing-a-long  
Thursday afternoons – large screen TVs – pool –  
darts. Good range of drinks and bar snacks available.  
New membership available – CIU and RBL  
affiliated.  
Coach parties welcome! Contact Secretary

## HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT

### LINDFORD & DISTRICT WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Liphook Road, Lindford, Bordon, Hampshire  
GU35 0PN. Telephone: (01420) 472 228

A warm welcome is extended to all Associate  
Members. Only stipulation is children under five years  
old must leave the club by 9pm. Just off the A325 road  
between Farnham and Petersfield. So why not call in  
on your way to and from the south coast. Please give  
the Secretary 14 days' notice of party visits.

### NEWPORT (I.W.) SOCIAL CLUB

13-14 Lower St James Street, Newport,  
Isle of Wight PO30 5HB. Tel: (01983) 527 291

Situated in the centre of town, with a warm  
friendly atmosphere where you can bring  
family and friends. Open all day, function  
room, snooker room, darts, pool and jukebox.  
Kitchen now open 7 days a week for hot and  
cold food. Coach parties always welcome by  
prior arrangement.

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SOCIAL CLUB (COWES) LTD.

85 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 7AJ.  
A warm and friendly welcome is extended to all visitors.  
Situating on the sea front with panoramic sea views  
from the stage dining area, the club has one of the best  
views in the country. Ideal for parties and outings.  
Freshly prepared meals available 7 days a week.

Disabled facilities. Coach parties very welcome,  
please notify Secretary or bar manager in advance.  
Entertainment Friday and Saturday evenings.  
Tel: (01983) 292921 email: rblcowes@onwight.net

## HEREFORD & WORCESTERSHIRE

### HEREFORD WELSH SOCIAL CLUB

1 Hinton Road, Hereford, HR2 6BL.  
Tel: (01432) 269038/285974.

Email:  
herefordwelshclub@hotmail.co.uk

A friendly welcome is extended to all  
Associate Members. Live Entertainment  
every Saturday evening.

Hot and cold food available. Coaches  
welcome (please contact Secretary prior  
to your visit).

Please visit our website:  
www.herefordwelshsocialclub.co.uk  
"Hereford's most popular social club"

### (HEREFORD) RICHMOND PLACE CLUB

69/71 EDGAR STREET, HEREFORD HR4 9JP  
A warm and friendly welcome to all associates, whether you are  
visiting for the races, football or just passing through. Live entertainment  
every Saturday. Sunday-Country & Western/Swing and  
Jive. Restaurant with hot and cold food available/Sunday lunches  
(Book in advance) Disabled facilities, Real Ales.  
Coach parties very welcome.

Contact Secretary, Les Walker on (01432) 356 529.

## KENT

### BEXLEYHEATH WMC

Royal Oak Road, Bexleyheath. DA6 7HG  
Telephone (0208) 303 2163

Friendly atmosphere, comfortable surroundings  
and an excellent range of beers to  
quench your thirst. Everything you require  
on your visit to Bluewater and Lakeside  
shopping centres. Refreshments available.  
(Please give advance notice).

### SOUTHBOROUGH MEN'S CLUB

Forge Road, Southborough,  
Tunbridge Wells TN4 0EX.

Tel: (01892) 529 304; Office: (01892) 523 832  
A warm and friendly welcome is extended to all Associate  
members and guests. Ideal for parties and outings from  
the coast, we have frequent live entertainment on  
Saturdays, bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays. Sky TV,  
snooker and pool. Club open all day Friday, Saturday  
and Sunday. Coach parties and catering by arrangement.

Let people know about your club  
by taking out an advertisement  
in our Club Outings guide for as  
little as £20 a month.

Thousands of club members  
take part in organised social  
trips or travel to sports events  
outside their own area. If you  
are close to a football ground  
or a racecourse, or in a convenient  
place to make a refreshment  
stop – let them know.

Ring Chris Brewis on  
(0191) 265 0040 or email cj@  
powdene.com

### SUNDRIDGE PARK WMC

134 BURNT ASH LANE, BROMLEY.

Tel: (020) 8464 3638 (Office); (020) 8460 6348 (Club)  
Located close to A21 and A20. A warm welcome is  
extended to all visitors. Two bars serving a wide  
range of drinks. TV in bar and the lounge. Purpose-  
built snooker room with four tables. Live entertainment  
Saturday and Sunday evenings. Coach parties  
by prior arrangement with the office.

### WAINSCOTT INSTITUTE (WMC)

4 Wainscott Road, Wainscott, Rochester,  
Kent ME2 4LB. Tel: (01634) 717 464

A warm welcome is extended to all CIU associates.  
Live music & bingo on a Saturday night. A range of  
facilities including snooker, pool & darts. We welcome  
coach parties by prior arrangement with the  
steward. Buffet refreshments can be arranged. We  
are close to all the motorways via the Medway  
towns. CHILDREN ARE WELCOME.

## LEEDS & WEST YORKSHIRE

Visiting Blackpool or Yorkshire Coast?  
Haydock Park or York Races?

### ELLAND WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Roseberry Street, Elland, West Yorkshire.  
For your breakfast on the outward journey. And for  
an evening's splendid entertainment on your way  
home. We are only 2 miles from Junction 24, M62  
on the A629. A warm welcome extended to all  
Associate Members. Live entertainment on Saturday  
and Sunday evenings. Dancing on Thursdays  
to our resident organist. Fully modernised Concert  
Room and Lounge. Excellent Games Room. Floodlit  
Bowling Green. Large Car Park.

Coach Parties welcome – please let us have  
14 days' notice in writing to the Secretary  
Steve Graydon. Tel: Club (01422) 373 023.  
www.ellandwmc.web.com  
Telephone pre-bookings to be confirmed in  
writing to the Secretary.

### BELLE ISLE WMC

Belle Isle Road, Leeds LS10 3PE.  
Warm and friendly club with large car  
park, good value beer and large concert  
room. Live bands Friday, Saturday and  
Sunday. Coaches welcome.  
Contact Secretary on (0113) 2718 768.

### SWARCLIFFE WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Swarcliffe Avenue, Leeds LS14 5DE  
A warm and friendly welcome always  
assured in the comfortable surroundings of  
our recently refurbished club. Live entertainment  
every Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
evening. Relax in the quiet of the lounge or  
try a game of snooker on one of our three  
superb tables. Big screen Sky Sports TV.

Planning a day at the races?  
York, Wetherby, Ripon.  
We are 2 minutes from the A64 and 5 minutes  
from the M1. Breakfast and evening  
meals for large parties available by  
appointment.  
Contact: Glen Doyle (Secretary)  
0113 2959100



## LEICESTER & EAST MIDLANDS

### NEW PARK SOCIAL CLUB & INSTITUTE LIMITED

Battersbee Road, Leicester LE3 9LD

All coach parties welcome, with 14 days' notice to the secretary. Fully air conditioned large concert room. Hot and Cold Food available. Sky TV shown on big screen in the games room. Children allowed Friday and Saturday nights. If you have any questions please contact the secretary on Telephone (0116) 2333 305 or Fax (0116) 2333 303.

### NOTTINGHAM ODDFELLOWS CLUB

89 HUMBERSTONE GATE, LEICESTER.

TELEPHONE: (0116) 262 0181  
262 5404 (EVENINGS) – CIU AFFILIATED

★ City Centre Club

★ Coach park right outside premises

★ 2 minutes from centre of Leicester

*Coach parties and parties always welcome.*

Food supplied hot or cold – 7 days' notice or please phone prior to visit. Children welcome. Dances Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Entertainment available.

Phone or write to Secretary Eric Johnson

### SAFFRON LANE ESTATE WMC

429 SAFFRON LANE, LEICESTER, LE2 6UF

Welcomes all CIU members to our friendly club here in Leicester. Only 5 minutes from the M1 junction 21 and close to the racecourse and the football, rugby and cricket stadiums.

Clean, comfortable and fully air-conditioned. Please visit our website where you will find details of all our facilities and activities.  
[www.saffronlanewmc.co.uk](http://www.saffronlanewmc.co.uk)

### SKEGNESS EX-SERVICE CLUB

2 Grand Parade, Skegness, PE25 2UN.

Telephone: 01754 762113

Located on the seafront near the clocktower, 2-3 mins from town centre. Lounge bar, pool/children's room, 1st floor patio area. Reasonably priced beers/lagers and house doubles. Selection of chilled baps. Live entertainment every Saturday (Sundays main season). Open 11.30-6.00 and 7-11.30 most days. Pre-booked coaches welcome – come to a completely refurbished 21st century club.

### SKEGNESS WMC

Briar Way, Skegness, Lincolnshire PE 25 3NR

Telephone: (01754) 762 598

A warm and friendly welcome is extended to all CIU associate members visiting the area. We are centrally located in the town 5 minutes from the bus and railway stations (opposite the market). We offer facilities including a concert room, games room and a special families room. Our resident organist will entertain you in the lounge. After the Spring Bank Holiday we will also have various visiting artistes. Coach parties are welcome by appointment.

### BECKENHAM SOCIAL CLUB

89-91 Churchfields Road, Beckenham BR3 4QQ.

A warm welcome is guaranteed at our recently refurbished club. Beers and spirits from Heineken, Coors and Shepherd Neame. Live sport on flat screen TVs.

Free live entertainment Saturday and Sunday nights. 20 mins Central London, close to Crystal Palace FC and athletics track. Coach parties welcome with prior notice.

Contact the Secretary on (020) 8650 1463.

## DONE OUR BIT

EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

128A MAYGROVE ROAD, LONDON NW6.

Office: (020) 7624 3701; Club: (020) 7624 3603

Coach Parties welcome by appointment with the Secretary. Entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Food by arrangement. 15 minutes from Wembley Stadium. 10 minutes from West End. No children under 16 on Saturday.

### THE HAMMERSMITH CLUB

Rutland Grove, London W6 9DH

10 mins' walk from Fulham FC and less than 25 mins by local transport to Chelsea and QPR. A warm and friendly welcome to away fans looking for good hospitality and a relaxing drink.

Also 20 mins to Westfield, Europe's largest shopping centre and 30 mins to West End theatres.

Contact us on (020) 8748 5760 or visit [www.hammersmithclub.net](http://www.hammersmithclub.net)

### HARROW ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Northolt Road, South Harrow HA2 0DW.

Extends a warm welcome to all Associate members and guests. Situated 10 minutes from the A40 and 20 minutes from Wembley Stadium. We have live bands every Saturday and Sunday night. Catering on request. Coach parties welcome with prior notification to Kath or Roy Roberts. Telephone: (020) 8422 1222.

## HAYES WMC

Pump Lane, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 3NB.

Telephone: (020) 8573 1721

e-mail: [bobdaybell@aol.com](mailto:bobdaybell@aol.com)

Why not visit the flagship of clubs in the South? Ascot, Kempton Park & Sandown racecourses all nearby. Live bands every Friday and Saturday night. Late night cabaret last Saturday of every month, at least 3 acts, charge for entry, late bar. Catering available weekends, orders taken in advance to your requirements.

Visit our website:

[www.hayesworkingmensclub.com](http://www.hayesworkingmensclub.com) for our full entertainment programme.

Coaches welcome by prior arrangement with the secretary.

### ISLEWORTH CLUB

Goodenough House, 109 St John's Road, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 6PN. Telephone: (020) 8560 2569

We are good enough – are you?

5 minutes from Twickenham Rugby and only 15 minutes from Kempton and Sandown. Call in on your way and give us a try. *Pick your winners* from our varied selection of popular beers which are available in either our large Concert Room or Lounge. Close to the M4 and M3. Please give prior notice for parties. Coach parties are welcome.

### Wealdstone Social Club

Railway Approach, Harrow, HA3 5BX.

Tel: (020) 8427 3334

email: [secretarywsc@btconnect.com](mailto:secretarywsc@btconnect.com)

For 15 min connection to WEMBLEY STADIUM.

Coach parties welcome. Free parking all day.

Please arrange with Secretary for bookings.

Function Hall available for private parties.

Friendly staff – great beer – good company

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE & CAMBRIDGESHIRE

### St James Working Mens Club

Weedon Road, St James, Northampton.

A warm welcome awaits all club members. Lounge, Games Room and large Concert Room. Parties welcome, catering if required by prior arrangement. 5 minutes M1, Junction 15A.

Please contact Secretary Mrs P. Webster.

Tel: (01604) 456 602 [www.stjameswmc.co.uk](http://www.stjameswmc.co.uk)

### SPENCER CLUB (NORTHAMPTON)

Tennyson Close, Northampton NN5 7HJ

A warm welcome for all visitors. 15 mins to Northampton Saints Rugby Ground. Car park available on match days, £5.00 per vehicle (must be pre-booked on first-come, first-served basis. CCTV in operation). Cold buffet at reasonable rates available for groups (7 days notice required).

Contact W Lee on (01604) 582680

## SHEFFIELD & SOUTH YORKSHIRE

### ARMTHORPE CORONATION CLUB

Tranmoor Lane, Armthorpe,

Doncaster DN3 3BS.

Handy for racecourse and Doncaster Rovers. Close to M18. Big screen TV, entertainment every weekend.

Ring Club Secretary Alan Jones on (01302) 831 393

### ARUNDEL EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

CITY ROAD, SHEFFIELD

A friendly Club close to Town Centre

Facilities include a 500 seat Concert Room, two other lounges and a Games Room. Great Cabaret every night except Tuesday and Wednesday.

Coach parties please contact Mr B. Simmonite.

Children allowed up to 10 years.

Catering for Buffet if required.

Telephone: (0114) 239 7151

### CARCROFT VILLAGE WMC

Chestnut Avenue Carcroft, Doncaster DN6 8AG

Extends a warm welcome to all CIU affiliated members. Coach Parties welcomed by prior arrangement. 1 mile from A1 and close to M1, M18 and M62.

Top class entertainment every weekend. Handy for Doncaster Races and trips returning from North or South coastal routes. Big Screen Sky TV and premier football. All enquiries to John Oldroyd, Secretary on (01302) 725 497.

[www.carcroftvillagewmc.org.uk](http://www.carcroftvillagewmc.org.uk)

### HAWTHORN RECREATIONAL & SOCIAL CLUB

Goodison Boulevard, Cantley,

Doncaster. Tel: (01302) 536 565

Easily accessible for the Racecourse.

Big screen Sky TV.

Artistes on Saturdays.

### INTAKE SOCIAL CLUB

Craithie Road, Doncaster DN2 5EG.

We are the closest club (5 minutes' walk) to Doncaster Racecourse. (See Page 19 for offers). Bar snacks available. Tremendous value-for-money bar prices.

Contact Secretary Tom Forester

in advance on: (01302) 320 036 or email

[intakesocialclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:intakesocialclub@yahoo.co.uk)

### SKELLOW GRANGE WMC

Skellow Road, Skellow, Doncaster DN6 8JL.

Tel: (01302) 338 304 [www.skellowgrange.com](http://www.skellowgrange.com)

(Secretary: R. Lumley)

It's 1/2 mile from A1M motorway links gaining access from M62, M18, M1. Completely renovated club, top class entertainment at weekends and top class money tombola through the week. Bus parties welcome, ample parking space. Handy for Doncaster Races or call back from the coast.

– All associates of CIU and guests welcome –

### THE WESTMINSTER RECREATIONAL CLUB

Westminster Crescent, Intake,

Doncaster DN2 6HU

Situated just off Leger Way (approximately 1/2 mile from main Race Stands).

Coach parties welcome. Large car parking area. Artistes Friday/Saturday night.

Telephone (01302) 812 103/4

## SURREY

### CHERTSEY SOCIAL CLUB

Pycroft Road, Chertsey. 5 minutes M25 J11.

Country Club 1st Monday monthly; Line Dancing Wednesday; Bingo Thursday, Saturday and (fun) Tuesday afternoons. Live music Saturday; some Fridays. Thorpe Park 5 minutes; handy for Epsom, Ascot, Sandown, Kempton Park, Windsor Castle/racecourse and Chessington. Coaches and buffet/hot snacks by prior arrangement.

Tel: (01932) 563 265.

### EGHAM UNITED SERVICES CLUB

111 Spring Rise, Egham, Surrey TW20 9PE.

"North Surrey CAMRA Club of the Year 2008 & 2009"

"Finalist for CAMRA Club of the Year 2009"

Located 5 minutes from J13 M25, handy for Windsor Castle and races, Kempton, Ascot, Epsom and Sandown. 5 mins from Egham Station on the Waterloo to Reading line. Three real ale and cider festivals a year.

[www.eusc.co.uk](http://www.eusc.co.uk)

Tel: (01784) 435120 or 07738 714572

(Real Ale Festivals and Party Bars also arranged)

### DAY OUT RACING

ESHER W.M.C.

142 Esher High Street, Esher, Surrey.

Telephone: (01372) 467 758

Sandown Race Course within walking distance.

Kempton Park and Epsom also nearby.

A warm welcome is extended to all associate members.

### WALTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB

21A CHURCH STREET, WALTON-ON-THAMES,

SURREY KT12 2QP

Extends a warm welcome to Associate Members. Near M25/M3, Sandown and Kempton Racecourses, Hampton Court, Wentworth, Twickenham Rugby and Thorpe Park. Ideal fishing – River Thames. Dancing to live music Saturdays/Sundays. Coaches. In writing to the Secretary.

Telephone: (01932) 220 361.

## THAMES VALLEY

### Banbury Trades & Labour Club

32 West Bar Street, Banbury,

Oxon OX16 9RR. Tel: (01295) 215 7119 (H);

(01295) 254 168 (Club).

A warm welcome is extended to all Associates.

Coach parties welcome with 14 days prior notice

to Secretary Joan Conley. Live entertainment on

Saturday night. Food available. Please contact

Secretary with your booking.

### PANGBOURNE WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Whitchurch Road, Pangbourne, Reading,

Berks, RG8 7BS.

Pangbourne WMC is a family-oriented club in a picturesque Berkshire village, 200 yards from the River Thames. We offer Saturday night entertainment, quiz and crib nights, darts, snooker, pool, and a hall with a dance floor and separate bar. Bar food available by prior arrangement. Ample car parking. Coach parties welcome by appointment.

Telephone: (0118) 984 2885

## LONDON

### CRICKLEWOOD TRADES HALL CLUB

134 CRICKLEWOOD LANE LONDON NW2 2DP

TEL:(020) 8452 8614

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL AFFILIATED MEMBERS.

COACH PARTIES WELCOME BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT. 5 MINUTES FROM WEMBLEY STADIUM AND 2

MINUTES FROM BRENT CROSS SHOPPING CENTRE.

LIVE BANDS AND BINGO ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

NIGHTS. CONCERT HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE.

### HIGHER OPENSHAW WM CLUB

49 Stanley Street, Manchester M11 1LE

Five minutes from M60 Junction 23 and from

MCFC. 20 minutes MUFC.

Ideal stop-off for away fans.

Live entertainment Saturdays and Sundays.

Big screen Sky TV.

Bar food available, coach parties welcome with

prior notice.

Contact Secretary on 07958641171

## MANCHESTER

Although the CIU has taken care to ensure that all advertisements are placed in good faith it accepts no liability for any advertisements in Club Journal.

To advertise ring Chris Brewis on (0191) 265 0040.



## WALES

### BETTWS SOCIAL CLUB

Lambourne Way, Bettws, Newport, Gwent.

A warm friendly welcome assured to all CIU affiliated members and guests.

Less than 10 minutes from junction 26 of the M4. Coach parties welcome by prior appointment. Live entertainment every Saturday evening. Catering can be provided by arrangement. Tel: (01633) 858 780.

### CARDIFF WEST END SOCIAL CLUB

COWBRIDGE ROAD WEST, ELY, CARDIFF CF5 5BY.

A very friendly welcome to CIU Associates and their families from CARDIFF'S PREMIER SOCIAL CLUB.

10 minutes from M4.

15 minutes to city centre.

Millennium Stadium, Cardiff International Arena, St. David's Hall/ Centre, Cardiff Bay.

Live entertainment every Saturday Night with Bingo/Raffle/Tote/Disco FULL SKY SPORTS/RACING UK Hot and cold food available. COACH PARTIES MOST WELCOME. Telephone: (029) 20594004

### LLANHARRY WMC & INSTITUTION LTD.

Elm Road, Llanharry, Pontyclun, Mid-Glamorgan CF72 9HR.

Extends a warm welcome to all CIU associate members and guests. Coach parties welcome by arrangement. Entertainment every Saturday. Restaurant facilities available. 10 minutes from junction 34 M4 motorway.

Telephone (01443) 222 217  
Fax/Telephone (01443) 224 322

GOING TO PREMIERSHIP SWANSEA CITY OR RACING AT FFOS LAS? VISIT

### MORRISTON WMC

11 SLATE STREET, SWANSEA SA6 8AA.

A FRIENDLY CLUB WHICH MAKES VISITORS WELCOME. LIBERTY STADIUM 15 MINUTES, FFOS LAS 45 MINUTES, OSPREYS 15 MINUTES. 10 MINUTES FROM M4 JUNCTION 45. COACH PARTIES WELCOME WITH ADVANCE NOTICE.

**RING (01792) 771580**

### ROGERSTONE AND BASSALEG SOCIAL CLUB

1 Tregwilym Road, Rogerstone, Newport NP10 9DW.

A warm friendly welcome assured to all CIU affiliates and guests, less than 10 minutes from junction 27 of the M4. Coach parties welcome by prior appointment, live entertainment every Saturday evening.

Telephone: (01633) 893 508.

## WARWICKSHIRE & COVENTRY

### BEDWORTH

EX-SERVICEMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB & INSTITUTE Rye Piece, Bedworth, Nr. Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Tel: (024) 7631 3236

Extends a warm welcome to all associates. Restaurant facilities Monday to Saturday - Bar snacks also available. 6 minutes from junction 3 of M6. Approx. 5 miles to Coventry City. Saturday/Sunday night entertainment, live music, bingo, bar and lounge. Contact Secretary for bookings.

### WILLENHALL SOCIAL CLUB

ROBIN HOOD ROAD, COVENTRY CV3 3BB. Secretary: (024) 7630 1222 or 7630 3278.

Welcome to all Associate Members.

Entertainment every Saturday and

Sunday night in concert room (seats 600). Bar, games room and luxury lounge facilities. Large car park. Hot and cold snacks available.

10 minutes from City Centre.

No Children Allowed.

Coach parties apply to Secretary.

### HEN LANE SOCIAL CLUB

Beacon Road, Holbrooks, Coventry CV6 4DS. 5 minutes from M6 Junction 3, 10 minutes' walk from Ricoh Arena, minibus from club on match days. Excellent function room and facilities. Hot and cold snacks available at all times. Prior notice required for coach parties and catering (menu sent on request).

Please contact the Secretary.  
Tel: (024) 7672 4830; Office: (024) 7672 4832.

### UNICORN SOCIAL CLUB

Holbrook Lane, Coventry CV6 4DE. (5 mins from M6 J3). Just 15 minutes' walk from the Ricoh Arena, home of Coventry City Football Club. Excellent function room and facilities including games room and bar with large screen satellite TV. Modern air-conditioned facility with live music every Saturday evening and hot and cold food available. Prior notice required for coach parties, including official supporters' clubs.

Please contact the Secretary at:  
unicornc Coventry@yahoo.com  
or by telephone on (024)76 684741

## WEST COUNTRY

The Cabbage Patch Club

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# 100,000 'hits' will trigger debate PETITION LAUNCHED TO AMEND THE BAN

AN online petition has been started asking the Government to give clubs and pubs the chance to have a separate smoking room.

If more than 100,000 people back the petition by December then the Government is committed to have a Parliamentary debate on the issue. Although this is unlikely to change Government policy overnight it would go some way to offset the impression given by the national mainstream media that the smoking ban has overwhelming support, which is leading to suggestions for even more Draconian bans.

Although smoking remains legal a man who wanted to have all films where anybody smoked classed as X-certificate was given airtime and treated seriously by Radio 5 and in Ireland ASH is trying to stop people smoke in their own cars. The Union and SOPAC held a rally in Liverpool during the Labour Party Conference and this will be reported in our next issue.

While it is not true that there is provision for smoking in the Palace of Westminster (MPS thought it would be hypocritical) one place which does have a separate smoking room is Saltburn House, the Union's holiday and convalescent centre on the north Yorkshire coast.

Those members who support the Union's campaign to give clubs the choice of whether they wish to have a smoking room (with



properly regulated ventilation) should go to this link: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/14103>

All members have to do is click on the site and those on Facebook then hit the petition button to register. If every member of the CIU who has an email address "hits" this site it could be the most successful petition ever.

It's vital to let the Government know that there is support for a relaxation of the smoking ban.

## Where nobody laughed...

AN uncomfortable evening in a working men's club led, ironically, to Holmfirth being chosen as the location for "Last of the Summer Wine."

Writer Roy Clarke had thought of Rotherham, where he had been a policeman, but producer James Gilbert remembered comedian Barry Took telling him about an excruciating gig at a club in Holmfirth. Nobody laughed but he did not forget the charm of the town itself.

Clarke and Gilbert paid a visit, and were immediately beguiled. So was Bill Owen, who played Compo, for whom it became a second home and ultimately his final resting place.

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## NORTHERN RACING

Northern Racing, who operate Bath, Brighton, Chepstow, Fontwell, Ffos Las, Great Yarmouth, Hereford, Newcastle, Sedgefield and Uttoxeter Racecourses, are again offering their £10 across-the-board deal for Grandstand & Paddock tickets throughout 2011.

The offer applies to all meetings except certain feature days like Plate Day at Newcastle.

Fighting Fifth Day at Newcastle Racecourse on Saturday,

November 26 is one of the premium meetings that is normally excluded from the Northern Racing £10 across-the-board deal.

The course have, however, decided that this year they will offer tickets at £10 to CIU parties – a saving of £7 on the on-the-gate price.

To take advantage of the offer and any other Northern Racing offers fill in the form on Page 19 as usual.

### Fixtures include:

Wed, Nov 2

Chepstow

Fri, Nov 4

Fontwell, Ffos Las

Sun, Nov 6

Ffos Las

Mon, Nov 7

Hereford

Tues, Nov 8

Sedgefield

Fri, Nov 11

Newcastle

Sat, Nov 12

Uttoxeter

Sat, Nov 26

Newcastle

Sun, Nov 13

Fontwell

Thurs, Nov 17

Hereford

Mon, Nov 21

Ffos Las

Tues, Nov 22

Sedgefield

Wed, Nov 23

Fontwell

Thurs, Nov 24

Uttoxeter

Mon, Nov 28

Ffos Las

Wed, Nov 30

Uttoxeter, Hereford

Sat, Dec 3

Chepstow

Tues, Dec 6

Fontwell, Sedgefield

Sun, Dec 11

Hereford

Fri, Dec 16

Uttoxeter

Sat, Dec 17

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Wed, Dec 21

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# CIU RACING CLUB



To take advantage of the offers fill in the form below and send it to us **THREE WEEKS** before the meeting. **IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE THE BOOKING THREE WEEKS BEFORE WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR DISCOUNT.** To obtain the discount we send all the forms to the racecourse together and they will

send you the tickets a few days before the meeting. Tickets are sent to the club – otherwise anyone could buy them. To register your club as a member of the CIU Racing Club ring Jean Garrett on (0191) 265 0040. As well as receiving regular updates will receive a free copy of *Club Journal*.

## MILESTONE FOR THE MAESTRO OF MUSLEY

AT the start of the current turf flat racing campaign we predicted that Richard Fahey could well give Mark Johnston a run for his money in terms of ending the season as leading Northern trainer, and that prediction has come true. At the time of writing, Fahey leads his Middleham rival by 15 winners and almost £250,000 in prize-money.

Irish-born Fahey trains at Musley Bank Stables, a mile from the historic training centre of Malton in North Yorkshire, and

facilities there include more than 150 stables, an indoor school which is almost one furlong in circumference and

encompasses lines of stables and an automatic horse-walker, one of six, which have been built to serve the complex. Musley Bank also boasts an equine spa, more than 20 turn-out paddocks, grass and all-weather gallops and schooling grounds, with the whole site extending to 120 acres.

Fahey joined Yorkshire royalty when he married Leila Easterby – they are now amicably separated – making legendary trainer Peter Easterby his father-in-law and Tim Easterby his brother-in-law, and he began his career in racing as a jockey. He rode more than 100 winners before turning his hand to dealing in horses and running a livery yard.

Then in 1993 he was persuaded by friends to take out a trainer's licence, initially based at Manor Farm, Butterwick, near Malton, and the subsequent 18 years have seen Fahey's fortunes steadily progress.

A key moment came in 2000 when the trainer recorded a Royal Ascot success with

Superior Premium, ridden to victory in the Cork & Orrery Stakes by Johnnie Murtagh. Fahey was soon to be found in the flat trainers' "top 20" list, and success, based on hard work and keen horsemanship, has continued to come his way.

Last year was undoubtedly Richard Fahey's best year to date, as he recorded a remarkable 181 winners and broke through the £2 million prize money barrier for the first time. His stable jockey, Paul Hanagan,

was crowned champion jockey, and Fahey also landed his first Group 1 success. That came courtesy of two-

year-old Wootton Bassett in the Prix Jean-Luc Lagadere at Longchamp on Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe day.

No matter how skilful the trainer, he can only work with the horses at his disposal, which means that having the sort of loyal and enthusiastic band of owners with which Fahey is blessed is essential to keep the winners coming.

"Owners are the lifeblood of this game," he declares. "Training decent horses for people who are as enthusiastic and passionate as I am about racing, is what racing is all about, as far as I'm concerned. Nothing gives me more pleasure than seeing owners have winners."

Judging by his record to date, Fahey should gain much more pleasure during the seasons ahead, and being crowned leading Northern turf flat trainer when the season ends in a few weeks' time would be another important milestone for the maestro of Musley Bank.

**TALKING RACING**  
**Gavin Smith**

## Race Discounts 2011

(All meetings Tattersalls unless stated otherwise)

LISTED below is a selection of discounts for the rest of 2011. A full list of offers will be sent to registered Racing Club members. Northern Racing fixtures are listed on Page 18. Satellite racing channel RACING UK is offering all CIU clubs a 30 per cent discount. For further details ring 0870 351 8834.

- KELSO: Sunday, November 5** ..... £9 (normally £13)
- MARKET RASEN: Sunday, November 6** ..... £12 (normally £14)
- WETHERBY: Saturday, November 12**
- National Charity Raceday** ..... £14 (normally £26.95)
- ASCOT: Saturday, November 19** ..... £11 (normally £17)
- HAYDOCK: Saturday, November 19** ..... £12 (normally £22)
- CARLISLE: Sunday, November 27** ..... £8 (normally £16)
- AINTREE: Saturday, December 3** ..... £11 (normally £20)
- KELSO: Sunday, December 4** ..... £9 (normally £13)
- ASCOT: Saturday, December 17** ..... £11 (normally £17)
- HAYDOCK: Saturday, December 17** ..... £11 (normally £20)
- CARLISLE: Sunday, December 18** ..... £8 (normally £16)
- LEICESTER: Wednesday, December 28** ..... £7.50 (normally £13)
- KELSO: Thursday, December 29** ..... £9 (normally £13)

## CIU Racing Club Booking Form

Number of tickets required (minimum 6) \_\_\_\_\_ Price per ticket £ \_\_\_\_\_

Racecourse \_\_\_\_\_ Date of meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

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# FIRST THE WORLD NOW IT'S THE CIU

FORMER World Champion Michael Rhodes has added the CIU snooker title to his list of successes.

In 2006 Michael (33) from Ferryhill WMC was part of a trio of Durham clubmen who travelled to California and won the inaugural World Snooker Team Championship.

Now he has bagged what some consider a bigger prize by following in the steps of Steve Davis and winning the CIU Individual title. In the final at Eyres Monsell Club, Leicester on September 17

## SPORTS SHORTS

he beat Ian Sargent of Bargoed Labour Club in South Wales 4-1 to take the title back to the North East.

The Individual Billiards Final has been cancelled. Martin Goodwill of Gladstone Road Club, Chippenham in the Western Counties Branch has pulled out of the final due to ill health. The title has been awarded to Billy Bousefield of Buffs Social Club, Cleveland. We all wish Martin a speedy recovery.



Michael Rhodes (left) with colleagues David Craggs from Tow Law Social and David Lilley from Elmfield Social after winning the World Team Snooker title in 2006.

Results and draws for all Championships can now be found on the WMCIU website [www.wmciu.org.uk](http://www.wmciu.org.uk) along with other information regarding recreation activities

## GOLFERS NET TROPHIES



THE ANNUAL Cumbria Branch Golf Tournament was held this year at Workington Golf Club.

Pictured (left to right) are: A Mattinson and R Wilson (White Hart Sports & Social Club), winners of the Bass Charrington Trophy; A Todd and M Waring (White Hart Sports & Social

Club), winners of the CIU Trophy; A Denwood and J McGee (Workington Trades Hall Club), winners of the McEwan Youngers Trophy; and T Lancaster and T Battey (Carlisle Ex-Services Men's Social Club), winners of the Federation Trophy.



Pictured (above) are our National Team Darts Champions Grovesend Miners Club, Swansea. As we reported last month they defeated Bannockburn Miners' Club from Scotland 4-2.

Team members pictured (back row, left to right) are:

K Thomas, W Evans, P Davies, S Jackson, D Lewis, S Alka  
Front row: C Evans, J Powell, Dil Evans (Captain), D Augustus, B Rees

## Grand win by George

ALAN George won the £1,000 first prize in the Mark Williams Memorial Darts trophy finals night on September 7 at Bedlington Station WMC in Northumberland.

Sixteen top players including former CIU champion Gordon Dobey and current Northumberland champion Dave "The Badger" Prins reached the finals after a series of weekly qualifying events.

George beat Tony Wood in the semi-

final then beat Keith Wright in five sets in the final.

Previous winners of the tournament include Phil Nixon, Gordon Dobey, Glen Moody and Tab Hunter.

Alongside these champions were a host of players who have gone close to winning the £1,000 first prize in the past, including Gary Robson, Paul Knighton, Glen Durrant, Tony Eccles, Davy Dodds, Graeme Stoddart, Andy Lynn, Alan Davie and Paul Jennings.



Durham Branch President Colin Armstrong visited Craghead Social for the Thomas Kelly Darts Finals and presented the trophy to the winning team from Houghton Comrades Club. In the final Houghton Comrades WM

'A' beat North Biddick WM 'A' 4-0. The Houghton Comrades team, including two substitutes, were: D. Stewart, I. Whittaker, M. Calvert, R. Armstrong, G. Husband, G. Campbell and J. Coghlan.

## COXHOE AT THE DOUBLE

COXHOE WMC's football team have done the double in the Durham & District Sunday League.

The club were unbeaten from Hallowe'en and secured the League 2 title with several games to spare. They also beat first division Washington Arms 4-2 in the knockout final at New Ferens Park, Durham and made it through to the last 32 of the County Cup.

"We're very proud of the team," said Club Secretary Geoff Atkinson. "They

played football as it should be played, with confident passing, tough tackling and no shortage of energy. With such a young side and a committed manager and backroom staff, the future can only look very bright."

Special mention goes to goalkeeper Tom Orton, who played in all 41 league and cup games and kept 16 clean sheets; top scorer Colin Young, who scored 27 goals, and captain Simon Ord, who inspired the midfield.